

WAIA Board Meeting Agenda and Draft Minutes

Jun 9, 2026 @ 8PM Meeting

WAIA Announcements & Calls for Service to take back to your groups:

- **Office Chair:** Establish a formal review process to inform compensation discussions, review personnel manuals, coordinate office technical updates with tech committee, and other tasks.
- **Outreach Chair.** Lead the charge on getting more groups to actively participate in WAIA monthly meetings!
- **CPC/PI Chair:** Coordinate activities with the Professional Community and respond to Public Information inquiries.
 - To learn more about these positions, reach out to Cassandra S. Chair@aa-dc.org.
- Office Shifts, HELPCHAT, and Nightwatch:
 - **Available In-Person Shifts:** Mon 10 AM-1 PM, Tues 4-7 PM, Sat 1-4 PM or 4-7PM, Sun 7-10PM
 - **Available Remote Shift:** Sunday 7–10 PM (one year of sobriety required)
 - **Available Nightwatch Shifts:** Sun 10 PM-6AM, Mon 6-10 AM, Mon 10 PM-6 AM, Fri 10 PM – 6 AM (one year of sobriety required)

2026 Officers:

- Chair: Cassandra S.
- Vice Chair: Gary D.
- Treasurer: Will R.
- Secretary: Ann R.

At Large Members:

- Marianne M.
- Matt H.
- Brian M.
- Terry H.
- Erica C.

Meeting Opens

- The meeting started at 8:03PM with the Serenity prayer and reading of the WAIA preamble.
- Chair's Opening Remarks [cassandra.s@aa-dc.org] Chair@aa-dc.org
- [May 2026](#) minutes reviewed and approved.
- May Executive Committee Report [executivecommittee@aa-dc.org]
- Volunteer for Tech Committee Chair: Terry D, Yacht Club
 - Vote to approve chair's appointment
- Migrating the website tonight, saving \$ and improving security and functionality

Approval of Minutes & Standing Reports

- **Open Positions and Call for Service:** Contact us for more information at executivecommittee@aa-dc.org
 - **Office Chair:** Executive committee would like to establish a formal review process to inform compensation discussions, take a look at personnel manuals, coordinate on tech updates with tech committee, and other tasks.
 - **Outreach Chair:** Liaise with new group reps to understand what takeaways to bring back to their groups and lead initiatives to encourage more group participation in WAIA activities.
 - **CPC/PI Chair:** Coordinate activities with the Professional Community and respond to Public Information inquiries.
 - **Office Volunteers.** Available In-Person Office Shifts, HELPCHAT, and **Nightwatch.**

Monthly Reports:

- **Finance Report:** [Daniel R., Finance Chair daniel.r@aa-dc.org]- No report in May, please see April for the most recent quarterly report.
- **Office Admin Report** [Luella T., aa-dc@aa-dc.org, 202-966-9115]

May Calls – 196

- 8 For help. Newcomers or others who just need to talk for a short time
- 60 WAIA Business
- 34 Literature & Chip Orders
- 86 Meeting Information
- 3 No Meeting at Location.
- 5 Al-Anon (Third Party)
- 25 Walk-ins to the office

May Chats from Helpchat – 29

- 3 For help. This includes new people asking about AA
- 3 WAIA Business
- 15 Meeting Information
- 0 No Meeting at Location.
- 1 Al-Anon (Third Party)
- 7 Miscellaneous

May Nightwatch Calls – 24

Listed below are the shifts that are currently available for volunteers either to come into the office or remotely from home. We can also always use Help chat volunteers who can do it from home. Email help@aa-dc.org for more information or call 202-966-9783 and ask for Luella or Clo'via.

Available In Person Shifts:, Monday 10 AM-1 PM, Tuesday 4-7 PM, Saturday 1-4 PM, Saturday 4-7PM

Available In Person or Remote Shift:, Sunday 7-10PM (1 year of sobriety required)

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The literature price increase went into effect June 1, 2026. The new prices are listed on the WAIA website.

New Reporter - the July 2026 issue of the New Reporter will be released the 3rd week of June.

- **Registrar's Report** [Alex J., alex.j@aa-dc.org]
 - 19 registered attendees: 17 voting reps registered; __ voting alternate; __ non-voting alternate; __ guests; __ unregistered attendees ; __ attendees total online at the meeting.
- **Gala Update:** [Erica C., gala@aa-dc.org, 231-590-8823]
 - 2027 WAIA Gala will be on March 13th at the Silver Spring Civic Center.
 - Kickoff for the planning committee will be Tuesday June 23rd at 7:00 pm on Zoom. A link to the meeting is posted on the WAIA events calendar. Links to all future meetings will be posted there as well.
 - We will be discussing ideas for the theme, speaker, and MC. We will also discuss the possibility of adding a silent auction to next year's gala
 - Want to be part of the WAIA Gala Planning Committee?
Contact Erica C at erica.c@aa-dc.org

- **Tech Report:** [Sam S., techcomm@aa-dc.org]
- Terry D from the Yacht Club has volunteered to serve as the Tech Committee Chair. He met with Sam and Cassandra on June 4th.
- We have initiated the migration of the website to a hosted WordPress site. Previous costs were around \$700 a year, which we have reduced to \$270.
- If you are interested in joining the Tech Committee, our next meeting is July 6th at 6pm on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782798679?pwd=YTU5bjlTMHJwemZobWR5b0l4RVJMQT09>
- **Archives Report:** [Chris P., archives@aa-dc.org, chris.p@aa-dc.org]
- **Nightwatch Report:** [Committee Chair Open]
 - We're looking for a new Nightwatch chair and, as always, more volunteers. Contact nighwatch@aa-dc.org or starwoo1955@gmail.com for details.
- **Unity/Outreach Committee Report:** [outreach@aa-dc.org]
- No report
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community Update:** [OPEN]
 - No report.
- **Hospitals & Institutes Report:** [Eryn C. hni@aa-dc.org]

The committee has been busy this month, expanding the meetings at different facilities and working to get new meetings started. We have also donated literature to a facility. We are excited about the coming months as more opportunities are available. If you would like to be placed on the list for speaking at a meeting or the wait list for individuals/groups who are interested in opportunities, please e-mail HNI@aa-dc.org.

Old Timers event coming up in 6 months, working on dates with the church now.

- **Accessibility Report:** [Teresa R., 971-222-6838, accessibilities@aa-dc.org]
 - No report.
- **Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) Area 13 Liaison Report** [Joni D., waiailiaison@area13aa.org] – The conduit between groups and New York.

Summary of the June 7 Delegate's Reportback from the 2026 General Service Conference

Background: The General Service Conference is the annual forum where Delegates from the 93 Areas in the United States and Canada, the Regional and At-Large Trustees, and others vote on issues affecting AA as a whole. Issues must receive a 2/3s majority vote if they are to pass.

Select action items that may be of interest:

- After 4.5 hours of discussion (not counting the amount of discussion in committee before coming to all of the Conference attendees for vote), 112 Conference members voted to replace the word “Eskimo” from Chapter 7 of the Big Book with a neutral, non-pejorative term. 22 members voted to keep the language of the first 164 pages unchanged, consistent with previous Conference actions.
 - A similar change will be made to Tradition Eight of the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.
- 129 members voted to update the pamphlet The AA Member – Medications and Other Drugs. 5 voted against the motion.
- 121 members voted to update the pamphlet Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix to better describe how groups and individuals can support the Grapevine and La Vina, which do not take direct contributions. 10 voted against the motion.
- 104 members voted to have the Trustee’s Literature Committee produce an animated video based on the pamphlet The Twelve Steps Illustrated. 27 voted against the motion.
- 125 members voted to approve the Fifth Edition of the Big Book with minor editorial changes. The book will have a section containing previously published stories and a section containing 26 new stories.

Fun fact: The Big Book is available in 76 languages.

For more information: The slides from the Delegate’s Reportback will be posted in the Delegate’s Corner on area13aa.org; they were not available when I wrote this report. To have our delegate come speak to your group, please reach out to him at Delegate@area13aa.org. His name is Stan C.

- **Northern VA Intergroup Liaison:** [Jerry F., (703) 627-6032, jerry.foil@endgame-llc.com, DIR-Woodbridge@nvintergroup.org]
 - No report.
- **Open Discussion**
 - None
- **New Business**
 - If you have an idea or would like to propose a future agenda item, please email executivecommittee@aa-dc.org by the 1st of the month.
- **Anniversaries & Announcements**
 - DMVYPAA Committee Elections, Sunday, June 14th, Noon @ Westside Club, Contact Alex J 202-480-5998
 - 2026 Men’s Meditation Retreat in Maryland

Meeting Closes

The meeting closed at 8:44 PM with the Responsibility Statement: “I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.”

List of Committees and Contacts

- **Corporate Committees**
 - i. *Elections: [elections@aa-dc.org] OPEN
 - ii. *Office: [office@aa-dc.org] Cassandra S.
 - iii. *Rules (By-Laws): [rules@aa-dc.org] Michael G.
 - iv. Technology: [tech@aa-dc.org] Terry D.
 - v. Finance: [finance@aa-dc.org] Daniel R.

- **Service Committees**
 - i. Archives: [archives@aa-dc.org] Chris P.
 - ii. Accessibility: [Accessibility@aa-dc.org | aa-dc.org/accessibility] Teresa R.
 - iii. *CPC/PI: Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information
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 - 1. PI@aa-dc.org
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 - iv. H&I: Hospitals and Institutions: [HNI@aa-dc.org] Eryn C.
 - v. *Literature: [Literature@aa-dc.org] OPEN
 - vi. New Reporter: [Newreporter@aa-dc.org]
 - vii. Nightwatch: [Nightwatch@aa-dc.org] OPEN
 - viii. Unity/Outreach: [outreach@aa-dc.org] OPEN

- **Ad-Hoc**
 - i. Gala: [gala@aa-dc.org] Erica C.
 - ii. Oldtimers: [oldtimers@aa-dc.org] Eryn C.
 - iii. Sponsorship Conference: [sponsorconference@aa-dc.org] TBD