WAIA Board Meeting Agenda and Draft Minutes November 10, 2026 @ 8PM Meeting

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

- **WAIA Board Elections are Tuesday, December 8th.** Positions are open for Chair, Vice Chair, and 5 At-Large members. All board members (i.e. the elected representative for your group) are eligible to run (excluding former Chairs and Vice Chairs for those positions). If you are interested, please send an email to elections@aa-dc.org to be added to the ballot. See the By-Laws, Article 8, Section 4 for Candidate qualifications. The Executive Committee meets an hour before the monthly board meeting to set the agenda and frame ad hoc issues for the board's consideration.
- Office Shifts, HELPCHAT, and Nightwatch (1 year of sobriety required for Remote/Nightwatch positions):
  - **Available In Person Shifts:**, Monday 1-4 PM, Tuesday 1-4 PM, Saturday 10AM-1 PM, Saturday 1-4, Saturday 4-7PM
  - **Available In Person or Remote Shift:** Sunday 7-10PM (1 year of sobriety required for remote)
  - **Available Nightwatch Shifts**: Sunday 10 PM-6AM, Thursday 6AM – 10 AM, Saturday 10 PM – 6 AM. (1 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 **8:01PM** with the Serenity prayer and reading of the WAIA preamble.
- Chair's Opening Remarks [cassandra.s@aa-dc.org] Chair@aa-dc.org
- October 2026 minutes reviewed and approved by unanimous consent.
- November Executive Committee Report [executivecommittee@aa-dc.org]
  - Reviewed final budget for tonight's vote
  - Discussed at-kind contribution that Luella would like to consider for office improvements and agreed a working group organized by the Office Committee would be the right approach to explore possibilities.

Approval of Minutes & Standing Reports

- **Open Positions and Call for Service:** Contact us for more information at executivecommittee@aa-dc.org
    - **Accessibility Chair**
    - **Nightwatch Chair**
    - **Office Volunteers.** Available In-Person Office Shifts, HELPCHAT, and **Nightwatch.**
    - **Elections** are in December! Email elections@aa-dc.org to be placed on the ballot.

Monthly Reports:

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

October Calls – 227

8	For help. Newcomers or others who just need to talk for a short time
55	WAIA Business
40	Literature & Chip Orders
120	Meeting Information
2	No Meeting at Location.
2	Al-Anon (Third Party)
30	Walk-ins to the office

October Chats from Helpchat –34

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

October Nightwatch – 29

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.

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New Reporter - The December 2026 issue of the New Reporter will be released the 3rd week of November

- **Registrar's Report** [Alex J., alex.j@aa-dc.org]
    - 18 registered attendees: 15 voting reps registered; 0 voting alternate; 0 non-voting alternate; 1 Committee chair (non-voting); 2 guests; 4 unregistered attendees ; 22 attendees total online at the meeting.

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

2027 Budget Overview — Budget was approved with 13 votes; none opposed; 1 abstention

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.

- **Gala Update:** [Erica C., gala@aa-dc.org, 231-590-8823]
    - 82nd WAIA Celebration of Recovery will be on March 13th, 2027 at the Silver Spring Civic Center.
    - Tickets to go on sale soon! We will be running an early bird special through the end of the year and tickets will be $55 during the sale. Starting January 1st tickets will go up to $60. We will be charging $70 at the door.
    - **We need more volunteers!** We are especially looking for help with decorations, food service, set-up and clean-up. Please announce this at your meetings so we have enough help to run the event.
    - We are also looking for recommendations for speakers and an MC. You do not need to be part of the planning committee to put forward a recommendation.
    - If you would like to be part of the planning committee or have recommendations for speakers/MC contact erica.c@aa-dc.org.
    - Next committee will be on 11/17 at 7 pm. We meet on Zoom and the link to the meeting can be found under events on the WAIA website.

- **Tech Report:** [Terry D., techcomm@aa-dc.org]
    - Created the sandbox for the new website to help test website improvements without risking implementation issues on the live site.
    - Purchased new computers for the office, completing our technology upgrades initiated in 2025.
    - Email techcomm@aa-dc.org if you are interested in joining the Committee! We meet on Zoom the first Monday of the month:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86782798679?pwd=YTU5bjlTMHJwemZobWR5b0l4RVJMQT09

- **Archives Report:** [Chris P., archives@aa-dc.org, chris.p@aa-dc.org]
  - None
- **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]
  - None
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community Update:** [Henry O.]
  - None
- **Hospitals & Institutions Report:** [Erin. hni@aa-dc.org]
  - Oldtimers Meeting scheduled for Saturday, November 14th: https://aa-dc.org/event/48th-annual-old-timers-meetings : All proceeds go to the H&I committee to provide literature to hospital and institution meetings
- **Accessibility Report:** [Teresa R., 971-222-6838, accessibilities@aa-dc.org]
  - None
- **Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) Area 13 Liaison Report** [Joni D., waialiaison@area13aa.org]

  Elections

  On October 18, WAGSA General Service Representative, District Committee Members, and Officers filled five positions for the next two years:

  - Delegate: Kesi L, who currently serves as Alternate Delegate
  - Alternate Delegate: Joni D., current WAGSA/WAIA liaison
  - Chair: Mark W., current Grapevine Committee co-chair
  - Treasurer: Michael B., current Policies and Procedures Committee chair
  - Secretary: Alethea, current Alternate GSR

  Gratitude Breakfast

  The Area's 40th annual Gratitude Breakfast raised more than $2,000 for the General Service Office in New York.

  Volunteers needed for 2027-2028

  Several volunteer opportunities are opening with the rotation of WAGSA's current panel of officers and committee chairs. Contact waialiaison@area13aa.org for more information.

· If databases excite you and you are available from 7-9 pm via Zoom on the second Monday of most months and a few Sundays throughout the year, consider becoming the new **WAGSA Registrar.**

· If you love WAIA and want to learn more about WAGSA and the General Service Conference, consider becoming the new **WAGSA/WAIA liaison.**

· If event planning is your passion, WAGSA would welcome you as the new **Gratitude Breakfast chairperson.** Likewise, our **Hospitality Committee** needs volunteers to set up and clean up our in-person events.

· The **Bridging the Gap Committee** facilitates 12th Step Work by connecting people fresh out of a treatment program or facility with members who will introduce them to AA.

· **Policy and Procedures** is responsible for ensuring that the WAGSA Handbook and Bylaws reflect how the Area is operating. Projects for next year include updating the handbook to reflect current financial tracking and reimbursement processes.

· The WAGSA **Archives, Budget and Finance, Cooperation with the Professional Community, and Public Information Committees** also need chair people.

- **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**
    - See https://aa-dc.org/event for Thanksgiving events in the area

Meeting Closes

The meeting closed at 8:56 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] Cassandra S.
    - *Office: [office@aa-dc.org] Marissa D.
    - *Rules (By-Laws): [rules@aa-dc.org] Michael G.
    - Technology: [tech@aa-dc.org] Terry D.
    - Finance: [finance@aa-dc.org] Daniel R.

- **Service Committees**
  - Archives: [archives@aa-dc.org] Chris P.
  - Accessibility: [Accessibility@aa-dc.org | aa-dc.org/accessibility] Teresa R.
  - *CPC/PI:CPC@aa-dc.org Cooperation with the Professional Community and Public Information: Henry O.
  - H&I: Hospitals and Institutions: [HNI@aa-dc.org] Eryn C.
  - Literature: [Literature@aa-dc.org] OPEN
  - New Reporter: [Newreporter@aa-dc.org] Linne C.
  - Nightwatch: [Nightwatch@aa-dc.org] OPEN
  - Unity/Outreach: [outreach@aa-dc.org] Arnie S.

- **Ad-Hoc**
  - Gala: [gala@aa-dc.org] Erica C.
  - Oldtimers: [oldtimers@aa-dc.org] Eryn C.