

The NIA 20 Report & Charter Committee Report
2017 Spring Assembly Conference
June 10, 2017

At our last Report & Charter Committee meeting on Saturday June 4th in Lake Zurich we completed our second review of the Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Handbook combining the abridged and unabridged versions into one document. To simplify and provide one set of guidelines that every AA member interested in learning about the responsibilities of a Trusted Servant, we would like to have the procedures for hosting area events available on the website instead of being included in this text. Although our most recent examination was to check for consistency and flow of the material, Larry Stiff who has been our recorder of every decision the group has made will complete one final assessment of the document formatting as we prepare the revised version. Our intention is to present a motion at the Summer Committee meeting on August 10th to accept this document as the official Northern IL Service Manual for Area 20. It will be emailed along with the motion prior to the committee meeting so that it can be easily distributed to all members.

This has been a long venture for some of our committee members lasting 3-4 years, and others who joined the review in mid-stream. This Grapevine quote from June 6th offers a principle that seemed to work well for us:

"There will always be people in the Fellowship with whom I don't see eye-to-eye, but that doesn't mean we can't work together. The Fellowship wouldn't be what it is today if we always saw eye-to-eye on everything."

Goffstown, N.H., September 1994
"Principles Before Personalities," AA Grapevine

The experience and perspective that each member on this committee provided was priceless as we worked to formulate every word and action to the right location that made sense to all of us. Having Marilyn Finn our area chair present at our meetings has awarded us the insight of how we currently work together to accomplish all the area activity and business. Our task was not to recreate the wheel as we did not change any of the responsibilities and guidelines already in place but to ensure that it is communicated freely and succinctly to everyone. We hope that you will all find this product which has been the work of so many for countless years acceptable as one of our area's most valued tools.

Yours' in service,

Carol Hubner, Report and Charter Committee Chair

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