

**Area Chair Report
March 9, 2013
Spring Assembly
Clock Tower Rockford**

Thank you district 72 for hosting today's assembly and thank you district 70 for hosting this weekends Spring Conference. February 15-17, 2013 I had attended the Conference of Delegates Past and Present in La Porte Indiana. This was the second time I have attended the Conference and was able to witness a Mock Conference Session. The exercise demonstrated how an agenda item might be presented at the General Service Conference. I had the opportunity to share with others from our Regional Area. At the conference the State Policy Committee had a meeting, which consisted of the Delegates and Area chairs from the three Delegate Areas of Illinois. Also in attendance were the alternate delegates and two members of the State Conference planning committee. The State Conference planning committee explained the program that has been created and asked for participation from all. Then the Policy Committee and the State Conference planning committee discussed the action of having an event page for the State Conference on Facebook. The policy committee voted unanimously to table the request at the present time and to move forward with creating a test page for the Policy Committee to review. On February 17, 2013 I was able to attend the State Conference Planning committee and give my report to the committee.

For about the last four months I am been working on getting a Spring Conference banner for the 2013 Spring Conference. I had contacted many members from the two previous Spring Conferences and our Area Alternate Chairs to try and locate the old one, with no results. I then tried to find out if anyone remembered exactly what the banner looked like and its dimensions. All I got was blue letters and silver background. So I designed a new banner and researched many different companies to get the best deal. Then the problem of getting it in the correct format slowed me down a little. Finally found the correct format and the person who could produce it, thanks Doug W. The expense of the banner went though the operating committee with a unanimous vote in favor of purchasing it.

I have also been working closely with our NIA Service Manual Custodian Jay W. to get all the updates in the unabridged and abridged versions of the Service Handbooks. Some of the updates were small ones that dealt with numbers, incorrect spelling and inconsistencies with word usage. Urbano S. the DCM from District 20 and a member on the Report and Charter committee has made the same changes for the Spanish versions.

February 24th I attended the BTG Annual Weekend Workshop planning meeting in La Fox. Unfortunately the only ones in attendance were Carol H. and I. It appeared to me that the committee needs more volunteers or alternates.

Thank you for your attention

Respectfully submitted

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