

Registrar's Report

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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 either the Alternate Registrar or Registrar will be sending to the District a document of all of the groups in their district. The last column is where updates can be entered. Updates may also be cut and pasted into another document. 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.

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.

NIA Area 20 Currently has 2318 groups in FNV of which 1080 active, 853 inactive, 375 unknown.

In FNV the Registrar can search for groups or individuals and do instant updates. I cannot change group's locations to another city; I send those to the GSO records Department. I am also not allowed to remove a GSR or contact person leaving the groups without a contact, that also has to go the GSO records dept. Same goes to making an inactive group active. Please still send me the information so I can have records on file.

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 P.O. Box 87212, Carol Stream, IL. 60188. **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 be of service to the fellowship.

Information updates since 08/05/18

Requests input between 08/05/18 and 09/13/18

Total Since 08/05/2018	
Group information	10
New groups/Pending Active	5
Folded/Inactive/Unknown	25
Group contact information	35
Total updates – Area and Districts	75

Respectfully Submitted
NIA Registrar
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