

Fall Assembly/Election

September 14, 2013

Lord of Life Church (District 42, Host)

Call to Order -Kelly
Quiet Time
New Attendees

Sarah, GSR Dist 42
Steve GSR Vill Gr Dist 40
Rob GSR Dist 23
Jennifer GSR 40
Trish Dist 22
Ron GSR
David F, Dist 23
Don Dist 42
Kevin Dist 22
Maria GSR Dist 42
Jim visiting
Karen GSR 23
Kaitlyn GSR
Steve Dist 51
Robert V GSR Dst 64

AA Anniversaries

Twelve Concepts of World Service – John Dist 42

Announcements-Harrison H. DCM Dist 42

Approval of 2013 Spring Assembly Minutes- Mike H, moved, Robert S second- passed

Reading of NIA Election Procedures-Kelly

Elections-Ray M

Delegate

Jeff G, Kelly L, Bill W., Cheryl V, Steve H-Standing for Delegate

Vote 1;

Jeff

Kelly

Bill W

Cheryl

Steve

Vote 2

Same

Vote 3

Kelly

Cheryl

Vote 4

Kelly

Cheryl

Choose from hat; Cheryl
Cheryl V is Delegate

Alt Delegate:

Kelly L, Bill W

Vote 1;

Bill

Kelly

Kelly L is Alternate

Cheryl V motion, Manus S 2nd, to nominate for Area Officers

Area Chair:

Vote 1;

Robert S

Steve H

Allen J

Jeff G

Vote 2;

Robert

Steve

Jeff

Allen

Robert S is Area Chair

Alt Chair

Vote 1

Allen J

Dan M

Marilyn F

Bill W

Vote 2

Marilyn

Dan

Allen

Bill

Marilyn F is Alternate Chair

Treasurer

Janet N

Janet N is Treasurer

Alt Treasurer

Judd W

Judd W is Alt Treasurer

Secretary

Tina R

Nicole E

Nicole E is Secretary

Alternate Secretary

Tina R

Tina R is Alt Sec

Registrar

Dawn B is Registrar

Alt Registrar

Carmela R is Alternate Registrar

Majority Vote by show of hands

Ans Service; Terry BX

Ans Service Alt ; Robert M X

Archives; Jeff G X

Alt Archives:

Ern L X

CPC

Joe S X

Alt CPC

Bill W X

Robert

Jeanne F

Corrections

Dan LX

Pat C

Alt Corrections

Pat C X

GV

Jim H X

Alt GV

Karen M X

Lit Chair

Jeff L

Francisco B X

Alt Lit Chair

Jeff L

Urbano

Terry

No majority

2ND VOTE

Jeff L X

Urbano

PI

Jim W.X

Ed. C

Alt PI
Jeanne F X
Spec Needs
Jay W
UrbanoX
Alt Spec Needs
Jay WX

Treatment
Carol H X
Alt Treatment
PatriciaSX

Treasurer Report, Mike F.

This report is being presented as of September 10th. The following is our financial status as of this date.

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Contributions/Income:	\$59,962.89	\$48,307.85
Expenses:	<u>\$50,946.13</u>	<u>\$54,902.41</u>
Net Contributions/Expenses:	\$9,016.76	(\$6,594.56)

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

Can Contributions

Pink Can Fund: has received a total of \$4,026.64 YTD in contributions. We have spent \$5,274.12 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.

If you have any questions regarding this information or the attached financial reports just give me a call or send me an email.

Alternate Treasurer, Janet N

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

Group Contributions \$ 35,417.31

District Contributions 12,828.35

Conference Contributions 9,085.22

Total: \$ 57,330.88

Please let your groups know that the address to send contributions to the NIA Treasurer is:

NIA Treasurer
Northern Illinois Area, Ltd.
P.O. Box 241
Elburn, IL 60119

There are contribution envelopes on the information table for you to take back to your groups.

Please indicate your group number on your donation. If you know of a

missing group number on my report, and have the group information, please contact me.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions to NIA 20.

Delegate Report, Rich H

Hello Area 20,

Good morning everybody.

The 63rd General Service Conference affirms that the Internet, social media and all forms of public communications are implicit in the last phrase of the Short Form of Tradition Eleven, which reads: "...at the level of press, radio and films."

I really like saying that. For reasons being, I like the way it sounds, it was one of my prouder moments of unity within Alcoholics Anonymous at this years General Service Conference, and it is a start, if only a small start to getting our membership to look at our behavior on social media and other forms of public communication.

We have started to disperse the Final Conference Reports of the 63rd General Service Conference. Hopefully by the end of today all DCMs will have their copies and begin to get them into the hands of all the GSRs. It does seem like a lot of information, but if you break it down, it is simply some presentations, reports, Board Reports, some actions of the Conference, financial information, information on those in attendance and Area Highlights from first year Delegates. Please take the time to open it up, find something that interests you, and continue reading. Ask your DCMs or myself anything that you may have questions on. We will get them answered.

As any of you know that heard me report on the Conference, I do regret changing my vote on the reconsideration vote on the 75th Anniversary Commemorative Edition Big Book. But that I believe in the Group Conscience, and when we give great consideration to a topic, which we did, it will always be the best for Alcoholics Anonymous. But I was very surprised when the report of the July General Service Board Meeting came out that there was a \$12.00 price tag attached to that book. That is a 300% mark-up and a profit of about \$9.56 per book. On the first vote there was a lot of concern expressed about using this piece of literature to create profits, and about creating profits on which we would come to rely upon. The big selling point on the reconsideration vote was how important it would be to put this important piece of literature into the hands of our fellowship, and how important it would be for our younger members to see this piece of our history.

I have had communication with all of the Delegates present, that letter is attached, three Board Members, and our Publications Director at the General Service Office. Many Delegates thought I was trying to change the Group Conscience, not my intention. This book will be published and many members of our fellowship are excited for that. Two Delegates thought \$12.00 was fair. A few still expressed unhappiness about the book being published, once again not my concern is what I told them. And many feel the same as myself, some saying they are happy I have opened up this dialogue, and were happy that I intend to write a letter to the General Service Board prior to their Fall Board Meeting. The Board Members that I have talked to feel that it is a discussion that needs to occur. But of course I wouldn't be writing about this if we as a fellowship were self supporting through our voluntary contributions.

Part of our responsibility to Alcoholics Anonymous is to do our part in regards to self-support. I make a contribution on-line at least twice a year. And I know my Group does it's part in regular contributions to District, Area and the General Service Board. By now Cheryl has sent out quarterly reports of contributions to the General Service Board to all DCMs showing the contributions for each Group within each District. You can ask your DCM for a copy. They come out quarterly, usually prior to our Assemblies. They come to the Delegates, and in Area 20, are given to the Alt. Delegate to send out. And they are available to anybody that wants to see them.

I have been fortunate enough to be asked to give one last Post Conference Report at the District 62 November GSR Meeting which will be combined with District 64. Looking forward to it. Soberfest

asked me if Area 20 would like a time slot for a presentation, so I am asking two friends and I have asked Chairperson Kelly to invite two friends, and we may be calling it, Some Members Look at our Twelve Traditions. Probably from noon to 2 on Saturday at Soberfest in Lake Geneva Wisc., November 22-24.

You can now submit your articles or stories to Grapevine via your phone and a 7 minute audio recording. Visit www.aagrapevine.org. and click on AUDIO GV

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY
Rich

Conference Reports

1. 2013 State Conference , Larry S (D. 22& 23)

The conference, hosted by District 22 and 23 was held August 23-25 and was and by all accounts was a rousing success.

We budgeted for 600 registrants and 200 for the banquet. We had 682 in attendance and 304 attended the banquet. All of our program events were well attended.

Everyone on the committee did a wonderful job. I heard nothing but good comments about the whole event. The hotel staff was very accommodating and several cases they went above and beyond.

We had a wrap up meeting last week and I've received final reports from all but a couple committees. So, there will be a final report which I should be able to have available at the committee meeting.

Financially the event was a success. The hotel has been paid and most if not all of our other bills are paid. Today I have two checks. One is for the \$3000 dollar seed money and the other is for \$1500 that Area 20 advanced us for a deposit to the hotel. In addition, at our wrap up meeting last week, our treasurers reported that there was income of \$5102.01 pending the receipt of additional bills.

Once any outstanding bills can be paid, and all checks are cleared the income from the conference will be forwarded to the Area treasurer along with appropriate splits. Al-Anon will receive a percentage equal to the percentage of Al-Anons in attendance at the conference, in this case ten percent. The remainder will be divided equally between NIA, SIA, Chicago and GSO.

I'd like to thank the area, all of you who attended, those who were part of the program, everyone who volunteered to help and finally all of those who were a part of the committee.

2. Annual BTG Weekend Workshop (NIA 20)

3. 2013 Big Book Conference (D. 62)

Big Book Conference Financial Summary:

	<u>Old Budget</u>
Registration Income	\$ 1,025.00
NIA Seed \$	+ \$ 2,500.00
Repay NIA Seed \$	- \$(2,500.00)
Budgeted Expenses	- \$(11,425.00)
Current Deficiency Balance	\$(10,400.00)

Current Reporting Period

Category	8/28/2013- 9/9/2013
INCOME	
Registration	
Conference Registration	135.00
Lunch Registration	40.00
TOTAL Registration	175.00
TOTAL INCOME	175.00
OVERALL TOTAL	175.00

During this reporting period, we **received \$175** in Registration income and **no expenses** were paid. Registration income received directly by Judd during this reporting period will be included in the next report.

In accordance with last meeting, as of 8/28/2013, changes were made to the Spanish Translator line item (from \$210 to \$350) and Special Needs line item (from \$220 to \$200) and a new Registration Materials line item for \$300 for was added to cover name badges and printer ink, per approved motion. This brings the new Budgeted Expense Total for the BBC to \$11,425.00.

4. 2014 Spring Assembly Conference (D. 10,11,12)

Bob P, Chair

The committee appears to be on schedule and aligned with suggested target dates as set forth in the Area 20 "Procedures for Planning the Spring Assembly Conference". The conference is being hosted by Districts 10, 11 and 12. The conference theme is: "Living in 10, 11 and 12".

8000 bi-lingual registration flyers have been printed and are being distributed throughout Areas 19, 20 and 21 in Illinois, as well as Area 75 Southern Wisconsin. The conference website has been established and is working. An electronic version of the flyer is being distributed to Area 20 and its individual District newsletters. Alano Clubs are being informed of the conference electronically as well as by snail mail. Flyers have been distributed to Area 20 DCMs. Bob P (Chair) and Bill W (Alternate Chair), plan to visit each district to promote the conference. To date, 10 registrations have been received via snail mail and electronically. Registration tables are planned to be set up at Area 20 events.

The conference will be held March 28, 29 and 30 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Gurnee, IL. The hotel's address is: 6161 West Grand Avenue; Gurnee, IL 60031 (Gurnee Mills exit off Interstate 94). The room rate is \$89.00 per night for Double as well as King accommodations. A walk through of the facility as well as the committee's monthly meeting was held on September 8th. The planning committee meets at 2:00 P.M. on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Joy Lutheran Church, 749 S. Hunt Club Road, Gurnee, IL 60031. At the present time, one committee position is open: Alternate Secretary.

The AI Anon and A.A. speakers have been secured. The GSO will be providing a speaker as well. The individual committees are active and seeking commitments and materials in planning for a successful event. Area 20 districts will be solicited for their individual participation with: Alcahons, Panels, Greeting, Hospitality, PI, Registration, etc. No major expenses have been incurred as of yet. The bank balance is \$2325.47.

The 2014 Spring Assembly Conference budget was based on the following:

600 registrations @ \$20.00 per registration

300 banquets @ \$35.00 per banquet meal

250 hotel "room nights"

The food and beverage commitment is \$8500.00. [NOTE: Box Lunches and Ice Cream Social sales will apply towards the food and beverage commitment.]

Please feel free to register for the conference at the registration table. Cash will be readily accepted.

5. Delegates Past & Present Conference (NIA 20)

6. 2014 State Conference (Area 19)

Service Committee Breakout Meetings

Area Business

1. Bids for the 2014 Big Book Conference
Carried to winter assembly

2. Bids for the 2015 Spring Assembly Conference
Carried to Winter Assembly Agenda

3. Motion by the Finance Committee to amend the guidelines for the prudent reserve
Questions: None, Discussion: Cheryl, I oppose this motion. This was brought about due to loss at a Conference. This year we reached a point where we had only 800.00. A hotel may not let us direct bill without enough funds. Janet; We were at 800 OVER prudent reserve, not 800 in total for funds. Larry: The prudent reserve is 30% of PPR basic, not PPM motions. We are only talking about 30 percent of a portion. We have to expect unexpected things to happen. Ern why not avoid what happened and make the reserve 30%? John C, prudent reserve really covers our BASIC needs and costs. If we were to run into shortfalls, then our income level drops and what we do to cover that shortfalls is cutting our excess. We started Primary Purpose to get committee work done, but instead we're looking at our wants and not our needs. Judd, when we negotiate with a hotel we don't have a line of credit, so, does the prudent reserve serve as a guarantee for that money? Is that what we show them as what we have. Matt J: I feel like this is coming from fear rather than service. We haven't had that many conferences lose money. Ray; To answer Judd's question, yes, hotels look at what we have in the bank when we negotiate for a hotel for a conference. When we say "we will be good for it" we show them our track records with other hotels and our payment for them. If a significant chunk of what we contract for is in the bank that makes it easier.

Mike; This was my proposal to finance committee bc in the past we've always had 25%, I did a financial report on our conference, and the conference for last 12 years have cost the area an average of 1200. Not Sure if this is based on fear. We thought the Prudent Reserve should be 3 months of expenses which is 25%. This year contributions have been up dramatically. We are up almost 15000 over prudent at this point, after sending 10000 to New York. Rich: I have not a great opinion on either percentage, so I tend to agree with finance, but I'm troubled by the inference that our prudent reserve is a line of credit. It's not, it's set aside if we can't meet our needs. Bob P: I've never been involved in a more scary proposition than putting a spring conference together. We had 3k seed money. We did not have to put out money because of that cash cushion in Area Prudent Reserve.

Vote; IN favor; 38

Opposed; 30

Motion fails

4. Motion by the Finance Committee to add to the procedures for presenting motions
MOTION WITHDRAWN
5. Motion by the Finance Committee to amend the finance committee guideline
MOTION WITHDRAWN

Committee Reports

Answering Service, Matt J

3 in Attendance, including Rob, the incoming Alt Area Ans Serv Chair

3 workshops we will be attending

Gary will be attending workshop in Crystal lake in September

We have been asked to participate in District 10 Service Workshop on 10/12

Also, Dist 22 on 10/22

Have updated Where to Find AA in IL pamphlets, if you need some let us know.

Corrections, Bill W.

Four cases of Big Books and Literature were delivered to Sheridan Corr Facility volunteers

Hosted pnales for State Conf as well at BTGWW. All areas represented, prerelease and correspondence covered, Probation Officer in attendance, and couple of success stories. BTGWW was oriented toward Drug court as well as specialty courts. Two judges (one recovering), one old timer, two of the three Illinois Area Corrections Chairs, plus a success story, as well as Q&A Workshop for Dist 10 and 12 was conducted. Will be involved in upcoming Area Workshop in McHenry County
 Several prerelease correspondence requests have been answered and directed to proper locale. Approx one a week from Decatur facility for women.

Literature, Jeff G.
 3 in attendance

Committee unanimously agreed to submit a motion for the next assembly that will recommend modification of the BTG pamphlet (pg 49) to include Corrections activities. Melissa asked whether anyone had heard concerns of outdated wording in pamphlets, specifically "To the Woman". Rest of committee did not have any specifics so she is going to look at the pamphlet more closely.

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". All Committee Chairs and Alternates should 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

Your CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Committee presents the following report for this Fall Assembly:

1. Recently, Joe S participated in the "Open Hand of AA: Tools for Reaching the Still Suffering Alcoholic" session at the Illinois State Conference being held at the Hyatt Regency - Schaumburg, August 23-25, 2013. Carmela R participated in a panel at the same conference about the 7th tradition. We were both very grateful to have been asked to participate in such meaningful discussions about how we carry the message.
2. We are thrilled that our present co-chair will be standing for election to CPC Char for Area 20. We invite and encourage those in CPC work (or not) to consider standing for Alternate.
3. District 70 has placed literature / contact info into 7 medical and social service agency locations – making good strides in the health care sector. They will be staffing a Rockford health fair on 9/14/2013.
4. Joe S will be speaking about CPC activity in District 73 on 9/20. District 73 has also been active in the education sector.
5. Carmela R will be presenting a CPC activity in a workshop being held in Crystal Lake, IL on September 21st.
6. How have we been spending your dollars in the basket? Details are below
 - a. PPM26 (CPC Work books and Workshops)
 - b. PPM40 (Participation at the Haymarket Institute three day event 2012-13)

PPM26	CPC Work Books & 4 Workshops	CPC Workshops & Work Books will be used to facilitate participation in the process of showing examples of how to effectively communicate the process to follow in an effort to inform the professional, the CPC committee member, and the patients and/or clients of the professional. (\$1,000)	\$1000.00	\$649.92	2011 expenses (\$250.00 = facility rent) 2012 expenses (\$399.92 = rent 60, literature 139.08, and mileage 200.84)
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PPM40	Participation at the Haymarket Institute- three day event in 2012 & 2013	To promote participation in Area CPC work for NIA 20 members. Work with professionals attending this event and build relationships with them. (\$800)	\$800.00	\$728.93	2012 expenses (\$489.60 = literature, 400.00 and mileage 89.60) 2013 expenses (\$239.33 = literature, 127.37 and 112.00)
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Districts, please reach out to us anytime – we are happy to serve!

PI Committee, Jim W

Attendees:

- Jim W. - incoming area 20 PI chair.
- Ed - alt Chair (acting chair)
- Bob D. - district 42 incoming PI chair
- John C. - incoming area 20 webmaster
- John C. - past delegate area 20/58
- Tom S. - current area 20 webmaster
- Steve K. - district 40 incoming PI chair

Ed:

The area chair resigned 2 weeks ago. Recalls when he was a district PI chair. Made a list of all libraries in NIA to send literature to them.

Bob D.:

Is incoming CPC/PI, so contacted local law enforcement. Initiating public speaking at high schools.

John C.:

Taking over for Tom S. as webmaster at the end of 2013.

Tom S.:

Reminded us that the area provides free Web-hosting and can use platforms like Druple. Tech support is provided by the NIA webmaster and/or GoDaddy.

Steve K.:

Had basic questions about getting started, such as what type of literature to get and how to obtain it. We were able to help him and informed him about ingesting a PI kit.

John C.: (past delegate)

Discussed GSC decision not to change the 11th tradition and the ramifications of that decision regarding social media interaction, and group conscience.

Discussed the importance of seeing up public speaking engagements, like in schools and colleges.

Emphasized that no one should be alone; building a committee is a huge benefit.

Jim W.:

Talked about PSAs on cable access TV and various media.

Also, discussed coordinating with other committees, like CPC. In district 21 a few years ago, CPC and PI combined to have an AA information table staffed with AAs for an entire week at Harper College during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week

Judd; question for CPC, clarify difference on PPM 26 and PPM 40; Joe, Carmela has clarified in report. Judd, is PPM 40 complete for 2013? Joe, it must be finished. Judd, PPM 40 can come off then? Judd, how many workshops for 2012/2013? Joe, approx. 4, Judd, so 26 can be removed too? Joe, not yet. Judd, PPM 26 was for 4 workshops, you've had them. Kelly, you will have to make a motion for more funds. Joe, we've had an excess of that. Judd can you report on PPM 26 next time.

Judd question for Corrections, is PPM 10 complete? Bill, as far as I know it is complete.

Judd question for GV; there's a PPM for workshops, there's a resource available to districts? Jeanne, yes. Judd, PPM 25 is complete? Jeanne, yes.

Judd, question for Special needs PPM 46 and 31. 46 is 3 workshops have you done them? Jeff, this is a refreshed one, so no, we haven't. 31 for large print, are districts asking? Jeff, yes, districts are asking.

Judd for Finance, will finance committee discuss excess funds before December?

Special Needs, Jeff L

4 Attendees

Dist 11 created lists of volunteers willing to bring the message to the homebound

Got the first texted 12th step call

Special needs handbooks available on request from the Area.

Working on ways to get more positive responses from Assisted Living Facilities

Cooperation with other committees, CPC, PI, BTG, Ans Serv

Officer Reports

Chair, Kelly L,

Thank you district 42 for hosting today's assembly meeting. On August 14th I attended the Big Book Conference planning committee meeting in Montgomery. There was lots of lively discussion and a determination not different than any other planning committee; to put on the best conference.

I attended the 2013 State Conference August 23-25 of this year. I had the privilege of moderating the panel, "Open Hand of A.A.: Tools for Reaching the Still Suffering Alcoholic." The room was full spilling out into the hall as were all the panels I attended. The conference was great with lots of fellowship. Thank your districts 22 and 23. I also had lots of fun as a greeter at the front door of the hotel. Greeting EVERYONE.

September 7th I attended the 23rd Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend. This was my second time attending this workshop and as before I got a lot of information. It was nice to see a few of NIA 20 members on the panels.

The Spanish unabridged service handbook is complete with all the latest motions, thanks to Judd W. for formatting the style so the bookmarks would work. I have 10 books available today. There are seven English versions of the unabridged handbook left with six accounted for. There are sixty English GSR handbooks left. I would like to have a large order printed of all the handbooks before next year's Winter Committee meeting. Hopefully we will have filled the 2014 NIA calendar and have most if not all of the 2014-2015 Area contacts completed. This would be my last big project as your Area Chair.

Thank you for your attention

Alternate Delegate, Cheryl V

Greetings and salutations to everyone!

The September report is probably the hardest one to write. After all, by the time this report is given at the Assembly, so much will have happened. With elections in the morning, many of us have been contemplating what our next position might be. Perhaps we've talked to our sponsors, our higher power, and the person who is currently in the role. Hopefully we've done all of those things, and maybe talked to the people who are significant in our life. I hope all of you who are rotating have been giving consideration to where you can next server. That includes DCMs and District Service Chairs. The hope is that perhaps

you will consider being involved at the “lower level” of service we call Northern Illinois Area as a committee chair or officer. If you were to talk to any of us currently serving at that level, we will tell you that we served at the District in some fashion first.

And for those of you who are thinking perhaps you don’t know if you can do it.... None of us really know what we’re doing when we go in to a role. We only know about half way through ;-)

I’ve been asked to help facilitate an AA Service Social for the Flying Geese Group in District 11 on September 21st. This Group is very active in putting on regular workshop within their District. We have several different types of “presentations” going on. Three of the committees (PI, CPC & Treatment) will be bringing an “activity based” presentation to the event. The hope is that people will have an idea of something they can start doing in their District after attending. Rich will be talking about the Grapevine from the perspective of group level through the New York office. We’ll have two or three presentations regarding General Service and the GSR and DCM roles. There will also be time for attendees to visit tables with committee representation so they can ask questions in a smaller group setting. It is shaping up to be a very interesting 4 hours. I would like to encourage anyone newly elected to an area service committee position to. Not only can you get an idea of what a workshop can be, you will get the chance to meet people who are looking for ways to be of service.

Districts 21 and 28 are teaming up to do a workshop on October 5th at the Lake Zurich cop shop. This will be a two-hour event, so easily doable and still getting things done at home. Nicole talked to her District members and they came up with 14 very good questions/topics to consider for discussion. We’ll need to be doing a bit narrowing down, but we may shoot to get most of them covered with an Ask-it Basket session.

Group Contribution reports are in the process of being sent out to DCMs. It’s been slow going because I am breaking them down by District when I send them out. I look to have them completed before the Assembly. At least I hope to.... We’ll see what happens.

Adjournment and close
Robert S motions to adjourn

3. Motion by the Finance Committee to amend the guidelines for the prudent reserve

It is moved that under the guidelines for the prudent reserve on page 48 of the handbook to read, “the percentage be 25%”.

Background

It was thought at one time this was needed to cover shortfalls due to unexpected expenses. However it does not seem this is necessary now.

4. Motion by the Finance Committee to add to the procedures for presenting motions

It is moved that in the “Procedures for presenting motions to the area Assembly” portion of the service handbook on page 40, it be added that “All motions that affect the PPR are to be reviewed by the finance Committee prior to the Committee meeting and subsequent Assembly.

Rationale

It seems prudent that The Finance Committee check procedures, dates, guidelines, and specifics of the motion to make sure it is planned on being inserted into the PPR at the proper point to guarantee availability of funds and provide the Assembly with a more informed decision.

5. Motion by the Finance Committee to amend the finance committee guidelines

It is moved that under “Finance committee guidelines” on page 67 of the service handbook, it be stricken that the Finance needs to meet 3 weeks prior to the Fall Committee meeting and be replaced with “That the annual PPB requests be submitted to the Finance Committee at least 3 weeks prior to the Fall Committee meeting so that they may be reviewed and discussed by the Finance Committee prior to the Fall Committee meeting”.

Rationale

The Finance committee can accomplish what it needs to get done with a meeting at the Fall Committee meeting. The current wording of the service handbook “Schedule and conduct an annual PPR meeting at least three weeks prior to the Fall Area Committee Meeting.” We would like the wording to be “Schedule and conduct an annual PPR meeting at the Fall Area Committee Meeting”.

MEETING OF NIA 20 BOARD POST ASSEMBLY.

WE agree we have met here and passed business of area 20