

# WAIA Board Meeting Agenda and Draft Minutes

## September 8, 2026 @ 8PM Meeting

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

- **Outreach Chair.** Lead the charge on getting more groups to actively participate in WAIA monthly meetings!
  - To learn more about open WAIA Committee positions, reach out to Cassandra S. [Chair@aa-dc.org](mailto:Chair@aa-dc.org).
- Office Shifts, HELPCCHAT, and Nightwatch (1 year of sobriety required for Remote/Nightwatch positions):
  - **Available In Person Shifts:** Mon 1-4 PM, Tue 1-4 PM, 4-7PM, Sat 10AM-1 PM, 1-4 PM, 4-7P
  - **Available In Person or Remote Shift:** Sun 7-10PM
  - **Available Remote Shift:** Tue 7-10 PM, Sun 7-10PM
  - **Available Nightwatch Shifts:** Sun 10 PM-6AM, Mon 6-10 AM or 10 PM-6 AM, Fri 10 PM – 6 AM

#### 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 8:02 PM with the Serenity prayer and reading of the WAIA preamble.
- Chair's Opening Remarks [[cassandra.s@aa-dc.org](mailto:cassandra.s@aa-dc.org)] [Chair@aa-dc.org](mailto:Chair@aa-dc.org)
- [July 2026](#) minutes reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.
- September Executive Committee Report [[executivecommittee@aa-dc.org](mailto:executivecommittee@aa-dc.org)]
  - Dan R will present the 2027 budget to the Executive Committee in October
  - Luella found a new accounting firm, BFS, that will conduct our 2026 tax return for \$950 and a review for \$3500. Our last tax return was \$2900, so this new cost of \$4450 will be only a \$1550 increase to the accounting budget.

## Approval of Minutes & Standing Reports

- **Open Positions and Call for Service:** Contact us for more information at [executivecommittee@aa-dc.org](mailto:executivecommittee@aa-dc.org)
  - **Outreach Chair:** Arnie will take over!
  - **Office Volunteers.** Available In-Person Office Shifts, HELPCCHAT, and **Nightwatch**.

## Monthly Reports:

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

No report in September. Dan R will present the Q3 financial report and the 2027 draft budget at the October board meeting.

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

### July & August Calls – 481

44 For help. Newcomers or others who just need to talk for a short time  
108 WAIA Business  
52 Literature & Chip Orders  
266 Meeting Information  
3 No Meeting at Location.  
8 Al-Anon (Third Party)  
45 Walk-ins to the office

### July & August Chats from Helpchat – 73

7 For help. This includes new people asking about AA  
11 WAIA Business  
41 Meeting Information  
0 No Meeting at Location.  
5 Al-Anon (Third Party)  
9 Miscellaneous

### July & August Nightwatch Calls – 51

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](mailto:help@aa-dc.org) for more information or call 202-966-9783 and ask for Luella or Clo'via.

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

**Available Remote Shift:** Tuesday 7-10 PM, Sunday 7-10PM (1 year of sobriety required)

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**New Reporter** - the October 2026 issue of the New Reporter will be released the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September.

- **Registrar's Report** [Alex J., [alex.j@aa-dc.org](mailto:alex.j@aa-dc.org)]
  - 22 registered attendees: 20 voting reps registered; 0 voting alternate; 0 non-voting alternate; 2 Committee chairs (non-voting); 0 guests; 4 unregistered attendees ; 26 attendees total online at the meeting.
- **Gala Update:** [Erica C., [gala@aa-dc.org](mailto:gala@aa-dc.org), 231-590-8823]
- Want to be part of the WAIA Gala Planning Committee?  
Contact Erica C at [erica.c@aa-dc.org](mailto:erica.c@aa-dc.org)

-The 2027 WAIA Celebration of Recovery will be held on March 13<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Spring Civic Center.

-The committee is discussing having a silent auction at the event. We will need a volunteer to lead this effort. Proceeds will go to WAIA. If you would like to head this effort or nominate someone that you think would be interested, please let me know ([erica.c@aa-dc.org](mailto:erica.c@aa-dc.org)).

- We have made some flyers to help recruit volunteers. We have two options. One is a [full-page flyer](#), and the other one has the option to [print 2 flyers per page](#). Both options have a QR code that connects to the Zoom meetings for the planning committee. Even if you are unable to help out with the Planning Committee, please consider circulating the flyers at your meetings to help us get more volunteers for the committee. This is a great service opportunity to help out WAIA.

- Our next meeting is September 15th at 7 pm on Zoom. The meetings are listed on WAIA's website under the Events tab. <https://aa-dc.org/event/waia-2026-gala-committee-meeting>

- **Tech Report:** [Terry D., [techcomm@aa-dc.org](mailto:techcomm@aa-dc.org)]
  - No meetings in August or September.
  - Join us for the next Technology Committee meeting (Date TBD) at 6pm on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782798679?pwd=YTU5bjlTMHJwemZobWR5b0l4RVJMQT09>
- **Archives Report:** [Chris P., [archives@aa-dc.org](mailto:archives@aa-dc.org), [chris.p@aa-dc.org](mailto: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](mailto:nighwatch@aa-dc.org) or [starwoo1955@gmail.com](mailto:starwoo1955@gmail.com) for details.
- **Unity/Outreach Committee Report:** [ [outreach@aa-dc.org](mailto:outreach@aa-dc.org) ]
  - Arnie volunteered for the chair position at tonight's board meeting.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community Update:** [Henry O.]
  - The WAIA CPC/PI group is growing. Our next meeting is Oct 6 at 8:00p (virtually). In the last two months we have grown from 2 to six active members. We are currently developing our outreach strategy.
- **Hospitals & Institutions Report:** [Erin, [hni@aa-dc.org](mailto:hni@aa-dc.org)]
- **Accessibility Report:** [Teresa R., 971-222-6838, [accessibilities@aa-dc.org](mailto:accessibilities@aa-dc.org)]
  - As a committee of one, I have been primarily participating as a member of the national All Access Committee in order to identify and import ideas used by other Accessibility groups. In August the AAC heard from Mark M. from the Online Intergroup of Alcoholics Anonymous (OIAA), an international on-line intergroup serving AA groups and members across countries. He reported that OIAA uses a WordPress plug-in (WPML) as a website translation tool which was implemented with outside assistance and initially supported eight languages (WPML is a plug in that enables websites to run in multiple languages). OIAA supplements automated translation with human review because AA terminology does not always translate directly. OIAA is at; <https://aa-intergroup.org>.
  - I will not be at the next Board meeting as I am traveling. I do plan to resign my service position at the end of this year in the spirit of rotation of service, and will gladly assist anyone with an interest in this committee.

- **Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) Area 13 Liaison Report** [Joni D., [waialiaison@area13aa.org](mailto:waialiaison@area13aa.org)]

### **Listening Session**

On August 30, the Area held an in-person listening session for all interested members. Approximately 30 people attended. One topic of interest was how the Area can better coordinate with WAIA. Ideas included

- Assembling a joint committee to examine which organization is better situated to lead various committees, recognizing that the two groups serve different purposes.
- Holding a joint outreach event.

### **Elections**

The Area will elect its new Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Treasurer, and Secretary for 2027-2028 on Sunday, October 18. Registration starts at 9 am, and voting starts at 10:30 sharp. The event is expected to end before 1 pm. Please have your General Service Representative (GSR) join us at John F. Kennedy High School in Silver Spring. [1901 Randolph Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20902](#). New GSRs should register with the Area Registrar ([registrar@area13aa.org](mailto:registrar@area13aa.org)) before the event.

### **Gratitude Breakfast**

The Area's annual Gratitude Breakfast raises funds for the AA General Service Office in New York. This year's event will be on Sunday, November 8. Tickets are \$60 each and are available for purchase now at <https://www.area13aa.org/gratitude-breakfast>. Please join us at the College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center on University Boulevard in Hyattsville to show your gratitude for AA.

- **Northern VA Intergroup Liaison:** [Jerry F., (703) 627-6032, [jerry.foil@endgame-llc.com](mailto:jerry.foil@endgame-llc.com), [DIR-Woodbridge@nvintergroup.org](mailto: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](mailto:executivecommittee@aa-dc.org) by the 1st of the month.
- **Anniversaries & Announcements**

## 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**
  - \*Elections: [elections@aa-dc.org](mailto:elections@aa-dc.org) OPEN
  - \*Office: [office@aa-dc.org](mailto:office@aa-dc.org) Cassandra S.
  - \*Rules (By-Laws): [rules@aa-dc.org](mailto:rules@aa-dc.org) Michael G.
  - Technology: [tech@aa-dc.org](mailto:tech@aa-dc.org) Terry D.
  - Finance: [finance@aa-dc.org](mailto:finance@aa-dc.org) Daniel R.
- **Service Committees**
  - Archives: [archives@aa-dc.org](mailto:archives@aa-dc.org) Chris P.
  - Accessibility: [Accessibility@aa-dc.org](mailto:Accessibility@aa-dc.org) | [aa-dc.org/accessibility](http://aa-dc.org/accessibility) Teresa R.
  - \*CPC/PI: [CPC@aa-dc.org](mailto:CPC@aa-dc.org) Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information Henry O.
  - H&I: Hospitals and Institutions: [HNI@aa-dc.org](mailto:HNI@aa-dc.org) Eryn C.
  - Literature: [Literature@aa-dc.org](mailto:Literature@aa-dc.org) OPEN
  - New Reporter: [Newreporter@aa-dc.org](mailto:Newreporter@aa-dc.org) Linne C.
  - Nightwatch: [Nightwatch@aa-dc.org](mailto:Nightwatch@aa-dc.org) OPEN
  - Unity/Outreach: [outreach@aa-dc.org](mailto:outreach@aa-dc.org) OPEN
- **Ad-Hoc**
  - Gala: [gala@aa-dc.org](mailto:gala@aa-dc.org) Erica C.
  - Oldtimers: [oldtimers@aa-dc.org](mailto:oldtimers@aa-dc.org) Eryn C.