Northern Illinois Area 20
Unity - Service - Recovery

December 8, 2018

2018 NIA-20 Winter Assembly Cover Letter

Welcome to the 2018 Winter Assembly!!

The agenda for the 2018 Winter Assembly is attached.

First off, thanks to the Hispanic Districts 65 & 20 for hosting today's assembly. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer and appreciate the time spent insuring everything was in place for today's assembly.

On a more somber note, today's assembly will begin with a few remarks from Marcia S. regarding the contributions to our Area from Terry W., a NIA-20 Panel 54 Past Delegate who passed away on October 22, 2018.

After a moment of silence we'll start the meeting as normal and then will hear first from the Treasurer, Alt-Treasurer and Finance committee. As part of their reporting, they will also be presenting the 2019 Primary Purpose Register for our approval.

After that is a report from our Delegate, Robert S., followed immediately by the service committee breakout meetings. All of the standing committees will have a breakout meeting as will the DCM's and GSR's. Remember, anybody at the assembly can attend *any* breakout meeting, so if (for instance) you're a GSR and you're interested in Corrections then you are welcome to go that meeting (for all of part) and listen in. As a GSR, you don't *have* to stay in the GSR meeting, although that meeting *will* help acquaint GSR's with items that are on the agenda later in the day, and will also serve as a general Q&A session on common GSR issues…

Lunch will follow the service breakouts and then we'll resume with old & new business.

The major items under new business for this assembly will be-

- Presentation of the new proposed 2019 Area calendar *complete with the districts that volunteered to host an Assembly next year in their district*!! One change from the committee meeting is there is now an opening to host the 2019 Fall (elections) Assembly next September.

- Acceptance of nominations (and possible voting) for the open Area position of Alt. BTG Chair

- Solicitation of pre-bids for the 2020 Spring event

After that, we'll open discussion and vote on the two motions shown below-

- **(M1)** - On behalf of the concepts committee it is moved that translation services be included in 'allowable expenses' for Concepts primary purpose basic
- **(M2)** - Motion to purchase a new laptop for the Area Registrar, not to exceed $1200.

Those that were at the committee meeting in October may recall there was a third motion discussed which moved to have the Area support cancellation of GSO's printing of regional directories, but that motion was withdrawn by the presenter pending the outcome of the upcoming roll-out of a new GSO database.

The voting members of the assembly are shown below.

Assembly Voting Members	
All current GSRs or Alternate, when GSR is absent	The Area Secretary and Alternate Secretary
All current DCMs or Alternate, when DCM is absent	The Area Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer
The Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate	All Past Area Delegates
The Area Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson	The Area Archivist
The Area Registrar or Alternate, when Registrar is absent	The Concepts Editor **or** co-Editor, when Editor is absent
All Area Standing Committee Chairpersons **or** Alternate, when Chairperson is absent	The Web Administrator **or** Alternate Web Administrator when Web Administrator is absent

After the motions, we'll hear reports from the Service Committee Chairs as well as reports from the GSR's and DCM's from their morning breakout sessions.

The assembly will conclude with Officer Reports and then open microphone.

Respectfully submitted-

Chris D. - Area Chair – NIA 20 Panel 68