

JUNE (DRAFT) MINUTES

Washington Area Intergroup Association (WAIA)

Board of Directors Meeting

The Church in Bethesda 5033 Wilson Lane Bethesda MD

June 11, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

Called to order at 8:00pm; Adjourned at 8:41pm

1. Chair's opening remarks [Sean C. filling in for Alex M.]

2. Executive Committee Meeting Report [Suzanna D. on behalf of executivecommittee@aa-dc.org]

Officers:

- **Chair:** Alex M. chair@aa-dc.org
- **Vice Chair:** Sean C.
- **Treasurer:** Arno S. treasurer@aa-dc.org
- **Secretary:** Suzanna D. secretary@aa-dc.org

At Large Members:

- Eryn C.
- Ben P.
- Mike L.
- Chris H.
- Andrea C

3. Approval/Changes to Previous Meeting's Minutes [Suzanna D. secretary@aa-dc.org] See past meeting minutes here: <https://aa-dc.org/board-minutes>

4. Standing Reports:

Registrar's Report [Jeff M. registrar@aa-dc.org]: 25 reps and 4 voting alternates

Office Admin Report [Luella T. aa-dc@aa-dc.org; 202-966-9115; www.aa-dc.org]: The July issue of the New Reporter & digital.New.Reporter will go out by the end of next week.

Volunteers needed at the desk, 7 slots open:

Sunday, 10-1 PM,
Sunday, 1-4 PM,
Monday 10-1,
Thursday 1-4 PM,
Thursday 4-7 PM,
Thursday 7-10 PM,
Friday 1-4 PM.

May Calls – 410

37 for help;
93 WAIA Business
39 Literature & Chip Orders
220 Meeting Information
16 Public Information
1 Alanon (Third Party)
4 No Meeting at Location Calls. 3 were unidentified, 1 for Progress Not Perfection in Upper Marlboro which is an active meeting; caller was confused about meeting time and location. 50 walk-ins to the office

Treasurer Report [Chris H. treasurer@aa-dc.org]: See handouts.

5. Committee Reports

*****Corporate Committees*****

Technology Committee [Alex M. tech@aa-dc.org]

- G-Suite is OPERATIONAL! Currently, any @aa-dc.org email sent to an address without an account on the new G-suite is continuing to our old mail server (Webfaction) and from there being delivered to the personal email addresses of committee members and/or stored in a general mailbox. No change to the way our members contact us is planned.
- Technology Committee will contact committee chairs individually to set up their accounts and move their committee email (i.e. office@aa-dc.org) to a google group - personal emails can still be used to be notified that email has been received - but should NOT be used to respond to public requests as the addresses often violate our tradition of anonymity (i.e. FirstName.LastName@gmail.com) and the conversations are not stored for the next person to have the position. The committee will also have a place to store documents (Google Drive/Docs) and other resources as requested.
- Upon request - anyone doing service on behalf of WAIA with a business need to send email can have an account in this format: FirstName.LastInitial@aa-dc.org (i.e. alex.m@aa-dc.org) and all committee email can be forwarded there - and if necessary to your personal addresses.
- If there are concerns with privacy (using a google-cloud product) please see the link to the "WAIA and GSUITE" presentation at: aa-dc.org/tech. More information is available upon request.
- **Opportunity!** TECHNICAL AND NON-TECHNICAL PARTICIPATION REQUESTED Tech Committee Meeting Thursday, June 13th 8pm to 9pm eastern by phone only: (515) 606-5187 – Enter Code 617307.

Other Corporate Committees:

Finance [Eryn C. finance@aa-dc.org]:

- Reminder! The August meeting is the Finance and Budget Committee meeting--there is no August Executive Committee meeting or Board meeting; The Finance Committee meets at 7pm to do the budget. Committees are requested to send budget requests to finance@aa-dc.org. All are welcome to attend.

Office: Tom G. office@aa-dc.org

Rules (Bylaws): Ben P. rules@aa-dc.org

*****Service Committees*****

Accessibility: Teresa R. Accessibility@aa-dc.org

- In the past month the Accessibilities Committee has been working on two fronts: 1) We have been identifying meetings within a selected district that have no General Service Representative (GSR) so that when we visit each meeting within a district to double check the information regarding accessibility as reported in the Where and When meeting list, we can also promote participation in the Washington Area Intergroup Assembly (WAGSA). We have asked that each WAGSA District Committee Representative (GSR) identify an accessibility contact within each district in return. 2) In preparation for the submission of a budget request to the Washington Area Intergroup Association (WAIA) for funds for American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters, we have been soliciting recommendations from the deaf community.
- **Opportunity!** The Committee meets next on July 2nd by phone at 6PM: (515) 606-5187 – Enter Code 617307.

Archives Committee Report [Stan S archives@aa-dc.org]

- If you have WAIA Banquet tapes please donate them to be converted to MP3 files.
- Committee continues to survey a sample of the WAIA's BOD minutes to glean service tasks for each committee for the forthcoming Service Workshop. The Archives Committee welcomes any help available in this survey.
- The Committee has received the new AA publication Our Great Responsibility compiled by the AA General Service Office Archives of selected General Service Conference talks by AA Cofounder Bill W. Copies are available for purchase at the WAIA office.
- Stan attended the Northeast Regional Forum in Tarrytown, NY over the June-the-First Weekend where our spanking new six-day-old Northeast Regional Trustee, Francis G., moderated most of the sessions. Our Area 13 Chair, Tony, also attended and is eager to celebrate in 2020 the apparent Seventieth anniversary of our Area's formation. Tony asked if our Committee could research its month.
- To date "The Archival Checklist" has not been obtained by the Committee.
- Jeff attended Founder's Day in Akron this past weekend.
- Someone from California who upon return from Vietnam in 1971 saw a Stars and Stripes issue with an obit on AA co-founder Bill W. GSO's Archives referred them to the Washington Intergroup Archives for help in their hope of obtaining a copy. So far we have only attempted to contact Stars and Stripes.

Hospitals & Institutions Committee (H&I) [Sean C. hni@aa-dc.org; (240) 370-6165]: **Opportunities for Service!**

- Samaritan Inn, 2523 14th St, NW Washington DC Seeks volunteers to bring meetings on Mondays & Wednesdays at 6pm.
- Clarksburg County Correctional Facility: Women's JAS at Clarksburg Jail is seeking female volunteers to bring in a meeting once a month on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday evenings.
- Clarksburg County Correctional (MCCF) seeks volunteers for the Youth Offenders Unit on Wednesdays 7-8 pm or 7:30-8:30 pm and Thursday evenings 6-7 pm.
- FYI: H&I will be cooperating with WAGSA's Bridging the Gap to coordinate institutions who have been reached by H&I with up to six meetings
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)** [Leslie A. CPC@aa-dc.org]: June 7th table at AU health fair. Next event is July 14-17 at Gaylord National Harbor. Has literature to take.
 - **Opportunity for service!** Need volunteers to help staff the event.
- **Outreach:** Ben P. Outreach@aa-dc.org: Any new reps please see Ben P. for orientation. Committee has not met yet this year, but still working on outreach plan to visit meetings that do not have a WAIA rep yet. Will need help from full board.
- **Literature** [Mike L. Literature@aa-dc.org]: has been active.
- **Night watch** [Turpy B. Nightwatch@aa-dc.org]: Response to calls has been improving. Is being monitored.

*******Ad-hoc/event committees*******

2019 AA Sponsorship Conference [Will R. sponsorconference@aa-dc.org or 301-455-1256]

- **Details:** AA Sponsorship Conference 2019, Saturday, September 14—8 a.m-6 p.m., Seekers Church, next to the Red Line
- 2019 AA Sponsorship Conference is loaded onto the WAIA website. It can be found by going to Events and scrolling to September for Sponsorship Conference. The direct link to the site is: <https://aa-dc.org/2019sponsorshipconference>. Hopefully we have everything in order to start registration and we also have a link to a flyer you can download. Let me know if you have questions or you see ways we can improve our advertising.
- Some of the topics and questions that will be addressed throughout the day:
 - Maintaining Spiritual Anonymity: Sponsor & Sponsees
 - Breaking Up Is Hard To Do: When /How?

- Find a Sponsor &/or Sponsees: Attraction or Promotion?
- Working In the Gray Areas: Outside Issues
- Sponsorship / Friendship: Drawing the Line
- Linage: How Important Is It?
- Long Distance Sponsorship: Does it work?
- Service /Spirituality /The Book: How Many Sponsors?
- Service Sponsor: Service at the Area level, How does it work?

WAIA Gala [Liz L. gala@aa-dc.org]

- Proposed date: March 21, 2020. Please speak up asap if that time does not work.
- Loss of \$300 noted in the May meeting minutes from the floor. Response that the costs of the table-clothes will be recouped over the next three years; and clarification regarding the purpose of the Gala to celebrate (not raise money)

Oldtimers: Rachel W. oldtimers@aa-dc.org:

- Meeting flyer on WAIA website. Friday November 9th. Location in Olney (same as last year which ran out of space), but other locations were going to charge a lot of money. Rachel W. looking for someone to take over the Oldtimers.

Grapevine: Alaina Grapevine@area13aa.org:

- Grapevine celebrated 75 years! New book called Take Me to your Sponsor. Will have more next month. District 2 is having a Grapevine workshop July 20th from 1-2:30 in Woodley Park, DC. for more details email

Hospitality: Mike L. Hospitality@aa-dc

- Ice cream social following next month's board meeting. Request for lactose free ice cream.

Other Ad hoc/Event Committees:

Service Workshop: Katherine R. serviceworkshop@aa-dc.org

New reporter: Tony F. Newreporter@aa-dc.org

6. Old Business

Any old business?

7. New Business

Any new business?

8. Liaison Reports (WAGSA/District/NoVA/Hispanic)

Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) [Terry H.]

- The Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) met in their monthly Committee format last night (June 10). The Delegate spoke briefly about her experiences at the General Service Conference, saving details for the June 22 Report-Back Assembly.
- The Chair encouraged more volunteers for the Public Information and Bridging-the-Gap Committees and suggested that Districts or groups consider having their own Grapevine Representative; he also introduced the idea of some sort of celebration in recognition of the 70th anniversary of WAGSA in 2020. He cited the historical precedent of a July recess for WAGSA (i.e., NO meeting in July).

- The three ad hoc Committees (Accessibility, Corrections and Service Sponsorship) all reported increasing levels of interest and participation. The Bridging-the-Gap Committee is formalizing group and District liaisons throughout the area.

Upcoming WAGSA Events:

- June 22 (Saturday; 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.): Delegate Report-Back Assembly regarding General Service Conference (Holy Cross Hospital, Rooms EDU 1-3, 1500 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901)
- June 28-30 (Friday-Sunday): 49th Annual Area 29 Maryland State Convention (Clarion Inn Frederick Event Center, 5400 Holiday Drive, Frederick, MD 21703)
- July 8: WAGSA is in recess for the month of July; NO meeting is scheduled.
- July 14-17 (Sunday-Wednesday): National Association of Drug Court Professionals "All Rise" Annual Conference (Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD 20745)
- November 17 (Sunday, 8:00-11:00 A.M.): 32nd Annual Area 13 Gratitude Breakfast (Marriott Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland University College, 3501 University Boulevard, Hyattsville, MD 20783)

Comite Paso 12 de Maryland/Spanish-Speaking [Domingo V. 240-644-7189]

- Received 73 calls in May. 37 were in English, were referred to WAIA. 36 were in Spanish, which were referred to different spanish-speaking meetings in the area.

Virginia Intergroup Liaison [Alan C.]