

March 22, 2018

2018 Spring Assembly Cover Letter

Welcome to the 2018 Spring Assembly!!

First off, thanks to District 22 for hosting today's assembly. A lot of work goes into making sure these Area meetings go off without a hitch and we all appreciate your service.

Attached to this cover letter is the agenda for the 2018 Spring Assembly.

Looking through the agenda there are a couple items to point out. First, just as we did at the Winter Committee meeting, you'll notice that in place of reading of the entire 12 Concepts I have instead apportioned time for the reading and explanation of just a single Concept, this time Concept II.

Also, as the new rotation is still relatively early, most of the Administrative committees have yet to meet so their reports will be very brief (if at all) today. Speaking of Administrative committees, with the exception of the past delegate that has agreed to serve on the Report & Charter committee the rest of that committee remains un-appointed. I hope to be able to announce a full slate of members at the next Committee meeting and will present them for formal approval at the Summer Assembly.

Under new business the first item will be to hold elections for the (3) open Area Standing Committee Alternate Chair positions which are shown below.

- Accessibilities Comm - Alternate Chair
- CPC Comm - Alternate Chair
- Grapevine Comm - Alternate Chair

Next on the agenda we will hear bids for the 2019 Spring Assembly Conference (this conference) as well as the 2019 Illinois State Conference. Then you'll notice a rather rare item, which is a floor motion from the Conference Advisory committee. That committee has submitted a motion to me (in writing) per the guidelines, in sufficient time that I am able to include it as an item on the agenda. The exact floor motion reads as follows:

Motion - *On behalf of the Area Conference Advisory Committee it is moved that the 2019 Spring Assembly Conference be cancelled. The 2019 Spring Assembly will convene as a stand-alone event at a location to be finalized when the 2019 calendar is approved later this year.*

Background- *This motion is being prepared and submitted to the Area Chair as a floor motion to be presented in the unfortunate event that no bids for the 2019 Spring Assembly Conference are accepted at the 2018 Spring Assembly. The committee feels that without a binding bid at today's assembly there will be insufficient time for a future committee to properly plan for and execute a Spring Assembly Conference in 2019, as this would mean that committee would have less than 12 months to prepare. This motion only affects the **2019 Spring Assembly Conference**.*

Submitted by the NIA Conference Advisory Committee-

Under Old Business we'll here reports from the 2018 Big Book conference, the 2018 Spring Conference committee (the committee that planned this conference), as well as an update on the Area Inventory. Then we'll here reports from the standing Service and Administrative committee chairs and lastly from the Area officers.

Respectfully submitted-

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