

2014 Fall Assembly

September 13, 2014

Lord of Life Church, LaFox, IL

(District 20, Host)

Robert S called the meeting to order at 9:00am

Robert read *Why Do We Need A Conference?* by the late Bernard B. Smith from the AA Service Manual

A quite time was taken followed by the Serenity Prayer

New Attendees

Gordon, GSR and D40 GV Chair

Al, GSR Barrington

Ron P, GSR and PI D62

Bob M, GSR/D11 Literature Chair

Ralph, GSR/D23 Treatment Chair

Tom M, D41 BTG

Melissa, GSR D71 DeKalb

Kevin T, GSR Geneva

Rick L, GSR Waukegan

Walt B, Alt GSR Aurora

Dave, D64 Alt PI

Mike M, GSR Elgin

Joe S, GSR and D 64 Webmaster

Laura K, GSR and D11 Alt Secretary

Doug I, GSR Fox Valley

Alex H, GSR D22 Elgin

Randy B, Alt GSR D22 Elgin

AA Anniversaries

Chris – 5 years

Bob P – 25 years

Judd W – 17 years

Frank M – 32 years

Bea U – 27 years

Tom – 17 years

Mary F – 27 years

Phil G – Aug 39 years

Danny M – 39 years

Linda L – 1 year

Bob L – 5 years

Alicia F – 3 years

Felicia – 28 years

Carmela R – 14 years

Bill W – 22 years

Bob F – 15 years

Tom B – 37 years

Randy B – 10 years

Bob K – 10 years

Jim W – 4 years

Dave – 4 years

Bob M – 8 years

Alex – 2 years

Sue – 27 years

Michael M – 1 year

Dawn B – 11 years

Jeff G – 12 years

Twelve Concepts of World Service was read by Alicia

Announcements for today Rafael announced D20 is serving burritos for lunch.

Betty G – Jeanne F has suffered a stroke. Will circulate cards for everyone to sign.

Approval of Summer Assembly Minutes Robert S called for comments or corrections; there were none. Summer Assembly Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report - Judd W reported on behalf of Janet:

This report is being presented as of August 31, 2014. The following is our financial status as of this date.

	2014
Contributions/Income:	\$45,893.18
Expenses:	<u>\$44,368.28</u>
Excess of Income over expense	\$ 1,524.90

Current checking account	\$ 6,201.07
Current prudent reserve	<u>\$17,835.00</u>
Net Assets	\$24,036.07

2014 Primary Purpose Register

The 2014 primary purpose register thru August 31, 2014 is attached to this report. Actual expenses for each PPB and PPM are listed through August.

The Area sent a contribution of \$14,000 to GSO in June. Total contributions to GSO in 2014 are \$18,800. Our annual insurance policy of \$3,128 for the year ending June 15, 2015 was also paid.

Can Contributions

Pink Can Fund: has received a total of \$4,777.47 YTD in contributions. We have spent \$6,093.80.

Green Can Fund: no activity

Expense Reimbursement

Please remember to turn in all receipts with your reimbursement requests.

If you have any questions regarding this information or the attached financial reports please call or send me an email.

Question/comments: Al asked why there were no contributions to Green Can fund? Judd W there have been none for maybe a year; matter of group conscience; can contribute or not

Finance Committee Report - Mike H reported: Excess as of August 31; recommend sending \$6,000 on to GSO.

Questions/comments: Cheryl V – did finance committee approve to send Finance chair to BTG conference? Mike - yes

Operating Committee Report – Steve reported no activity

Delegate's Report – Cheryl V

The 2014 Conference Reports have arrived! Well, truthfully as of right this minute they haven't... But they will be delivered on Friday to my house. My hope is that I will be able get them organized and ready to bring to the Assembly the next morning. Which means I can't really report on what is in the report... not even what color the cover is.

Since our Assembly in June I have been frequently on the road. I have delivered various post-General Service Conference (GSC) reports, I believe 7 so far. I do owe apologies to District 11 since I missed the meeting they invited me to. Being Delegate has allowed me to be human on another level... having to make amends for missing a Delegate's report gives me new humility because I feel so strongly about keeping my commitments to deliver these. One of the neat "coincidences" in delivering these was my trip down to Clifton and District 52. Some of you may recall that I had to leave the Committee Meeting early to make that appointment. On the way down I stopped to use a gas station and stopped at the same station were recovering motorcyclists on their way a picnic.

The other thing that happened is that I was able to connect with someone who attends one of the meetings chosen to participate in the 2014 Membership Survey. This survey work has been a bit uphill. Of the 15 meetings chosen in Northern Illinois Area (NIA) to participate, over half of them were difficult to contact. These meetings had contacts or GSRs who were, for one reason or another, no longer the correct person. In one case the person had moved to Texas. In the case of some of the clubs, there was no person as a contact, only the club phone number. Of those that I was able to make personal contact I found that they were very interested in participating. Only one group wasn't really receptive. All in all it was a rewarding effort and I got to meet people and attend meetings that I would not normally. What a wonderful opportunity that you have afforded me.

But more importantly it brought to attention that we need to work with our groups to make sure they have contacts at minimum if not GSRs. Meetings with a GSR or contact are listed in the national directory. These directories are used by members as they travel around the country. For those DCMs reading this, it points out how vitally important it is for you to work within your District to try and encourage meeting contact information to be kept up to date. I know how challenging this work can be, but please keep at it. The alcoholic who is looking for a meeting may be trying to call the contact to get directions, and they may desperately need a meeting.

I attended the East Central Regional Conference in Perrysburg, Ohio on July 25th through 27th. As you may recall, the Area funded an additional 6 people to attend and participate in the round table discussions that centered on sharing how each Area does service. I believe each of the people attending will be providing a report on what they heard. In addition, I've requested that each of them forward me their information and I have submitted them to Phil G. for a Concepts piece.

Dialog with members at GSO

As I reported in my Committee Report last month, I forwarded a couple items to the Director of Publishing at AA World Services (AAWS). These were suggestions from members of the fellowship on things that could be done better in terms of our literature. One was in regards to ordering literature on line in Spanish, the suggestion was to see if the English titles could be at the location to ease ordering. The other was to allow space on the back of pamphlets so that local AA organizations could stamp them with contact information. Both of these suggestions were greeted with interest. I sent a quick check up with Greg on Thursday and his replay was "Nothing to report yet. I've been working on myriad other issues and priorities, but the suggestion remains under active consideration." I'm sure with the release of the new pamphlet Many Paths to Spirituality, the complete overhaul of Circles of Love and Service, along with the changes to several other pieces, he has indeed been busy.

Highlights from General Service Board (GSB) meeting August 4, 2014

I will be forwarding on this full report after this meeting. I have found it difficult to pick what pieces to report here, and what to leave for individuals to read on their own. I have to admit that the report has become more interesting to me as a Delegate than it ever was before. It is my hope that DCMs are forwarding these reports on even if they are not reading it themselves. If nothing else it may spark interest in some new GSR or member to become interested in participating in this thing we call general service...perhaps even some day to stand and report as I do today.

Some highlights:

The Trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference has forwarded a number of tasks to the General Service Office (GSO). One would be the development of a website template that could be used by Areas and Districts in the US and Canada. An additional task is to develop a searchable, web-based, mobile-friendly database of meetings in the US. Also they forwarded a request to the GSB to consider a non-geographic district comprised of the North American-based Online AA Groups. This discussion would possible include how those groups might be represented in the General Service Conference (GSC). I would not expect that we will see anything on the 2015 agenda for these items, but more will be revealed.

The Trustee's Literature Committee has agreed to forward to the 2015 Conference Committee on Literature a request to develop literature directed to transgender and gender non-conforming alcoholics. Since I am on that committee, I am interested in the thoughts of our Area on this topic. Also being forwarded is the request to produce a book combining the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions with the Twelve Concepts of World Service. You may recall that we sent a motion regarding this from the Fall Assembly of 2011.

The GSB Chair will appoint an ad-hoc committee to research the potential need for a Conference-approved pamphlet on bridging the gap (BTG) activities for corrections. This was an Additional Consideration that came out of the Treatment motion to broaden the BTG pamphlet.

A topic that was reported that I have heard talked about over the years is the idea of relocating the General Service Office away from New York. A formal study was completed by an independent consulting firm. Some interesting pieces of the discussion included the costs of the relocation with items such as; construction, severance, recruiting and retraining costs, etc. Two interesting items that came out of the investigation was that a salary outside of New York in one of the sample cites was lower. However, the difference between rent in our current location in New York and smaller cities was very small. The rent difference is because we are in a non-profit building. The result of this investigation prompted a recommendation that the office not move. This recommendation caused a motion to move forward with preliminary work for combining the AA World Services offices and the Grapevine offices on to one floor. This actual work would begin after the International Conference and finish by December 2015. This work would prompt a possible draw down on the reserve fund not to exceed \$1.3 million.

In terms of e-Book sales of the 4th edition Big Book stand at 10,508, Twelve & Twelve are at 11,848 and Daily Reflections are 4,925. It will be interesting to see after year end to see where e-Books and "real" books line up. June YTD sales (cash) are ahead of projections for the Grapevine; along with expenses being down. La Vina is experiencing a similar positive experience, and while it isn't fully self-supporting yet, it is moving in the right direction.

The unaudited G.S.O. financial update for the period January 1, 2014 - June 2014 reflected:

Net sales (Literature)	\$8,171,190
Gross Profit (Literature)	\$4,948,213
Contributions	\$3,220,000
Total operating expenses	\$7,540,770
Net Income	\$ 627,616

This rise in "income" has been in part due to the approximately \$1.7 million dollars in sales of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Big Book in the first six months of this year.

Literature Price Increase

Notice have been sent out regarding a price increase to literature effective October 1st. Discounts for shipping and handling will be changing slightly, but it will be to lower costs on larger orders. The last increase to literature prices was in July 2009. Attached as the last page is the price list most recently sent out by the Publishing Director.

Delegate's Sharing

I had several requests for Delegate's Sharing's these past couple months. This is where an e-mail is sent out to all the Delegates asking how each Area handles a particular subject. I am finding this a very interesting effort as it allows me to see into how different and the same each Area is. It brings a greater depth of understanding to autonomy.

One of the requests was regarding the use of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters at meetings. The results were very interesting. One District that uses special donation cans to help offset costs. Another Area funds it for the Assemblies. There are Areas that use professional signers, and others that rely on member volunteers. It seems that in most Areas the Special Needs chair in the Area or District coordinate the activity as needed. It seems that Western Washington has a very active Access Committee in which the deaf community places a significant part. Some of that is due to a deaf school in Vancouver. To that point, a motion was recently submitted to make this an Area funded activity that any group can participate in. Another interesting items what that Area 81 (Canada) has funding through their social services. In the one location that uses those services they switched to an Open Meeting format to accommodate the interpreters. I have forwarded this report to Urbano.

There was a request regarding liability insurance for groups by landlords. Seems that like all issues, there are diverse answers. About a third of them have not had this happen, yet. Another third has the issue, and the smaller groups have had to move to new locations because they couldn't afford the insurance. The other third have found a way to pay the insurance. One location had several groups and they split the cost between themselves. Another Area had groups in District band together to get a better rate. One Area suggests to the groups to ask the church who their provider is so they can contact the insurance agency and see about getting a rider, which is apparently much cheaper.

Upcoming Events

The NIA Big Book Conference is on the horizon. Scheduled for October 25th in Glen Ellyn, it will be hosted by District 40. Please register now so they can plan accordingly.

The big one that's coming up is the International Conference in Atlanta, July 2-5 next year. On line registration went live at 9am on the 3rd. Shortly afterward it appears the server crashed. It seems a lot of us tried to register as early as possible. Housing will be assigned after you have registered. If you register on-line you will be given a badge number to use for housing. If you mail in your registration you will be sent the necessary forms to register for a hotel.

It is the hope of the Delegates, past and present, to have a hospitality room at the conference. We are working to arrange for a space, along with working together in the East Central Region on planning. What with the 2020 International being held in Detroit, we feel like it's right in our backyard. Well, at least in our Region. Each Area is going to be asking for some funding to help offset costs. Hopefully we will know soon what those might be.

Planning is underway for the 2015 Panel 65 General Service Conference. They are looking for suggestions to list as potential ideas for the theme, presentation topics, and sharing sessions. I will forward out this memo to the Area Committee. These are needed by December 15th. I'd like to suggest that perhaps any District interested in participating

add this to their agenda and give their GSRs the chance to participate in a small way with the conference. It appears that you can send your suggests in yourself, although if you wish to have me forward them I will be happy to

The assembly broke for Service Committee Breakout Meetings

Conference Reports

1. 2014 Big Book Conference, Jeff L reported: Our last meeting was held September 7, 2014. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 21st. All Committees are staying within their budgets. We have looked at and discussed a preliminary draft of the program. Our public information chairs have been attending Area District meetings to push for registrations. We also have had a registration table at other Area events. We will be using the facilities screens and sound system for the main speakers only. Lunch will be provided by Rossati's. Our volunteer list is growing but as always could still use the help. Registrations are low at this point with only six weeks to go, so please register before leaving today.

2. 2014 Ohio State / East Central Regional Conference, Cheryl V – it was a great time. Held in OH, great time had by all. We will host the next ECR with our state conference in 2016; will try to meld ECR into State Conference.

3. 2015 Spring Conference John G, co-chair reported; all committees filled except archives and Grapevine. Flyer registration forms are available for distribution. Standing committee chairs will be contacted as the program is developed.

New Business

Robert asked the Assembly to determine if they would agree to hear floor motions later during business.

Floor Motion was read by Pat C to determine if Assembly would like to consider today: Correction Committee moves to allocate funds to provided needed literature to SIA 21 corrections; literature will go to jails, prisons and penitentiaries; A vote was taken on whether or not to hear the motion; if vote yes, then we will take a vote during business.

Voting members of Assembly were identified

Vote was taken

In favor 87

Opposed 8

Motion carries; will hear the motion

Martin C presented a floor motion to split \$7,000 equally among the districts (\$280 each) so they can make literature purchases before prices increase.

Vote was taken on whether or not to hear the motion and vote on later

In favor 38

Opposed 54

Motion fails; will not hear the motion

1. Motion by the Treatment, Corrections, Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community committees move to form an NIA Bridge the Gap (BTG) standing service committee. Carol H presented

Questions/comments: Betty G, Treatment Chair. I was sponsoring someone coming out of treatment – none had gone to AA after treatment. Was gung ho to carry message to treatment

Julie – what is the origin of this motion? Did it come from committee chairs or groups in districts? Carol – from committee chairs. Julie - from my experience, I found there was never enough activity to support such work.

Not sure we should allocate funds that's not bubbled up from group or enough activity to warrant work.

Rob M, Alt AS chair - concern is lack of people to fill positions we currently have, why create more?

Cheryl V – not that I don't think BTG is good, but no BTG desk at GSC or office; we're building something that does not fit into the service structure; NIA is running the cart not GSRs. Don't believe in electing a chair for a committee that is not defined yet. Reason we're sending money to GSO as we don't have current chairs bringing motions to do things

Pat C – in position in less than a year, attending BTG workshop and connected with Area 19 and had not resources to connect with A20

Marcia S – I was involved in corrections work for years; get on a list and take an alcoholic to a few meetings in the area and connect them to AA; this program does that

Ernest L – I'm opposed to another committee because it takes away from the individual. Traditions talk about attraction rather than promotion. Don't carry alcoholic – carry the message. Don't babysit.

Jay W, Alt Special Needs – lets support those committees already in place

Terry W, Panel 54 Past Delegate - motion is originating out of committees; only 5 district have active BTG program and this is not coming from them. This is governance. When you create a committee and then tell them what they want. There is enough difference between corrections and treatment; one committee serving both is not a solution to the problem.

Dawn B, Registrar – as a corrections volunteer, I cannot give my last name or phone number. These 18-19 year old girls need to have a contact through jails and need BTG for them

Jeff G – long term supporter of BTG. Agree that we don't need another committee; corrections committee and treatment should work together; let's make things happen with committees as they exist

John C, Panel 58 Past Delegate – 39 areas have BTG committees, but not at GSO. There is a need, no doubt; in favor of this motion to get Area 20 involved.

Jim W, PI Chair – at GSO there is no answering service committee. BTG been around a long time but there lacks a certain cohesion. I don't want government either but I think this is a good motion and there is a need.

Tom B, Panel 42 Past Delegate – in favor of this. Trend is to have fewer treatment facilities; more people are now being treated through correctional facilities. Important to have boots on the ground. Need to go the way the trends are going to carry the message.

Rich H, Past Delegate – as a corrections volunteer I see a need for this. We have an opportunity to create a commit to facilitate 12th step work and should help make that happen.

Larry S, Panel 56 Past Delegate - how many past treatment chairs said they would do this? Doesn't sound like any rejection to BTG but procedural stuff. What are we here for? One primary purpose. This is an area where we've been at best inconsistent and at worst failed.

Karen D – in our District, when we make out our Answering Service list, we are asked if we would be willing to work w/someone from Corrections or Treatment; our chairs already know who to contact for someone coming from treatment or jails. We already get how to bridge our gap.

Judd W, Alt Treasurer – we already have corrections and treatment committees; the thing in our guidelines that are broken we don't have guideline for these chairs do our work; having another chair isn't going to do that; don't see need to make a new committee but to adjust guidelines

Betty G – in favor, as Treatment Facility chair focused on BTG but need to be focused on Treatment; it's attraction not promotion. I can't do both jobs.

Carol H – motion came out of committees because we felt there was a need; BTG is a separate entity. This would give people the opportunity to have a breakout session with BTG coordinators within the districts. BTG is the biggest secret; we talk about educating but we can't know what they don't know. This is about supporting people who want to do the work.

Bill E, D28 DCM 28 – read the NIA Service Handbook on corrections and treatment; clear what corrections and treatment do, not sure it warrants a separate committee

Vote taken: 2/3 majority required

In Favor 59

Opposed 38

Motion fails

Minority opinion:

Carol – there are 39 areas out there show there is support; what support do we have to know how to do this work? We have 4 committees that want to work together and those out there that want to do the work; this would provide support for that.

Marcia S – treatment and corrections chairs are you willing to take on the work of keeping a database of volunteers?
(committee chairs replied, yes absolutely)

Tom B – standing committees are not stepping up and do their jobs, this body rejecting is a rejection of carrying the message. Reason we don't make proposals is because we don't support them

Rich H – our service manual could be updated; I know that Treatment Chair at GSO is in favor of BTG at a nation level.

Betty G – at BTG Workshop we had unity; I need to assure you I cannot do two jobs.

Larry S – this is not about procedures, guidelines or rules; but what service committees do; we exist to support them. Today we decided not to do that.

Rafael – within last month received 2 calls from prisons with people needing assistance. Need some sort of guidance to help. Why would we not want a committee? Need to help the next recovering alcoholic.

Would anyone like to change their vote?

Laura K – in favor of motion but when I got sober I was scared to go to my first meeting alone. Important to have human interaction of one alcoholic talking to another. If it's not being done now, what's going to make the change? In favor of having this committee.

Mike – we are responsible to help any alcoholic who reaches out. Someone might not have a chance. Think it's a movement that should go forward.

Jenn M – in favor of this because treatment centers are closing and I don't have anywhere to send or anyone to contact because I don't have resources. This is something that is desperately needed. Unfair that this would be passed over because of the idea of a new committee.

Jim – I've never heard of BTG until today. Sounds like something I would very much like to get involved in – so please help me learn more so I can get involved.

Mary Ann, D22 GSR – when I came into AA, I didn't want to be with you people, but after 5-6 years found out what BTG was; I would have joined if I knew who to contact; this is necessary for our primary purpose.

Karen M, Alt GV Chair – noticed Area is reluctant to make permanent changes to anything. Would you accept a friendly amendment to make this committee temporary? Robert - too late

Would anyone like to change their vote? 4 change vote; Robert opened the floor to discussion and revote

Kevin, GSR Fox Lake – willing to change my vote but then I want BTG to come to my district to present this. We heard about this before and it hasn't been active. If you want support, you should have come to our district and presented it at a grassroots level; maybe you'll get a better response.

Cheryl V – one of the motions at GSC was to ass Corrections to BTG pamphlet; if 93 delegates think it's so different why do we think it's the same? I'm not opposed to BTG, I just don't think we need a committee chair at this point; Alt Treatment and Alt Corrections can get it going and then create the committee when there's more work

Judd W – if this motion passes, we will need to establish guidelines and determine whether the committee chair and alternate have voting privileges

Lee O – procedurally at a loss that when no one wanted to change their vote. Not sure why we went any further with this discussion; frothy emotional opinion; Robert – stopped because if anyone wanted to change we would end comments

Jay W – wasn't really defined who would do what; how would committee relate to the two committees? Support BTG but uncertain how committee would function

Denny – NIA had a GV committee before districts and possibly before NY. Having a committee at Area level is not at all unusual

Terry W – how many people in this room involved in BTG actively? I'm assuming then 50% of this assembly is voting out of ignorance of how this works; not an informed group conscience. Better inform Districts. I'm not a believer that creating a committee would solve this problem

Jim W – GSRs tell your groups about BTG; Bill read earlier from the service manual; agree it needs to be defined but issue is not going away.

Linda – first time at assembly, I don't get it; we already have a committee, if they're not doing it lets help them do this. Let's help the next alcoholic and quit worrying about how we're going to do it.

Rich H – this is another job that will get bigger. Our manual is antiquated and needs work. The people who do this work are tireless;

Carol H – I will go to Kevin's district or any group; people don't know how to do this. This is a moving target and people are going to learn only if someone tells them. Came out of 4 committees because of a need. Guidelines need to change.

Robert - Stop here, need to move on and will take another vote

Second vote taken

In favor 68

Opposed 32

Motion passes

2. Motion by the Report and Charter Committee to eliminate the abridged version of the NIA Service Manual

John C presented; Mike H seconds

Tom – friendly amendment to print unabridged include reduction of pages for a single NIA Service handbook to 82 pages by removing the 46 page for the event hosting procedures, which is recommended to be placed on the NIA website; paper copies can be obtained from the Alternate NIA Chair

John C - Report and Charter accepts that amendment

Robert S – new motion is to print the unabridged version minus the hosting meetings section

Questions/comments:

Rob M – would appendix for conferences be struck from manual or included? John C – that goes with the conference guidelines; Rob M - would 12 concepts 12 traditions be included in this version? John – yes

Rob M – amendment to include appendix for conferences in the new manual – John C – I would accept the preamble, 12 traditions and concepts to be included in this unabridged version of the NAI handbook. ; pp 121-123 of current manual

Point of order, Larry S – this is not the place to write motions

Robert S – I do believe we should have the Report and Charter put more time into;

John C – I table the motion

Point of order - Terry W, if tabling, assembly needs to agree and there will need to be a date and time to take off the table

John – I table until next area committee meeting

Point of order - Manus S, assembly didn't approve tabling it

Robert S – the chair is taking the motion off the agenda for now

Point of order – Terry W, you need to allow assembly to table it or not

Robert S – motion is being taken off the agenda for now and we are not going to discuss or vote on this motion

3. Motion to clarify guidelines for Primary Purpose Motions: Judd W presented

Questions/comments:

Rob M – only PPM can come from a committee as far as being proposed to the body? Judd – yes in line with how other motions are submitted to the assembly

No discussion

Vote taken: 2/3 majority required

In favor 70

Opposed 0

Motion passes

4. Motion to amend Duties and Responsibilities of Finance Committee: Mike H presented

Questions/comments: Ray M – why did you select 2/3 majority for approval when it seems to be in the purview of the finance committee’s responsibility? Mike – felt it’s something the assembly needs to approve before they send it elsewhere. Want assembly to be aware and approve it. Substantial unanimity; Ray M - I know what, I’m asking why? Mike – why not? Ray - I believe this is the primary responsibility of the finance committee; assembly already approved that as your primary responsibility with a 2/3 majority. Mike H – it isn’t spelled out in guidelines

Cheryl V – 1) is this a motion brought by Finance Committee or would this happen in Finance Committee report? Mike motion finance committee would bring; 2) if assembly votes no then are we going to start accumulating funds for no AA stated purpose? Mike H - something assembly will need to decide; not my purview – up to the assembly
John C – In favor, my understanding since inception of Primary Purpose; it was only the Finance Committee responsibility to report to and not mandate to assembly; assemblies approval would allow (or not) things to go forward. Think this needs to get done.

Heather – this is not trusting our trusted servants; to have to present a motion for distribution of funds; we voted these people in and should hold accountable; 2/3 is about changing guidelines and not an expenditure – think 2/3 a mistake

Cheryl V – Panel 64 Delegate – I think this comes out of overcorrection of our donation for \$14,000; we are not to accumulate funds without a stated purpose; if we have too much money, we should send on to GSO

Terry W – opposed to 2/3 requirement; elevates a business decision to the level of a policy decision; it should be a simple business decision. Our method is to decide how we want to spend money and spend as it comes in.

Manus S – expenditures are responsibility of the groups (GSRs). I was concerned that Finance Committee has power to make decisions. Finance Committee agreed the assembly should approve but the wording in the guidelines are ambiguous; in fact we could have instructed the Treasurer to send the money without getting clear cut guidance from the assembly. Support motion as written and ask for earnest consideration.

Tom B – simple majority would be sufficient; idea we should not accumulate funds for no stated purpose. Assembly’s decision. Use it here or send it on.

Jim W – if funds accumulate above the prudent reserve can’t hold onto – sense of the assembly should be sufficient

Denny – looks like it allows us to let the committees know how much excess there is. Groups send to Area to allow them to do the work; our responsibility is to use in NIA as much as we possibly can – only way to do that is to know how much we got

Rich – I trust our groups, and the group decisions are best; 4th warranty in Concept XII – all important decisions should be reached by vote, discussion and wherever possible, substantial unanimity.

Ernest L – looking at the responsibilities of our trusted servants – see this as unnecessary change; Finance Committee already in charge of doing most of this stuff; if we approve this we will need to change the other guidelines.

Ray M – respecting what Rich said and read, Vern S talked about policy including business; would as Finance Committee for a friendly amendment to drop the 2/3 requirement and to accept simple majority – would you accept that friendly amendment? Mike H – yes, we can accept a change from substantial unanimity to plurality

Rob M – are we holding money for further purposes; seems committee makes a recommendation and we need to take it back to the groups. Judd – that’s still there, it didn’t get stricken

Martin C – location, location, location – in AA think local, local, local – area, district, club or individuals; not our purpose to send money to NY – if we buy literature goes to NY anyway

Larry S, Panel 56 Past Delegate – I know why old guys disappear. At the summer assembly we objected because the finance committee took unilateral control over money; now complaining we don’t trust our trusted servants. I’m on the Finance Committee; if we’re supposed to get direction from assembly – then assembly needs to get it straight. Where should we go from here?

Manus S – Finance Committee we hope are trusted servants but let’s remember we’re not elected; we’re appointed. As a member of the Finance Committee I want to know the assembly supports our decision.

John C - was it about amount of money or contribution and direction that the Finance Committee was giving to Treasurer and not to the assembly. What we’re asking the assembly to do is tell us what to do with their money.

Robert S –at summer assembly, people were concerned we were sending away money without them having a say so. No one this morning stood up to ask questions about why.

Vote taken with 2/3 majority stricken from the motion

In favor 76

Opposed 7

Point of order – Jeff G, you said the last sentence was struck and it should be 2/3 was changed only.

Minority opinion:

Kim, GSR Wauconda – my group said not enough clarity about sending the money forth; if needs to wait to go to assembly it delays taking action on the money when it could be put to good use. As far as amending; first two bullets are ok - we have issues “with assembly” approval.

No votes were changed after hearing minority opinion; motion passes

5. Motion by the Delegate to purchase DVDs and pamphlets: Cheryl V presented

Questions/comments:

Julie – why is this coming from the Delegate as opposed to the Literature committee? Cheryl – I forwarded to archives and literature and they had no response but brought the motion anyway

Mike M, D10 DCM would one DVD be distributed to each district? Cheryl – give to DCM and they can do what they want but would suggest you share with your committees

Joe S – would you accept an amendment to dispense to Area 20 service positions as well? Cheryl – I would accept to add Area chairs

Judd W – service guidelines for committee chairs already allow service committee chairs to purchase; don't think motion should be amended for that purpose

Mike H – have other DCM's requested a copy of this DVD? Cheryl – part of the role of area is to help educate and bring information to the Districts; these are new pieces. To Judd's point, agree it's already allowed but if I order in bulk we get it cheaper

Mike – no one has asked for it but we're going to get it anyway? Will we get TVs to watch it on too?

Jeff G – talked about this today and believe this is a good idea

Simple majority vote taken

Majority in favor

Minority opinion

Cheryl – more than cost of literature, Allowable expenses in historical practice include shipping

John C – motion states historical practice; what historical practice have we done for this? Cheryl – it was in the motion when I copied it. I took allowable expenses to mean we pay the shipping. I will need to mail to certain districts.

Carl T – took to my group; in the spirit of self-support, we should support ourselves at group and district level. I got our district to purchase the DVD. Our district gave excess money to the area because we we're using it – no need for you to give it back.

Lee O – take exception that Delegate thinks it is her responsibility to educate me. I don't see that spelled out in the responsibilities by anyone that serves at the Area level to educate me on what the groups want

No votes were changed after minority opinion; motion passes

6. Motion to print and distribute (unabridged) Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbooks: Judd W presented

Questions/comments: Rick – first time here; I was told we are supposed to have a voice here. How could you take away my voice to be heard on motion 3? Robert – what's your question? That was a statement.

Ernest – unabridged is a compilation of many documents; was that an action of an assembly at one time? Looking for the point of origin. Judd – this spiral bound book was made up many documents; each was approved by this body.

When this body delegated authority, I made a compiled copy because it serves as a valuable reference.

Michele – GSRs don't get this book but committees do. What about chairs; do they have to pay for it? Judd W – the motion would provide a copy to everyone who has responsibilities as listed in duties and responsibilities section.

Judd – all of these documents are available on the internet; so technically no one needs to pay

Heather – 158 pages is a lot of printing

Carol H – do you know how much information is repetitive between GSR and back part of handbook? Judd – book is divided in half; first part is handbook; second is service guidelines for servants you elect.

Jeff G – who is the source of this motion – Robert - Judd

Is there a second? Robert yes, at committee meeting

Larry S – is this not essentially the same motion that was tabled except for eliminating the abridged version? Judd – the other motion gives to all trusted servants; this motion gives to people elected by Area to do their jobs

Laura – if available online why are we printing? Judd – back then we email around; fact is I have been printing voluntarily. People want them to know how to do their.

Alex H – brought to my group; if money is the issue; I can go to the library and get reimbursed from my group; p26 of AAWS manual states we have financial support somewhere

Judd – these things cost money. There has never been a motion ever that the Assembly be responsible to reimburse for printing; trusted servants cannot print themselves and get reimbursed - this is that motion;

Bill – don't have a problem with intent; with reduction proposed in the other motion, might want to hold off

Bob GSR – sent here by group 2 and 6 are connected and as such should not be presented now

Jeff G – given the last 2 comments, would like to have the Reports & Charter committee repackage for the committee meeting.

Robert S – Judd, would you be willing to work with Report & Charter and present at next committee meeting. Judd – no, I won't.

Point of order - Jeff G, I made a motion to refer this to committee – it was not a friendly amendment; second by Rick

Motion is to refer this motion to Report and Charter to reconsider; any questions? none

Discussion:

Cheryl V – comment is the same; believe two differ issues: 1) what does the GSR need to conduct themselves within the Area; 2) what does DCM, standing committee and officers need? Think it's a different issue as to what GSR and trusted servants need

Larry S. – disagree with Cheryl; there's at least one GSR that has a group conscience they would like to share; think we need to give them an opportunity to talk about it so committee can consider

Rob M – what's missing in current GSR handbook is PPF which GSRs should have some understanding of

Jim – both books are available online as PDF. Many people use mobile devices – not supported by these devices. I would need to pay twice the cost of the book to get it on my device.

Mike V, GSR – I'm grateful they we're combined; my group is in favor of keeping GSR handbook but also in favor of distributing the bigger handbook to the area; if they combine then my group needs to choose one or the other. They are separate matters. Please take this into consideration.

Manus S – we're discussing whether we should table the motion? Robert – no, whether to send to Report and Charter for further consideration. Manus - prefer to vote something up or down; don't agree to send it back because we're not getting agreement

Denny – motion on one hand to simplify GSR handbook or to take book as is and print it now

Laura – url on Service Handbook cover is incorrect; I just downloaded to my phone for free

Robert - a vote in favor means we are going to give this motion to Report and Charter committee to review and bring back; voting "no" means we will vote on this motion today

Vote taken

In Favor 53
Opposed 33
Simple majority
Motion passes

7. Motion to amend the “Primary Purpose Basic Expenses” subsection of the (unabridged) Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbook presented by Mike H

Questions/comments:

John C – amendment 3, what happens to the Alt delegate? Because that is the training ground and the alternate needs to be in this language. Cheryl – already in their duties and responsibilities p 54

Carol H – what is rationale for amendment 2? Judd W – in service position responsibilities already states assembly has delegated responsibility to attend the function and can submit a reimbursement request; reason this is being striking this places area Treasurer or some specified body over others to qualify whether they actively participated

Heather – what do expenses include? Judd – in the background material

Discussion - none

Vote taken

In favor 80

Opposed 1

Minority Opinion – none

Motion passes

8. Accept Bids for 2015 Big Book Conference – no bids presented

9. Accept Bids for 2016 Spring Assembly/Conference

Matt, representing D43; our district voted unanimously to put in a bid for the conference.

Brandon D90/D91 would like to submit a bid to host the 2016 Spring Conference; prepared RFPs and selected Holiday Inn Rock Island for the basis of our budget; total preliminary budget \$8,300;

Robert - any questions for either district?

John C – we have a conference advisory committee. Were you called into a consultation for this? Brandon – we have not consulted; accepted proposals at this time. D43 did you? No

Bob P – the two districts have asked for historical data which I provided

Rob M – what is the location of these districts? Robert - D43 is Naperville; D90/D91 is Rock Island

Ray M – of those two district who last hosted? D43 has not in last 10 years; Brandon – D90/D91 last hosted in 2005

Vote was taken

D90/D91 will be hosting the conference

10. Motion by the Corrections Committee to provide literature to SIA for Corrections Committee’s use in corrections institutions: presented by Pat C

Questions/comments: Dawn B – under impression that when send money to SIA, the vast majority of those coming out of prison in SIA are coming back to NIA

Alex H – since it says state correction facilities; is Chicago Area 19 helping? Pat C – can’t specifically sate yes or no but they typically help

Julie – have the groups been made aware that they are asking for more to be donated but they’re not able to financially fund that? Pat C – I don’t have that knowledge

Denny, past corrections chair for SIA – more prisons and fewer AA groups; groups are small and don’t have the resources. If we’re self-supporting then we should support this because they will come back up to us.

Rob M – as floor motion how many GSRs had the opportunity to take to their groups? I'm concerned about voting without a group conscience; ask it to be tabled to next assembly; Robert S – assembly already voted to hear the motion.
Pat C - there was floor motion presented at the committee meeting. DCMS are supposed to go to that meeting and bring back to their groups
Tom B – availability of excess funds was made known by finance committee; literature price increases are coming up. When we are made aware of excess funds we need a floor motion; mechanism we have to deal with.

Cheryl V – I move that this motion be sent to committee so all groups and GSRs can be aware of this motion rather than the few that heard about it before they came here
Kelly Seconds motion

Discussion:

Cheryl – preliminary motion was different; of the 25 districts, 13 did not get in time for their district meeting; 6 got within a day or two before their district meeting. Our concept states we need a full informed group conscience and we don't have that there. There is no timing on this that it has to be done. In 2nd tradition, groups told Bill W that the good gets in the way of the best. I think we can do better and better can be done by informing the groups.
Michelle – from experience if you don't get the books to them they won't get the help; I think it should get sent because it helped someone like me and it could help someone else before they're released
Tom B – to date we sent \$18,000 to GSO. Sending \$4,000 in literature (which will support GSO) downstate is a fulfillment of our responsibility as an area; if we just keep sending to GSO groups will not see our relevance; opportunity to make a small effort to be self- supporting and carry the message. It's in support of GSO to spend money on literature.
Alex H – is there a concept that states right of decision by this body? Robert – Concept 3; Alex - if we want to hear it and vote on it; why can't we do this here Larry S – more than just one concept involved: within framework for general responsibilities...it should be traditional right...to decide which problems they will dispose of themselves, and which matters they will report, consult or ask specific directions.

Vote on whether or not to vote

Yes = send back to corrections to bring at next committee meeting

No = vote now

Vote taken

Majority is opposed; continue discussion

Jeff G – heard Cheryl say better and best; but also like to ask corrections committee to look at what Cheryl brought up and is there a better solution than to wait til last minute

Rob M – currently 20 county jails; maybe we should send to state and federal penitentiaries

Michelle – from personal experience my brother was a criminal because of drinking and didn't get help in prison and went back to a life of crime

Carol H – my experience has been that when we have a disaster we don't wait two months to make a decision

Rafael – our groups voted to send our pink can money to NIA – in favor of helping next recovering alcoholic and if we have money should do that

Judd W – echoing what Larry said, we have a choice to make; if we vote not to send to SIA, we will send to GSO. Choice is to send to SIA or to GSO; which will most directly carry the message to an alcoholic who is suffering.

Julie – I'm more against it than for; when people are in need, I understand helping but I keep thinking about those groups and they're giving money to their area; worry about us sending the money and potentially interfering. Are we over stepping our bounds?

Maria B – I thought the issue was over. I think it's a shame for our beautiful fellowship to withholding help to those in correctional facilities; if we don't say yes it would be a shame

Vote taken

Minority opinion – none

Motion passes

Robert S took a sense of assembly on whether to hear reports or submit written reports to secretary; assembly agreed to accept written reports

Service Committee Chair Reports

Answering Service, no report

Archives, Jeff G reported: 5 people attended breakout. Our first topic was to finalize planning for the 9/20/14 archives workshop being hosted by D43. There will be at least 4 speakers/panelists with 50+ year of sobriety and other with 40+ years. DuPage County will be presented at next Saturday's workshop.

Other items discussed were: 1) endorsement of motion regarding Markings on the Journey. Unanimous endorsement with friendly amendment to also provide a copy of rare archives committee; b) continued pursuit of a more accessible archives space; c) need for an alternate archivist; c) rotation of archivist position; e) need to review some cassettes and written archival material. Jeff and Nate volunteered to help the archivist with this.

Corrections, no report

CPC, no report

Grapevine, Jim reported: There were 6 people in our breakout group. Districts 22, 40 and 42 were represented as well as the 2015 Spring Conf. GV Co-chair, Tom, and the area GV chair and co-chair. We discussed ways to use the Grapevine as a tool for PI, CPC and Correction committees in our districts.

District 40 is looking into giving away GV subscriptions to members celebrating their one year anniversary. They also make sure there are copies of the GV in circulation at the public libraries. They want to get copies of the GV into Kane and DuPage County jails. The district 43 GV Chair was not able to attend but she did email a report.

They have, "passed out flyers at meetings and to the GSR's at district informing members of all the perks, features, articles and GV merchandise available and how it is progressing with the 'new age technology' in an effort to get more members to subscribe and utilize the assets of the Grapevine."

Literature, Francisco reported:

Effective October 1, 2014, most book prices in the three languages of our Conference (English, Spanish and French) will be increased.

Only few A.A. know about Box 4-5-9 News and Notes from G.S.O. This newsletter includes information about A.A. service, literature, events, sharing from groups, service committees and individual U.S./Canada A.A. members. "A gentle reminder to G.S.R.s that the copy they received from G.S.O. is intended to go to their group."

The Book This edition is published in the original English-language text only

A.A. World Services, Inc. is pleased to announce the publication of the only authorized reproduction of the first edition of Alcoholics Anonymous. The book is priced at \$12.

The official publication date of the first printing of our Big Book, as noted by the United States Copyright Office, was April 10, 1939. There were 4,730 books printed, with red cloth binding, wide columns, thick paper (which was why it was called the Big Book in the first place), and a red, yellow, black and white dust jacket, which came to be known as the "circus cover."

To commemorate this historic printing—and the book's 75th anniversary—the 2013 General Service Conference approved the creation of this facsimile edition, a faithful replica of the original, to be published in April 2014.

eBooks

A.A. Big Book -English, French& Spanish

12 Steps and 12 Traditions- English, French& Spanish

Daily Reflections - English, French& Spanish

New and /or revised A.A. Literature:

B-O (75TH Anniversary BB) Reprint of original 1ST Edition

P-84 (Many Paths to Spiritually) NEW - English, French& Spanish

P-45 (Circles of Love and Service) - revised art work and text. - English, French& Spanish

M-24 (English: A.A. Fact File) – new design layout; various text updates. (2013)

Thanks to District 11 for the opportunity to share in your monthly meeting. Thank you Carol.

PI, no report

Special Needs, no report

Treatment, Weezie reported:

On September 7th I attended the BTGWW in Kansas City, MO. Learned many ways that BTG is working in other areas, districts, and communities. Boils down to basic 12th step work. I also participated on a panel on setting up a BTG program, which was well received. September 10th I attended D62's (Montgomery IL) business meeting. The purpose was to discuss setting up a BTG program; they have interest in hosting a workshop in the future.

Invited to attend another district GSR meeting to discuss BTG. I will be more than happy to travel to any district to help educate people on the BTG program or facilitate a workshop.

Archivist, no report

Concepts, no report

Electronic Equipment, no report

DCM Breakout, Carol H reported: We had 26 members in attendance at breakout.

Unless we have a request for presentations from service committee chairs for the DCM breakout sessions, we will not have any.

We discussed having DCM form a standing committee at the Area level. The question arose to assist DCMs with the travel expenses to the meetings. There is no other purpose for this committee. The consensus was not to form a separate committee but rather create a motion for the Operation/Finance committees to create a line item on the PPB. Voted to create a motion to reimburse DCM for travel expenses for committee meetings and assemblies. Kelly will send the motion to the appropriate committee. 2 opposed. Minority opinion was shared. One vote changed, after hearing the minority opinion that the groups should be supporting the DCM. 10 for; 13 opposed; motion failed.

Feedback from DCMs from 10, 11, and 12 felt Service Orientation was beneficial. D61, D90/D91 would like workshops by the end of the year. Kelly shared these workshops will not include NIA service committee chairs. These should be scheduled separately.

Kelly clarified that the reports DCMs submitted at the committee meeting are to report activities of service committees within their districts.

To address a question from Manus, 5 districts have summer picnic and three have a holiday party by support.

Jamie, DCM from D79 shared that they have a conference each year and bring in speakers from South America and all over the country. The focus is the 36 principles.

We discussed the issue of increasing attendance at the district meetings. This seems to be a common problem. Suggestion that it takes time. Also, to have all groups are LCMs attend meeting that don't have GSR's.

Secretary Breakout, Laura K, Alternate D11 Secretary reported:

Attendance: 8

Nicole E. – Sec., NIA 20

Sharon R. – Sec., Dist. 23

Laura K. – Alt. Sec., Dist. 11

Dawn – REG, NIA 20
John P. – LCM, Dist. 42

Carmella R. – Alt. REG, NIA 20
Bill K. – GSR, Dist. 23

Mary F. – LCM, Dist. 1120

Area 20 Secretary Shared Information: 3 handbooks/manuals available including the NIA Service Handbook, AA Service Manual and the Area 20 Secretary. Stated that she recommended to her district that they purchase approximately 20 AA Service Manuals at the beginning of each year for new people coming in. District Secretary Handbook (available on NIA 20 website)

Area 20 Secretary Hand Out: Distribution list of NIA Officers who would like to receive meeting minutes from District meetings in Area 20. This is a confidential list so it would be a good idea to blind copy (bc) these individuals on meeting minutes. NIA 20 Secretary stated she will send an electronic copy of this distribution list to all DCM's and Secretaries in Area 20.

How to encourage individuals to get involved in service at district level; suggestions included: hold service workshops, invite area members to present at groups & district meetings, conduct surveys at district meetings regarding what district committee members want (Example: shorter reports and more discussion)

Registrar Information: group changes should be sent to Area Registrar (REG); email is the fastest but can also be sent via USPS. Area Registrar sends list of all registered with GSO quarterly. GSR's are responsible for making sure their correct information is provided to District

District Secretaries, or LCM's in some districts, are responsible for making sure correct group information is sent to Area; Area Registrar ensures that correct group information is sent to GSO

Question & Answer

Question: Can groups without a GSR be listed in a meeting schedule?

Answer: It is up to the individual district as to whether a non-registered group can be listed in the district meeting schedule(s).

Question: What is an LCM?

Answer: LCM stands for Local Committee Member. LCM's help groups that don't have a GSR and also helps orientate new GSR's. John P., of District 20, stated that the LCM's in his district act as liaisons between district and clubs.

Question: Does the AA Service Manual have information about what an LCM is?

Answer: Yes. The 2013-2014 gives a definition on page S34.

Question: Can a District Secretary also head up GSR Contact Committee?

Answer: There is no guideline that states they can't.

Treasurer, Judd W reported: 2 attendees. Discussed resources available to groups and districts to provide guidance about finance and checking accounts. Discussed benefits of Employer ID Number, EIN, or Federal ID Number, FIN. This is described in "AA Guidelines: Finance" and in The AA Group: Where It All Begins.

The FID provides a method by which legal entity, separate from and individual "owns" (or is responsible for) a checking account.

Web Administrator, John C, Alternate Web Administrator reported: Except for the usual posting of events and reports, much the website activity since our last gathering has been behind the scenes. I've made some hosting arrangements for the spring conference website at that committee's request and have updated some hosting details on the area site as well. I have reached out to all the district webmasters and am updating our contact information for them and their alternates. Once that is completed I'm going establish a forum for peer support so that district webmasters can help each other and share their problems and solutions in a non-pubic arena.

Plans for 2015 include some restructuring so that the site is easier to see and use on mobile devices such as tablets and smartphones. That will also be an excellent opportunity to look at our site content and determine what might be

removed or added. I'd appreciate any feedback along those lines, so please don't hesitate to express your thoughts. For that or any other reason you can reach me at either of the email addresses listed below.

Report and Charter, no report

Officer Reports

Chair, Robert S reported:

Attached with this letter is the Final Fall Assembly Agenda with Motions included.

There were some minor changes since the preliminary was sent out:

1. The word "ad hoc" was changed to "advisory" in motion one, the second sub-bullet point under bullet point 4, as directed by the committees presenting the motion
2. The Report & Charter Committee Motion was updated to the version they wrote and presented during the discussion at the last committee meeting
3. The potential floor motion was taken off the agenda and replaced with a motion by the corrections committee. The specific details have changed but it is to do the same thing. (NOTE: the assembly will vote on whether to hear this motion prior to the Service Committee Breakout Meetings)

During the Assembly we will hear reports on the East Central Regional Conference that the assembly approved 6 members to participation in. Based what took place at the committee meeting, I am anticipating a lot of discussion on the motions that are being presented.

We still need a district to step up to host the 2015 Big Book Conference

Alternate Delegate, Kelly L reported:

July 25th – 27th I had attended the Ohio State Conference with the Regional Forum embedded. I was able to attend a few panels and share about our Area. It was good to hear how the other 13 Areas conduct their business at their assemblies and or committee meetings.

August 16th I and a few Officers held a Service Orientation Workshop hosted by districts 10, 11 and 12, a big thank you to those districts. There were about 26 in attendance. Many asked questions of the panel members. I felt that it was a very informative workshop for service at all levels.

I am looking forward to possibly having two more workshops in conjunction with Cheryl's post GSC report.

The General Service Office Quarterly Reports were sent out on August 29th. These reports are receipts of the groups' contributions to GSO. I hope they were shared with the groups in your district.

At our last assembly, the DCM breakout had a few visitors which included the registrar, delegate and the chair of special needs. I felt there wasn't much time to discuss DCM agenda items. I sent out an e-mail asking the DCMs and their alternates how they felt about having the standing committee chair attend with a short presentation. Also, asked about the item we were discussing in regards to the DCM being reimbursed by the Area. No one responded.

Alternate Chair, Marilyn F reported:

I would like to welcome everyone and thank District 20 for hosting this event!

Since the last Assembly that was held on June 14, 2014 I have attended the following:

- 07/06/2014 – 2014 Big Book Conference Planning meeting
- 07/20/2014 – 2015 Spring Assembly/Conference Planning meeting
- 08/03/2014 – 2014 Big Book Conference Planning meeting
- 08/09/2014 – Summer Committee Meeting
- 08/16/2014 – Service Orientation Workshop
- 08/17/2014 – 2015 Spring Assembly/Conference Planning meeting
- 09/07/2014 – 2014 Big Book Conference Planning meeting

Alternate Treasurer, Judd W reported:

The address for the NIA Treasurer for the Panel 64 rotation is: Northern Illinois Area, Ltd., P.O. Box 51, Lake Bluff, IL 60044. Contribution envelopes are available at every NIA Assembly and committee meeting. Please complete the form on the envelope when making contributions to NIA so we can correctly account for your contributions.

A summary of group contributions was distributed.

Secretary, Nicole reminded all who presented reports to submit a written copy for inclusion in the Assembly minutes. If you are in need of a new name tag, please let me know.

Registrar, Dawn B reported:

All update requests that were received before 09-08-14 have been processed in FNV.

Total Since 07/25/2014	
Group information	10
New groups/Pending Active	5
Folded/Inactive	3
Group contact information	8
District/Individual contacts	4
Area contacts	1
Total updates	31

We will continue to send welcome letters from the area to new GSRs. The packets include the following:

- a welcome letter from the area
- a snapshot of the group's information from FNV
- NIA contribution envelope

Open Mic

Adjournment and Close