

2019 Winter Committee Meeting Cover Letter

January 12, 2019

Welcome to the 2019 Winter Committee Meeting and NIA Service Orientation Workshop!!

Many of you may find yourselves attending today to take part in the Service Orientation Workshop which will take place in the morning session prior to lunch, and we thank you all you for attending!! The purpose of the workshop is to convey the many service opportunities available to those wishing to serve, at all levels of the service structure. We hope within the topics being discussed you'll find the area(s) which ignite your own fire to serve and also find answers to any questions you may have regarding general service. There will be presentations on the topics shown below as well as an **"Ask it Basket"** session. Forms for the Ask it Basket are available on every table and will be collected at regular intervals throughout the workshop. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions of the Area Committee, so please do participate. Also, the workshop itself is a participative event so questions and comments will be encouraged to the presenters as well.

1	GSR Presentation	Dawn B.	Area Corrections Chair
2	DCM Presentation	Dan S.	DCM District 22
3	Service Structure	Robert S.	Area Delegate
4	How to be a "Host Committee"	Carmela R. / Sue H.	Area Alt Chair / Area CPC Chair
5	Primary Purpose Registrar	Carol H.	Area Treasurer
5	Service Committees	Chris D.	Area Chair

After the workshop, we will break for lunch (about 12:00) and then will continue with the "business" portion of the committee meeting.

After the Delegates report and Treasurers report the Old Business agenda will provide reports from the 2019 Big Book Conference committee and both Ad Hoc committees (NIA History Book & 2020 Spring Event). I expect (and hope for) some productive discussion on the work the Spring Event committee has done to date...

New Business contains three new motions presented for discussion. The first motion from the Treatment Committee asks whether we (The Area) want to consider increasing the duties and responsibilities of the Area Treatment Chair to add a **service activity** that allows the Treatment Chair to assist districts procure literature as needed (using Area funds). Hopefully the discussion revolves around the issue of whether **we want the service activity to be added** and not revolve around how much it will cost. While cost will be an obvious factor in the overall context of the motion, it should not be the primary focus of discussion and this topic will undoubtable provide an excellent opportunity for us to utilize and embrace the concept of Primary Purpose financing. I'm looking forward to your viewpoints.

The second motion from the Area Secretaries asks for new computers for those positions and the third motion is a motion to translate the NIA Service Manual into Spanish.

To the new DCM's

For some of you this will be your first time at an Area meeting as DCM of your district, and for some, may be your first time at an Area Committee Meeting period. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the main purpose of the Committee Meeting is to create well informed DCM's, who can then inform their districts about the current Area assembly agenda items, and other going's on at the Area (and within the other districts). This is YOUR meeting and your active participation is vital. Also, there will be an opportunity for you give a 2 minute report.

Area Service Committee Chairs

Remember, we're having a service orientation workshop today and you as SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIRS play a huge role in the success of the workshop. Allow me to thank you in advance for your active participation today. Like the DCM's you will be given an opportunity to give a short report after the DCM's.

And lastly, we also have an open position at the Area level for BTG – Alternate Chair, with that election to take place at the Spring Assembly in March.

Respectfully submitted-

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