

October MINUTES APPROVED

Washington Area Intergroup Association (WAIA)

Board of Directors Meeting

The Church in Bethesda 5033 Wilson Lane Bethesda MD

October 8, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

Called to order at 8pm; Adjourned at 9:08

Calls for Service & Requested Inputs from Groups:

- **Volunteers needed at the WAIA desk, 10 slots open:** Sunday, 1-4 PM, Tuesday, 4-7 PM, Wednesday 7-10 PM, Thursday 1-4 PM, Thursday 4-7 PM, Thursday 7-10 PM, Friday 1-4 PM, Friday 4-7 PM, Saturday 1-4 PM, Saturday 4-7 PM [Luella T. aa-dc@aa-dc.org; 202-966-9115]
- **Gratitude boxes** have been sent to groups, and should be passed around starting in November. Instructions are in the packets.

Upcoming Committee meetings (all are welcome):

- **WAIA Tech Committee Meeting:** Thursday October 10th 8pm (515) 606-5187 – 617307.
 - **Cooperation with the Professional Community** meets the fourth Wed of the month, Westside Club at 7:30
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1. **Chair's opening remarks** [Alex.M@aa-dc.org] Chair@aa-dc.org

2. **Executive Committee Meeting Report** [Suzanna D. on behalf of executivecommittee@aa-dc.org]

Officers:

- **Chair:** Alex M. chair@aa-dc.org
- **Vice Chair:** Sean C.
- **Treasurer:** Arno S. treasurer@aa-dc.org
- **Secretary:** Suzanna D. secretary@aa-dc.org

At Large Members:

- Eryn C.
- Spahr H. (welcome!)
- Mike L.
- Chris H. (not present)
- Andrea

3. **Approval/Changes to Previous Meeting's Minutes** [Suzanna D. secretary@aa-dc.org]

See past meeting minutes here: <https://aa-dc.org/board-minutes>

4. **Standing Reports:**

Registrar's Report [Jeff M. registrar@aa-dc.org] 21 reps, 2 voting alternates

Treasurer Report [Arno S. treasurer@aa-dc.org] (See Profit and Loss/Balance Sheet): Profit and Loss sheet. Net income is almost \$12,000 in the negative. Last year we had a \$2,000 surplus at this time. Please confirm with your groups that appropriate contributions have been made to support WAIA's functions.

Office Admin Report [Luella T. aa-dc@aa-dc.org; 202-966-9115; www.aa-dc.org]

September Calls – 444

37 for help
115 WAIA Business
38 Literature & Chip Orders
223 Meeting Information
19 Public Information
5 Alanon (Third Party)

6 No Meeting at Location Calls. 2 were unidentified. 3)High Noon is still going,
4) Crossroads of Recovery, Saturday, 10:00 AM, no one showed up to open meeting. 5) Old Fashion, need to follow up on Old Fashion, Mon 8 PM – they donated in September. 6) Second Chance, Friday 8PM – also need to follow up.

53 walk-ins to the office

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The November issue of the New Reporter & digital New Reporter will go out by the of end of next week.

Gratitude boxes will mail on the 24th and 25th of October. WAIA reps are asked to pick up a box for their group tonight and to note the group on the sign it out sheet so we save money on postage. These boxes are passed around at a meeting after the baskets are passed, and the contributions go directly to the intergroup. **TO BE PASSED AROUND IN NOVEMBER.**

Finance Committee: [Eryn C. finance@aa-dc.org]

- Presentation of the WAIA 2020 budget for vote.
- Overview of changes to budget: Possible radio shows to transmit General Service Announcement Public Service Announcement. It is in our budget, and we will coordinate with WAGSA on any PSAs they are doing. ; Events-\$2,000 built into budget to support events especially to cover deposit costs etc that will be reimbursed.
- **Vote on the budget**
 - Motion to amend the budget to increase the income of the gala by \$1,000. No second; motion is tabled.
 - Vote: Registrar reports 20 for; 2 opposed and 1 abstain (chair does not vote). Budget is passed as presented.

5. Corporate Committee Reports

Technology Committee [Alex M. tech@aa-dc.org]

- **National AA Technology Brief:** GSO accepting Google Add Grant on a trial basis.
- **New Database technologies outpacing new "FNV" database (Fellowship new vision)**
 - **Workshop and Meeting Guide app featured in "Box 459"**
 - **Full report available at aa-dc.org/tech**
- **Opportunity!** Next Tech Committee Meeting Date: Thursday October 10th 8pm (515) 606-5187 – 617307.
- **G-Suite transition is complete!** - all WAIA Committee chairpersons should log into their @aa-dc.org email so they can send email as their committee and keep email anonymity a priority

Office [Luella T. on behalf of Tom G. office@aa-dc.org]

- Kerry O. implementing digital 12 step list. List was 400 people, cleaned down to 100 accurate people. Office has done webinar training of people who answer the phones at WAIA (soon Night Watch) to connect newcomers to people in 12 step list in their area. Volunteer asked to make contact with them within at least six hours; take the newcomer to a meeting or meet with them within a week.

Rules (Bylaws) [Chair Needed! rules@aa-dc.org]: New chair volunteered: Karen O. (representing attitude adjustment). The Rules Committee maintains and interprets the WAIA bylaws. See bylaws Article 7, section 2, item IV – page 16. (Primary duty is to be the contact person to get an email if someone suggests a change to the bylaws - you should also be familiar with the ByLaws)

Elections [Alex reporting for David H. (301) 448-5356 elections@aa-dc.org]

- Elections are held during the December Meeting. Elections committee will take nominations beginning in November. These must be in writing and sent to the elections@aa-dc.org mailbox by December 1 to be on the ballot. Nomination after the cut off will become "Write In" candidates.

6. Service Committee Reports

Accessibility: [John for Teresa R. Accessibility@aa-dc.org]: planning to use funds for American Sign Language interpretation. Idea is that anyone would be able to call and request an ASL interpreter to meet them at a meeting within 30 minutes, so anyone can go to any meeting. John and Teresa will be operationalizing between now and January.

Hospitals & Institutions Committee (H&I) [Sean C. hni@aa-dc.org; (240) 370-6165]:

- **Washington Hospital Center** at 110 Irving St NW, Washington, DC 20010 seeks volunteers to facilitate the start of 2 AA meetings open to the General Public and their IOP Program. One has been approved-Wednesday start time 7pm or 7:30 has been approved. Looking for individuals to start the meeting (WAIA has new meeting kits available).
- **Shady Grove Adventist Hospital** H&I is pleased to announce that we now have seven H&I commitments per week at Shady Grove, including a Spanish speaking meeting on Sunday nights. We are working with Bridging the Gap to identify individual volunteers to accompany willing newcomers to their first six meetings. Please email Andrea O. the BtG chair at bridgingthegap@area13aa.org if interested.
- **Washington Adventist Hospital:** the old location is closed; all patients have been moved and the Washington Adventist Hospital has been relocated to 11890 Healing Way, Silver Spring, MD 20904. H&I will be in touch with them to set up new meetings.

Archives Committee Report [Stan S archives@aa-dc.org]: Stan stepping down. Looking for new chair. Archives chair should rotate every 6 years; Stan (and Jeff, previous chair) were both chair for seven years. Spirit of rotation. Request for round of applause for Stan's service.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Leslie A. CPC@aa-dc.org: Meeting fourth Wednesday of every month at Westside Club at 7:30

Literature: [Roxanne?] Literature@aa-dc.org

Night watch: Turpy B. Nightwatch@aa-dc.org

- Night Watch is responsible for answering calls once the WAIA office is closed, they are forwarded to your phone. Extends the hand of AA to people who try to contact AA. Commitment is to answer phones during a time slot once a week; must be trained to answer the phones at the office.
- **Opportunity!** Need volunteers. Email Turpy if interested and available.

Outreach: [Chair needed!] Outreach@aa-dc.org:

- The mission of the Washington Area Intergroup Association (WAIA) Outreach Committee is to help create awareness about WAIA among AA groups in the Washington, DC metro area. In addition, the Outreach Committee assists the WAIA office by confirming meetings and welcomes new WAIA Board members to the monthly Board meeting.

7. Ad-hoc Events Committees

2019 AA Sponsorship Conference [Will R. sponsorconference@aa-dc.org or 301-455-1256]-report at Dec. meeting.

WAIA Gala [Liz L. gala@aa-dc.org]: Gala save the date June 6th 2020!

Oldtimers: Rachel W. oldtimers@aa-dc.org: Friday November 8th! Oakdale Church, 3425 Emory Church Rd. Olney, MD. Volunteers needed. Proceeds benefit Hospitals & Institutions service

8. Old Business

9. New Business

Idea to have a **WAIA picnic**, or some WAIA sponsored event that is cheaper or more informal than the Gala. What do groups think? Would need an ad hoc committee chair

10. Liaison Reports (WAGSA/District/NoVA/Hispanic)

Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) [Tracie T. waiailiaison@area13aa.org]

The Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) met on Monday October 14, 2019. Area 13 Committee Reports/Announcements:

- The "Area 13" Agenda items are to be submitted for review at the October and/or November Committee meeting and return to vote at the December Committee meeting.
- WAGSA 2020 Budget delivered for presentation at the October Assembly.
- Grapevine Committee had a table at the Sponsorship workshop on Saturday, Sept 14.
- Gratitude Breakfast committee has secured a speaker, completed a walk-through, created program draft, and set the menu items.
- Volunteers needed to outreach and assist with reactivation of Districts 03, 04, 40 and 41 with electing a GSR and Alt-GSR.
- Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc., released Meeting Guide 3 mobile app focused on helping people find A.A. meetings and resources near them.

Upcoming WAGSA Events:

- WAGSA Fall Assembly (Area 13 Inventory): Saturday October 26, 2019
- Gratitude Breakfast: Sunday November 17, 2019
- NERAASA 2020 is in Nashua New Hampshire: www.neraasa.org; Feb 21 – Feb 23 2020
- Happy Destiny 13 th Annual Fall Bonfire and Potluck
- WAGSA Committee Meeting on Monday, October 14
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- Happy, Joyous & Free Young People's Group 5 th Annual Pumpkin Carving & Candlelight meeting (12 th Group Anniversary)
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Comite Paso 12 de Maryland/Spanish-Speaking [Domingo R.]

- Received 68 phone calls in total, 30 of those calls were in English which were referred to WAIA, the rest were in Spanish and those were referred to the different Spanish speaking meetings.
- We also gave a list of Spanish speaking meetings to health system entities like Prince George's community hospital, holy cross health clinic and others at their request. And we also were present at the Multicultural Festival and Health Fair 2019 in Mount Rainier Maryland.

Virginia Intergroup Liaison [Alan C.]: Present

11. Announcements:

Upcoming Event: Sane & Sober for the Holidays, Saturday, November 16, 2-4 pm @ First Presbyterian Church, Arlington (near Ballston Metro). Sponsored by Area 71, District 2 - Arlington AA Groups; 3 speakers, food & fellowship

