

WAIA Board Meeting Approved Minutes

February 11, 2025 @ 8PM Meeting

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

- **Available In-Person Office Shifts:** Wednesday 4-7PM, Saturday 1-4, Sunday 1-4. (Email help@aa-dc.org for more information or call 202-966-9783 and ask for Luella or Clo'via).
- **HELPCCHAT:** General call for HELPCCHAT volunteers. Call the office or email help@acc-dc.org.
- **Hospitals & Institutes:**
 - PG Corrections (Upper Marlboro area) is requesting 5 meetings a week, including 1 women's meeting. If you'd like to volunteer, please fill out this background check/application ([PGDOC Volunteer Application](#)) and email back to ACWelch@co.pg.md.us. If you have any questions, reach out to Sean (sean.c@aa-dc.org, 240.370.6165) & Eryn C (eryn.c@aa-dc.org) for more info.
 - H&I looking for new chair and committee members. Contact Sean sean.c@aa-dc.org for details.
- **Nightwatch:** We're looking for a new chair and, as always, more volunteers. Contact nighwatch@aa-dc.org or starwoo1955@gmail.com for details.

2025 Officers:

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

At Large Members:

- Priya D.
- Matt H.
- Brian M.
- Terry H.
- Erica C.

8:00 pm Meeting Opens

- Meeting starts with the Serenity prayer and reading of the WAIA preamble.
- **Chair's Opening Remarks** [cassandra.s@aa-dc.org] Chair@aa-dc.org
- [January minutes](#) approved by unanimous consent.
- **[January Executive Committee Report](#)** [Courtney C. on behalf of executivecommittee@aa-dc.org]
 - We will have dual hybrid and in-person meetings for the Exec Comm / Board on April 8 and October 14 at a Bethesda location. Details to come.
 - We are looking into investment options for our reserve funds.
 - Role of our Office Committee and follow-up there.
 - Simplifying election by-laws.
 - Updates on Gala and H&I committees.

8:10-8:20 pm Approval of Minutes & Standing Reports

- **Registrar's Report [Priya D.]**

18 registered attendees: 14 voting reps registered; 2 voting alternates, 1 non-voting alternate, 1 guests, 26 attendees total at the meeting.

- **Open Positions**

- 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.
 - i. Made a call for volunteers (HR professionals would be a great fit!)
 - ii. Contact us for more information at executivecommittee@aa-dc.org.

- **Finance & Treasury Report:** [Will R., Treasurer treasurer@aa-dc.org] [Daniel R., Finance Chair daniel.r@aa-dc.org]

- Will reported that PNC Bank noted that our money market nets only \$36 a year in interest. We are looking into a higher yield savings account or CD to earn more on the roughly \$128,500 in reserves. Exec Comm to look into our options and make a recommendation to the board soon.

Monthly Reports:

[Profit and Loss](#)

[Balance Sheet](#)

Summary:

January 2025	
Sales (Chips & Literature)	\$3,419
<i>Cost of Goods</i>	-\$1,169
Individual Contributions	\$4,581
Group Contributions	\$13,839
Total Contributions	\$18,420
Event Revenue	\$0
Gross Income	\$20,670
<i>Expenses</i>	-\$18,238
<i>Event Expense</i>	-\$1,835
Net Income	\$596

Detailed financial records are available at <https://aa-dc.org/finance>.

Q1-2025 results and comparisons will be presented at the April board meeting.

Suggested language for 7th Tradition: Help ensure WAIA can continue to provide services such as managing the aa-dc.org website, which includes maintaining the list of local meetings and events, answering phone lines 24/7, and other important activities. See the sides of the cube for all the ways you can contribute directly.

- Clo'via gave a shout out to our "Faithful Fivers." Folks who make recurring contributions. Dan emphasized that these recurring contributions help us budget for things in advance.
 - Michael G. asked for cube instructions - i.e., print instructions and fold the cube - in the New Reporter.
 - Feel free to send Dan an email to request a cube: daniel.r@aa-dc.org.
 - Grateful for the generous \$18,420 in contributions this month!
- **Office Admin Report** [Luella T., aa-dc@acc-dc.org, 202-966-9115]
 - Year-end letters sent to individuals and groups contributing more than \$50.
 - General call for HELPCHAT volunteers. Call the office or email help@acc-dc.org.

January Calls – 248

19 For help. Newcomers or old timers who just need to talk for a short time.
50 WAIA Business
40 Literature & Chip Orders
132 Meeting Information
0 No Meeting at Location
7 Al-Anon (Third Party)
25 Walk-ins to the office

January Chats from Helpchat – 51

13 For help. This includes new people asking about AA
6 WAIA Business
23 Meeting Information
0 No Meeting at Location
2 Al-Anon (Third Party)
7 Miscellaneous

Listed below are the shifts that are currently available for volunteers to come into the office or from home to answer phones. 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: Tuesday 10 AM–1 PM, Tuesday 4–7 PM, Wednesday 4–7 PM, Friday 1–4, Saturday 1–4 PM, Sunday 10 AM–1 PM

Available Remote Shift: Thursday 7–10 PM

Plain Language Big Books are back in stock! You can call the office at 202-966-9783 or email us help@aa-dc.org to order them for pickup at the office or for shipping.

End of year contribution letters – The 2024 end of year contribution letters mailed to Groups and Individuals the last week of January

New Reporter – The March 2025 issue of the New Reporter will go out the 3rd week of February.

- **Unity/Outreach Committee Report:** [Suzanna D., outreach@aa-dc.org]
 - No report
- **Archives Report:** [Jeff K. or Darrah W., archives@aa-dc.org, jeff.k@aa-dc.org]
 - No report
- **Tech Report:** [Sam S. & Cassandra S., techcomm@aa-dc.org]
 - The Tech committee met Monday, February 3rd. Small adjustments were made to the webpage links. If you find any broken links, please contact techcomm@aa-dc.org or Cassandra S. at cassandra.s@aa-dc.org.
 - A few pages were accidentally deleted on Friday, the 7th, but they were quickly restored.
 - The pages for one-time, individual contributions and for recurring contributions were split into 2 different pages. If contributors select the recurring link, donations will automatically be set as recurring.
 - Zoom meeting for Tech Committee on March 3rd at 6PM;
<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782798679?pwd=%3DYTU5bjlTMHJwemZobWR5b0l4RVJMQT09&sa=D&source=calendar&ust=1734313527190022&usg=AOvVaw3ps3xbedcU39z4Pe6ujyy6>
- **Hospitals & Institutes Report:** [Eryn C. and Sean C., hni@aa-dc.org, sean.c@aa-dc.org]
 - Sean and Cassandra made the call for a new chair and more committee members. Sean and Eryn have been in leadership service there for many years (thank you!). Please contact Sean at sean.c@aa-dc.org or at (240) 370-6165 for details.

- There is plenty of opportunity for PG County Jail (including women’s meeting), Holy Cross in Germantown and Suburban Hospital. Please contact Sean for details.
- **Accessibility Report:** [Teresa R., 971-222-6838, accessibilities@aa-dc.org]
 - Teresa continues to seek volunteers/committee members interested in making AA more accessible. Please consider joining Teresa as well as announcing this opportunity to others.
 - At the All Accessibilities Workgroup meeting this week, attendees heard many suggestions for making our meetings accessible. Many areas of the country have really made advances in serving the deaf and hard-of-hearing.
 - If you are interested in seeing some ideas your own homegroup could use, Teresa has a PowerPoint presentation that contains many practical suggestions. If you contact her, she will send you a copy.
 - More ideas can be found at accessaa.org.
- **Nightwatch Report:** [Turpy (nighwatch@aa-dc.org or starwoo1955@gmail.com)]
 - Turpy been coordinating on this for a long time. She will have to step down. She will send an email to everyone in Nightwatch to call for volunteers.
 - Lots of interest from new volunteers, thank you! Turpy to follow up.
 - Answers calls from 10pm-10am. Always looking for volunteers.
 - Good coverage lately overnight, thank you!
- **Gala Committee:** [Matti M., gala@aa-dc.org]
 - Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Silver Spring Civic Center:
<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/80th-annual-waia-gala-april-5--2025>
 - Matti is our new committee chair. Thanks, Matti!
 - Gala Committee Meeting: Wednesday, Feb 12, 7:00 PM
 - i. Join Zoom Meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81948712236?pwd=Fa1lGXelaE6ra4J2uJRb3O0SlYs_wRv.1
 - ii. Meeting ID: 819 4871 2236; Passcode: 264716
 - Early bird tickets are \$45, table for \$450, until Feb 23. (Regular admission is \$50, \$500 for table.) Email going out to promote this soon.
 - Call for volunteers—particularly on the day of the event.
 - Theme is Back to the 80s! (Celebrating 80 years of the Gala.)
 - i. Confirmed DJ and speaker (Kelly W, Baltimore)
 - In addition to individual and table tickets there will be an “anonymous host” option to support the gala at a higher level and to help bridge the gap between costs and ticket sales.
- **Northern VA Intergroup Liaison:** [Jerry F., (703) 627-6032, DIR-Woodbridge@nvintergroup.org]

- No report
- **New Business**
 - Any suggestions from the floor?
 - 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**
 - The Neelsville Group is celebrating its 48th anniversary next week. Learn more: <https://aa-dc.org/event/the-neelsville-groups-48th-anniversary-celebration>.
 - Regional meeting coming up: [NERAASA](#).
 - Turpy has 26 years!
 - Bino has 24 years!

8:50 pm meeting closed with the [Responsibility statement](#)

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 Sam M.
 - v. Finance: finance@aa-dc.org Daniel R.
- **Service Committees**
 - i. Archives: archives@aa-dc.org Darrah W.
 - ii. Accessibility: Accessibility@aa-dc.org | aa-dc.org/accessibility Teresa R.
 - iii. *CPC/PI: Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information
OPEN
 - 1. PI@aa-dc.org
 - 2. CPC@aa-dc.org
 - 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 Turpy
 - viii. Unity/Outreach: outreach@aa-dc.org Suzanna
- **Ad-Hoc**
 - i. Gala: gala@aa-dc.org Matti M.
 - ii. Oldtimers: oldtimers@aa-dc.org Eryn C.
 - iii. Sponsorship Conference: sponsorconference@aa-dc.org Will R.