

# WAIA Board Meeting Minutes

## February 8, 2022 @ 8PM

Online meeting

Announcements & Calls for Service to take back to your groups:
Call for service for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Treasurer (email <a href="mailto:chair@aa-dc.org">chair@aa-dc.org</a>) :( appointment from the Chair &amp; confirmed by the Executive Committee)</li><li>Rules</li></ul>
Announce Upcoming Committee Needs, Events & Meetings (all AAs welcome):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tech Committee has established a recurring committee meeting Mondays before the 1st Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is Monday, Feb 28, 2022 @ 7PM on Zoom: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782798679?pwd=YTU5bjlTMHJwemZobWR5b0I4RVJMQT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782798679?pwd=YTU5bjlTMHJwemZobWR5b0I4RVJMQT09</a></li></ul>

<b>2022 Officers:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Chair:</b> Sean C.</li><li><b>Vice Chair:</b> Cassandra S.</li><li><b>Treasurer:</b> Will R. (seeking rotation)</li><li><b>Secretary:</b> Molly M.</li></ul>	<b>At Large Members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Daniel R.</li><li>Kelly W.</li><li>Jeanine J.</li><li>Eryn C.</li><li>Ryan K.</li></ul>
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### 8:00-8:10pm Meeting Opening

- Chair's Opening Remarks** [[Sean.C@aa-dc.org](mailto:Sean.C@aa-dc.org)] [Chair@aa-dc.org](mailto:Chair@aa-dc.org)
  - [WAIA Preamble](#)
  - [Safety Card](#)
- Approval/Changes to Previous Meeting's Minutes:** [January 2022 Minutes](#)  
[secretary@aa-dc.org] See past meeting minutes here: <https://aa-dc.org/board-minutes>
- Executive Committee Meeting Report** [[executivecommittee@aa-dc.org](mailto:executivecommittee@aa-dc.org)]
- Attendees: Cassandra S, Daniel R, Luella T, Molly M, Kelly W, Ryan K, Sean C, Will R
- The Executive Committee meeting will be at 7pm the 1st Tuesday of the month.
- Discussed Board Meeting Agenda order
- Discussed open service committee chair positions:

- Treasurer - Will R will serve until replacement is found.
- Rules - Karen O will cover until replacement is found; Ryan K agreed to serve on Rules Comm
- Accessibility - chair is open
- Discussed, voted and approved committee chair positions:
  - Teresa R approved as new Outreach Comm chair
  - Karen O approved as new CPC/PI Comm chair (Leslie & Carrie G will serve on Comm)
- Discussed Safety in AA workshop - Planning Committee Meeting February 7th 8pm
- Discussed Finance Reporting; agreed to continue monthly reports, reinstate prudent reserve
- Discussed 2 planned events (Gala & Oldtimers)

## 8:10-8:20pm Standing Reports

**Registrar's Report** [Mia C.] [registrar@aa-dc.org](mailto:registrar@aa-dc.org)

**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)]

### January Calls – 250

- 21 for help. This includes people getting 12<sup>th</sup> step calls and those oldtimers and newcomers who just need to talk for a short time
- 72 WAIA Business
- 24 Literature & Chip Orders (questions answered & orders filled for curbside pickup or shipping)
- 125 Meeting Information: Some of the meeting info calls were asking for passwords
  - 2 No Meeting at Location. (Spiritual Tools Zoom meeting removed. Lawyers meeting going back in person on 2/7)
  - 6 Alanon (Third Party)
    - 21 Walk-ins to the office

### January Chats from Helpchat – 63

- 2 for help. This includes brand new people asking about AA
- 3 WAIA Business
- 4 Literature & Chip Orders referred to office staff
- 50 Meeting Information: Some of the meeting info calls were asking for passwords
  - 1 No Meeting at Location. (Darne Good Big Book – we don't have contact information)
  - 3 Alanon (Third Party)

Call for Service! We can always use more volunteers willing to come into the office to answer phones. Here are the shifts that are currently available if you'd like to volunteer. A couple of shifts are available to be taken from home. We can also always use Help chat volunteers who can do it from home. Email [help@aa-dc.org](mailto:help@aa-dc.org) for more information or call 202-966-9783 and ask for Luella or Clo'via.

### Available In Person Shifts:

Friday, 4-7 PM

Saturday, 1-4 PM  
Saturday, 4-7 PM

**Current Office Hours:**

Monday, 10:00 AM  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Sunday: 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Saturday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Email [help@aa-dc.org](mailto:help@aa-dc.org) for all meeting information changes. “No meeting at location” calls and chats seem to be increasing. Please let us know if a meeting is no longer meeting either online or In Person. It’s very discouraging for someone trying to access their very first meeting if no one is there.

The March 2022 issue of the New Reporter will go out by the end of next week.

**Budget & Finance Report** ([finance@aa-dc.org](mailto:finance@aa-dc.org) | [aa-dc.org/finance](http://aa-dc.org/finance); Will R., Treasurer [treasurer@aa-dc.org](mailto:treasurer@aa-dc.org)].

<b>Profit and Loss &amp; Comparison-new income</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Comparison-total Liabilities &amp; Equity</b>
January 2021 -- \$ 4,996	January 2021 -- \$214,303
January 2022 -- \$-2,258	January 2022 -- <u>\$168,873</u>
	Difference: \$ 45,430

**Comparison:** The balance sheet shows an overall decrease in value of: \$45,430

**What does the decrease mean:**

General Services Contribution, one time	\$10,000
WAIA salary increases	7,000
Committee Expenses (approximate)	3,000
<b>Decrease in Contributions</b>	<u><b>25,430</b></u>
Total	\$45,430

**Contributions:**

January Group and Individual 2021	\$20,266
January Group and Individual 2022	\$13,326
2022 Individual and Group Contributions for January, 2022	
Group Contributions	\$8,434
Individual Contributions	\$4,892

**Income**

Chip Sales	(2021) \$137 /// (2022) \$ 418
Literature Sales	(2022) \$686 /// (2022) \$1,200

**Treasurer’s Perspective:**

- The individual contributions by recovering alcoholics in our area reflect the health, AA loyalty and trust in the Washington Area Intergroup Association (WAIA).
- Literature and chip sales are improving which has always been one consistent source of income.
- Direct individual contributions to WAIA have continued since the beginning of the pandemic. Prior to the pandemic very few direct individual contributions were made.

The reduction in contributions, in my view, simply reflect the transition that is being made from on-line meetings to in person meetings. Contributions from groups are growing only gradually.

- Are you and others thinking there are few or no expenses so there is no need to make a contribution?
- When you were going to in-person meetings did you think your \$1.00 or \$2.00 or \$5.00 contribution was needed for specific expenses or did you simply contribute?
- Now is the time to resume your regular contributions in person or on-line. We need your steady consistent support.
- Cassandra encouraged everyone to take the word back to meetings that we still need support.

## 8:15-8:45pm Discussion & Committee Reports

Submit new business to [executivecommittee@aa-dc.org](mailto:executivecommittee@aa-dc.org)

### Call for Service!

- a. Treasurer - Sean asked for volunteer to chair; no response
- b. Rules - Sean asked for a rules comm chair; no response

**Oldtimers Meeting Chair - Sean asked for a volunteer &** Eryn volunteered if no one else steps up.

**Gala Committee Chair - Sean asked for volunteer to chair;** Jackie asked if we will be holding the Gala since pandemic is still ongoing; Jackie offered to reach out to venues until someone else steps up to chair.

**Accessibility Chair - Sean asked for volunteers.**

**Literature Chair - Sean will put a call out for service.**

**Twelve Step Chair - position open;** We have a list but need a chair to update list and get others to step up ; Jeanine asked for clarification of duties, ie, would chair get calls 24 hours a day, etc.; Chrissy McD volunteered to serve as chair.

**Jeanine asked if these positions had to be filled by reps? And are they voting;**

- c. Per Sean most of these wouldn't be voting reps (exceptions, Treasurer, etc.); Being a chair doesn't make them a voting member.

**Sponsorship Event Chair - will also need a chair.**

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

- d. including 2 step verification on access WAIA email.
- e. Few other items will be posted on website, including zoom bombing
- f. **Next Tech Comm meeting on February 28th at 7PM:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782798679?pwd=YTU5bjlTMHJwemZobWR5b0I4RVJMQT09>

### Call for reports.

- g. Elections - nothing to report
- h. CPC: Announcement of new chair, Karen O.
  - i. A table cloth was given to Karen for attendance at events.
  - ii. Clo'via - there are racks in the office for the CPC committee.
  - iii. Carrie - anything to add? She welcomes ideas.
- i. **H&I - Eryn looking for a group to speak on Weds at 6:30;** Silver Spring HI looking for a meeting to be brought in. Would anyone like to bring a meeting into a jail? Not viable now per Eryn.

- j. **Outreach Committee** - Teresa - Call for service; need for WAIA reps. ; great opportunity to make a difference. Especially need a person fluent in Spanish. Per Sean we had a person years ago
- k. **The Hispanic groups have their own WAIA** - Service position open for liaison between them and WAIA.

**Sponsorship Conference** - Will said the organization is there, just need a chair. This will be the 4th annual conference.

**Jeanine** - group of meetings that said they weren't represented at WAIA meetings; we should follow up with those people.

**Anniversaries:**

- l. Eryn 14 years
- m. Molly 27 years (2/14)
- n. Mia 5 years (2/25)

**Announcements**

- o. **Next Safety Meeting 2/28 at 8:00 pm:** Hope to select Chair for Safety Workshop (panels?)
- p. Will announced 7 am meeting; "On Awakening Group"
- q. Sean - "Into Action " Group; formerly known as "Grace" in Gaithersburg (30 meetings/week)
- r. Gary - Rockville Metro club now has . Also Gary has a 6 month old grandchild!

**Call for other business for discussion? No additional items.**

**8:55PM Motion to close. Followed by the [Responsibility statement](#)**