

AIWAV March Meeting 2025

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After a few brief notices by our president Julia the latest AIWAV meeting became a lively fun affair with the presentation by member Irene of the research she has done into the history and state of the infamous blue crab. Irene hails from Baltimore and gave a fascinating history of the culture and community around fishing and eating the blue crab in the Chesapeake Bay.

The presentation moved onto the current situation in the Adriatic with some history of how the arrival of the blue crab probably came with cargo and cruise ships first recorded in the 1980s. She then related some eye watering facts including the vast number of eggs a female can lay and the importance of the water consistency in brackish estuary areas. The impact on the local fishing industries and restaurants was discussed along with some of the remedies already proposed within the local fishing communities and from current level.

Irene kindly prepared some beautiful booklets of traditional East Coast recipes along with a description of the famous Old Bay seasoning mix. There were many ideas about how AIWAV could help to encourage the farming and preparation of the blue crab to make it a viable and successful alternative to the local green crab famously known as Moeche.

The last part of the evening was a lively catch up and discussion of connections and activities amongst the members. Thanks to all who braved the wet weather to come.



Information from the AIWAV Membership Team 27-3-25

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Maximize Your AIWAV Membership: Get Involved and Grow

We're thrilled to have over 40 incredible members in our AIWAV community, and there are so many ways to get involved and make the most of your membership. Since our December meeting, several coworking groups have developed, offering fantastic opportunities to connect, share skills, and make a meaningful impact.

New Coworking Groups:

- **Let's Cook! Support Team:** We've met a few times to prepare meals together, enjoying good food and great company.
- **Go Crab Go Team:** This team is addressing the blue crab invasion in the Venice lagoon. Irene shared valuable insights at our February meeting, and members are working on possible solutions.
- **Carnivale Team:** Many of you helped organize our successful Carnivale party in February, bringing our community together for a fantastic celebration.

Create Your Own Coworking Group

As a member, you have the opportunity to propose a new coworking group on any topic that interests you! Whether it's a hobby, a shared cause, or a fun way to connect with others, suggesting a new team is a great way to bring people together. Simply propose your idea at one of our monthly meetings or reach out to someone on the leadership team to make it happen. We encourage you to be creative and help foster new connections within our community!

Volunteering for Roles Within Teams

As a member, you're also welcome to step up and take on a leadership role within AIWAV. Formal leadership positions include President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer in order to follow the Fawco guidelines. Information about electing these roles will be coming soon, with voting set to take place in June. If you're interested in stepping up for one of these elected roles, you can put your name forward in the next two months. There will be more discussion and details about this process at our upcoming monthly meetings.

Volunteering for roles within teams that support the leadership is a wonderful way to actively contribute and make a difference. Here are the teams where you can get involved:

- **Membership Team:** Welcome and engage new members, helping them feel like part of our vibrant community. Assist with the administrative aspects of the membership process to ensure a smooth experience for everyone.
- **Events Team:** Plan and organize events that bring us together and connect with the wider Venice community.
- **Charity/Causes Team:** Support charitable initiatives and fundraising efforts, helping us make a positive impact locally.
- **Communication Team:** Help with newsletters, social media, and keeping our members informed and connected.
- **Resources Team:** Organize valuable resources available in the membership area of our website, where members can share insights and navigate opportunities and challenges in the Veneto region.
- **Public Relations Team:** Build relationships with local businesses and media to raise awareness about AIWAV's work, as well as engage with our membership to foster stronger internal connections.

Why Get Involved?

Volunteering for roles within the teams that support AIWAV is a fantastic way to enhance your membership experience. Whether you're eager to showcase your skills, learn something new, or connect with others, there's a team that can benefit from your involvement. By getting involved, you'll have the opportunity to share your expertise, grow through new learning experiences, and strengthen your connections with fellow members. Most importantly, your contributions will help ensure the continued success of AIWAV, making a positive impact on our community.

How to Get Involved

Ready to dive in? Reach out to a team coordinator or attend an upcoming meeting to learn more about how you can contribute. Volunteering for roles within our teams is a great way to help shape the future of AIWAV while building lasting connections.

