

The NIA 20 Report & Charter Committee Report
2017 Fall Assembly
September 16, 2017

As communicated at the Summer Committee meeting, the Report and Charter Committee will be presenting a motion for the approval of the "**Northern Illinois Service Manual – Area 20**" at the Fall Committee Meeting on October 14th. We will then vote on whether to accept this document at the Winter Assembly on December 9, 2017. This final draft is available on the NIA website www.aa-nia.org in the "**NIA Guidelines**" section under "**Drafts for approval**" and titled the "**08-06-2017 Final Draft Service Manual**". Thank you to John C. and Earl N. our Web Administrators for their help in making this all available to you.

This document is the result of 2-3 years of work to combine the abridged and the unabridged versions of the NIA Service Handbooks. Our intent was to correct any grammatical errors, standardize the format and flow of the document and ensure that there was enough detailed explanation of each section for the reader to understand the intended purpose.

Although we appreciate that each of every one of us may have your own communication and writing styles, we have spent many hours reviewing this information to come to an agreement of every word in this final draft. Is it perfect, probably not, but we have done our best. Therefore, our motion will be to accept it in its entirety. Specific questions about the document should be submitted in writing to the following email address draftcomments@aa-nia.org prior to the October 14th Fall Committee Meeting. The email address can be accessed on the area website as well in the "**NIA Contact Information**" section under "**Report and Charter**".

This is an excellent opportunity for the outgoing and incoming officers and committee members to review what is asked of them to perform their work and allow time to determine if any changes to the guidelines themselves must be addressed. Then once the "**Northern Illinois Service Manual – Area 20**" is approved, changes to the guidelines can be submitted.

This document does not include the planning guidelines for hosting area meetings and events such the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop, the Big Book Conference and Spring Assembly Conference. Those documents will be available separately on the NIA website in the "**NIA Guidelines**" section.

The file is available directly as a .pdf version here:

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/pdf/guide/2017/2017-08-06-final-draft.pdf>

Thank you all for this service opportunity and support.

Yours' in service,

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