

# November MINUTES-Approved

## Washington Area Intergroup Association (WAIA)

### Board of Directors Meeting

The Church in Bethesda 5033 Wilson Lane Bethesda MD

November 12, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

Called to order 8:02; adjourned 9:01

#### Highlights & Calls for Service

**WAIA net income is negative due to low contributions. Representatives are suggested to confirm with group treasurers that contributions to area are being made. Also thank you for passing WAIA gratitude boxes!**

**WAIA has voted to do a group inventory. Any AA is welcome to take part, please email [chair@aa-dc.org](mailto:chair@aa-dc.org) to get involved.**

#### Hospitals & Institutions: [hni@aa-dc.org](mailto:hni@aa-dc.org)

(1) Avery Road Treatment Center seeking coverage for a meeting Sundays at 8pm.

(2) Washington Hospital Center seeks volunteers to facilitate the start of 2 AA meetings open to the General Public and their IOP Program. One weekday and a weekend

(3) Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, need volunteers to help get two meetings started: Sundays at 11:30am; Wednesdays at 7pm. Please contact Michael W. at [Wesch1969@gmail.com](mailto:Wesch1969@gmail.com) for Sundays and Irene B. at [gridirongrades@gmail.com](mailto:gridirongrades@gmail.com) for Wednesdays. Start date TBD.

**WAIA office needs volunteers to answer the phones. Contact [aa-dc@aa-dc.org](mailto:aa-dc@aa-dc.org) or 202-966-9115 for open times.**

#### Upcoming Committee Meetings (all AAs welcome):

**Accessibility Committee:** December 8, 2019, 6:30 pm; Silver Spring Presbyterian Church, 580 University Blvd E, Silver Spring, MD, enter on right side.

**Technology Committee:** 4th Sunday of the Month! November 24th 9pm; Google Hangouts: [meet.google.com/moo-vvtu-sdm](https://meet.google.com/moo-vvtu-sdm); or 240-903-4132; PIN: 414 591 395#

See reports below for more details

**1. Chair's opening remarks** [ [Alex.M@aa-dc.org](mailto:Alex.M@aa-dc.org) ] [Chair@aa-dc.org](mailto:Chair@aa-dc.org)

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

#### Officers:

- **Chair:** Alex M. [chair@aa-dc.org](mailto:chair@aa-dc.org)
- **Vice Chair:** Sean C. [sean.c@aa-dc.org](mailto:sean.c@aa-dc.org)
- **Treasurer:** Arno S. [treasurer@aa-dc.org](mailto:treasurer@aa-dc.org)
- **Secretary:** Suzanna D. [secretary@aa-dc.org](mailto:secretary@aa-dc.org)

#### At Large Members:

- Eryn C.
- Spahr H.
- Mike L.
- Chris H.
- Andrea

**3. Approval/Changes to Previous Meeting's Minutes** [Suzanna D. [secretary@aa-dc.org](mailto: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](mailto:registrar@aa-dc.org)]: 22 reps and 2 voting alternates for a total of 24

**Treasurer Report** [Arno S. [treasurer@aa-dc.org](mailto:treasurer@aa-dc.org)]: Net income is down. Contributions from groups are down. Expenses are the same.

- **Action item!** Suggestion to confirm with your group treasurers that contributions to service organizations including WAIA are being done.

**Office Admin Report** [Luella T. [aa-dc@aa-dc.org](mailto:aa-dc@aa-dc.org); 202-966-9115; [www.aa-dc.org](http://www.aa-dc.org)]

### October Calls – 405

32 for help  
88 WAIA Business  
48 Literature & Chip Orders  
215 Meeting Information  
11 Public Information  
4 Alanon (Third Party)

7 No Meeting at Location Calls. 2 were unidentified. 3)Between Women, Sat 10 AM turned over to Outreach committee. 4)Deleted Sat night 7PM Westside Club, no longer meeting. 5) No one showed up to open 6:45AM Crossroads of Recovery, Friday 6:45AM meeting. 6) Deleted Central Group Sat 8 PM meeting. 7) St. Thomas Moore 3:30 PM meeting still going

72 walk-ins to the office

Volunteers needed at the desk, 7 slots open: Tuesday 1-4 PM, Wednesday 4-7 PM, Thursday 4-7 PM, Thursday 7-10 PM, Friday 1-4 PM, Friday 4-7, Saturday 4-7.

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

298 Gratitude boxes were picked or mailed by October 25.

## 5. Corporate Committee Report

**Technology Committee** [Alex M. [tech@aa-dc.org](mailto:tech@aa-dc.org)]

Meeting: [NEW DAY/TIME] 4th Sunday of the Month! November 24th 9pm

Google Hangouts Meet: [meet.google.com/moo-vvtu-sdm](https://meet.google.com/moo-vvtu-sdm)

Phone Numbers: 240-903-4132; PIN: 414 591 395#

Check [aa-dc.org/tech](http://aa-dc.org/tech) for the meeting information.. Specific Requests for Service to be discussed

- Website Webmaster (Must have Wordpress/PHP experience) to head up re-design.
- Adding WAIA Products (Books/Chips/Pamphlets) to WooCommerce plugin on the website (Requires general technical ability - you can figure it out with online tutorials/etc)
- Improving Instructions/Methods on the MS Word Mail Merge which produces the Where and When document.

ANY AA CAN HELP! PLEASE ANNOUNCE AT YOUR GROUPS LOTS OF SMALLER/SINGLE PROJECTS ARE BEING DEFINED AND YOU CAN HELP! ALWAYS LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO USE TECH BETTER!

**Office** [Tom G. [office@aa-dc.org](mailto:office@aa-dc.org)]

**Rules (Bylaws)** [Karen O. [rules@aa-dc.org](mailto:rules@aa-dc.org)]

- No emails have come to the WAIA Rules Committee since last month

**Elections** [David H. [elections@aa-dc.org](mailto:elections@aa-dc.org)]

- Taking nominations for: **Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and 5 At-Large members of the Executive Committee.** Elections committee will take nominations beginning in November. These must be in writing and sent to the [elections@aa-dc.org](mailto: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:** [Teresa R. [Accessibility@aa-dc.org](mailto:Accessibility@aa-dc.org)]

- General Service office has announced the availability of an A.A. American Sign Language video of the Big Book.
- The Accessibility Committee will be drafting a procedure for the use of its funding from WAIA for provision of ASL services and for publication of when and where these services will be provided at our next meeting. Anyone interested is welcome to participate. Please share this information: December 9, 2019, 6:30 pm, Silver Spring Presbyterian Church, 580 University Blvd E, Silver Spring, MD, enter on right side. Precedes the monthly WAGSA meeting.

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

- **Avery Road Treatment Center:** 14703 Avery Road, Rockville, MD 20853, Montgomery County's inpatient treatment facility is seeking coverage for a meeting Sundays at 8pm.
- **Washington Hospital Center:** 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. The Hospital has requested a weekday and weekend (Sunday preferred) with start time TBD.
- **Shady Grove Adventist Hospital:** 9901 Medical Center Dr, Rockville, MD 20850 has tentatively approved 2 AA meetings that are open to the General Public and their IOP Program! Day and time tentatively time slotted for Sundays at 11:30am and Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Please contact Michael W. at [Wesch1969@gmail.com](mailto:Wesch1969@gmail.com) for Sundays and Irene B. at [gridirongrades@gmail.com](mailto:gridirongrades@gmail.com) for Wednesdays if you are interested in a service commitment for these meetings. Start date TBD. To be located in Chapel next to the Cafeteria or the Conference Room where the NA Fellowship currently meets on Saturday nights at 7:30 pm.

**Archives Committee Report** [Need Chair! [archives@aa-dc.org](mailto:archives@aa-dc.org)]: The mission of the Archives Committee is to document permanently the work of Alcoholics Anonymous in the Washington, DC area, to make the history of our area's fellowship accessible to A.A. members and other researchers, and to provide a context for understanding WAIA's evolution.

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):** Leslie A. [CPC@aa-dc.org](mailto:CPC@aa-dc.org)

**Literature:** [Gavin P. [Literature@aa-dc.org](mailto:Literature@aa-dc.org)]: Had a table at the Old Timers meeting. If you have an event and need literature, reach out to Gavin.

**Night watch:** Turpy B. [Nightwatch@aa-dc.org](mailto:Nightwatch@aa-dc.org)

**Outreach:** [Andrea C. [Outreach@aa-dc.org](mailto:Outreach@aa-dc.org)]: Looking for volunteers to get involved in the committee to bolster participation in WAIA. Considering different events to get people at meetings.

## 7. Ad-hoc Events Committees

**2019 AA Sponsorship Conference** [Will R. [sponsorconference@aa-dc.org](mailto:sponsorconference@aa-dc.org) or 301-455-1256]: Waiting for report back

**WAIA Gala** [Liz L. [gala@aa-dc.org](mailto:gala@aa-dc.org)]: **Gala save the date June 6th 2020!** Query re: using private facebook events pages. Referred to technology committee.

**Service Workshop:** Katherine R. [serviceworkshop@aa-dc.org](mailto:serviceworkshop@aa-dc.org)

**Oldtimers:** Rachel W. [oldtimers@aa-dc.org](mailto:oldtimers@aa-dc.org): Old timers meeting brought in \$914 to support the Hospitals & Institutions Committee.

- Seeking volunteer to take on organizing meeting- a four year commitment. Shadow chair for one year, then lead for two years; then mentor someone for another year. Suzanna D. (Sunday Morn Breakfast) volunteered.
- Suggestion to consider finding a larger location. Seeking suggestions of new space that would be donated to find a larger group. Attendance was estimated at slightly over 400 people.

**New reporter:** Tony F. [Newreporter@aa-dc.org](mailto:Newreporter@aa-dc.org)

**Grapevine:** WAGSA [Grapevine@area13aa.org](mailto:Grapevine@area13aa.org)

**Hospitality:** Chris [Hospitality@aa-dc](mailto:Hospitality@aa-dc)

## 8. Old Business

- Suggestion to form an ad-hoc committee to host a picnic. Looking for volunteer to chair or co-chair
- WAIA is running a deficit. Anticipate gratitude

## 9. New Business

- Ex libris did motion for Intergroup to do inventory. Motion tabled, seconded.
- Inventory described in “The AA Group” pamphlet
- Proposal amended to form an ad-hoc committee to organize the inventory. Called for a vote.
  - 19 for; 1 against
- **Action items!** Chair volunteered to be interim chair of the ad-hoc committee to start process. Also suggestion to go to groups to see if members have experience doing an inventory. Anyone can be part of it.

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

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

The Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) met on Monday November 11, 2019.

- Ad Hoc Accessibility Committee announced the availability of an A.A. ASL (American Sign Language) video of the Big Book.
- Archives Committee has created subfiles in the Archives shared G-Drive.
- Policy & Procedure Committee seeking a translator to assist in translating the new handbook, which now includes motions passed at the Fall Assembly, October 26, 2019.
- An “Area 13” Ad Hoc Committee formed to explore and make recommendations regarding when, where, & how often the area committee should meet.
- Motion to add amendments to WAGSA Handbook to make it more consistent with the business of the WAGSA meeting.
- Discussion on an upcoming motion on “Understanding Anonymity” using the following question: “Should I reveal my anonymity to my boss so that I can attend early A.A. meetings regularly?”

**Comite Paso 12 de Maryland/Spanish-Speaking** [Domingo R.]

- Active with the Spanish community, answering calls and referring them to the different groups. Still receiving English language calls which we refer to WAIA office.

**Virginia Intergroup Liaison** [Alan C.]

The Virginia Commonwealth University is conducting a study of the genetic connection to alcoholism. Contact Irving M., CPC@[nvintergroup.org](mailto:nvintergroup.org).