

March 13, 2020

Re: Response to COVID-19 and upcoming NIA 20 planned events

To the members and trusted servants of Northern Illinois Area 20,

Considering recent events and announcements related to the prevention of the spread of COVID-19 in the state of Illinois, NIA 20 leadership has made the difficult decision to **cancel the following upcoming NIA Sponsored events:**

- **The 2020 Spring Assembly Conference** planned for March 20-22nd at the Chicago Marriott Schaumburg.
- **The Pre-General Service Conference Workshop** planned for April 4th in Lombard, IL.

Your Area Officers, Conference Advisory Committee and Spring Assembly Conference planning committee chairs have come together out of a great sense of responsibility to those we serve and are working diligently on behalf of our members.

We are working through the logistics of this decision and will keep you informed along the way. **Please cancel your travel plans and hotel reservations** for the Spring Assembly Conference as quickly as possible. Details about refunds for registrants are forthcoming.

Also, forthcoming is detail about **how we will work together to keep our Delegate informed** as she prepares for the General Service Conference.

A BIG THANK YOU to the members of the planning committees who have worked tirelessly to plan these events to this point.

Thank you to those who have reached out, expressed concern, offered to help, and to those who are at the ready to help further. You are the heartbeat of AA.

Please stay tuned, stay safe, recover quickly if you're not feeling well and take care of one another.

In love and service,

Northern Illinois Area 20 Officers and Board of Directors
Conference Advisory Committee
Spring Assembly Conference Planning Committee Co-chairs