

NIA 20 2016 Fall Assembly

September 17, 2016

Lord of Life Church

(Host District 62)

Meeting Opening

In attendance – 109 signed in, 121 total head count

Breakdown:

Committee Chairs – 23 out of 30 present

Officers – 10 out of 10 present

DCMs and Alternates – 17 out of 42 present

Past Delegates – 7

GSRs – 33

District Chairs & Others – 19

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am with a quiet time followed by the serenity prayer.

New Attendees

- Ashley, PI Chair, D62
- Sydney, D10
- Julie, D72
- Gordon, D64
- Mark, D11

Anniversaries

- Ed M – 28 years
- Bob – 17 years
- Marion – 29 years
- Lisa - 17 years
- Mandy – 24 years
- Joe – 3 years
- Joe - 3 years
- Kelly – 6 years
- Bill – 24 years
- Patty - 1 year
- Carmela – 16 years
- Judd - 19 years
- Bob - 12 years
- Barbara – 12 years

Twelve Concepts – read by Ashley, D62

Announcements by host District 62

Approval of Summer Assembly Minutes - Motion to approve by Tina R, motion 2nd by Chuck, motion passes

Meeting Business

Election for East Central Regional Trustee

Candidates present themselves: John Conway, Rich H, Cheryl V

3rd legacy voting procedures, body to vote by ballot for 4 rounds. 5th round is by the hat.

Round 1 - Total of 90 votes, 60 votes required for 2/3 majority win

John – 16, 18%

Rich – 32, 36%

Cheryl – 42, 47%

Round 2 – Total of 93 votes, anyone under 1/5 is eliminated. No 2/3 majority reached.

John – 13, 14%

Rich – 36, 39%

Cheryl – 44, 47%

Round 3 – Total of 91 votes, no 2/3 majority reached

Rich – 41, 45%

Cheryl – 50, 55%

Round 4 – Total of 94 votes. No 2/3 majority reached.

Rich - 36, 38%

Cheryl – 58, 62%

Motion made by John C, 2nd by Rob to go to the hat. Vote taken – out of 79 votes, 32 in favor, 42 against.

We go to a fifth ballot.

Round 5 – Total of 92 votes. No 2/3 reached. We go to the hat.

Rich – 34, 37%

Cheryl – 58, 63%

Round 6 – the hat, Kelly L pulls a name

Rich is selected – his name will be brought forth at GSC for final election

Election for Trustee at Large

Cheryl volunteers to stand - name will be brought forth at GSC for final election, unanimous acceptance

Reports

Treasurer Report, Judd W

Inserted as Appendix A to this document

At the mic:

Barb H. – If we find a CPA do we have an idea of the scope of work? Do we have anything we can provide to someone we have in mind?

Judd – We are confident someone would be able to step in and handle our work on current guidelines and info

Mike M – Do the expenses include how well the recent state conference did?

Judd – doesn't have a final report from the state conference yet.

Finance Committee Report, Chuck D

As announced at the Summer Committee Meeting, The Area 20 treasury is over the approved prudent reserve by \$13,249.43. The Finance Committee recommends that, pending this assembly's approval, a contribution to the General Service Board be made in the amount of \$8250.00

On September 11th, we, the Finance Committee had a conference call where we discussed the Annual PPR meeting. We picked a date and time for when the conference call is to take place. Most of you should have received an email invitation to attend. The purpose of the Annual PPR Meeting is to review and suggest possible adjustment to the "Primary Purpose Basic" section of the PPR for 2017.

This conference call is for all the fellowship in NIA 20 that may be interested in the discussion of the 2017 PPR.

We will be emailing out the PPR and the conference call information shortly.

At the mic:

Dan – when committee recommends, do they take into consideration any outstanding expenses yet to be realized?

Chuck – answer is yes

Marilyn asks for sense of assembly for approval of donation amount to GSC - sense is majority *in favor*

Operating Committee Report, Michelle M

No new activity to report

Delegate Report

Inserted as Appendix B to this document

Service committee breakout meetings – 1 hour, followed by break for lunch

Meeting called back to order at 12:30pm

Conference Reports

2016 State Conference / ECR Conference Report D10, 11 and 28, Carl

The last Wrap-up planning meeting as a committee was held August 28th at the Lake Zurich PD.

All but a couple committee reports have been received and are being compiled for the Final Conference report which we hope to submit within the next couple weeks. Each of the committee members did a terrific job in their individual areas to make the conference a tremendous success.

Final conference attendance numbers are 537 Attendees, 318 Banquet Meals, 176 Box Lunches, 204 Ice Cream Socials, and 16 Delegate Breakfasts.

There are a couple expenses yet to be paid but all indications are the conference was self-supporting. We will be returning the \$3000 in seed money provided by the area and never requested or used the seed money provided by the region. Once the final expenses have been paid we will make distributions according to the guidelines to GSO, the three Illinois areas, and Al-Anon. Based on current bank balance, the excess funds from the conference are estimated to be just under \$2000.

The website www.aailcon.org is still live and can be used for comments and feedback to the committee. As soon as it's available, we plan to add a link to the 2017 State Conference website.

It was a wonderful experience to see a number of individuals, "People who would not normally mix" as the book says, come together to form such a tremendous team. It is with tremendous gratitude on behalf of the entire committee that I thank the area and the region for the opportunity to have been of service.

At the mic:

Rich – we've never hosted an ECR regional conference – don't splits go to areas plus the region somehow based on split attendance? We should reconsider distribution of funds. Before we move money, let's consider it.

Carl – based on guidelines, the split is 5 ways – Alanon, GSO, Conference, no mention to sending to other areas. Distribution to attending areas would be difficult to determine.

Marcia – treasurer would know if we received any funding from a past regional conference

Judd – don't know

Rich – dispersed to regional treasurer, not to other areas.

2016 Big Book Conference Report, D41, Susan

Online registration is now available – planning is on target

2017 Spring Assembly/Conference Report D23 and D40, Jeff

We have been steadily working on the conference since the last time we met. Our banquet committee will be choosing which chicken dish to have, and also the salad and dessert. Our hospitality and Alcathon committees are finalizing their times to be put on the site.

We have our early bird flyers with us today, and our registration chairs are here as well. Each DCM will receive early bird flyers for their districts. Please take them and encourage your district members to sign up early!

The site is made, <http://www.niaspringconference.com>, and our treasurers will be working with the webmaster to get paypal hooked up for registration. We will also be creating cards that will be available for people to take if they would simply like to sign up online, as opposed to filling out and sending in registration.

We have booked the DJ for the dance from 10pm-12pm midnight on Saturday night.

We are in contact with Al-Anon, hoping for some information from them soon.

We have a great (and willing) Spring Conference committee, and they are working on making the 2017 Spring Conference a great one!

2017 Big Book Conference Report D71 – Tracy

2nd meeting on Aug 22nd. Program committee is working on speakers. 10/28 2017 is tentative date. Asked for theme ideas – have a few to choose from. Groups will vote for final theme on 9/26.

New Business

Motion by Heather S concerning service terms be limited to not more than three terms for appointed positions.

Motion: Change “more than one term” to “not more than three terms” under Appointed Positions in the NIA handbook.

Currently the NIA handbook reads, for appointed positions: Appointed committee members may serve in the same position for more than one term. (p.47)

If accepted, the NIA handbook would read: *Appointed committee members may serve in the same position for not more than three terms.*

Reasoning: AA lives by the spirit of rotation. That rotation is usually suggested as two years. But there are some positions that have a certain amount of technical expertise. It can be difficult to find a person willing to serve at the Area level who has the needed skills. Holding one position for longer than 6 years is ego inflating. If a person serves 6 years in one position often the person takes ownership of the position. The person serving will not relinquish the position. Another may want to serve. But there is no mechanism for the smooth transfer of the position. The situation becomes personal. Possible qualified candidates for the position will not consider the position because the person currently holding the position “has always done it”. A person serving in one position for 3 times longer than the suggested term of service also tends to aggregate power. Other servants, rotating in, have never seen anyone else doing the job. The person holding the position aggregates power because most people will not disagree with someone who has held the position for so long when that ideas about the responsibilities of the position are discussed.

At the mic:

Questions:

Barbara H – what positions does this apply to? Concepts editor, co-editor, and webmaster?

Marilyn – those are the only three

Rob – these people serve at request of Area Chair, correct? Lack of role change should occur with Area Chair, correct?

Marilyn – there is nothing in our Area handbook that

Rob – don't we put ourselves at risk if we can't find servants with specialized skills

Kyle – group question – is there something to handle when specialized position is vacant. Agree with term limits but need process to ensure it can be filled with suitable servant.

Jennifer – for smooth transfer, is there anything in place to appoint alternates who can learn from person who currently has position?

Marilyn – we do have an alternate concepts editor and webmaster, not archivist

Mike – are we going to make positions elected now? Are we taking responsibility to make these appointments away from Area Chair? There's no reason the Chair can't reappoint positions when they want or need to.

Ernest – limit to three terms, per lifetime? Could someone be reappointed at any point?

Heather – tried to keep it simple – current handbook reads – may serve for more than one term (with no limit). Very specific motion to address one line in the handbook. This would avoid area chair having to get into conflict about asking someone to step down if they have served for a long time.

Mike – agree with motion, since it is an open-ended appointment, it leaves area open to risk of not having adequate replacements. If we know when terms are up, we can better prepare.

Dan – are there alternates appointed as well?

Heather

Discussion:

Kelly – I was Area Chair – 6 years of doing anything you would think someone would want to rotate.

Webmaster wanted to get out so we created alternate appointments. Limits would make it easier for Area Chair.

Kevin – concern is after 3 terms, we don't have someone to step up. We have web admin for district. It was a hard role to fill. Chair should be seeking others to do the job. If no one is interested, who will do it?

Ernest – DCMs also have responsibility to appoint or have conflict when needing to ask someone to step down. We deal with these types of conflicts at the local level.

Cheryl – Our current web admin, John – recently ported our web to a new program. John is working with districts to create more of a committee. It may not to be a job that requires extra special skills.

Tom – Speak in favors – encourage rotation. As large of an Area as we are, it is inflated ego to think there may not be people available to fill these positions. If someone cannot step up and we are missing it, someone will step up. If not, maybe we don't need it.

Ray – We need a bit more background. Background doesn't offer specific detail for positions we are talking about. When I was Chair, I went out and looked for individuals to serve. I have been appointed twice and have already been asked if I would serve again. I would be willing to serve. The AA Guidelines – Archives, from shared experience, we know that it takes considerable time to become familiar.... guidelines suggest that the Area Archivist could not be a rotating position.

Robert – in favor of rotation, the thing that bothers me about the motion is that it assumes our chair doesn't have the guts to appoint someone.

Barb – speak against this motion. I would like to leave it to discretion of trusted servants, Area Chair to decide if position needs to rotate.

Rob – already given authority to chair to deal with situation, we are at risk by adjudicating it.

Ray – I put some Archivist reports out today to get a sense of the breadth of the work. As the archivist, when first rotation ended, was to search out the committee in the breakout meetings, ask who would be willing to serve next? Find our own replacement. We could consider an alternate archivist – in lieu of that, I've already begun asking folks to be willing to serve.

Jennifer – concern – it would need to be balanced with approach to train alternates. There doesn't seem to be systematic approach to train alternates. This could cover concerns about the role staying empty and honor the spirit of rotation. It's hard to vote on term limits without approach to training alternates.

Rich – maybe change language to no more than two limits

Mike – I would make it up to chairman to reappoint those positions every two years. We don't need to make it more complex. Let's leave it as simple as it already is.

Dan – call the question

Marilyn calls for vote to call the question, go to vote. Vote requires substantial unanimity to pass.

VOTING RESULTS

In favor – 25, not in favor – 43 – motion fails

Minority opinion (those who voted yes):

Marcia – in the instance where a role is empty, someone can call a motion to have someone appointed. I know an Area Chair who asked someone to stand down and that person would not. That leaves the Chair in a stuck position.

No one wishes to change vote– motion fails.

Motion by Panel 64 past Delegate concerning the timing of the NIA Spring Assembly Conference, presented by Cheryl V. This was discussed at the August Summer Committee meeting and was approved by a substantially unanimous vote of the Area Committee. Not a motion to be voted on at the Assembly. Assembly gave committee authority to approve it – it did pass. This detail will be added to our planning procedures.

At the mic:

Mike H – why doesn't Assembly have the ability to hear the rest of the discussion from committee meeting regarding this topic?

Marilyn – WE considered it at committee meeting. In our handbook, changes to certain portions of our handbook can be made by committee, as per prior assembly approval.

Mike H – one suggestion was that for a considerable period that changes be made to when the events are held. That was part of the discussion. Assembly should consider additional discussion points.

Robert – my report addresses this very thing. As DCM breakout chair for Assembly, 21 were present – talked about how to handle people at district meetings that bully others. We talked about this spring assembly conference. Some concern is that the way it has been run recently that the new people rotating into service, the spring is their first assembly. They don't have a chance to meet people given there are no breakout meetings. People express that they don't like that there are no breakouts. Should we separate the two events again? Should we move conference to the summer to spread out the events? In state conference hosting years, combine spring and state conferences to minimize the number of events. I have asked DCMs to take options and ideas back and discuss with groups and bring feedback.

Service/Administrative Committee Reports (2 minutes each)

Accessibilities, Terry

Had 4 people in breakout session. It was suggested that treatment, PI and CPC, and special needs cooperate alongside each other. We will also emphasize to district chairs to contact assisted living facilitates. District 22 chair has started a new meeting at physical rehab facility. Huntly deer path assisted living has a meeting already. We're trying to get some things going. Not much happening yet. If you want do anything with special needs in your district, bring ideas to your district and if treatment wants to collaborate, get together with us.

Answering Service, Patrick

Since the last area meeting attended, Bonnie and I have visited area districts to find out different ways that they are implementing their answering services.

Much to our surprise, and delight, we have found that it seems to be a little different in every district. Some use a cell phone passed from one volunteer to another, while others share the expense of an answering service between several districts, and some use an answering service designated just for that specific district. While at these meetings we also gathered information on how many calls were being received each month. Again to our delight we've found that even though the amount of calls may vary, they are being handled in true 12th step fashion everywhere we have inquired.

The district meetings we have attended are Districts 73, 40, 22, 12, 61, 21, and 10.

At all meetings attended, we have witnessed the true meaning of service and fellowship. We can all rest assured that our districts are on top of their game when it comes to carrying the message to the newcomer, or in some cases, helping a visitor from out of town, find their way to a meeting.

We plan to visit the rest of the districts in NIA20, to continue our inquiries in the near future, as time permits.

Archives, Barbara

I will talk about committee meeting today – 7 people in attendance. There is a form on website now about how to collect group histories. D43 has developed a new form that is focused on history. We will be changing the form on the website to use the new one George in D43 has developed. Term limits and succession – for the website, we would like to work with webmaster to propose to have an Archives area on the site.

Archivist, Ray

Doing a lot of scanning to preserve old material. Storage and accessibility becomes the question. There are about 19.5 G out of 1 T of space. Process of preserving old stuff includes cassettes – we have some old cassettes from the 50s, 60s, etc. We have talked with Judd, treasurer that will allow for preserving old audio cassettes in a current digital format. We need a webpage under new website. NIA collection, resources, history, are possible tabs. The cloud is where a lot of people are going for storage. We need to start to addressing new technology for storage.

Bridging the Gap, Dan

We went to BTG workshop, great weekend. We learned and made good connections. The databases we have tried have crashed. Found a database by BTG workshop chair that works. Dan will pursue options and present solution to upcoming Area meetings.

Concepts, Heather

No report. Are you pleased with what you're getting? Please make submissions – need more. Send submissions via email to Heather.

Corrections, Pat

8 committee members were present.

Dupage 4 Districts are sponsoring a Corrections Workshop November 12th at the Naperville United Methodist Church.

Illinois Department of Corrections are rehabbing the old Kewanee Youth Center to house an adult transitional living facility(male). They will be starting with 50/100 prisoners. AA meetings will be run by the inmates and facilitated by Craig Klavon and his volunteers. We will supply a small quantity of big books to get them started.

Supplied big books to the Fox Valley Adult Transitional Living Center (women)

One committee member wants to see more Pink Can Fund information on the Area Website

We discussed the new video A New Freedom but ran out of time to watch it

CPC, Erik

Held a CPC Panel at the Illinois State Conference – CPC Chairs from Area 19 and Area 34 participated.

Roughly 20 people attended.

Coordinating with District 61 CPC Chair for a presentation to St. Charles High School Health Program in October

Will continue to reach out to district CPC Committees to offer support, see what help, if any, is needed, etc.

Will be participating at Service In Action workshop in Lombard on Sept. 24th

We had 3 people in our breakout. We are happy to come meet with district CPC chairs. I have met with some chairs already. If there is anything I can do to help, let me know.

Electronic Equipment

No report

Grapevine, given by Urbano at the mic, sent via email

Grapevine released the book 12 Traditions on September 2nd. It is available for \$10.99 for 1-4 books or \$10.50 each for 5 or more books.

On July 15th I had the opportunity to complete a phone survey with a member of the Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board about how the Grapevine can be of better service to our area and how it is currently used in Area 20.

Urbano and Javier had the privilege of attending the Hispanic National Convention in Dallas, TX from September 2nd-4th. They had a La Viña breakout room to discuss issues affecting La Viña. Many people had a chance to record their stories on Fri, Sat, and Sun evenings. A cd will be compiled of the stories recorded at the convention. He also reported that Cuba would like to receive gift subscriptions to La Viña.

The Wednesday night Grapevine group in Elgin hosted the Saturday open at Sherman Hospital in August. They raffled off a Grapevine gift certificates weekly.

There are 3 vacancies on the Editorial Advisory Board and applications are due in September.

The Grapevine is now accepting stories for the issues "My Home Group" (due October 5th) and "AA in Treatment Centers" (due November 5th).

La Viña is accepting stories for the issues "Mujeres Hispanas en AA" (due Nov 18th) and "AA en la Carcel" (due by Jan 4th).

The Grow your Grapevine challenge is going on until February 2017. Our area currently has 5 cards completed. In the lead is western Ontario with 254 cards. It's very easy and takes a couple minutes to complete the cards by going to aagrapevine.org/grow-your-grapevine.

Literature, Jeff

We brainstormed ideas for a workshop on literature. How it can help in our various service committees. If you need info on any topic in AA there is some literature written on it. What is that literature?

Discussed ideas about literature table setups at meetings. Some literature committees build in costs of extra 20% just for giveaways.

How can we help your committee, your group, your special needs? FYI, there are url's on most AA literature. This can be used to direct people (young) through their devices to the AA literature catalog.

We finished by discussing the type of literature event & would like to ask for the district literatures chairs to invest time & people for their help putting on this event.

Since the last assembly, I attended the Service Workshop in District 22/23 also did a panel at the state conference and will be at the workshop next week.

Public Information, Tracy

We had 4 in our breakout. We discussed different ways to get PI out to different areas. I moderated panel at the state conference in August. Melissa V and Area 20 PI also on panel. Was a great experience. Preparing for upcoming workshops.

Report & Charter, given by John at the Mic, sent via email by Carol

The Report & Charter Committee last met on Saturday August 27th in Crystal Lake. Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday October 8th, location to be determined.

To date we reviewed most of the Area Handbook except for the Treasurer and Secretaries section as we have been awaiting the feedback from the current members holding those positions since much has changed and the details of what they do is so comprehensive. Thankfully we have received many updates for the

secretary responsibilities and some for the treasurer but await additional information to complete the treasurer's job responsibilities.

We have begun a final review of the whole document for consistency and hope that we can present it at the summer committee meeting with a motion to the assembly body at the summer assembly.

Treatment, Amy

We appreciate D22 and D40 attending the breakout and providing us with feedback on how we can help. We have reached out to district treatment chairs advising we are here to help in any way we can and to look at SAMHSA website which outlines treatment facilities in their district.

Web Administrator, not present, submitted electronically

Please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the assembly today, but we will be returning from a vacation trip much later this evening. I do have some significant things to report, though. On September 1 a new version of our website went live on aa-nia.org. It has all the same content as the old site, but works great on any device including phones and tablets. Hopefully you will find it easier and quicker to use. Your comments are always welcome – we are eager to hear how it's working for you once you've had a chance to become familiar with it. This is not the end, though. Now that the conversion has been made we can focus on refinements, so once again we welcome your ongoing feedback.

The NAATW (National AA Technology Workshop) for 2016 will be held in Winston-Salem NC on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Information and registration details may be found at naatw.org. Chances are good that I will be presenting at that conference a summary of our experiences with rebuilding our website with sustainability in mind. In the near future I can make that presentation at district meetings if any are interested.

Thank you to all who have supported our efforts at finding better ways to carry the message in this high tech age.

Officer Reports

Alternate Delegate, Robert S

21 in DCM breakout – we talked about Spring Assembly Conference – some concern is that new people rotating into service at District this is their first Assembly. They don't get to meet people at breakout sessions at Spring Assembly. Raised the questions – should we separate Assembly from Conference, move to another season, even possibility of years that we host State conference to combine Spring and State? I tasked DCMs to talk about this and bring back ideas. We are going to be talking about those topics in the future.

I have sent out the quarterly contributions as reported by GSO and forwarded to me by our Delegate.

I am finalizing plans for the next Service Orientation Workshop which will be held on September 24th at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Lombard. I have 10 Area Trusted Servants confirmed along with a number of District Trusted Servants participating. Going to be visiting D42 next Tuesday.

Alternate Chair, Steve M

You've given me many opportunities to make decisions. At times it seems that I am the answer man. The one that has the answers. All that I really have is the experience you all have given me. You've accepted me as I am and have given me the opportunity to be a leader. Bill W., describes leadership in Concept 9 of our Service Manual as "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need". One line in that essay is, "We have only to seek these folks out and trust them to serve us".

Another line in his essay that stands out to me today is “Somewhere in our literature there is a statement to the effect: Our leaders do not drive by mandate; they lead by example”. In effect, we are saying to them, “Act for us, but don’t boss us”. This seems to be a tough task for me. I have read a lot of guidelines this year. The Service Manual included. At times, I feel, that these guidelines are mandates. That they need to be followed to the letter. I’m learning that it’s just not true.

Another line in Concept 9 is: When a leader power-drives us badly, we rebel; but when he too meekly becomes an order-taker, and he exercises no judgement of his own, well, he really isn’t a leader at all.

Since the last committee meeting I’ve been given the opportunity to participate in the State Conference, 4 Big Book planning meetings, 2 Spring Assembly Conference committee meetings. We have some great leaders here and some yet to come. All we need is the experience.

Looking forward to participating in the “Where in AA Do I fit in” Workshop on September 25th with Districts 40 &41 in Lombard.

Alternate Treasurer, Nicole

This report is part of Appendix A

Take contribution envelopes that are available on the table.

Secretary, Carmela

We did submit recommendations of changes to Report & Charter committee as requested. We recommend adding the Alternate Secretary to Duties and Responsibilities. Let us know if you need name badges or have updates to the District meeting list.

Alternate Secretary, Kristen

Nothing additional to report.

Registrar, Chris

Inserted as Appendix B to this document, Special Needs has been changed by GSO officially as Accessibilities chairs. Special needs description will go away in all reports. That code is now ACDC. I got a lot of group change forms that need attention. Called names for folks to follow up with. Main problem in doing updates is not getting group # - need to make updates. Sat on a panel at state conference – we sat with other secretaries and registrars from other areas – they were impressed with our website, organization, etc. Its nice to know that other areas look at our work and like it. And that not all areas do things the same way.

Alternate Registrar, Mike

We are working on some IT initiatives to get alternate more involved to assist Chris.

Chair, Marilyn

Next month, at fall committee meeting, there is going to be discussion about hosting 2017 area events. In case you don’t know how it works – we have all committee meetings here and dates are saved. Our 4 assemblies – one help at spring conference, the other three can be held in your district or at lord of life. Expenses are covered by the area. District works with alternate chair to figure out logistics. It’s not difficult. We’ll discuss calendar next month.

Open mic

- Jennifer – as GSR for Sat morning solution group, we have fliers in the back. We offer childcare. We want to offer the idea of childcare being considered a part of Accessibilities. We would like to work with webmaster and district websites to incorporate accessibilities search options. It should be easier to find meetings with child care. We'd like to ask for cooperation with other groups to raise awareness of childcare as an available service.
- Kevin – D22 hosting winter assembly. Will be held on Dec 10th in Hampshire, IL. Will email DCMS a flier.
- Rob – D23 DDCM – fliers out for committee meeting have incorrect date. Correct date is now added and flier sent to Carmela
- Sid - PI chair ISCYPAA – conference is in Gurnee, IL 2/24-2/26. Go to iscypaa.org to register. Tonight, all Chicago open dance is being sponsored by ISCYPAA. Dance starts at 9 in Forest Park. Camping event – Hampshire, 9/23-25. Registration is \$20.
- Cindy – a Way out group anniversary party is downtown Libertyville, IL Sep 24th
- Ern – D73 – 37th annual anniversary dinner potluck – Tuesday, 10/18 in Oregon, IL

Meeting adjourned at 2:12 pm followed by the Responsibility Statement.

The following pages are Appendices A through C

Appendix A - Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer report combined

Appendix B - Delegate report

Appendix C - Registrar report

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Report of the NIA Treasurer, NIA Fall Assembly, 9/17/2016

Balance sheet

The balance sheet report, updated through 8/31/2016 is attached.

- Bank balance was \$29,889.43 (8/31) which is \$13,249.43 over prudent reserve.
- “Green Can” fund (TF literature) balance was \$120.63 (8/31).
- “Pink Can” fund (CF literature) balance was \$1356.65 (8/31).
- “GSO Birthday Plan” fund
 - Groups are encouraged to make “Birthday Plan” contributions directly to the GSB. Contributions can be made online at <https://ctb.aaws.org/default.aspx?lang=en> or by check, made payable to “General Service Board”. Contributions by check should indicate “GSO Birthday Plan” the group service number and can be mailed to The General Service Office, Post Office Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163-0459.

Contributions/Expenses (Profit and Loss in QuickBooks)

- The QuickBooks profit and loss report, updated through 8/31/2016, shows that year-to-date contributions from all sources totaled \$45,701.09, expenses totaled \$33,807.88, and the net bank balance increased by \$11,893.21.

Primary Purpose Register (PPR)

- The PPR combines information from the balance sheet, profit and loss report, and NIA Guidelines. The PPR, updated through 8/31/2016, is attached.

Tax-related

- First annual tax filing extension was filed prior to 5/15 and the second was filed prior to 8/15. IRS approved the extensions, 2015 tax reporting is now due on 11/31/2016. Now working with accountant to finalize.
- **CALL FOR ACTION!** Our accountant of 24 years has indicated that 2016 is the last year he can help us. So, we are in need of a CPA, licensed in Illinois, who is available to take on a not-for-profit LLC starting in 2017. Please announce this at your district meetings and let me know when you have leads for me.

Respectfully submitted,
Judd W., NIA Treasurer – Panel 66
treasurer@aa-nia.org

NIA, Ltd.
BALANCE SHEET
 As of August 31, 2016

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Cash	
Checking	13,239.80
Restricted Funds	
ECRC	3,000.00
Green Can	120.63
Pink Can	1,356.65
Total Restricted Funds	4,477.28
Total Checking	17,717.08
Prudent Reserve	16,649.63
Total Cash	34,366.71
Total Bank Accounts	\$34,366.71
Total Current Assets	\$34,366.71
TOTAL ASSETS	\$34,366.71
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
ECRC	3,000.00
Green Can	120.63
Pink Can	1,356.65
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$4,477.28
Total Current Liabilities	\$4,477.28
Total Liabilities	\$4,477.28
Equity	
Fund Balance	17,996.22
Net Income	11,893.21
Total Equity	\$29,889.43
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$34,366.71

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NIA, Ltd.
PROFIT AND LOSS
 January - August, 2016

	TOTAL
Income	
7th Tradition Contributions	
Contributions - District	7,060.00
Contributions - Group	35,041.83
Contributions - Other	3,490.59
Contributions - Personal	105.33
Interest	3.34
Total 7th Tradition Contributions	45,701.09
Total Income	\$45,701.09
Gross Profit	\$45,701.09
Expenses	
Primary Purpose Basic	
B01-16 2016 General Service Conference	1,963.85
B03-16 2016 Area Assemblies	1,755.87
B04-16 2016 Area Committee Meetings	1,299.68
B05-16 2016 Service Orientation Workshops	137.24
B06-16 2016 Administrative Committee Meetings	37.92
B07-16 2016 Concepts Newsletter	4,541.25
B08-16 2016 Area Committee participation in District Committee functions	223.44
B09-16 2016 ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present	1,122.14
B10-16 2016 Area Operations	8,255.20
B11-15 2015 Illinois State Conference (deleted)	-91.01
B11-16 2016 Illinois State Conference, Area Committee participation	2,410.42
B12-16 2016 Spring Conference, Area Committee participation	4,994.88
B13-16 2016 Big Book Conference, hosting	2,824.20
B14-15 2016 Spring Conference, hosting	-4,431.98
B14-16 2017 Spring Conference, hosting	3,060.46
B17-16 2016 Service Committee Workshops	140.32
B19-16 2016 IL State Conference, hosting	105.60
Total Primary Purpose Basic	28,349.48
Primary Purpose Motions	
M064 Provide literature for SIA 21 Corrections Committee	5,458.40
Total Primary Purpose Motions	5,458.40
Total Expenses	\$33,807.88
Net Operating Income	\$11,893.21
Net Income	\$11,893.21

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NIA Alternate Treasurer's Report

Report date: 9/10/2016

The address for the NIA Treasurer for the Panel 66 rotation is: Northern Illinois Area, Ltd., P.O. Box 1056, Yorkville, IL 60560. 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.

In service,

Nicole E., NIA Alternate Treasurer

alt-treasurer@aa-nia.org

Summary of contributions received from 1/15/2016 through 8/13/2016

Date deposited (All)

Row Labels	Sum of Contribution amount
(blank)	
Pink Can contribution	\$7,274.94
Group contribution	\$35,041.83
District contribution	\$7,060.00
Other contribution	\$3,490.59
personal contribution	\$105.33
Grand Total	\$52,972.69

Date deposited (All)

Sum of Contribution amount				
District	Group number	Group name	Contribution type	Total
	0	716596 Babes without Booze Big Book Group	Pink Can contribution	\$200.00
0 Total				\$200.00
	10	104200 Friday Morning Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
		104389 Antioch Triple A Group	Group contribution	\$105.00
		104715 Grayslake Southsiders Group	Group contribution	\$78.00
		104729 Happy Harold's Eye Opener Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
		119565 Stools & Bottles Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
		120246 Grapevine Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
		121126 Tuesday As Bill Sees It Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
		127397 Early Birds Group	Group contribution	\$190.00
		149852 Chain Of Lakes Discussion Group	Group contribution	\$210.00
		155891 Beginners Group	Group contribution	\$105.00
		167229 Keep It Simple Group	Pink Can contribution	\$28.00
			Group contribution	\$30.00
		172658 Wanderers No 116 Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
		600302 Mens Priority Big Book 4 Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
		600993 Miracles Do Happen Group	Group contribution	\$175.00
		602117 Easley Does It Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
		616733 Monday Early Birds Group	Group contribution	\$80.00

10	626339	New Beginnings Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	642072	A Way Out Group	Group contribution	\$240.00
	646390	Shed Group	Group contribution	\$180.00
	661521	Wednesday Morning Women's Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	670291	Women Working Together Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	680672	As Bill Sees It Group	Group contribution	\$115.00
	699215	I'm Here Because I Need A Meeting Woman	Group contribution	\$25.00
	699432	Monday 5PM AA Big Book Step Study Group	Group contribution	\$78.00
	703220	Earlier Risers Group	Group contribution	\$255.00
	703290	Spiritual Kindergarten Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	707749	Survivors Bloom Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
(blank)		Saturday AM Big Book	Group contribution	\$80.00
		Women's Book Club/Serenity House	Group contribution	\$50.00
		6PM Saturday	Group contribution	\$16.00
10 Total				\$2,735.00
11	104267	Cary Grove Wed Nite Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	104625	Fri Nite Mens Fellowship Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	119600	Thursday Night Disc Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	120853	Twelve Steps To Freedom Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	125242	Wednesday Womens Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	125327	Cary Park District Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	125619	Monday Noon Meeting Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	127053	Monday Night Richmond Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
	132066	Tuesday Night Big Book #1 Grp	Group contribution	\$30.00
	150979	Clean Air Closed Discussion Gp	Group contribution	\$90.00
	167015	Sobriety & Beyond Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	176778	Broad Highway Women's Grp	Group contribution	\$120.00
	610896	Winners & Beginners Group	Group contribution	\$1,062.40
	610981	Wmns Spiritual Progress #2 Grp	Group contribution	\$108.00
	637908	Flying Geese Group	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
	637909	Thursday Morning Big Book Study Group	Pink Can contribution	\$440.00
			Group contribution	\$47.00
	640652	Belthouse Boys Group	Group contribution	\$65.00
	643018	Freedom Farm Campfire Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	646950	From The Book Group	Group contribution	\$180.00
	654091	Design For Living Group	Group contribution	\$279.91
	655136	Growth And Change Group	Group contribution	\$102.00
	657318	12 Steps & 12 Traditions Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	657604	Living Sober Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	659638	Riverside Group	Group contribution	\$167.00
	659768	Soberfest Group	Group contribution	\$1,289.02
	672942	Mens Big Book Priority-A Group	Group contribution	\$58.00
	675317	Being New In A.A. Group	Group contribution	\$250.00
	675712	Attitude Adjustment Group	Group contribution	\$1,095.00
	687548	Sobriety & Beyond (II) (A) Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	689268	Monday Night Priority Big Book Study Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	695282	Women's Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$199.80
	695505	A Vision For You Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	695658	Wanderers Into Action Group	Group contribution	\$84.00
	696745	Chosen Early Young People Group	Group contribution	\$150.00

11	698797	Sat. AM Mens Step - Dawn Patrol Group	Group contribution	\$113.00
	699065	Men's Priority Big Book 5B Group	Group contribution	\$270.00
	711699	Tuesday Night Road to Freedom Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
(blank)		Sunday 8AM Big Book	Group contribution	\$25.00
		Thurs Night Mens Meeting	Group contribution	\$36.00
11 Total				\$7,386.13
12	145863	Saturday Nite Step Group	Group contribution	\$175.00
	645698	Deerpath Sunday Nights Group	Group contribution	\$144.00
	664612	WOW Group (Women On Wednesday)	Group contribution	\$91.00
	702320	Bunch Of Nuts Group	Group contribution	\$260.00
(blank)		Saturday 8AM	Group contribution	\$50.00
12 Total				\$720.00
20	163294	Grupo Mi Ultimo Refugio	Group contribution	\$40.00
	660566	Grupo Santa Monica	Group contribution	\$20.00
	688838	Grupo Doce Promesas	Group contribution	\$80.00
(blank)		District 20	District contribution	\$120.00
20 Total				\$260.00
21	104181	Thursday Morning Ladies Group	Group contribution	\$103.00
	104828	Wanderers #IV Group	Group contribution	\$62.00
	132262	Palatine Angle Group	Pink Can contribution	\$26.00
	159815	Northwest Oaks Group	Group contribution	\$536.47
	636786	Womens 12 & 12 Group	Group contribution	\$123.00
	678959	Sunday Night Steps Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
(blank)		Monday Early Birds Group	Pink Can contribution	\$26.00
		Sunday Nite Steps	Group contribution	\$40.00
		District 21	District contribution	\$250.00
		Friday - The Step Group	Pink Can contribution	\$26.00
21 Total				\$1,222.47
22	104250	Sun Morning Fellowship Group	Group contribution	\$126.62
	117398	Elgin Wed Night Eastside Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
	118489	Fellowship Group	Group contribution	\$180.00
	120644	West Side Grapevine Group	Group contribution	\$125.00
	123511	Tuesday Night Group	Pink Can contribution	\$108.00
	124226	Back To Basics Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	124908	Thurs Night West Dundee Group	Pink Can contribution	\$170.95
			Group contribution	\$250.00
	125010	Mon Night Westside Fellwshp Gp	Group contribution	\$30.00
	145124	Early Birds Group	Group contribution	\$172.00
	148142	Little Red Door Group	Group contribution	\$282.78
	148143	Womens New Beginnings Group	Group contribution	\$175.00
	148146	Wednesday Night Serenity Group	Pink Can contribution	\$82.00
	150224	Wednesday Night Reflection Grp	Pink Can contribution	\$143.00
			Group contribution	\$30.00
	161787	Friday Nite Recovery Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
	614385	Monday Second Shifters Group	Group contribution	\$220.00
	615946	Today's Gift Group	Group contribution	\$190.00
	651762	Friday Noon 12 & 12 Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	656609	Monday Night Big Book Meeting Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	672159	Saturday Night Open Speaker Group	Pink Can contribution	\$282.80
			Group contribution	\$96.00

22	681555	Came To Believe Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	681573	As Joe & Charlie See It Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	686394	Fresh Start Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	686697	In Depth Big Book Study Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	713398	12-12-12 & More Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
	717529	No Name Brotherhood Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
(blank)		District 22	District contribution	\$1,000.00
		Service Orientation Workshop 7/16	Other contribution	\$80.73
22 Total				\$4,299.88
23	104308	Hangover In Hanover	Pink Can contribution	\$16.08
		Hang Over At Hanvr Pk B/B Stdy Gp	Group contribution	\$50.23
	141030	Staying Alive Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	632081	Wanderers 50 Group	Group contribution	\$105.00
	657074	Sunday Night Live Group	Group contribution	\$20.00
	704903	Meat And Potatoes Group	Group contribution	\$345.00
	709439	There Is A Solution Group	Group contribution	\$20.00
(blank)		District 23	Pink Can contribution	\$175.00
23 Total				\$806.31
28	104365	Saturday Morning Mens Group	Group contribution	\$325.00
	104755	Lake Zurich 12 & 12 Group	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
	128554	Sunday Night Salem Group	Group contribution	\$180.00
	134171	No Name Group	Group contribution	\$180.00
	175230	Wanderers Priority Big Book XIII (Men) Grp	Group contribution	\$228.50
	175535	Wednesday Night Beginners Grp	Group contribution	\$30.00
	600334	Tuesday Night 12 & 12 Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	630250	Sun Morning Early Birds Group	Group contribution	\$180.00
	634567	Living In Recovery Group	Group contribution	\$115.00
	657311	Sisters In Sobriety Group	Group contribution	\$97.50
	658285	Monday Night Serenity Group	Pink Can contribution	\$49.00
			Group contribution	\$20.00
	673285	Tuesday Night 12 & 12 Group	Pink Can contribution	\$150.00
		Tuesday Real Time Home Group	Group contribution	\$336.33
	713901	Wednesday Night Women's Way	Group contribution	\$75.00
	716904	Still At It 12 & 12 Group	Pink Can contribution	\$30.00
(blank)		District 28	Pink Can contribution	\$60.00
			District contribution	\$900.00
		Thursday Night Big Book Study	Pink Can contribution	\$26.00
28 Total				\$3,132.33
40	104705	Glen Ellyn Primary Purpose Group	Group contribution	\$35.81
	104943	Anona Center Earlybirds Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	104944	Anona Wed Stag Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
	138612	Friday Night Group	Group contribution	\$125.00
	146676	C.D.H. Sunday Morning Group	Group contribution	\$163.00
	148610	Womens Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	160763	Resentmentville West Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
	174566	Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$35.00
	176124	Gift Of Sobriety Group	Group contribution	\$40.00
	177189	Friday Night Corner Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	705303	50 Paragraphs To Recovery Group	Group contribution	\$70.00
	709345	Women's Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$158.50

40		714482 Snippets From The Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
(blank)		Anona West/Sunday 10:30AM	Group contribution	\$30.00
		District 40	Pink Can contribution	\$252.00
		Central DuPage Hospital Open	Group contribution	\$45.00
40 Total				\$1,194.31
41		104302 Elmhurst Splinter Group	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
		104413 Tioga Monday Night Group	Pink Can contribution	\$25.00
		104669 Catacombs Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		104777 Lombard Couriers Group	Pink Can contribution	\$70.00
		104907 Sunday Closed Step Group	Pink Can contribution	\$13.00
		104913 Washington-Ardmore Group	Pink Can contribution	\$25.00
		117713 Stepping Stones Group	Pink Can contribution	\$56.00
			Group contribution	\$54.00
		Stepping Stones	Pink Can contribution	\$61.00
		120247 Solution Seekers Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		127022 Sat Morning Discussion Group	Pink Can contribution	\$8.00
		137538 Lombard Kitchen Table Group	Pink Can contribution	\$185.50
		140725 Tues Night Men's Step	Pink Can contribution	\$30.00
		156144 Resentmentville Group	Pink Can contribution	\$336.00
		170702 Tuesday Nite Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$20.00
		171276 New Hope Group	Group contribution	\$529.57
		614267 Phoenix Group	Pink Can contribution	\$89.64
		627761 Lombard Lunch Bunch Group	Pink Can contribution	\$183.45
			Group contribution	\$154.33
		Lunch Bunch Group	Pink Can contribution	\$30.00
			Group contribution	\$255.07
		633174 Brown Bag Group	Pink Can contribution	\$1.00
		637845 Genesis II Group	Pink Can contribution	\$63.25
		655261 5:30 P.M. Big Book Group	Pink Can contribution	\$9.21
		697094 Wednesday Serenity Group	Group contribution	\$98.63
		705312 Young And The Restless Group	Pink Can contribution	\$82.00
			Group contribution	\$74.34
		714285 Four Seasons Step Group	Group contribution	\$38.22
(blank)		Sat Morning Discussion Group	Pink Can contribution	\$10.00
		Thursday Morning Big Book Study Group	Pink Can contribution	\$16.00
		Sun Morning Discussion Group	Pink Can contribution	\$3.00
		Wednesday Grapevine	Pink Can contribution	\$3.00
		Wed Brown Bag	Pink Can contribution	\$11.00
		Anona East Early Birds	Pink Can contribution	\$119.95
		Sat 3pm Discussion	Pink Can contribution	\$18.00
		Tue 11am Big Book	Pink Can contribution	\$1.00
		Wed Winning Women	Pink Can contribution	\$10.00
		Thurs 5:30	Pink Can contribution	\$2.00
		Sat Candlelight	Pink Can contribution	\$1.00
		Fri 12:30	Pink Can contribution	\$2.00
		Anona East Groups	Pink Can contribution	\$37.00
		Sun Night Step	Pink Can contribution	\$5.05
41 Total				\$2,881.21
42		104344 Samaritan Big Book Group	Pink Can contribution	\$276.00
			Group contribution	\$174.30

104637	Darien Thursday P.M. Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
104654	Highlanders Group	Pink Can contribution	\$96.00
		Group contribution	\$335.80
104933	Burlington Beginners Group	Group contribution	\$95.00
104937	Hummer Park Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
122219	Dr. Bob's 12 & 12 Step & Trad Gp	Group contribution	\$300.00
126443	One Day At A Time Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
128502	Eye Openers Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
131678	Grateful It Works Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
143057	Wed Night Clear The Air Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
143222	Parish House Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
147731	Unity Group	Group contribution	\$36.00
170240	Sober Not Somber Group	Pink Can contribution	\$292.00
171837	Grace Group	Group contribution	\$200.00
177066	Step Into Sobriety (SIS) Women's Group	Pink Can contribution	\$80.00
600913	Acceptance Group	Pink Can contribution	\$100.00
		Group contribution	\$80.00
604096	Finders Keepers Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
605348	Thank God Women's Group	Pink Can contribution	\$20.00
		Group contribution	\$80.00
608720	We Are Group	Pink Can contribution	\$122.00
		Group contribution	\$104.00
647853	Salt Creek Group	Group contribution	\$300.00
655927	Humble Beginnings Group	Group contribution	\$175.00
679832	24/7 Group	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
		Group contribution	\$150.00
696588	Life Is Good Group	Pink Can contribution	\$348.00
		Group contribution	\$100.00
708082	It's All About Me Group	Pink Can contribution	\$75.00
		Group contribution	\$75.00

42 Total **\$4,289.10**

104272	Sunday Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
146628	Beginners Sampler Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
165272	How & Why Group	Pink Can contribution	\$454.00
		Group contribution	\$620.70
178942	Hope For Today Womens Group	Pink Can contribution	\$296.00
601775	Womens Spirit Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
648705	Beyond Any Length Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
652533	South Side Sobriety Seekers Group	Group contribution	\$300.00
683110	Daily Reflections Group	Group contribution	\$68.00
693126	Swinging Sobriety Sisters Group	Pink Can contribution	\$300.00
		Group contribution	\$100.00
693993	Foxhall Group	Group contribution	\$250.00
(blank)	Sunday Night Lisle Big Book	Group contribution	\$50.00

43 Total **\$2,738.70**

104740	As Bill Sees It Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
104854	Plainfield Serendipity Group	Group contribution	\$70.00
134454	H.O.W. Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
140822	Big Book Believers Group	Group contribution	\$82.00
640384	Manhattan Kitchen Table Group	Group contribution	\$102.00

51	640883	New Hope Step Group	Group contribution	\$250.00
	643273	Candlelight Discussion Mtg Grp	Group contribution	\$20.44
	657249	Living Room Group	Group contribution	\$33.00
	659565	Saturday 12 Step Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
	676694	Custer Park Big Book Study Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	691687	Life's Not For Sissies Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	697367	Women's SOS Group	Group contribution	\$58.06
	704859	Big Book Women's Group	Group contribution	\$54.00
	704956	People With No Last Names Group	Group contribution	\$35.10
	705132	Wednesday Night Ladies Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	705741	A New Life In AA Group	Group contribution	\$130.00
(blank)		District 51	District contribution	\$3,900.00
		Sunday Night Do or Die	Group contribution	\$25.00
51 Total				\$5,119.60
52	126908	Sunday Night Action Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
	134399	911 Group	Group contribution	\$108.06
	613245	Primary Purpose Group	Group contribution	\$80.00
	655944	Women To Women Group	Group contribution	\$48.00
	685865	Steps Our Solutions (S.O.S.) Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
52 Total				\$381.06
61	104697	Wednesday Night Group	Group contribution	\$125.00
	104698	Geneva Thursday Night Group	Group contribution	\$200.00
	120353	Friday Night Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	120451	Elburn Countryside Group	Pink Can contribution	\$20.00
	123728	Fireside Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	123798	Keep It Simple Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	134943	Early Birds Group	Group contribution	\$744.22
	139409	Thursday Night Men's Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	146299	Prayer & Meditation Group	Group contribution	\$65.00
	146390	We Are Not Saints Group	Group contribution	\$55.00
	161010	Willingness Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	171661	Dough Heads Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	172797	Step By Step Group	Group contribution	\$110.00
	174680	T.G.I.F. Group	Group contribution	\$39.00
	600092	3-11 Group	Group contribution	\$117.00
	600093	Monday Brown Baggers Group	Group contribution	\$117.00
	605016	B.Y.O.B.B. & B.B. Group	Group contribution	\$325.00
	612847	Phoenix Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
	642517	Big Book 164 Group	Group contribution	\$72.50
	650203	Twelve & Twelve Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	695363	Geneva Saturday Night Open Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	707163	Bridge To Shore Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	708120	Womens's 12 In 12 Group	Group contribution	\$24.60
61 Total				\$2,714.32
62	104240	Thursday Night Group	Group contribution	\$200.98
	116896	Big Book Study Group	Group contribution	\$91.00
	127727	Saturday Niters Group	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
			Group contribution	\$60.00
	140937	Hill Toppers Group	Group contribution	\$35.00
	148865	One Day At A Time Clsd Disc Gp	Pink Can contribution	\$153.19

62	148865	One Day At A Time Clsd Disc Gp	Group contribution	\$104.55
	173661	Young At Heart Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	673300	Angels Gather Here Group	Pink Can contribution	\$45.00
			Group contribution	\$15.00
	677697	Recovery Discovery Group	Pink Can contribution	\$32.00
			Group contribution	\$92.00
	685783	5:15 Mix It Up Group	Pink Can contribution	\$61.54
			Group contribution	\$153.00
	692050	Second Hand Sobriety Group	Pink Can contribution	\$21.05
			Group contribution	\$75.00
	699614	Serenity Now Group	Pink Can contribution	\$40.00
			Group contribution	\$100.00
	703591	Living Sober On The Hill Group	Pink Can contribution	\$86.50
			Group contribution	\$136.40
	713235	Sisters In Sobriety Group	Group contribution	\$46.02
	714876	A Good Start To Your Week Group	Group contribution	\$66.60
	715606	Lunch Bunch Group	Group contribution	\$24.00
	(blank)	District 62	District contribution	\$400.00
62 Total				\$2,118.83
64	174027	Saturday Morning Alive Group	Group contribution	\$44.10
	174096	Friends Of Bill W. Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	607518	Do Or Die Group	Group contribution	\$54.00
	610611	Monday Starter Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	705460	Our Primary Purpose Big Book Study Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
64 Total				\$248.10
70	104656	Medina Group	Group contribution	\$633.00
	122494	East Side H.O.W. Group	Group contribution	\$432.78
	145204	The Upper Room Group	Group contribution	\$270.00
	175694	Traveler's Rest Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	176256	Augury Group	Group contribution	\$57.51
	616115	Healthy Solutions Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
	672157	12 Steppers Group	Group contribution	\$110.00
	673419	Roscoe Recovery Group	Group contribution	\$37.00
	681933	Belvidere Bridge Group #1 + #2	Group contribution	\$50.00
	704726	McFarland Group	Group contribution	\$38.00
70 Total				\$1,798.29
71	127172	Tuesday Nite Fellowship Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
	135496	Fox Valley Group (Non-Smoking)	Group contribution	\$105.00
	139472	Learning To Live Gp	Group contribution	\$30.00
	143422	Back To Basics Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	167119	24 Hours A Day Group	Group contribution	\$70.00
	171278	Sandwich Steppers Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	177974	Back To Basics Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	606354	Monday Morning Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	614570	Fresh Beginnings Group	Group contribution	\$80.00
	616198	Program Of Recovery Group	Group contribution	\$64.00
	654357	Sycamore Monday 5:30 12 & 12 Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	660537	Pass It On Group	Group contribution	\$125.00
	673835	One Day Cafe Group	Group contribution	\$10.00
	(blank)	District 71	District contribution	\$100.00

71 Total				\$869.00
	72	155890	New Beginning Group	Group contribution \$50.00
72 Total				\$50.00
	73	104805	Ridge Runners Group	Group contribution \$100.00
		105748	Kings Step Study Group	Group contribution \$75.00
		121962	Oregon Blackhawk Group	Group contribution \$150.00
		173198	How It Works Group	Group contribution \$70.00
		180081	Serenity Group	Group contribution \$25.00
		645840	A Way Of Life Group	Group contribution \$75.00
		667354	Davis Junction Group	Group contribution \$30.00
73 Total				\$525.00
	77 (blank)		The How & Why Group	Group contribution \$30.00
77 Total				\$30.00
	79 (blank)		District 79	District contribution \$240.00
79 Total				\$240.00
	80	104856	Princeton Group	Group contribution \$375.00
		137305	Illinois Valley Group	Group contribution \$50.00
80 Total				\$425.00
	90	104748	Kewanee Henry Co. Group	Group contribution \$100.00
		104798	Milan Hillcrest Group	Group contribution \$10.00
		164740	Rainbow Group	Group contribution \$30.00
90 Total				\$140.00
	91 (blank)		District 91	District contribution \$150.00
91 Total				\$150.00
	(blank)	104762	Lemont Boondocks	Group contribution \$41.00
				Group contribution \$233.00
				personal contribution \$30.00
			2007 Illinois State Conference	Other contribution \$3.71
			Anona West/Sunday 10:30AM	Group contribution \$30.00
			Anona Center East/Tuesday Bikers	Pink Can contribution \$6.00
			Anona Center East/Grapevine	Pink Can contribution \$2.00
			Anona Center East/Big Book	Pink Can contribution \$2.00
			Elmhurst 24 Hrs A Day	Pink Can contribution \$24.00
			Anona Center East/Early Birds	Pink Can contribution \$40.07
			Anona Center East/Mon 5:30PM	Pink Can contribution \$35.85
			Anona Center East/Wed Big Book	Pink Can contribution \$9.43
			Anona Center East/Sat 3pm Discussion	Pink Can contribution \$25.90
			Anona Center East/Thur 5:30PM	Pink Can contribution \$4.25
			Anona Center East/Sun 3PM	Pink Can contribution \$6.00
			ISCYPAA	Other contribution \$3,298.15
			ANONA East Discussion 3PM	Pink Can contribution \$16.17
			ANONA East Discussion Noon	Pink Can contribution \$15.00
			Sobriety Seekers Intergroup	Group contribution \$50.00
			Women's Group	Group contribution \$30.00
			Monday Morning Serenity Group	Pink Can contribution \$100.00
			DuPage Open	Pink Can contribution \$22.11
			Fri Morning Step Meeting	Group contribution \$35.00
			Kitchen Table Group	Group contribution \$40.00
			Grace New Beginnings	Group contribution \$120.00
			Thursday Night Open Big Book	Group contribution \$24.00

	(blank)	Sunday Morning Center	Group contribution	\$200.00
Total				\$4,443.64
(blank)	(blank)	ISCYPAA	Group contribution	\$1,671.08
		2016 NIA Winter Committee Meeting	Other contribution	\$108.00
		Personal Contribution	personal contribution	\$75.33
(blank) Total				\$1,854.41
Grand Total				\$52,972.69

Delegates Report
Fall Assembly
September 17, 2016

Hello All,

Today we will be electing our candidate for East Central Regional Trustee. The last time NIA 20 had a Regional Trustee was Jack O., 1998 to 2002. It would be nice to have the East Central Regional Trustee come from Area 20 for the next four year term. The 2016 Final Reports from the GSC are here. I am hoping to get as many to the districts as possible today. If you are from a district that your DCM is not here, please take the reports for your district. As always the less I take back home the better.

I am still keeping fairly busy with my Delegate talks. Since the Summer Committee meeting I visited district 73 on August 19th and District 72 on August 27th to share on my experiences at the 2016 General Service Conference. I have noticed that almost all of the presentations I have done are a little different. A few wanted the full power point presentation, some wanted my experience of what I did and not too deeply into the agenda items, and others wanted a little of both. As it stands now I have one more district to visit, district 21 on September 20th. I have traveled about 1,160 miles so far and I enjoyed every mile of it to share about my experience at the 2016 GSC.

In my talks I mentioned the presentations that were given by the Panel 65 or second year delegates. The presentations come out of the Agenda committee and brought to the floor for conference approval to become advisory actions. I received a loving invitation to give a presentation on, "Apathy and the Power of the Purse," at the 2017 GSC. So far that presentation has been the hardest for me to write. Thank goodness for deadlines.

On August 20th, I had participated in a workshop put on by Robert S. our Area alternate delegate which was hosted by districts 22 and 23. There was lots of discussion about the various service committees and a pretty good turnout.

August 12-14th I attended the Illinois State Conference/ Regional Conference which was held at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles. I was a co-chair of a Grapevine Writing Stories workshop which had about 20 members in attendance. That was the first one I had ever attended and I thought it went well. It was a little hard for me to just sit there and be quiet while members wrote their stories but I did get a lot of reading done. I also was on a sponsorship panel with a few members from a meeting that really dove deep into the big book. I attended a few East Central Region delegate events such as an early 7:00 am breakfast and then a luncheon. I had the privilege of chairing the Sunday morning session. All the panels that I attended were well prepared and informative. Thank you districts 10, 12 and 28 for a job well done.

Trustees' Archives Committee

Proposal for new A.A.W.S. Book: The committee briefly discussed a proposal for a new A.A.W.S. book on Bill W.'s General Service Conference talks from 1951 - 1970. The committee agreed to continue the discussion and looks forward to receiving additional background information for their October 2016 meeting.

Trustees' Committee on Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment/Accessibilities

C.P.C. Publications: The committee reviewed the Conference committee's Additional Consideration for the trustees' committee to continue discussing the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W." The chair appointed a subcommittee to continue discussion on the pamphlet, "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W." The committee also requested that the subcommittee continue discussion on the development of service material providing information about A.A. to mental health care professionals

Trustees' Committee on Corrections

New Corrections Video "A New Freedom": The committee discussed and agreed on the usefulness of a 2-3 minute version of "A New Freedom" given the current digital landscape and the desire for "short bites." The committee also noted the value of shorter versions as a training tool for professionals and students of sociology or criminology. The staff member will gather input from members and other viewers focusing on the length of the video and its most important elements, and then report back.

Trustees' Committee on literature

Pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated": The committee reviewed the 2016 Conference Advisory to update the pamphlet "The Twelve Traditions Illustrated." The committee requested that the Publishing Department begin the initial process of updating the pamphlet and prepare a "mock-up" of two or three Traditions for review at the October 2016 meeting.

Expanding availability of "plain-language" recovery literature: The committee reviewed the 2016 Additional Committee Consideration regarding expanding the availability of "plain-language" recovery literature. Following discussion, the committee agreed to continue discussions at the October 2016 meeting.

Trustees' Committee on Public Information

Google-for-Non-Profits: In response to a 2016 Conference Committee on Public Information recommendation that resulted in an Advisory Action, the chair appointed a subcommittee. to oversee the development of a plan to implement a Google-for-Non- Profits account and the scope of services to be utilized.

Trustees' Committee on Finance and Budgetary

Net literature sales were \$6,788,568, approximately \$345,580 (5.4%) greater than budget and \$341,639 (5.3%) greater than the first six months of last year.

The committee was advised that for the first six months of this year, Seventh Tradition contributions of \$3,441,484 were received, \$232,953 more than the first six months of last year, and \$257,236 greater than budget for the period. With the exception of January all months of this year have shown contributions greater than both budget and the same month in 2015. While July is not yet finished, it also appears that it will be a good month.

Proposed 2017 Conference Agenda Items Sent to General Service Office

1/11/16	That the 67th General Service Conference consider revisions to Chapters 2,3 and 5 of the A.A. Service Manual	Report & Charter	<i>n/a</i>
11/22/15	That the 67th General Service Conference consider revisions to the pamphlet "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship," as detailed in the submitted proposal.	trustees' Literature Committee	<i>pending</i>
3/30/16	That A.A.W.S. make available the "Self-Support" Packet (F-19) in Spanish and French.	Lit Comm of AAWS Board	<i>pending</i>
4/09/16	That the 67th General Service Conference reconsider the 2010 Advisory Action to publish La Viña in 64 pages.	AAGV Board	<i>pending</i>
5/12/16	Consider developing a pamphlet to reflect the recovery experiences of Deaf A.A. members to help prospective Deaf newcomers to identify with other alcoholics	trustees' Literature Committee	<i>pending</i>
5/17/16	That "Too Young" (P-37) be retired	trustees' Literature Committee	<i>pending</i>
6/20/16	That the short form of the Concepts be revised.	Report & Charter	<i>n/a</i>

And finally news from the A.A. Grapevine, the International Monthly Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous, has published the book "Our Twelve Traditions". Our Twelve Traditions: AA members share their own stories of experience. Go to www.aagrapevine.org and click on store.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly L.
Delegate Panel 66/NIA20
Grapevine Committee

Registrar's Report

Presented at the Fall Committee Meeting October 15, 2016
Chris DeGrane, Area 20 Registrar

Fellowship New Vision database

Fellowship New Vision database (FNV) was developed by the General Service Office and released for use by the areas in May, 2007. FNV is a web based tool and because of that, updates are immediate. FNV also provides each area, via their Area Registrar, access to update certain area information directly into the database. Because FNV is an online-real time database, what is entered by either the areas or the GSO Records department is available for immediate use.

Four times a year the Alternate Registrar will be sending to the DCM and the District Secretary a document of all of the groups in their district. The last column is where updates can be entered. GSRs can update group information by working with their DCM or district secretary or by completing a group information change form which they can find online at <http://www.aa-nia.org/forms.html>.

Group information includes group name, group number, area, district, history dates, meeting locations and times, and complete group contact information. *District information*, on the other hand, includes district service positions and contact information for those elected to those positions and *Area information* is similar to district information but at the area-level.

This information is the key to communication throughout the A.A. general service structure. GSO uses group information to send information kits to new GSRs, copies of *Box 459*, the GSO quarterly newsletter, and GSO quarterly reports. Similarly, the area uses the information to send to the group *Concepts*, the NIA newsletter, and area assembly meeting minutes. This information is also used by GSO to send information kits to District and area-level committee chairs to help orient them to their service positions and by area service committee chairs to communicate with their district counterparts.

Respectfully Submitted: Chris DeGrane

Since we will be sending minutes via e-mail, please check with me or your DCM to be sure that your e-mail is correct in FNV.

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. You can also mail changes to NIA20 REGISTRAR, Box 6621, Elgin, IL 60121. **THE NUMBER ONE REASON THAT UPDATES ARE DELAYED IS BECAUSE ALL INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED ON THE SUBMITTED EMAIL.** When sending updates for groups or district positions PLEASE insure that all required information is included, meaning address (with Apt # if applicable), and correctly spelled street names and cities and accurate zip codes. FNV has a built in address verifier and if information is incorrect or missing it will not allow the update. Also, please make sure that if the information is handwritten that it is legible. Pic's of group changes forms or word(.doc) files are fine also. The database is very robust and includes methods to create many different types of reposts. Please let me know if you have specific information needs and I'll do my best to get you the reports you need. Remember, COMPLETE ACCURATE LEGIBLE INFORMATION makes for a happy registrar!

Thank you to NIA 20 for allowing me to serve as your Registrar.

Information updates since 8/01/16

Requests input between 08/01/16 and 10/15/16

Total Since 08/01/2016	
Group information	2
New groups/Pending Active	5
Folded/Inactive/Unknown	5
Group contact information	22
District/Individual contacts	6
Area contacts	0
Total updates	40

Although we are a bit behind, 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