

**Area Chair Report  
June 15, 2013  
Summer Assembly**

Thank you district 12 for hosting today's Assembly meeting. I hope everyone had a chance to read the information that was sent out with the preliminary and final agenda.

As you have seen the procedures for the planning of the Spring Conference has "As Approved by the Area Committee" watermark across it. According to the NIA guidelines the procedures need to have a substantially unanimous vote of the Area Committee and a sense of the Assembly. We will be having a few agenda items that will need a two-thirds majority to pass. Since the spring committee meeting I have been mostly busy at my computer reading and answering e-mails. Once again thank you to those who copy me on your district minutes and conference reports. Those reports and district minutes will be added into NIA archives.

I am sure many have noticed that I seem to be a little obsessed with the sign in sheets from your breakout sessions. It is because I have been keeping a fairly accurate account of members at all the committee and assembly meetings. The attendance is broken down into five different categories; area officers with committee chairs, DCMs and alternates, district committee chairs, GSRs and visitors, guest or volunteers. This was an item mentioned on the 2011 Area inventory about what the attendance was at each area meeting throughout our area.

I have been working with the unabridged version of our NIA service manual adding all the new revisions that have been passed this year. I also have been researching cost effective measures for the printing of both handbooks. I have a copy of a new design for the unabridged version which I feel looks nicer and will last longer. These can be purchased for four dollars apiece. I will have a sign up sheet up front for anyone wishing to purchase one or two. The copies will be available at the summer committee meeting August 10<sup>th</sup>.

June 6<sup>th</sup> I and Ray M. meet with an associate of the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg to sign a contract to use the facility for the Delegates Past and Present conference being held next February. Ray will be reporting on that conference starting at the summer committee meeting. June 9<sup>th</sup> I attended the State Conference planning meeting. Without doing their report it appears they are trudging alone pretty good.

I have sent out a couple of e-mails trying to get a few members to be on the Electronic Equipment Committee. There were a few responses with questions. I hope I answered those questions. It would be nice to get a few new members that could learn from or assist Robert for the remainder of the year so they will be able to take over for the 2014-2015 year. Please if you or you know of anyone that would be interested contact myself or Robert S.

Respectfully submitted

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Area Chair

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