

WAIA Board Meeting Agenda and Minutes

March 10, 2026 @ 8PM Meeting

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

- **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. Reach out to Cassandra Chair@aa-dc.org.
- Office Shifts, HELPCHAT, and Nightwatch:
 - **Available In-Person Shifts:** Saturday 1–4 PM, 4-7PM, Sunday 1–4 PM, 4–7 PM, Tuesday 10 AM-1 PM, Tuesday 4-7 PM
 - **Available Remote Shift:** Tuesday 7–10 PM (one year of sobriety required)
 - **Available Nightwatch Shifts:** Monday 6–10 AM, Friday 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 8:01 PM with the Serenity prayer and reading of the WAIA preamble.
- Chair's Opening Remarks [cassandra.s@aa-dc.org] Chair@aa-dc.org
- [February 2026](#) approved by unanimous vote.
- February Executive Committee Report [executivecommittee@aa-dc.org]:
 - New Registrar is Alex J
 - Gala updates, how to increase sales + get the word out about the event

Approval of Minutes & Standing Reports

- **Open Positions and Call for Service:** Contact us for more information at executivecommittee@aa-dc.org
 - **Nightwatch chair:** Coordinate volunteers and schedules for the Nightwatch Committee. WAIA runs one of the only 24/7 AA phonelines in the US.

- **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.
- **Office Volunteers.** Available In-Person Office Shifts, HELPCHAT, and **Nightwatch.**
- **Registrar's Report** [Alex J., alex.j@aa-dc.org]
 - 24 registered attendees: 19 voting reps registered; 2 voting alternate; 1 non-voting alternate; 2 guests; 7 unregistered attendees ; 31 attendees total online at the meeting.

Monthly Reports:

- **Finance Report:** [Daniel R., Finance Chair daniel.r@aa-dc.org]

Reach out to Daniel if your group does not have a WAIA contribution cube. He can get you one!

Reports on the Budget are provided quarterly, the last report was January 2026 ([Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet](#)). The next report on the numbers will be in April.

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.

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

January Calls – 217

14	For help. Newcomers or Old Timers who just need to talk for a short time
45	WAIA Business
24	Literature & Chip Orders
130	Meeting Information
0	No Meeting at Location.
4	Al-Anon (Third Party)
33	Walk-ins to the office

Jan Helpchats – 39

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

Jan Nightwatch Calls – 49

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.

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AA World Services has raised the price of most books by \$3.00 a book effective February 1, 2026. WAIA ordered an extra supply of books before the price increase and will sell the books we have on hand at the old price until we need to order more at the new price.

New Reporter: April 2026 issue of the New Reporter will go out the 3rd week of March.

- **Gala Update:** [Erica C., gala@aa-dc.org, 231-590-8823]
 - The WAIA Gala will be held on March 21 st at the Silver Spring Civic Center (**only 11 days away!**). The doors open at 6:00 pm and tickets are \$60.
 - [Tickets are available through the WAIA website and flyer QR code](#). We will sell tickets at the door, but we would really prefer advance purchase so we can modify our food order accordingly.
 - Flyers are available on the WAIA website. Please consider printing some out to distribute to your meetings. We have relied heavily on WAIA representatives promoting the event in past years.
 - We will have a 50/50 raffle at the gala. Raffle tickets will be cash only.
 - This year's theme is "Staying Alive" (70s disco) and the speaker will be Lee M.
 - We are still looking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up. Anyone who is interested in helping out can attend the Gala Planning Committee meetings or reach out to me (erica.c@aa-dc.org/231-590-8823). We meet again next Tuesday (3/17) at 7 pm on Zoom. The meetings are listed on the WAIA website under "Events" with the Zoom link.

- **Archives Report:** [Chris P., archives@aa-dc.org, chris.p@aa-dc.org]
 - No report.

- **Tech Report:** [Sam S., techcomm@aa-dc.org]
 - This month we enabled the Donor Dashboard so that recurring donors can update their recurring contributions and update payment information.
 - We meet the first Monday of the month at 6pm. The next meeting is April 6th on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782798679?pwd=YTU5bjlTMHJwemZobWR5b0l4RVJMQT09>
- **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:** [Suzanna D., outreach@aa-dc.org]
 - No report.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community Update:** [Carolyn K. carolyn.k@aa-dc.org]
 - No report.
- **Hospitals & Institutes Report:** [hni@aa-dc.org]
 - We are excited to have our first quarterly zoom meeting on March 31, 2026 at 7 pm. We will discuss signing up to bring a meeting to a facility when opportunities arise, signing up to be a speaker at a facility, being a part of the committee to reach out to facilities. Please see the flyer for more information or contact Eryn C at hni@aa-dc.org
- **Accessibility Report:** [Teresa R., 971-222-6838, accessibilities@aa-dc.org]
 - I have a special love for ensuring that the hand of AA reaches out to all who need it, particularly those who have issues with Accessibility. Therefore, it saddens me to announce that I will be stepping down as chair of this committee as Will and I are moving to New Mexico. I would gladly help a new person who is interested in this committee get up to speed. If interested, Luella has my contact information or I will place my phone number in the chat. It has been a joy to be of service.
- **Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) Area 13 Liaison Report** [Joni D., waiailiaison@area13aa.org] – The conduit between groups and New York.
 - Save the Date: The Mini Conference will take place on Sunday, April 12, 9AM to 2PM Kennedy High School, 1901 Randolph Road. If you are interested in joining the planning committee, please sign up here. The Mini Conference is where all

interested AA members can provide input on issues affecting AA as a whole that will be discussed in April at the General Service Conference in New York.

- **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**
 - Suzana - Takoma Park Women's anniversary 4/15 mtg with potluck
 - Decompression Chamber mtg at Del Ray club on 4/24-4/26
 - Daniel will have 12 yrs next week!
 - Marianna will have 15 years on 3/28!
 - Matt celebrated 4 yrs last week!
 - Gregory will celebrate 23 yrs on 3/24
 - Louise will have 12 yrs on 3/21

Meeting Closes

The meeting closed at 8:45 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] 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] TBD
 - ii. Oldtimers: [oldtimers@aa-dc.org] Eryn C.
 - iii. Sponsorship Conference: [sponsorconference@aa-dc.org] Will R.