

2015 Spring Committee Meeting

May 9, 2015

Lord of Life Church, La Fox, IL

(District 10, Host)

Call to Order Robert called the meeting to order at 9:01AM

Quite Time

Serenity Prayer

New Attendees

Kyle, GSR

Elizabeth, D10 Grapevine

Jeff B, D10 volunteer

Angela, D10

Dana, D10

David F, GSR

AA Anniversaries

Rob M, 27 years

Ed R, 12 years

Tina R, 24 years

Steve M, 6 years

Richard Z, 11 years

Phil, 34 years

Twelve Concepts of World Service Read by Bob P

Announcements for today Chuck D announced restroom locations, breakfast/coffee in the kitchen; lunch will be served at noon. Cheryl V is circulating cards for Kelly and Jeff L.

Approval of 2015 Winter Committee Minutes Robert S called for comments or corrections; there were none. Winter Committee Minutes approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Janet N

	<u>2015</u>
Contributions/Income:	\$19,803.52
Expenses:	<u>\$23,002.13</u>
Excess of Expense over Income	\$(3,198.61)

Current checking account	\$ 384.58
Current prudent reserve	<u>\$17,100.00</u>
Net Assets	\$17,484.58

2015 Primary Purpose Register

The 2015 primary purpose register thru April 30, 2015 is attached to this report. Actual expenses for each PPB and PPM are listed through April.

The prudent reserve has been increased to \$17,100, which is 30% of the total 2015 PPB's of \$57,000. (This includes the addition of PPB-18, 2015 Annual Bridge the Gap Weekend Workshop.)

Can Contributions

Pink Can Fund: has received in \$2,963.21 of contributions and \$3,315.70 of purchases through April 30, 2015.

Green Can Fund: no activity

Thank you to all trusted servants that have been submitting their expense reimbursement requests timely. For any holding on to your requests, (i.e. Spring Conference reimbursement) please submit the request.

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

Finance Committee Report

Steve reported; met by conference call; discussed PBM 56 and why prudent reserve has increased.

Operating Committee Report

Chuck D no report

Delegate Report – Cheryl V

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

For those of you who were here last year, this report will look very familiar. I love that I can call up last year's report and just edit some of the details. Given the full rich life I have been afforded because of Alcoholics Anonymous, this is a wonderful gift of sobriety!

The 65th General Service Conference (GSC) closed at approximately 7 pm on Friday, April 24th after having opened on April 19th with roll call of the voting members. It is my intention to give my first full report at the Assembly on June 13th. I am available after that date to give reports as requested. I believe it is important for the full Assembly to hear the report first.

As last year I will give some business highlights here and a more full report later.

General Service Conference (GSC)

There are a couple meetings that happen "outside" of the conference agenda. Three of these happen on the Saturday afternoon and into early evening before the conference begins.

1728 Group

The 1728 Group was formed to help our Class A Trustees (non-alcoholic) to meet the Delegates and to develop a better understanding of our organization. These men and women give their time freely to us. The meeting was opened by Michele G, Class A Trustee. This year the Conference Charter was presented by Bill F., our East Central Regional Trustee and Concept 2 by Chet P., Southeast Regional Trustee.

Remote Communities Meeting

This year I was privileged to serve as the alternate chair of this meeting. Cathi C. from Southern Indiana was the chair. The meeting had three presenters: Bruce D. (Panel 64, Area 2 Alaska), Tami R. (Panel 65, Area 10, Colorado), and Diane P. (Panel 65, Area 89 Northeast Quebec). In Tami's case she shared about a request their Area received last year from a Denver-based mental health provider inquired about translating some basic AA literature to serve members of Karen-speaking communities. The Karen people hail from the frontiers of Burma/Myanmar. Bruce shared about how 40% of the AA members live in Anchorage, and they make up 80% of the Area Committee. He also shared about having 300 villages with populations from as small as 17 people, and where they would contact village elders before flying out to do PI work. And Diane shared of AA in the Inuit people and how also white people can be considered remote in those areas with a strong native population.

The reports were quite interesting and will be published more fully in the Remote Communities Communicator. This will also include additional submissions from others than those who presented.

Financial

David M. Morris, C.P.A., Class A (nonalcoholic) Trustee and the General Service Board Treasurer again made a presentation entitled: Around the Picnic Table.

Based on feedback on my finance presentation at last year's General Service Conference and at several Regional Forums, he revamped his presentation to make it clearer. He also attempted to make each slide stand on its own and not have the benefit of his commentary from the podium. Further, he hoped that the slides better consider the broad range of backgrounds and understanding of the members throughout the Fellowship. Thus, for each subject, he tried to present a simplified overview discussing the item so that all members will understand the key take away concept and then have several detailed background slides for those members who are more passionate about the subject and want to know

every detail. I know we have a few on each side of this debate here in Northern Illinois Area. For those who are on the side of more is better, I will use a few of his slides at the Assembly, and make the entire presentation available to any who wish to discuss it in more depth with me. A few points here though to give you some ideas:

- To better understand the Reserve Fund, don't think of it as \$14.1 million overall. Think of it as a savings account of \$216.10 per group or \$10.26 per member.
- The services provided per group each year work out to be roughly \$149.11 (up \$2.15 from last year) and per member is \$ 7.08 (up 24 cents from last year).
- Group contributions continue to decline and member contributions were down slightly this year compared to last year.
- According to the US Dept. of Labor, the buying power of \$1.00 in 1945 is \$13.00 now.
- 70.9% of the services provided by the General Service Office (GSO) are covered by contributions. That leaves literature sales to cover the rest.
- In 2014 sales of the Big Book made of 59% of the total amount of sales. This includes copies of the commemorative issue.
- If every member did the birthday plan, assuming a minimum of \$1 for each year of sobriety, we could probably sell literature at cost.

In terms of the Commemorative issue of the Big Book, this was discussed more than once. As has been reported previously, a rather large order was placed last year, leaving a large overstock of books on hand. This presented an accounting challenge, and 125,000 books were written off financially in 2014 but are available for sales. What it boils down to is human error regarding the reorder. A person saw how many books were being sold in the beginning and placed another order. Then sales leveled off and dropped, leaving many more books available than needed. The principle we need to remember is that we are all human and make mistakes, and that our best experience comes from these mistakes. A thorough "4th Step" was done on the process and new safe guards have been placed for future special printing items.

Grapevine / La Vina

- In terms of "profit or loss" the Grapevine 2014 results were the best since 2002 with \$325,87 over expenses.
- Grapevine subscriptions have been trending down since 1989.
- Language of The Heart (all languages) is still the most popular book from the Grapevine, making up 14% of the non-magazine sales
- La Viña subscriptions continue to trend up, although they have not yet reached the number seen in 2007.
- Currently the Grapevine challenge is being led by California with a 9.38% increase in subscriptions. Illinois has seen a 4.15% increase. The challenge goes until December 20th.

General Comments

- The member from the Czech Republic was unable to attend after all.
- There are currently 62 General Service Office (GSO) around the globe, each autonomous.
- There has been some ongoing issues in Russia regarding there being two "GSO's" in different parts of the country. Since AA World Services (AAWS) is the one that can grant publishing rights, their decision was to grant neither organization rights and allow them to work out for themselves which one would be the correct office.
- Between June and August of 2014, there were web site visits recorded from over 200 countries
- The office mailed out over 8 million books, pamphlets etc.; received over 90,000 pieces of mail, (including contributions) e-mails and phone calls. Over 400 of these were from member sin extremely remote areas.
- The trilingual booklet "A Brief History of the Big Book is being offered free with each commemorative book purchased, and may be purchases on line.
- Archives received 1480 requests last year.
- The Big Book is currently published in 68 languages with 13 more on the way.
- A net total of 1,387 new groups in the US and Canada were registered last year.
- The background material was done in a format that allowed scanning and turned into audio for a blind GSR. The work was done for the Special Needs background in one Area.

- Two Class B Trustees and the Trustee-at-Large for Canada were elected. Richard P. (Area 43 / Panel 60) from New Hampshire, Northeast Region; Yolanda F. (Area 68 / Panel 50) from Texas, Southwest Region; and Scott H. (Area 70 / Panel 61) from British Columbia, Trustee-at-large Canada.

2015 Inventory

There were 3 sections of questions, each having 5 groups of 8 or 9 members per group. A full report of the entire inventory process will be available this year. I have ordered these reports and will distribute them in the same manner that the Final Conference Reports are done, that is with each District receiving a number for them to distribute, along with copies for the Area Committee Members. At this point I do not know the timing of the distribution of these reports. For all I know I will have two pallets of reports delivered to my house at the same time. Yikes!

One of the presentation topics this year at the Conference was *Inventory – Looking Back to Move Forward* and it was offered by Cathi C., Area 23, Southern Indiana.

She made a point of saying that it is up to ALL of us to use the information gained from this inventory to make any necessary changes. I'd like to share a couple quotes that I think are relevant, although her entire presentation speaks to what now comes.

“But the inventory by itself is mere information - an account of the Conference's assets and liabilities. What happens when the inventory is over is critical to the current and future success of the Conference. To paraphrase the Big Book, “having made an Inventory of the General Service Conference, what shall we do about it? Is the Conference's work then done?” If the General Service Conference Inventory is to have any true impact in helping us move ahead, it must be followed by action.”

And

“Knowing that solitary self-appraisal is insufficient, we will gain much by sharing the report throughout our interconnected circles of love and service. We will benefit greatly by discussing our shortcomings with trusted servants at all levels of our structure. It will give everyone who is willing the opportunity to help create plans for the betterment of our Conference. Let us involve and inspire our leaders of tomorrow as they continue the challenging assignment we have only just begun.”

Nontrustee Appointed Committee Member Opening

The trustees' Committee on Corrections of the General Service Board has an opening for a nontrustee appointed committee member. We are searching for a suitable individual to fill this position and would appreciate any recommendations. Resumes are required by June 1st. Some of the qualities most desirable for this nontrustee opening are:

1. Expertise in corrections work.
2. Available time to attend the meetings of the trustees' committee to which appointed and the Saturday afternoon general sharing session. Attendance at the Saturday night dinner and A.A. meeting during Board weekends is optional. Available to attend a joint committee meeting on Sunday afternoon of the General Service Conference. Attendance at the Sunday night Conference dinner is optional. Available for participation in subcommittees of the trustees' committee to which appointed. Completion of subcommittee projects often involves participation in conference calls.
3. At least five years of continuous sobriety.
4. The ability to work within the committee structure.
5. Experience in A.A. service.

International Convention: July 2-5, 2015, Atlanta, Georgia

Kicks off Thursday night with dances. Marathon meetings start at midnight and continue through Sunday. Friday night flag ceremony will also have 3 speakers, Saturday evening Old Timers meeting (40+ years of sobriety) and Sunday

morning wrap-up meeting with have 3 speakers. Flag ceremony will have a flag for every country that has a member attending. In 2010 there were 96 countries.

Currently there are registrations for 36,344 people as of March 1st and climbing with 90% registering on-line.

New Business:

1. Proposed amended guidelines for the BTG committee chairperson

Presented by Robert, at Spring Assembly we passed a motion to fund 2 people to attend the BTG Weekend Workshop

Questions/Comments:

none

Will be presented at Assembly for final approval.

2. Motion by the Delegate to have NIA fund 1200 copies of the *How to Find AA in Northern Illinois* along with creating a business card with a web link for the use in the East Central Region's hospitality room at the International AA Conference in Atlanta.

Presented by Cheryl V; projected cost <\$1,000; each area has been asked to bring something

At assembly suggested might want to come up with business cards; probably want to have the website address

Questions/Comments:

Tina R – how many business cards would you print? Cheryl - haven't thought about it; probably 1,000

3. Motion by NIA Treatment Committee to attend the annual BTG Workshop Weekend

Presented by Weezie

Spoke with Rich and he thought it would be best to prepare a motion rather than to go under BTG committee; cost is approximately \$550

Questions/Comments:

Cheryl V –this area just created a BTG committee to coordinate BTG and we've already approved them going. Speak to why it's necessary for Treatment to attend. Weezie, Rich and Mike are not going to attend and I was asked to attend; Rich told me to do my own motion.

Barbara H - we have already approved sending 2 people to this workshop and it can be anybody BTG committee designates; is this to send more people? Weezie, Rich couldn't guarantee I would be one of the people picked by BTG to go and he wanted me to be able to fulfill my duties of the TF chair. Now 6 people on BTG committee that want to go.

4. Motion by NIA Corrections Committee to attend the Annual BTG Workshop Weekend

Presented by Robert, same motion asking that Corrections Chair be funded to go to BTG Workshop.

Old Business:

2015 Big Book Conference Report, Ed R reported, met 7 times, theme is this is the easier softer way; Countryside Church Universal, 1025 North Smith Road, Palatine, Illinois. Program committee has been meeting separately from the monthly meetings; keynote speakers and panels and moderators are selected. Date of event is October 24. Early bird flyers were available at Spring Conference and assembly; received 2 registrations. Our priority is getting the online registration and PayPay up and running. Our next meeting is May 17th; moved date of next committee meeting back one week so as not to conflict with Mother's Day.

2015 State Conference Report, Robert reported, that speakers and panels are filled; online registration is set up and should be running soon. Need to update flyer with electronic registration information. Larry S is one of the speakers.

2016 Spring Conference Report, Jesse reported, planning is underway, finalizing contract with Rock Is Holiday Inn. Walkthru scheduled for May 30th.

2016 State Conference Report, Carl reported, met once, first meeting schedule for May 17th 1-3PM at the LZ Police Station. Co-hosted by districts 10, 11, and 28.

Officer Reports

Alternate Delegate Kelly L had no report

Alternate Chair Marilyn F, would like to welcome everyone and thank Chuck D. and District 10 for hosting today's meeting.

Just a reminder that the Summer Assembly will be here on June 13, 2015.

Since the last Committee Meeting held on 01/24/2015 I have attended the following:

02/08/2015 – 2016 Spring Assembly/Conference Planning meeting in Galesburg

02/08/2015 – 2015 Big Book Conference Planning meeting – I was unable to attend (Bob P. attended on my behalf.

02/09/2015 – 2015 Spring Assembly/Conference – Program meeting at Joe L.'s house.

02/15/2015 – 2015 Spring Assembly/Conference Planning meeting in South Elgin

03/08/2015 – 2016 Spring Assembly/Conference Planning meeting in Milan

03/08/2015 – 2015 Big Book Conference Planning meeting – I was unable to attend (Bob P. attended on my behalf.

03/14/2015 – General Service Workshop (Freeport, D70, 71, 72 & 73)

03/22/2015 – 2015 Spring Assembly/Conference final walk-through at Pheasant Run Resort

03/27-29 - 2015 Spring Assembly/Conference

04/11/2015 – Pre-General Service Conference Workshop

04/12/2015 – 2016 Spring Assembly/Conference Planning meeting in Galesburg

04/12/2015 – 2015 Big Book Conference Planning meeting – I was unable to attend (Bob P. attended on my behalf.

04/19/2015 – 2015 Spring/Assembly Conference wrap-up meeting in South Elgin

05/03/2015 - 2016 Spring Assembly/Conference Planning meeting in Moline

Secretary Nicole had no report

Alternate Treasurer Judd W, reported

Date deposited	(All)
Row Labels	Sum of Contribution amount
Group contribution	\$15,822.96
Pink Can contribution	\$2,503.21
District contribution	\$3,975.12
Remember November contribution	\$819.07
Conference contribution, seed money	\$3,000.00
Grand Total	\$26,120.36

Alternate Secretary Tina had no report

Registrar – Dawn B

In FNV the Registrar can search for groups or individuals and do instant updates.

It is no longer necessary to send group information updates to both NIA and GSO. All information update requests can be sent to the area registrar at registrar@aa-nia.org.

New e-mail address for the Area Registrar

The new e-mail address for the Area Registrar is: registrar@aa-nia.org.

PLEASE MAIL ALL CHANGES TO NIA20 REGISTRAR, Box 196, 684 S. Barrington Rd (4B Plaza) STREAMWOOD IL 60107. ALL MEETING UPDATES SENT BEFORE MAY 5TH HAVE BEEN ENTERED AND WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE EAST CENTRAL REGION DIRECTORY

Information updates since 03/20/15

Requests input between 03/20/15 and 05/05/15

Total Since 03/20/2015	
Group information	41
New groups/Pending Active	4
Folded/Inactive/Unknown	9
Group contact information	8
District/Individual contacts	9
Area contacts	1
Total updates	71

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

Chair Robert S reported, I participate in a panel discussion at the Spring Conference and put together an agenda for today

Standing Committee Reports

Answering Service, Terry B reported, we are working on updating *How To Find AA in Northern Illinois*; there are several counties which have combined answering service into one service.

Barbara H –can you explain idea of combining answering services in other districts; can you explain the benefits. Terry will let Tracy field this question. Tracy, our three districts got together and determine where caller is at and we keep an updated list of volunteers. There is a base cost that we split evenly between 3 districts; works well and saves costs.

Gary, DCM D73; I have experience with this and I'm happy to answer any specific questions anyone may have
Rob M, Alt Answering Service chair, think there is an opportunity to bring together districts that might be looking to combine services

Archives, Lisa S reported on behalf of Jeff,
Archives Workshop 04/25/15: On April 25th, Northern Illinois Area 20 Archives hosted a workshop "Carrying the Message thru a Service Commitment in Archives." This was held at Christ Church in Oakbrook from 10 – noon. We were very fortunate to have George C. from D43 available to provide a presentation to approximately 10 members of the fellowship with an interest in Archives work.

The overall purpose of George's presentation was to encourage work in Archives as purposeful and meaningful service work in AA. George shared the challenges and his experiences in starting up an Archives depository in District 43.

NIA Spring Conference 03/27/15 – 03/29/15: The Archives room at the Spring Conference was staffed by many volunteers throughout the weekend and was equally well attended by the conference participants.

Archivist, no report

BTG, Rich submitted a written report: My apologies today for not joining you. I am attending the wedding of a young couple that we have known for a while now.

Through a series of events, knowing the right people, answering my phone and asking the right questions, we had our first Bridging the Gap Meeting at Share Treatment Center in Hoffman Estates. The first meeting was May 4th, and was attended by four BTG Committee Members from the Elgin area, along with Carol H. and myself. All further meetings will be manned by this local committee. Staff, volunteers and those living there were all excited to get this started. According to a member of administrative staff there, they haven't had this type of meeting there in over 16 years. May 30 there is a Bridging the Gap Workshop in Elgin hosted by Area 20 Treatment. This event was scheduled before there was a Bridging the Gap Committee. I will be there and looking forward to getting some thoughts on hosting a BTG

Workshop. July 11th in Kankakee Area 20 will be hosting its first Bridging the Gap Workshop. My entire life is very full, but I am still very glad and excited I accepted this new responsibility.

Corrections, Dan L reported, the last couple of months have shown great promise and a fervor of activity. I had the opportunity to take part in a meeting with the Kendall County Corrections and Bridging the Gap committees. We met with the Deputy Commander of the jail. He is open to restarting AA and starting a BTG meetings in the jail. It will take a few months, but it does appear that meetings will once again be held behind the walls of the Kendall County Jail! The corrections committee has been able to get literature to multiple facilities within the Area. I had an opportunity to visit a couple of different District Meetings. It has been a very rewarding with those districts to help the Corrections Chairs get their feet wet and “trudge the road of happy destiny” in corrections service work. The Corrections Committee will be taking part in a few different workshops this spring and early summer. I look forward to being able to carry the positive message of corrections work to those workshops and hopefully get more people involved.

Please remember to pass the Pink Can for Corrections Literature. This is the only source of funding for the Area to purchase literature for the alcoholic behind bars. Thank you to every person that makes corrections work possible!!!

Concepts, Mike M reported, we have a plan to get Concepts out a week before the assembly.

CPC, Joe S reported, I received correspondence from GSO looking for volunteers to staff the CPC hospitality room in Atlanta; let me know if you are interested. GSO also sent a request for literature from a mental health professional in Lake Co. There was a workshop for outside professionals in Libertyville last weekend. Chuck D reported there was a great turnout at the workshop which included medical professionals, clergy members, an assistant state attorney for Lake County as well as 2 county judges. There are rumors a second workshop will be planned.

Electronics Equipment, Ed R reported, need to replace tripod stand for speakers; need to replace a couple of receivers for translation services.

Grapevine, no report

Literature, no report

PI, Jim W reported, speaking on May 29th in District 40 at First Pres Church of Wheaton 6:30-7:30 PM.

Report and Charter, Bill E reported, following direction from the Fall and Winter Committee Meetings, the Report and Charter Committee is undertaking an upgrade of the N.I.A. Service Handbook (unabridged version).

The Service Handbook is a compilation of quoted articles from the G.S.O. Handbook, various other literature from the General Service Office and sections written by N.I.A. members and committees. The Report and Charter Committee has been meeting on the first Saturday of the month to read, discuss, organize, and edit, if deemed necessary, page by page, section by section, chapter by chapter. The committee estimates this process could take us into the Winter Committee Meeting and Assembly before we can present revised Service Handbook recommendations to Northern Illinois Area 20 for approval.

The Report and Charter Committee will consider suggestions from N.I.A. 20 members or committees regarding organization or content of the Handbook.

Special Needs, no report

Treatment, Weezie reported, I visited Naperville District 43 for the purpose of discussing how BTG works in treatment centers. I sent a case of big books to Districts 42 and 22 for their work in treatment. I sent Gary in District 73 pamphlets for a workshop. Attended the Open Forum for AA and Professionals last weekend in Libertyville. I found it very informative and will work on getting one together for our district introduction with CPC. It is all about treatment, corrections, CPC and PI working together to get the newcomer to their first few meetings and being of assistance

wherever and whenever we can. District 22 in Elgin is having a workshop on May 30th. Dan, Corrections Chair, will be in attendance. District 42 is planning a workshop for September. I will also be doing a workshop in Sterling on October 10th. I have fielded a few calls for people getting out of treatment and steered them in the right direction.

Web Administrator, John reported, all committee chairs are more than welcome for submitting your reports for posting on the website and I will be happy to post it. Participated in a panel at the Spring Conference and provided URL for the website. Please let me know if you have any feedback or are experiencing any issues with the website.

Gary –what’s the contact information for the web administrator? John, webmaster@aa-nia.org

Conference Advisory Committee, no report

DCM Reports

Dist 10, Chuck reported, I’d like to thank Marilyn for helping us to get this even together. Introduced volunteers who assisted with hosting today’s committee meeting. Open forum on May 2nd. Attending 2016 State Conference planning meeting a week from tomorrow. A Way Out party October 10th; speaker Bob D from Las Vegas. Treatment Chair set up a female contact for a local treatment center and set up a weekly meeting. Discussing how many hats can one person wear?

Dist 11, no report

Dist 12, Ken reported, continue to reach out for support from inactive groups in our district and fill open positions at our district. Thanks NIA 20 for cases of literature for our corrections facilities. Sent 2 reps to D10 CPC workshop in Libertyville, our CPC/Treat and Correct chairs helps secure speakers. Summer bash coming up.

Dist20, no report

Dist 21, Barbara H reported, our district covers Palatine and Rolling Meadows. We currently have 24 registered groups. The main activity in the district right now is planning for this fall’s Big Book Conference. Local members have stepped up to fill all chair positions and most alternate chair positions. All committees report that they are on track. The planning committee meets at the Palatine Club on the second Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. (However, this month’s meeting will be May 17, to avoid Mother’s Day.)

The Women’s 12 & 12 group is hosting a bingo night next Friday, May 15, open to AA members, friends, and family. This is simply a fun event. Prizes will be “white elephants” donated by group members, with two copies of the commemorative first edition of the Big Book as the grand prizes.

Dist 22, Kevin reported, hosted Spring Assembly Conference and it went well. Asked Rich H to discuss BTG at next district meeting. Holding a BTG workshop on May 30th. Hosting a GV workshop on June 6

Dist 23, no report

Dist 28, no report

Dist 40, Michelle reported, annual picnic Saturday June 14th in Wheaton. Jim W, NIA PI chair will be at our next district meeting. Doing an updated meeting directory.

Dist 41, no report

Dist 42, (check for report)

Dist 43, no report

Dist 51, no report

Dist 52, Phil reported we hosted a meditation workshop.

Dist 61, Joe L reported,

1. I have attended the following NIA events since the last Committee Meeting on January 24, 2015:
 - a. 2015 NIA Spring Assembly Conference planning meeting(s), Jan, Feb and March
 - b. 2015 NIA Spring Assembly, March 28
 - c. 2015 NIA Spring Conference, March 27-29
 - d. 2015 Pre-General Service Conference Workshop, April 11
 - e. 2015 NIA Spring Assembly Conference post conference wrap-up meeting, April 19
2. District 61 co-hosted the 2015 NIA 20 Spring Assembly Conference at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. District 61 members were active and serving on most of the event planning committees. We really did enjoy the joint collaboration, planning meetings and the conference.
3. District 61 GSR's are discussing Bridging the Gap at home groups to understand if a district Bridging the Gap committee is needed.
4. Our Corrections co-chairs, Bee and Chip continue to carry the AA message of recovery into women and men's meetings at the Kane County Adult Justice Center and Adult Transition Center for Women in Aurora.
5. The district has 100% committee chairperson participation and most alternate chair positions are filled.
6. Average attendance at our monthly District 61 Service Meeting: 33 (Jan-Apr)
7. District 61 groups have contributed \$1,412.50 to NIA 20 YTD and the District has contributed \$1,500.00 to NIA 20, YTD. Our treasury balance, after reserve, for the period ending April 2015 is \$1,041.11. Dist 62, no report

Dist 64, no report

Dist 70, no report

Dist 71, Doug reported, we hosted the assembly at the conference. Family picnic coming up July 25th.

Dist 72, Steve reported, 31 people attended a workshop. Treatment chair discussed BTG at our district meeting.

Dist 73, Gary reported, with the help of NIA 20 Treatment Committee, we had an AA information table at a veteran's assistance fair in Northland Mall in Sterling. On October 10th there will be a workshop co-hosted with NIA 20 Treatment. Subject is setting up a BTG committee in our district 2-5PM Twin Cities Group in Sterling. District is contacting hospitals and jails concerning information, literature, Grapevine displays or subscriptions. Reinforce effectiveness of the business cards with website and answering service.

Dist 79, no report

Dist 80, no report

Dist 90, Jesse reported, planning is underway with District 91 for the 2016 Spring Conference. We're finalizing the contract with the Rock Island Holiday Inn, and we have a conference committee meeting and walk-through scheduled for May 30th. District 90 will also host the NIA Fall Assembly in September. The location will be the Faith Walk World Outreach Center, 1450 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline. Lunch will be a taco bar. Our Corrections Committee is actively seeking volunteers for a sponsorship program at the East Moline Correctional Center. We have a new webmaster for the website our district shares with the Quad Cities Intergroup and District 9 in Iowa, and a new events section has been added. There is a Big Book Workshop coming up on May 15 & 16 in Geneseo, and a monthly campfire meeting on May 30th in Blackhawk State Park in Rock Island.

Dist 91, Eva reported,

FINANCIAL SITUATION: District 91 funds were slipping under our prudent reserve. A chili-cook off fund-raiser was held. It was a great success. Not only a lot of fun, but \$300 was raised which is about 3 month's expenses. Just for information, District 91 covers 1,933 square miles with a population of approximately 82,000. We also received \$350.00 from 4 groups. The financial crunch is over.

WINTER WORKSHOPS: The winter workshop series ended on the first day of spring. Thank you to Jim W., Public Information Chair, for his presentation on Anonymity on the internet. Learned a lot and realized how often I accidentally put people's anonymity at risk.

SUMMPER ROUND-UP: The summer round-up is being held on July 24th & July 25th.

2016 SPRING CONFERENCE: Still working with District 90. A lot of cooperation between the 2 districts.

CORRECTIONS: It looks like the drug testing will be done soon for 2 more AA members so they can go into the Henry Hill Correctional facility. That will make a total of 4 people going into the facility from AA.

SPECIAL NEEDS: We do not have a Treatment Center in our District so many people end up in one nursing home in Galesburg. The meeting in the Nursing Home is going very well and we are trying to get drivers to take the residents to AA meetings. We appreciate the literature that we have received.

CPC: Still supplying literature in the waiting rooms of the 2 hospitals we have in town.

BRIDGING THE GAP: We are trying once again to get bridging the Gap into an outpatient facility in Galesburg and Monmouth. Hope to get an appointment soon.

DISTRICT MEETINGS: Attendance has been small and steady. The day after a big snowstorm one GSR traveled over 31 miles in freezing temperatures to get to the District meeting.

Open Mic

Joe S made a motion to close

John C second

Meeting adjourned at 11:37AM