

Report of the Area Chair:

Since our Fall Assembly, I have attended the Finance Committee meeting that took place in preparation of presenting the 2016 Proposed Primary Purpose Register.

I have secured a replacement member for the Electronic Equipment Committee to take Ed R's place until the end of the year – at least. Please thank Kevin B for agreeing to do this. He has been elected to be District 22's incoming DCM but hopefully he will be able to do both jobs.

I have begun putting together all my files to be turned over to Marilyn (our incoming Area Chair) and preparing documents to aid in the transition. I remember, from my first few months, the enormous task of filling the appointed positions. Please don't run when she comes over and asks to talk to you.

Since one of my first responsibilities, in my new position, will be to send out the agenda and background information to all the DCM's for the 2016 General Service Conference, I am asking all rotating DCM's to please let Dawn know as soon as possible of the DCM Elect's contact information so that we have that updated prior to the end of the year. I will also be coming around today and at the Winter Assembly asking for that information myself.

The Report & Charter Committee has been working, diligently, on revising the documents that make up the Area Guidelines. I was hoping that this would be completed by now but it is truly a daunting task. The goal was to be able to have one cohesive document that could truly be called the NIA Service Manual and it not be just a collection of the various individual documents that are our guidelines. I know that they have made a lot of progress and are close to having the bulk of the work done. I hope that this will continue with the next committee until complete.

We will be reviewing the proposed 2016 Primary Purpose Register. I caution you to not get into the "weeds" with the dollar amounts but to remember that these amounts are estimates for the purpose of calculating the Prudent Reserve, which is based on a percentage of the total of those amounts. The amounts do not mean that we have to spend that much or not go over the amount – they are just estimates based on past experience and current trends. Instead, let's focus on the activities and make sure that we have everything that we are responsible for doing and not anything that we think is not appropriate.

We have two motions on the agenda. The first is from a DCM (Carol H) about having our Delegate write a letter to the related committees at the General Service Office regarding the Bridging the Gap flyer. The second is from our Corrections Committee regarding sending literature to SIA Corrections for use in prison in southern Illinois. I have attached background material for both in the form of Appendixes. The background information includes previous requests for the same.

Have a great meeting.      Robert S