

Northern Illinois Area 20

Unity - Service - Recovery

Spring Committee Meeting Cover Letter

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Welcome to the 2018 Spring Committee Meeting!!

First off, thanks to D62 for hosting today's event!! We know many of you arrived early to set up the room, provide the food and to coordinate our lunch today and we all appreciate your efforts!!

To start the meeting we will continue the format we've been following at Area meetings all year and will have Marilyn F. start us off by giving a short 3 minute lead on Concept IV (*At all reasonable levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation", allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge*). For reference, the first 3 Concepts which we've already covered are shown below-

- I. *Final Responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship. (Robert S.)*
- II. *The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs. (Cheryl V.)*
- III. *To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. – the conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives – with a traditional "Right of Decision". (Kelly L.)*

Following the approval of the minutes from the last Committee meeting we'll here from our Delegate about his first trip to the General Service Conference. Today's presentation will be the abridged format, modified to fit within a 30 minute time slot. Then, after the Treasurer's report and a quick update from Rich H. (Area Inventory), we'll move directly to New Business which will include a discussion on bids for the 2019 ISC, and then motions which have been put forth by the Corrections Committee (2), Electronics Equipment Committee(1) and one from a Group in D52.

Cheryl V. has asked to give a brief talk on the NIA History book and will be asking the Area's opinion about updating it. After lunch, we'll hear a final report from the 2018 Spring Assembly Conference committee and then an update from the 2018 Big Book committee. THEN from the DCM's (for whom this meeting is particularly geared)! DCM's, please update the Area Registrar if any of the DCM names on the agenda are incorrect or if any additions need to be made. After the DCM reports, we'll wrap up with reports (hopefully forwarded electronically to the Area Secretary) from the Service and Administrative committee's and Area officers. The open microphone will be next and then we'll close.

Afterthoughts-

- Still looking for members for the Technical, Report & Charter and Conference Advisory cmte.'s
- Service handbook final edits, translations and printing.
- Alka-thon volunteers for Illinois State Conference.