

NIA 20 2013 Spring Committee Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2013

Lord of Life Church, La Fox, IL

District 28, Host

New attendees

Bob, GSR 22

Wes T

Steve P

Terri, Lit Chair D22

AA Anniversaries

Rich H 25

Mark B 12

Tina R 22

Kim 7

Jeanne 19

Rich F 19

Twelve Concepts of World Service- Steve P

Announcements –Bill E

Approval of 2013 Winter Committee Minutes –Wally, 2nd Joe M

Correction; *up to 5k total and up to \$ 200 per district reimbursement for attending East Central Regional Forum – Rich, Mike H, 2nd

Officer Reports

Area Chair, Kelly L

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Area Alternate Chair, Allen J.

I attended 2013 Big Book Conference planning meetings on March 13, April 10, and May 8, as area liaison. I also visited the facility with some of the planning members on April 20.

Also on April 20 I was finally able to get together with Brandon L. and get the rest of the NIA inventory and a box of past conference reports. These will be a big help to the current conferences. I'm thinking of scanning the reports so they will be easier to distribute.

I attended 2014 Spring Conference Planning meeting on March 30 and April 14 as area liaison. We have Bob and Bill as chair and co-chair.

On May 9 I was able to get the final report from the 2013 Spring Conference. I have passed that report on to the 2014 conference, several officers and our NIA archivist. Is there anyone else that needs a copy?

We appear to be down to two NIA signs. The signs themselves are not in bad shape, but the stands / support have seen better day. I think we need to get some new signs made and I'm guessing that it's my responsibility, so I will come up some pricing. Will this require an assembly motion, area committee approval, or some other approval?

Treasurer, Mike F

This report is being presented as of May 6th. The following is our financial status as of this date.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contributions/Income:	\$39,122.43	\$25,009.13
Expenses:	<u>\$22,256.97</u>	<u>\$35,071.86</u>

Net Contributions/Expenses: \$16,865.46 (\$10,062.73)

As you can see we are well ahead of last year's contributions compared to expenses.

I have given the 2014 Spring Conference committee the \$3,000 seed money.

Can Contributions

Pink Can Fund: has received a total of \$2,378.38 YTD in contributions. We have spent \$3,164.31 on literature.

Green Can Fund: has collected \$18.57 YTD. We have spent \$165.65 on literature.

2013 Primary Purpose Register (Basic)

The 2013 PPR Basic Budget to date is attached to this report.

So with the approval of the Finance Committee, I am going to recommend sending a contribution to GSO for \$5,000.

If you have any questions regarding this information or the attached financial reports just give me a call or send me an email. Question from Ray M, is Prudent Reserve going to be increased? Mike, Finance committee will discuss. Terry, Spring Conference was NOT self- supporting, as we paid additional for Area Servant to attend. Kelly, on PPMs, number of workshops, has how many workshops been done been kept track of?

Motion to Approve Dawn, Tina R 2nd

Alt Treasurer, Janet N.

The contributions report is attached to this memo. The summary of the numbers are as follows:

Group Contributions	\$ 19,999.07
District Contributions	11,351.10
Conference Contributions	<u>6,285.50</u>

Total: \$ 37,635.67

Registrar's Report, Marilyn F.

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 the Alternate Registrar will be sending to the DMC and the District Secretary a document of all of the groups in their district. The last column is where updates can be entered. 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. In FNV the Registrar can search for groups or individuals and do instant updates. 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.

Information updates since 01/01/2013

All update requests that were received before 05-10-2013 have been processed in FNV.

Total for 2013

Group information 18

New groups 20

Folded/Inactive 49
Group contact information 122
District contacts 91
Area contacts 14
Total updates 314

We will continue to send welcome letters from the area to new GSRs. The packets include the following:

- a welcome letter from the area
- a snapshot of the group's information from FNV
- NIA contribution envelope

Since 1/1/2013 the Area Registrar/Alternate Registrar have sent 67 new GSR group packets.

Delegate Report

Delegate. Rich H.

Hello Area 20 Committee

It is good to be back from the General Service Conference here with all of you today. Prior to getting to the Conference, I had concerns on some of the discussions we were about to have, but being able to trust God and the process, I knew whatever we did was going to be right. And I do have to say, that I believe, everything we did throughout the week was all perfect and in the best interests of Alcoholics Anonymous. I was very mindful of my own behavior throughout the week, because of some experiences last year in regards to some second year Delegates words and actions at the microphone. It seemed the tone got set right this year at the Delegates only meeting Saturday night prior to the Conference. We second year Delegates got up by Region and shared some short thoughts of experience from last year, and one of us said we only have one more week of Conference experience than the Panel 63 Delegates in the room and we all will play an equal roll throughout the week ahead. PERFECT.

I look forward to reporting back to all of you at our Summer Assembly, or at other Districts and Groups as I get asked. Or just to talk to some of you on the phone as some of you have already done, welcoming me back, thanking me and asking how the week was.

Friday night at the Conference, we second year Delegates gave 90 second going away talks. I said that I thought that I was the most unlikely person to be in the room, because four years ago, I was not even considering standing for the position of Delegate. I wasn't even sure I was going to stand for an Area position in the upcoming election in 2009. My sponsor was talking to me, and letting me know that because of something within me, and because I owe Alcoholics Anonymous a lot more than that, that a lot of people had a lot of time invested in me, I really should consider standing for something at the upcoming elections. It wasn't until shortly before the election that I made the decision to stand for Delegate, and was actually elected Alternate Delegate, as the only person standing for the position. So I'm saying to all of you here in the room today, I know that there is something within all of you, and I truly hope that all of you take a look at yourselves and truly consider giving a little more to this program that has saved all of our lives. And stand for something that might just be a little out of your comfort zone at the upcoming elections in September. That is what I did, and I have to say, this last four years has been the most rewarding of my experiences in Alcoholics Anonymous, other than watching life grow in people that had thought that they no longer had hope. I hope that all of you give this some serious consideration over the next four months, and I will see all of you at our election Assembly in September.

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE-- FLYER ATTACHED-- July 19-21, 2013, Appleton Wisconsin. Friday Night Speaker new East Central Regional Trustee, Bill Farnsworth, Saturday Night Speaker, Past Trustee and Past General Service Office Manager, George Dorsey, and closing the Conference on Sunday morning will be our newly elected Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the General Service Board, Terry B. There will also be a Saturday afternoon Al-Anon speaker.

I have been invited to be a panelist, with the topic, "What more can be done to insure the General Service Board remains transparent and thorough in their reporting to the fellowship?" But I am very excited to be bringing some youthful energy to the Conference. I was asked to extend two invitations to Area 20 members, and they have both accepted. Michelle H. District 62 DCM, will be a moderator on a panel, with the topic, "How can we improve the manner in which the Conference background material is developed and distributed?" and Matt J. Area 20 Answering Service Chair is a presenter on a panel, with the topic, "How can we better communicate that the Conference process is more than one spring week in New York?" Thank you to both of you for representing Area 20, the East Central Region and Alcoholics Anonymous.

EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL FORUM—FLYER ATTACHED November 15-17, 2013, Fort Wayne Indiana. Typically, but never always, present at Forums are Chairman of the General Service Board, General Service Office Manager, someone from staff at the General Service Office, Grapevine Executive Editor/Publisher, LaVina Editor, A Class A, Non-Alcoholic Trustee, Trustee-at-Large, and Regional Trustee. This is a great time to meet and talk to all of these individuals. November is to far away to make plans, but the last Forum, we rented a 15 passenger van, that fit 11 and luggage. It would be fun to do that again, and I encourage others to do the same.

ACTIVITIES SINCE THE SPRING CONFERENCE/ASSEMBLY:

March 14- Grapevine Conference Call with Grapevine Conference Committee and Grapevine Corporate Board.

March 17- Attend by invitation, Area 75, Southern Wisconsin Pre-Conference Delegates Workshop.

March 20- Concepts Group, Waukegan, Pre-Conference Discussion

March 30-Attend initial 2014 Spring Conference Planning Committee Meeting

April 4- District 11, Pre-Conference discussion

April 7- District 23, Pre-Conference Discussion

April 10- Concepts Group, Waukegan, Pre-Conference Discussion
 April 13-Area 20 Pre-Conference Workshop
 April 14- Hope Factory, my Home Group, Pre-Conference Discussion
 April 20-27, General Service Conference
 May 1- Concepts Group, Waukegan, Conference Report
 May 2- District 11, Conference Report

SCHEDULED GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORTS:

May 21- District 21
 May 25- Hispanic State Conference, shared report with Area 19 Delegate
 June 15- Area 20 Summer Assembly
 June 23- District 72
 June 30- District 10
 August 10-Woman to Woman Group, Bourbonnais

I also expect to hear from Districts 90-91

Alternate Delegate Report, Cheryl V

After a full year of meetings, the Service Structure VII has completed the redrafting of the Procedures for Planning the Spring Assembly Conference. Today we will present to you the version we have worked on. We decided that it was best to take a running start and go through the entire process from beginning to the end. Numerous occasions we had to make a notation to come back to an item after we discussed a portion that was later in the document. Often we had spirited debate on what we have been doing to date, what we hope to be doing in the future, and how best to express that.

It is always a privilege to work with people in AA who are passionate and who want the best for AA. To be able to sit with a group who are not only willing to serve, but also willing to state their thoughts and beliefs in a committee environment without hesitation is a learning experience for me. I have grown immensely from committee work and encourage all of you to give it a try. I had to learn to work with others. It didn't come naturally to this alcoholic. I have had to practice this for years in service work, and it has paid off with great dividends in the rest of my life.

I also had the special privilege of working on a motion within my District (District 10) that will be presented today. The GSR from Spiritual Kindergarten attended the Winter Assembly where we discussed various motions regarding how the Area spends its fund. One of the things she heard and brought back was the idea of an Advisory Committee for Conferences. Three members of that group crafted a motion to submit to District 10, which District 10 then approved to present to the Area. They have done a good job trying to think of the many facets of this idea.

At the Committee Meeting I will be presenting two or three service topics. The Area Service Guidelines outline Orientation Workshops that are hosted within Districts and supported financially by the Area. These orientations workshops are suggested to be held 4 to 6 times a year, mostly in the spring and fall to help "educate" newly elected service members and inspire election consideration. There seems to be a hesitation to bring you these events. One of the discussions within the DCM breakout meetings at Assemblies was the idea to provide short topic related presentations that DCMs could take back to use within their Districts. The idea is twofold; first, it gives them an opportunity to engage with the members within their District. But perhaps it will also inspire some interest in hosting workshops.

Conference Reports

1.

013 Spring Conference Report, Allen J.

Spring Committee Meeting

There were 676 people registered, 122 were online, and 284 (42%) were walk-in.

There were 326 banquets (48%).

Total income	\$26,100.06
Expense	-\$21,435.26
NIA Seed Money	-\$3000.00
NIAFG contribution	-\$213.09 (based on participation %)

Net Profit	\$1,451.71

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

2. 2013 State Conference, Larry S, Co-Chair

The theme for the 2013 State Conference, hosted by District 22 and 23, is Our Solution in Action. The conference will be held August 23 - 25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield in Schaumburg (1800 W. Golf Rd.) which is across from Woodfield Mall. The room rate is \$89 per night. The phone number for room registration is 1-888-421-1442. Refer to the 2013 Illinois State AA Conference. Flyers are available today or you can download them from stateconference2013.aa-nia.org. There are opportunities to participate in the alcathon or hospitality room. Check the links on the website. Registration is \$20 and the banquet is \$33. The A.A. speakers will be Debra B. from Madison, WI, Bob H. from Huntley, MT and Mary D., a staff member from G.S.O. We have also invited the new East Central Regional Trustee, Bill Farnsworth from Ohio. The Al-Anon speakers are Eric S. from South Elgin, IL, Beverly B. from Lewisville, TX and an Alateen speaker to be announced. Program topics are: Personal Recovery: Roundtable discussion of shared recovery in action. Emotional Sobriety: Focused discussion of "The Next Frontier: Emotional Sobriety," .Family in Recovery: Shared experience by three family groups (AA, Al-Anon, Alateen) relating to recovery in the family. Freedom to Fail: discussion of Warranties 5 & 6. Self-Support: the application of Primary Purpose and of the 5th and 7th Traditions. Your Home Group: Does it Carry the Message? A round table discussion. Panel discussion by Area 19, 20 & 21: Reaching the Still Suffering by trusted servants involved in Answering Service, CPC, Grapevine, Literature & Special Needs The Alcoholic & the Penal System, Bridging the Gap: Prequel panel for the National BTG Conference. Your General Service Conference: a panel of the three seated delegate from Illinois sharing on their experience at the GSC.

And there will be a skit. Our next meeting is next May 19 at St. Hugh of Lincoln in Elgin at 3:30.

3. 2013 Annual BTG Workshop, Carol H, Chair

We are getting ready for another planning meeting for the 2013 BTGWW which will be held on September 6-8, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 E Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173. Our planning committee has been meeting every 6 weeks to ensure that the panels and suggested topics are in line with current issues. Since most of the people that have attend these meetings in the past travel from the northern part of NIA 20 we decided to move our next and all future meeting to St. Hugh of Lincoln Church on Randall Road and Highland Avenue in Elgin from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Our future planning meeting dates are May 19, 2013, June 30, 2013, and August 4, 2013.

As far as planning the panels for the workshop we have received confirmation from the Honorable Judge Stride from the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court in Lake County and Judge Michael W. Feetterer from the Twenty-Second Circuit in McHenry County to participate on the Corrections Panel discussing "Drug Court". Our Panel 42, Past Delegate Tom B. has also agreed to be a part of our panel. At the Spring Conference I also met a woman who is the graduate of Drug Court and I am hoping to get her to participate as well.

We have a couple of participants that have volunteered for the Treatment Facilities Panel but we are still looking for a discussion topic. I did ask for assistance from our GSO representative on the Treatment desk to help identify issues that District and Area Treatment Chairs face on a daily basis but was told to go directly to the people in those positions to find out what their struggles are. So I am coming to you asking for help. If anyone would like to share an idea or topic please call Carol or send an email to corrections@aa-nia-dist11.org.

Our Hospitality Chair Kevin K. is still looking for commitments to fill two hour time slots in the hospitality room at the workshop. You can reach him or send your volunteer commitment to Kevin at 2013btgwwtransportation@aa-nia.org. Please ask your group or district if they would like to contribute snacks, coffee or paper goods to this event. Our Registration Chair Alecia F. is looking for volunteers to help by sitting at the registration desk on Friday and Saturday and she can be reached at 2013BTGWWVolunteer@aa-nia.org. Anyone who volunteers to help at the BTGWW will not have to pay for registration. Our Transportation Chair Pat C. has two volunteers to assist with picking up out of town guests from the airport to and from the hotel but more is needed. Pat will try to coordinate as many rides as possible with a reasonable taxi service but there may be some participants with such limited budgets that assistance may be needed. Anyone who would like to assist with our transportation needs please contact Pat at 2013btgwwtransportation@aa-nia.org.

4. 2013 Big Book Conference- Dan L

As of our last planning meeting, May 8, 2013, there are 33 registered alcoholics. Registrations are being accepted today!!

The facility poses its own challenges. We continue to tackle those one at a time and truly believe GOD will make a way.

We are excited about the program as it continues to develop. Both speakers are confirmed. One of the panels that will be done is even fully volunteered for! Much work is still to be done though.

There has been a question raised about Al-Anon. The guidelines allow for their participation, but it does not give clear understanding about literature.

- **Is it okay to allow Al-Anon to sell Al-Anon Conference Approved Literature at the Big Book Conference?**
- *If not can they have Al-Anon Approved Literature at a minimum?*

After the Summer Assembly we will be making arrangement to come out to Districts meetings to visit and promote the BBC 2013. The goal is 500 – 600 in attendance for the 20th anniversary NIA 20 BBC.

QUESTION FOLLOWING REPORT: Can Al Anon sell their own literature? Yes, per Kelly

5. 2014 Spring Conference –Bill W, Given for Bob P.

Holiday Inn Gurnee, Received seed money. Next meeting Sunday May 12th at 2 pm. Majority of Committee Chairs filled, Goal is to have registration forms ready by July for East Central Regional Conference in Appleton WI.

DCM Reports

District 11, Dave G.

District 11

At the May 2nd District meeting, our Delegate, Rich H. Gave us a 30 minute Post General Service Conference Report – District 11 is honored to be able to participate in the 2014 Spring Conference with Districts 10 and 12. Hospital/Treatment committee announced that at the Woodstock Courthouse on May 14, the first graduation from DUI school will take place. Many are AA members.

District 10, Mike M, DCM

District 10 is excited and proud to be presenting the Motion to the Area to form a conference advisory committee to assist in conference planning.

Our GSR contact chair Bob P. has formed a committee to visit meetings without a GSR to stimulate interest in service work. Bob is also the chair of the 2014 spring conference committee which our district will share hosting with district 12 and possibly 11.

Our answering service chair Robin will be forming a workshop on answering service work in the near future. There is also talk of a CPC workshop soon.

Kevin A. is putting together a committee of volunteers to cover Our District hosting the fall committee meeting at Lord of life church.

Also, it was decided by Gloria, our events chair, that the fall breakfast, that we share with District 12, will be moved back to the Ramada in Waukegan, where the Spring breakfast is held, due to better food and service there.

We are having an archive workshop soon to stimulate interest in archives and collect more from our district. Details forthcoming.

Dist 41, Walt DCM

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District 22, Joe M. DCM

District 22 is planning there Summer Picnic for July 13th 10-4 at Wing Park in Elgin. There will be Food, Speakers, Games and Entertainment. This is a free, family event and everyone is welcome. Come out and have some great fellowship along with good old fashioned fun. Our next committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday May 19th at 2:30 at St Hugh of Lincoln Church in Elgin.

Our district is co-sponsoring, along with District 23, the State Conference that Area 20 hosts every 3 years. This is beginning to take shape and promises to be a great event. If you haven't been to a State Conference here is your chance to take advantage of this event. Some committees are still looking for help, those include Greeters, the Alcathon, Hospitality and others. This is a great opportunity to be a part of, while still enjoying the Conference.

District 23, Karen M, DCM

Last District Meeting Rich H came out to discuss GSC . New Alternate DCM is Jenn M. Had workshop on steps 6 and 7, which was well attended by 42 people. Have had a lot of rotation in District positions, and are still working on motivating those holding the positions to be more active/productive.

District 61, Betty F, DCM

The District meeting has been moved to Free Methodist, 214 Chestnut, St. Charles, 60194, on the last Friday of the month. Fox Valley open, May 18th. Corrections is very active/also working with Treatment/Women's work release in Aurora. We are in the process of updating our website. Next we will be working on hosting the Winter Assembly.

District 62, Michelle H, DCM

Several members of our district were able to make it to Galesburg and share their group's feeling on many matters. We were able to be heard. We are looking forward to having Rich attend our district meeting to discuss the actions and activities in New York at the 63rd GSC. We continue to pound away at planning the 2013 Big Book conference to be held in October in Montgomery. A rough draft program as been drawn up, and a tentative literature order is in the making. Although District 62 continues to struggle a bit with participation at the District level, with 12 chair or Alt chair positions open), the BBC has plenty of volunteers. Some summer events are coming together, including a picnic, and a golf outing. We are also planning a Summer Service school in July, August, and September. June 12 next BBC and District meeting.

District 90, Randy F DCM

District 90 was pleased to support District 91 in hosting the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop. The cooperation and use of the spiritual principles have truly allowed our two districts to practice the pillar of service with success and serenity. District 91 did a great job. District 90 is beginning the process of planning our Summer Service event. We hope to host another campfire meeting to share the blessings of service in sobriety.

District 91, Ed M, DCM

District continues to be strong, with a good core of members dedicated to district work.

Service work continues with a newer Public Information Program in action.

Interest seems to be increasing with new persons coming to district meetings, some come back

At present ten to eleven attend district meetings.

The district meetings information have been reviewed and updated. Inactive GSRs were dropped off this listing.

District positions were updated and gleaned of inactive members.

Increasing donations continue to come to district,

Knox County Round Up is scheduled and being planned for Late July,

A very large outdoor picnic is planned near Victoria the Saturday before Memorial Day. This is always a large district wide gathering.

An after action report is generated stating the pros and cons of how district 91 prepared and presented this event.

110 strong attended the Delegate Conference.

No real count was taken of new persons from District 91 but my best guess was over 10 new people from 91.

Knowledge and interest in things bigger than group is present in groups.

District cost was 33 dollars after cost sharing with Area 20.

Standing Committee Reports

Report and Charter, Jim W.

For various reasons, there was little activity from this committee in 2012 and the beginning two months of 2013. Upon the prompting of the NIA chair, this committee was reassessed. Therefore, the membership was reestablished .

We last convened following the spring assembly at the spring conference. There were three of us in attendance and I was named chair of the R&C. Since then, we have been in contact by email, though I met briefly with Urbano Solis, who has been working diligently reviewing the Spanish version of the area service handbook.

On March 20th I received an email from the area chair with the proposed motion to reduce the text of the primary purpose function from 16 pages to 8 pages, to be included in the NIA service handbook. The committee is still in the process of reviewing this rendition.

On April 4th I received a request to draft 3 motions from the area chair, which was submitted by the alternate area chair. The idea behind these motions is a proposal to add three appendices to the area service handbook of lists of the past area district hosts of the area assemblies, big book conferences and spring conferences. The committee respectfully declined to draft these motions, since we disagreed with the proposals and would not have generated them as a committee, leaving the alternate area chair to draft and present these motions or not.

We continue to read and review the area service handbook, and will stay in contact through emails and phone. We don't have any specific plans to meet in person yet, but I would like to try and meet either before or at the summer assembly.

Webmaster, Tom S

The Domain (AA-NIA.org) is current, next expiring Jan 2014

The Website hosting is current, next expiring Jan 31, 2014

Districts 21, 22, 23, 41, 43, 62, IL State Conference and soon District 72 enjoy free webhosting for their websites courtesy of NIA area 20.

The website has a section for anonymity protected reports and meeting minutes located under "information". A reminder was sent to all Committee Chairs and a few Alternates to check the website for their reports.

The website continues to have "password protected" capability although the only use for it now is to protect the phone numbers found on the "Concepts" calendar and newsletters.

CPC-Carmela R, Chair

Your CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Committee presents the following report for the NIA 20 Summer Committee Meeting:

1. Upcoming events: coordination and staffing assistance for the following events –
These types of CPC outreach are only some of many great ways to get involved and share with Professionals what we are and where we are.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, June 10-12, again at Elmhurst College.

The Summer Institute Haymarket Addictions Symposium

Area 20 participation to be coordinated by Wally K, hosted by District 41 - local districts 41 and 42 should have sufficient staff for June. One issue we need to consider, as an area committee is Tradition 7 because Haymarket charges all private businesses and organizations for display tables, but does not charge AA, NA, or Al-Anon. I suggested to Wally we need to understand how much the others are expected to pay to be there, then discuss and possibly explore some other means of "paying our own way".

Held annually since 1995, the Summer Institute is a three-day conference featuring nationally renowned and local speakers addressing the most current and relevant topics in the substance abuse treatment field. The conferences attract professionals who deal with those affected by addiction including the criminal justice, prevention, educational, medical, psychiatric, social work, and employee assistance arenas.

2. **CALLING ALL DISTRICTS and Groups** – We would like to arrange a series of events for late Summer/Fall aimed at Cooperation – most of our work this far has been PI related or informing the fellowship about CPC. We'd like to propose 'regional' workshops throughout the area whereby several districts and groups could join forces to host. We envision the events would include panelists from the Professional Community as well as AA members. Lunch and Learn style ☺. Who is willing to start collaborating with us?
3. We will continue to connect with, support and cooperate with local groups and districts doing the work now (as well as utilize their experience to inspire and educate our current CPC committee and the new servants that will be joining).
4. Districts that have no CPC Chair or alternate – how can we support you?

We welcome input and ideas for CPC work in our area. Please reach out to us anytime.

Treatment, Chris D

There is a PPM for Treatment Literature for Districts

Corrections, Bill W.

As you are probably aware, the Pink Can fund has been doing well. As fast as we receive donations we also receive requests from our volunteers for Literature. Recently, we had a close call as a volunteer ordered books without checking with me first. I do not censor amounts or which AA Books that are used but I must track the expenditures. To all those who made donations and volunteers keep up the good work. Books were shipped to the Galesburg area, Statesville (which includes Pontiac as the volunteer covers both), and Dixon. Plus support for the Summit of Hope held at Henry Hill Facility. I look forward to the upcoming State Conference as we will have a Judge on the Corrections Panel. Not much District news has been passed on to me except Lake County is preparing to do a 4 day event Step Study in the Jail Library. District 10 and 12 have worked well together in covering all jail pods as well as work release.

Presentation by Alternate Delegate

Discussion of NIA Committee Agenda items

1. Election of Area Alternate Archives Chair –Anyone Standing? No one stepped forward
2. Motion by the Service Structure VII Committee –

Questions: Kappie-Are we renaming this event to Spring Conference/assembly? Judd, yes the motion indicates that the name change is as the combined event.

Carol-Did we get this in email? Kelly-actual revisions were mailed out, as final agenda. Did not put background on it, but revisions. Carol-is this voted on here? Cheryl-yes

Cheryl, DCMS vote, Area Chairs, and officers. Kelly reviewed who votes. Kappie, once we vote on this does it go to the Assembly for a vote? Judd-if the Assembly says no, then it comes back to committee. Rich H, eliminate bullet point number two, "The Assembly is a business meeting of the Area and open to AA members only, change to CONFERENCE IS AN OPEN EVENT, NOT MEETING". Larry-the Assembly may allow anyone into the assembly, they are an autonomous group. Robert, under Formal Prep and Presentation, on first two bullet points may need to be reworded. Judd-that motion will be changed by report and charter. Marcia, why did you put that in about an assembly being open when it's not in the guidelines? Kelly, area assembly is made of GSRs and Area Committee Members. Rich, the guidelines say who's a member, NOT who can attend. Matt, do we take it one Assembly at a time that we vote whether or not non alcoholics can attend? Larry, yes, we could do that. Mike M, AA business meetings are AA business meetings.

By simple majority won, We will get a sense of the Assembly.

Minority speaks: Marcia, it's not spelled out in our guidelines, I have a problem with bullet point number 2. Jim W, I would like it clarified that Assembly is open to AA members only, unless a group conscience is taken.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO BULLET NUMBER TWO; Judd, will add amendment that it's closed, "UNLESS APPROVED BY THE ASSEMBLY". Seconded by Tina R.

All in favor of 2 friendly amendments (one each to bullet point one and bullet point two); by majority yes, will get a vote at Assembly

3. Motion from District 10 for Advisory Committee –Mike, DCM Dist 10 Presented

Questions :Matt, will this Committee be used by all Hosting Districts for Conferences or only if they're asked? Mike-the intent is to assist, not to tell you what to do. Judd-is this an appointed committee? Volunteers? Elected? Mike-volunteer and appointed, 2 year rotation, on a committee of 4 people. Marcia-Would host committee still review all contracts? Cheryl-Advisory committee should review contracts. Mike F-need to get rid of the word "loss" in the background materia, we need to use either income or expenses. Jim – Could we set up this committee on a trial basis? Cheryl, no, we implement it and take it out if it doesn't work. Terry-Clearly define WHAT we mean by self support. We must be transparent. This is taking the Alternate Chairperson's traditional job. The Alt Chairs job will not be clear. Tina-are the 4 strictly doing the hotel contract? Mike, yes, this is part of the job. Tom B-Did they address contract signing responsibilities? Mike-for now, they will just review contracts, not sign. Matt-Are these 4 then going to have expenses? Cheryl-there is no firm answer yet. Rich-The current advisory committee will submit the candidates willing to serve? Why? Mike-We think this should be appointed. Cheryl-who's good at this? Who has the eye? Rich-This could have questionable perks. Ray-we have men and women in the fellowship who have experience in this industry, it may seem improper if they are appointed. Cheryl-We must abide by guidelines and traditions.

Discussion: Mike, this would be about bidding, contracts, and promoting. Tina, I don't think we should do this, as Districts experience can be shared. People don't learn that way. Dave, as former Chair of Soberfest, we have a 4 year facilities committee. It's a good idea to have input. Marcia-the committee should review the contract. It may make hesitant districts more willing to host a Conference. Robert, it's simply an advisory committee, to ASSIST, and will meet as requested by Alternate Chair. Dan-this Area shoulders the expense burden. It's not a bad thing to have assistance. Bill E, one of the hold backs in hosting is the fear that a district doesn't know how to do it. Carol-I think advisory committee should actually sign the contract.

5. Motion by Alternate Chair to add list of Spring Conferences

Seconded by: Dan L

Larry S, why do we need a motion or to put this in the handbook? Why not just put it on the website?

Ray, people would need to pay 5 dollars to buy the unabridged with this list. Why not just put it on the website?

Robert, initially I thought yes, but why put it in the book if we have to reprint and pay extra. Put it on the website.

Vote; Failed, will be voted at assembly

6. Motion by Alternate Chair to add list of Big Book Conferences

Seconded by: Marcia S

Cheryl, given that you're saying these are guidelines please note that in motion.. Jeff, why were these motions turned down by report and charter? Jim, everything that was said in last motion are the reasons.

No discussion. No vote

FLOOR MOTION-By Rich H.

Up to \$200.00 per District be used to provide limited funding to offset costs for Districts to participate in the 2013 East Central Regional Forum in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on November 15-17, 2013

Question and Discussion: Judd, we authorize the Area Treasurer to pay up to 5k. Kelly, there's nothing about setting it aside. We are using the motion that was used last time and just changed the year. Mike, all district committee not area? Rich, yes.

Adjourn and close Motion Robert and Seconded by Tina