

# NIA 20 2017 Fall Assembly Minutes

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## Meeting Opening

### Attendance

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am with a quiet time followed by the serenity prayer.

### New Attendees

- Ross C. - D11 GSR
- Scott – Area 22
- Sarah D62 DCM
- Bill h. – D73
- Gordon – D73
- Brett – D91

### Anniversaries

- Susan – 11/6/11 – 6 yrs
- Jim – 12/3 – 24 yrs
- Bill – 11/4 – 36 yrs
- Ray – 11/11/94
- Bob – 9/26 – 6yrs
- Maggie – 11/29 – 27 yrs

**Twelve Concepts** – read by Laura

**Announcements by host**, District 11

## Meeting Business

**Approval of Fall Assembly Minutes** - Motion to approve by Rob, second by Al. All in favor, no opposed. Minutes accepted.

### Treasury Report, Judd W

Reports are on the back table – encourage you to take back to your districts. Balance sheet is the tool that accountants use to tell that books aren't out of whack. Haven't started to see forum expenses. We expect a lot from that. We also send a check to the GSB for upcoming conference by the end of December. Green can fund are funds available to district for literature for treatment facilities. Pink can is available for correctional facilities. Take advantage of those funds, talk to committee chairs. GSO birthday plan – we haven't supported that in a number of years. We used to do Remember November and dent on to GSB and we stopped doing that. People still send contributions that get forwarded on, on behalf of your group. We'll take of that remaining contributions by end of the year. Groups are encouraged to make contributions directly to the GSB. There is information in the report to tell you how to do that. If you turn to page 4, alt treasurer's report is an accounting of every contribution to NIA since start of the year. Take it back to your groups – make sure they see it here. At the end of the report is the Primary purpose register.

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Formal report is inserted in appendix to this document and includes:

- Balance sheet
- Contributions and expenses (profit and loss)
- Financial analysis (done w/help of finance committee)
- Alternate Treasurer's Report
- Primary Purpose Register

*At the mic*

*Rob – on front page you say pink can fund is one amount and on alternate chair's report, it says pink can contributions are a different amount. Why the difference?*

*Judd – pink can fund is used to pay for correctional facilities – what's listed on alternates treasurer's report is current contributions, what's on the treasurer's report is current balance on that account.*

### Delegate Report, Kelly L

Full report is inserted in appendix to this document.

*At the mic*

*Ray – This is more of small t vs a big T tradition. Back before the election, Larry asked about the box. I said yeah, I have the box. I have it here. For those of you who have not seen the box, you are not alone. Most people haven't seen it. What's in the box is a little stamp, on the stamp is a triangle and a circle, with Capital letters AA, in the middle, and unity, recovery, and service written around the triangle. For some period, that was something on an official sign or symbol representing our literature and AA as a whole. ON this box is an address to Dr, John Getchell in Mchenry, from LW Dietrich, Glenn Ellyn. LW was the panel 22 delegate from NIA, 1972-1973. That was the first term NIA selected and elected our own delegate. Prior to that, we'd been doing a trade off with southern IL. John didn't sign it. Since the time of John Gethcel, panel 33, every NIA delegate has signed this box, or put their name on it. Kelly, soon to be a past delegate will be asked to put her name in this box and tuck it back into the archives. This a small t tradition in NIA – it doesn't signify much other than year upon years of service for the still suffering alcoholic in NIA.*

## Old Business

### 2017 Big Book Conference Report, D71 Eric

Our chair isn't here – I'll give a quick report. The conference went off and it was a success. There were a few minor valid criticisms, overall was success. The committee had fun and stayed sober. 318 registrants, 21 did not pick up registration. We sold 274 meals. Registrants pre-registered was 51%, collected \$6,524.38 from registrations. Total income \$9,980.97. Expenses of \$6624.44, net profit of 856.53 after seed money is returned. We will send Area a check for \$3,356.53.

### 2018 Spring Assembly Conference, Steve

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Right now, we have 8 registrations, I count 100 or so in this room, we'll have 108 registrations. We have flyers available – 100 to ea. District. We have a registration table here that will be manned during lunch and breaks. If you have questions about how to register, we can show you. I like to see a lot of the chairs and co-chairs from this committee are here today. Please, everyone stand. Thank you – you guys make this job easy – I appreciate your service. Net meeting is tomorrow, in Grayslake, St Gilbert's church. We have several positions to be filled. We need a greeter chair. 3pm tomorrow. Our PI chair will be visiting districts. All DCMs, we'll be connecting with you to attract folks to the event. Keep talking about it, bring it back to your home groups. We have electronic and printed copies of the flyer.

### **2018 Big Book Conference Report, Eva**

The following committee positions have been filled: Conference Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Program Chair, Printing Chair, Registration Chair, Hospitality Chair

The Venue has been chosen, Bethel Baptist Church in Galesburg, Illinois. An Assembly and Pre-General Service Conference have been held there before. There should be more than enough space. There is also good parking.

The date has been chosen, November 3, 2018. A Conference theme was decided: **PRECISELY HOW WE HAVE RECOVERED**

We have strong interest in the Special Needs Chair from a Spanish speaking member. Also, we have a member who has shown interest in taking care of the Literature. Getting Alternative Chairs has yet to be done.

It has been decided that all future meetings will be held on the first Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm, at Know County Group, 224 Seminary Street, Galesburg, Illinois.

Our Program Chair would like to have a list of the DCMs (when the new list is available) so that he can contact them about filling panels.

Things seem to be moving at a good pace. Support is coming from several towns in our District, we are grateful.

## **New Business**

### **Ad Hoc Inventory Committee Presentation, Rich and Dawn**

We want to thank Area and Area chair for the opportunity to do this work. I'd like to introduce the committee. Dawn is the co-chair and Heather S is our secretary, Kelly B from D11, Bonnie P our Area 20 Ans Service chair, from D12, Jeff L from D40, Erik L from D43, Phil C, We have met twice since our last committee meeting.

Hello Area 20,

Thank you to our Polish and Spanish Translators Andrew from District 10 and Urbano from District 20, they really came through for us in making the inventory as accessible to as many people as possible. Thank you to John C our webmaster for his quick and skilled work, and to Earl N the webmaster alternate for his helpful input.

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I have used a site called "Survey Town" to complete the 3 identical surveys. One in English, one in Spanish, one in Polish. They are linked onto the NIA website at aa-nia.org. This site will be \$25 per month, so will be approximately \$100.

All questions and leads-ins to each section are the same on each version of the survey. They will remain open until 3/25/2018 at 1 am.

DCMs, please direct your GSRs to the NIA website to take they inventory if they like. There is no postage, no mailing, and the site does some calculation on responses for us. It's very simple to follow and to answer. There are questions that call for ranking, that call for "yes or no", there are choices questions and again, quite a few that call for elaboration.

Since we have quite a few questions that call for elaboration, our committee will have to take a serious look at those as we are interpreting the data, and that cannot be done by calculation. There is a special email address that the responses will go to, so that all responses are in one place.

Rich, myself and our Secretary Heather have access to the results as they come, at this point.

The surveys are also IP restricted. Each IP can only do the survey one time. If you have any questions please feel free to ask me today.

The DCMs – one district has already done a district inventory – three others are planning on doing so. This is good work to have. Wed night – I went to a group, I was hoping we'd go through this. We did a lot of talking and I learned a lot. There were representatives from groups that expressed group struggles. We talked about what the DCM can do for them. Questions I wish we had on our inventory = how come we do all our assemblies at Lord of Life church? How come we don't talk in a language that is friendlier to those who never seen here before? We use a language that many don't get.

Dawn – there is a written survey. We did talk about implementing an electronic survey to make things easy. I'd like to change our foreign language translators. I used Survey Town to complete three identical surveys...

Please direct members to go the NIA website to complete the survey.

### **Motion Report & Charter – Northern Illinois Service Manual, Carol H**

Carol recognized all members of the Report & Charter committee.

I know after the last meeting, Larry created a change document. He will address that document after we go through the motion. Carol read history from 2014 assembly... That's only one of the many times that I found information about this work and background.

**Full motion:** The Report and Charter Committee moves that the NIA 20 Assembly approve the revised service manual titled the "Northern Illinois Service Manual – Area 20".

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**Background:** The abridged and unabridged versions of the NIA Service Manual were originally a combination of documents created by several past trusted servants and most recently maintained and updated by our NIA Service Manual Custodian Judd W. whose efforts were significant in providing and printing copies to distribute to all GSR's and trusted servants. After many area discussions and motions about what to use and distribute, in 2014, our Area Chair asked the Report and Charter Committee to review the abridged and unabridged versions of the NIA Service Manual and create a document that could serve all purposes. Since these manuals were a combination of several different documents, there were important parts in both that were worded in different ways, each for their intended audience. Putting the pieces back together, updating the processes that had changed, and formatting the information so that it flowed in a sequential manner was difficult. Even though we had 7 or 8 different pairs of eyes, each with their own perspective, knowledge, and level of experience, after almost three years of review, we feel that it is ready for the NIA 20 GSRs and trusted servants to put this material to use, knowing that it may not be perfect. The additional changes you may see will be in your hands as you work with these guidelines provided to complete the service work that keeps our program alive in NIA 20 for us and future generations. This document is posted on NIA 20 website on the bottom of the Area Guidelines page in a new section, "Draft Guidelines": <http://aa-nia.org/guides/>. Thank you all for the continued service and support.

*At the mic:*

*Larry – Carol asked me to do this an hour ago. On the back table, there is copy of the changes document. If you're looking at this change document, this is not an exhaustive list of all that was changed. I didn't keep track of all that was changed. This new handbook takes the place of...check recording. If you have the unabridged version of this – these things are eliminated: All of those are still available and are on the website, and not been changed. Primary Purpose Finance section has been deleted and will be available on the website – replaced with a scaled down version that provides more information on how, why and what for your committee service. New handbook is divided into four sections: We updated language, links, references, to reflect current practice. In GSR handbook, the section on how we work has been updated to reflect current process. We added a number of items to a section titles the language, basically a glossary. Section on special workshops – we replaced it with workshops. The section on NIA Spring Assembly Conference to describe the event as it exists today. Check recording. We thought those were out of scope for the document. In the section, the AA Service Structure, it is mostly intact. There used to be a section called Robert's Rules of Order, I wanted to eliminate that. There is a section on parliamentary procedures...Procedure for presenting motions has been updated to reflect current procedure. When I was Chairman, I laid out rules for how I would manage business. So when you look at these guidelines, the same idea holds true. As a committee, we put together what we felt was the best piece possible based on current practice. We need a starting point. The section on service committees has been combined. Check recoding. We took everything out of the service guidelines and lugged it in to the duties and responsibilities doc and eliminate redundancies and correct language. Section on primary purpose register has been expanded.*

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### **Questions:**

Heather – what page is the description of the primary purpose expansion?

Larry – we'd have to look through the revised doc

Alex H - all that stuff that was taken out, it's on the website, correct?

Carol – yes, not everyone will need certain things. For example, the hosting an assembly detail. When I need it, I'll go find it.

Barbara H – the old manual needed to be preprinted all the time because it had a calendar. Will the new annual be timeless?

Carol – we don't determine the printing process. That is separate from our responsibility.

Rob – One question – in the editing and removing things, was that just done on committee's recommendation or outside input?

Carol – there were 8 of us – we went through every word 2 or 3 times. We discussed it and decided as a committee. It was difficult at times, based on our own experience with past DCMs, delegates. Wording and decision based on what we felt was most appropriate for the document

Rob – concern is nature of some guidelines may have changed based on the wording

Carol – details include editorial changes, more than guidelines changes. All is based on what we currently do. Judd wrote up entire documents about how roles operated and how business was done at the time.

Rob – original effort was to arrange, combine, etc. part of what I read in changes is that we rewrote guidelines to reflect

Carol – context of guideline hasn't changed

Larry – I've been involved in writing a lot of guidelines over the years. At this stage, is to write guidelines in such a way that a certain amount of interpretation required in the clear majority of cases to address concern you may have. Intent was not to lock people down. In terms of what each individual fulfilling a position is required to do and how they do their job, it's all still open to interpretation.

Rob – removed Robert's Rules of order, the example

Phil – There were 8 members of committee, there are six listed. Who are the others?

Carol – Marilyn came to every meeting is the 7<sup>th</sup>. Not eight members, only 6 + Marilyn

Bill – Robert's Rules of Order – written in 1800s by an army general. It does dictate that there is an authority.

### **Discussion:**

Garry – check recording. Simplify in one source to ... I feel that this document, presented as is, if we feel there is a grievous error, I would like to see us vote this in and approve it. For all us to know what we do, trying to do. I'm urging the assembly to approve

Christy – ditto what he said because – first of all, why didn't you read it? I, like others, I started to read it, I'm not perfect and I got far enough into it that the essence of it is in our best interest and done with a lot of care and consideration. The other thing – this is a guidance manual, this is not a set of binding bylaws. Like



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everything else in AA, these are suggestions. Some are like, check recording. on the whole, it's a good document, and recommend we approve it.

Sue M – I was formerly archives chair for D28, in the vain of is there some way of recording an instruction. Can we record somewhere an instruction for the printing? It's well taken that we don't include a calendar.

Marilyn – we don't yet know how printing will be handled.

Carol – we do need something in place about printing. It's a good point – this is a great time for all of our new committee chairs and officers to look at this for guidance. It also helps decide what things are reimbursed. If there's something not in here, we need to address it.

Rob – having a list of events could be ok to include, non-date specific

Heather – the problem is getting those, I am the concepts editor, they come through the editor tells the printer what we want, format, bound, color, size. It has been easy given we haven't had a lot of changes. The obvious person placing an order should be the one who works with the printer.

Dan – asks to call the question

Assembly agrees to call the question

Marilyn reviews voting procedures

***Voting results - 92 in favor, none against, motions passes with total unanimity***

### **Hear bids for the 2019 Spring Assembly Conference**

Will move forward to Spring Assembly

*At the mic*

*Rich – think about bringing this forward by our Jan committee meeting. If you do it now, you have 14 months.*

*Marilyn – there are procedures to host all Area events – you'll have needed guidance.*

*Chris – can we take a sense of the assembly for the area committee as to whether we'd accept bids at the Jan committee meeting?*

*Marilyn – if a district comes to the committee meeting, would this assembly approve accepting bids at committee meeting?*

*Sense of the assembly is it can be approved by area committee in January*

### **Open Position – Alternate CPC (until 12/31/17)**

No one stands or is nominated

Marilyn asks future Area Chair, Chris, to come up to the front. I am going to read my report as I have to leave early today.

**Chris D stands in as Area Chair for the remainder of the meeting.**

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### Finance Committee Report re: 2018 Primary Purpose Register

Since last assembly, there was an invite set out to consider the primary purpose register, you'll find on the back table there are the proposed PPR that was submitted by finance committee and voted upon unanimously. The purpose of Oct 1 meeting was to consider 20 PPBs that are required by guidelines of NIA, with financial obligations associated with them. In 2017, total amount of money forecasted for PPB 54,990 with R of 16, 470. After consideration of each items, the 2018 proposal voted on and accepted by finance committee. Difference is about 2200 reduction in anticipated expenses. Process undertaken was to look at actual expense from 2014 up to 9/30 of this year. There don't appear to be any outliers. This is what the basic PPR that was voted on by finance committee. Reviewed each PPB item. In closing, I'd remind us that we not locked in to these numbers – we are a service organization and, as long, as there is sufficient funds, we can over these numbers. This helps us target, plan, and reasonably forecast.

*At the mic*

*Tina – question, for us committee chairs, if we need to get flyers or pamphlets for displays, do have a line for that? Do we just come to treasurer?*

*Judd – this discussion about PPR basic presentation is not about procedural aspects. The procedural aspects will be covered in Winter committee meeting. Assembly delegates a responsibility to do a thing. Some things are specific, like having an assembly. Some things, for example, in the duties and responsibilities of a special needs chair, there is a line that says to maintain a display, all of that is in PPB10.*

*Motion by John C to approve the PPB register, second by Jeff*

*Chris calls for vote – unanimous vote in favor.*

*PPB Register for 2018 is approved.*

### 2018 Proposed NIA Calendar – final approval

Danny – can we change the committee meeting for January to the next weekend due to a conflict with the We Are Not Saints convention.

Chris – It's little late for that. I believe there are printed flyers, church is reserved. I think changing at this stage would be a monumental task.

Ed – as a reminder, for the 2018 BBC, is it Nov in Galesburg. Correction to calendar.

Motion to approve calendar as submitted by Tina, second by Jessica.

Chris calls for vote – unanimous vote in favor.

2018 NIA Calendar is approved.

### Motion to change the name of the Special Needs committee

**Full motion:** It is moved that the name of the Special Needs Committee be changed to Accessibilities Committee

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**Background:** "Special needs" was created by the parents of developmentally delayed (retarded) children. This was meant to stop the kids from picking on these children. AA and other groups want to call every person "special needs" who have barriers to overcome. For Deaf, we have a language and cultural barrier to access the AA message and program. As a blind Person, the barriers are different access may be finding the right room where the meeting is. Accessibility takes focus off "disability" and puts it on the solution to accessing the AA message and program.

### **Questions**

Al S – why are we specifically trying to change this when accessibility means exactly that.

Tina – accessibility covers people who cannot get to meetings, the term accessibility covers a broader set of need

### **Discussion**

John C – I did research on this. When I first I heard, I thought it was silly. Or one, I contacted Patrick C, chair of treatment and accessibility desk at GSO. It is not the children who are offended – it is the non-special needs who are offended. The committee decided that the term accessibility means we make our message accessible to as many as possible – the term is more current and is more inclusive.

Mary – The person who John is speaking of, John R....changing the term from special needs to accessibility is just the beginning. There is so much more that is happening. This is such a small thing. If it doesn't pass today, I'll be upset.

Phil – I was wondering why the GS would take such a position. There are people who have disabilities you don't normally see, like me. Simply put, this is a thing that is not just one group that needs to be recognized, this a hole variety of people. My disability is mental, to those who don't have disabilities. Have you ever been in a scenario where you don't aren't understand the language. Differences are why we have a translator. If it weren't for needing to reach out to all alcoholics, this wouldn't be an issue.

Larry – at this moment, AA.org says deals with matters to those who have significant barriers. That sounds a lot like special needs to me. This could include...Does this mean we are expanding the scope of this committee

Marcia – I am in favor. Do all districts need to change their committee names – it's up to them. It's just easier for me and why not? I think it works, and timing is good.

Lora – original position in that district is special needs. What we actually do is accessibilities rather than work with disabled individuals. The truth of the matter, what we currently do is much more like helping people get into meetings and know what's going on. The term is more appropriate.

Pete – We discussed in our district. We see nothing but good in this. Our district is in favor.

***Voting results – 91 in favor, no opposition. Motion passes with total unanimity***

### **Hear bids for the 2019 Illinois State Conference**

Marcia – not placing a bid. If we get to the point where we're at winter committee meeting, and we can only do one, we can only do the State Conference.

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No one approaches the mic to offer a bid.

Chris - Much like we did before – would assembly grant the committee meeting in January rights to approve any bid that may come forward?

Sense of the committee – substantial unanimity

### **Minority opinion**

Rich – that event is far enough away, to take away the GSR input would be wrong. I don't feel a need to take away the GSR responsibilities and give it to the Area Committee.

Chris - having heard that does anyone change their vote.

Members raised hands. Chris calls the motion once again open for discussion.

Kelly – one thing that might be holding some district back – the understanding that districts don't pay for this. Seed money is provided to help districts get started. I know many have been concerned about expenses. These are not expenses incurred by your district.

Discussion ends.

Chris – since I made that motion, I'm going to withdraw that motion. It may have been premature on my part. We'll defer to Spring Assembly Conference.

Chris reviews details for the upcoming Winter Committee meeting, reminding assembly about the service orientation workshop.

### **Lunch, followed by Service Committee Breakout Meetings**

## **Service Committee Reports (2 min limit)**

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### Accessibilities, Tina R

Called Patrick at GSO to introduce myself, discussed bringing meetings into assisted living facilities. Her refereed me to areas who have a handbook about this work. Next January I will connect with Susan and incoming chair. I was contacted by special needs chair wanting to know what the position entails, so I gave her some guidance. She can look in the accessibilities handbook and advised her to get in touch with John C for suggestions.

### Answering Service, Bonnie

We had four in attendance at our breakout. We discussed answering service in detail and it was great.

### Archives, Barbara

Breakout today had 7 participants. Ray M, our area archivist gave an overview of the roles of archivist, area archives committee, and district archives chairs. Area archivist maintains area archives, area archives committee supports the archivist and districts. District archives chair keeps the district history. He also discussed current state of the archives – storage lockers and methods of organizing digital archives. He’s hoping to find a new archivist and may need to find a new storage facility. Ed M, incoming archives chair discussed how to start a district archive. His district has a file cabinet of slightly organized material. He recommends developing a system to account for materials, starting now, and get around to the old stuff, as time permits. Putting old material into the new organization. Ray began by creating an outline – the starting point for district is based on what they are doing. Phil D43 mentioned a workshop where participants tackled one of his boxes, helping to sort out material. The area separates the archivist from the archives committee given the two year rotation for archivist does not work. District may want to consider the separation. D10 has a workshop in April. D43 has one in Q1.

### Bridge the Gap, Wheezie

Dan thanks everyone for allowing him to serve. His commitment was wonderful. We are so grateful to him for setting up that database. The google # has been changed – to my phone number. PO Box has also been changed. New stamps and business cards will be ordered, along with temporary contact pamphlets. There were seven in the breakout session. I got a new sheet of friends from D65, which will be input over the next couple of days. I look forward to serving for the next two years.

### Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC), Erik

We had a phenomenal breakout session with four of us. Myself, incoming chair, D22 incoming chair, and another guy, CPC D20. We talked about how do you get started, the workbook, pamphlets, and resources. We also discussed the notion that CPC work is also an individual responsibility. For example, if everyone in this room talked to their doctor, lawyer, HR dept, etc. what a powerful impact that would be. It’s not just the role of the committee. The committee is the cheerleader of the effort. One quick shout out – CPC workshop in D65 a few weeks ago was outstanding. It’s a very active bunch – encourage area chairs to engage D65. They throw a wild part and its fun. I’m grateful to have served this past two years.

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### Corrections, Dawn

We had 10 in our meeting today. Information at this point – how do we get literature; do we go to Kane County and speak to try to get in there? Lots of questions on DuPage county jail. Corrections workshop in Lombard. First national corrections conference reports included here.

### DCM breakout report, Laura

We had 20 attending. We welcomed some new people and getting ready to say goodbye to others. 7 of those chairs stay the course. We talked about considering what we want to do with the annual report. We'd like to get it in a digital format vs hard copy? We've also been asked – do we have guidelines to run our districts? We talked about how best to serve as DCM, each shared a question or some insight, the importance of our role to carry the district conscience from the GSRs to this area. How do we get info back and forth as effective as possible and make meetings more fun where people are more involved and encourage to come to area events as well.

### Grapevine, Karen

Urbano and I were not here for breakout meeting given it happened earlier in the assembly today than expected. During the month of December, the Grapevine has free shipping for their materials. There are 25 books, calendars, and other items to choose from. The current grapevine and La Viña issues are about being sober during holidays. The Grapevine is accepting stories about prison stories due Jan 5th and share your experience doing service due February 5th. LA Viña is accepting Spanish language stories on AA in prisons. The Editorial Advisory Board has 2 vacancies. If you are interested in the position, email Janet Bryan for more information. Urbano attended the East Central Regional Forum November 17th through the 19th. During the breakout meeting for Grapevine and La Viña there was discussion of having writing workshops and diversifying the content. They also discussed encouraging more people to get involved with La Viña.

### GSR Breakout session, Steve

27 people present. Thank you for great notes. We opened with talking about GSC and upcoming committee meeting and agenda items. Groups should review action from agenda items and the GSR role in that.

### Literature, Dave

We had 7 people in attendance. We talked about what we need to do to support the Spring Assembly conference, literature workshops during the year for district chairs and alternates to attend. Maybe join with another committee like Grapevine to improve attendance. You can go to aa.org to get service material for workshops. The manuscript litigation came up. There is a new pamphlet being worked on called atheist ad agnostics. We talked about different books, and also some non-AA literature. Sandra, on the desk at AAWS – we can call her. There are good and bad websites that claim to have AA literature. We would like to see a new pamphlet about anonymity and social media. We think there should be something on that.

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### Public Information, John C

6 in attendance in breakout – talked about what PI does and what the goals are. Melissa went through tips to identify ho to contact for PI activities and techniques on getting help for committee at district level. We talked about PSAs and vehicles for carrying the message.

### Technology, John

No breakout committee meeting yet. Other 4-members shave yet to be appointed. There will be three positions are available – will be selected. If there is anyone interest in being on this committee, please let us know. Send me an email expressing your interest and let me know what your technical background might be.

### Treatment Facilities, John R

We had 4 people in the breakout session. We read some of the service handbook to prepare ourselves for serving starting next year. Met with D62 chair to talk about workshop. Talked about ability to update display pamphlets, visit districts in area, committee to 4 workshops in the next 2 years, and visit districts.

## Administrative Committee Reports

### Area Inventory committee, Rich

I fully reported earlier about the work we're hoping to do. Rich provided phone number and email address.

### Concepts, Heather

We don't have concepts here, we are waiting to incorporate the survey. You will see it soon. I got a great article from Bill about correction conference – I really look forward to a report back about the forum. Write something for Concepts.

### Electronic Equipment, Steve

A lot of times, we don't understand what people do in service. Our electronics committee has done a great job this last two years.

### Finance Committee, Scott

Area finances continue very healthy as a result of strong 7th tradition contributions as well as incurred expenses tracking at or better than planned in the 2017 PPR.

The Treasurer's Report previously submitted reflects an Actual Existing Operating Reserve as of 11/30 of \$37,039.54

After taking into account a prudent reserve of \$16,170 an actual balance of \$20,869.54. From this balance, as noted in the Treasurer's report, a \$7000 payment will be made prior to years end to account for NIA 20's General Service Conference Contribution. There will also likely be additional payments made before years end particularly with respect to 2017 Primary Purpose Motions associated with the East Central Regional Forum.

Even so, the existing NIA Balance at year's end is expected to exceed the \$8000 contribution amount the Finance Committee has recommended be sent to the General Service Board.

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If the Assembly approves this contribution, in 2017, Area will have contributed \$16,300 to New York, maintained its 30% prudent reserve, funded its PPR-POB obligations, and also funded the additional activities raised through motion and approved by 2017 Assemblies.

### Operating Committee, Carmela

No new items have been brought to the operating committee.

### Report and Charter Committee, Carol

We are very happy. It has been a long couple of years. We hope you will all look at the new document and make sure it is right for you.

### Web Administrator, John C

Earl and I extend our deepest thanks to all the outgoing officers, committee chairs and alternates for their support and encouragement in our website activities. It's not always easy to be an instrument of change, but everyone has been wonderfully cooperative and accepting of our efforts.

The most recent website changes have been the additions of a Special needs/Accessibilities page, a Survey page for the new area inventory and a page for the new technical committee. We hope that during the next rotation we can stimulate interest in updating the other existing committee pages and adding new ones. Most of the existing committee pages are terribly outdated and we hope the incoming chairs will be motivated to update them. The switch last year to a sustainable web platform will enable meeting that goal and making our web services more effective.

Happy, joyous and safe holidays to all! There has been talk today about printing things. As soon as we print things, it becomes out of date. The website really can be the repository for all the most up to date stuff.

## Officer Reports

### Alternate Delegate, Robert S

Not present to report

### Alternate Chair, Steve M

Since our Fall Assembly the event that stands out for me was our Big Book Conference. We had 6 committee meetings in those 6 weeks to finish up the preparations for our Conference. Seeing where the event was to be held for the first time with the walk through with some of the people from the Church was like seeing the Conference before it happened.

Attending the Conference, listening to the speakers, attending the panels, the Lunch, seeing and recognizing our Committee members in their blue tee shirts when we needed help finding something. There seemed to me an extra sense of gratification to see all the work that District 41 put into the event come together. Thanks also to our Districts that brought in our panel members. The ones that I attended were very good.

At our Wrap up meeting it was brought up, that the room we had set for our Spanish speaking members never got used. Also our Translator was sick and wasn't able to attend. I guess that's something we will need to address for future Conferences.



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<p>Participated in the General Service Workshop in Lombard Sept. 24th. Attendance was good. Have been attending our 2017 Big Book Conference meetings with our host District 71. We have a good start. Have been attending 2017 Spring Assembly Planning meetings. Wasn't able to make the last meeting. Still got a report from one of the Co-chairs. Thank you for your service</p>
<p><b>Alternate Treasurer, Nicole</b> Not present to report. Formal report included in appendix to this document.</p>
<p><b>Secretary, Carmela</b> Please make sure new info is sent over to registrar so the secretary can get name badges for the new rotation ready.</p>
<p><b>Alternate Secretary, Kristen</b> I am updating DCM contact list – I didn't print them for today as I wanted to make sure I have updated information.</p>
<p><b>Registrar, Chris</b> Our incoming registrar, Jeff is now receiving your email. Email stays the same, PO Box will change.</p>
<p><b>Alternate Registrar, OPEN</b></p>
<p><b>Chair, Marilyn</b> Gave her report earlier</p>

### Open mic:

Christy – I was listening to the treasurer and finance committee chair about ECRF and I heard that not much has come in by way of expenses, please send expense in by the end of the year

Carl – 29<sup>th</sup> annual mchenry soberfest is November

Steve – can reimbursement forms be submitted electronically?

Chris – yes, it's on the website

Rich – one of the most enlightening experiences has been going to see how other areas and regions do things.

Ernie – Polo, faith and fellowship is having an open speaker meeting potluck, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>, featured speaker is a past delegate, Rich H

**Remind officers there will be an officers meeting right after assembly.**

**Assembly adjourned at 2:07 pm followed by the Responsibility Statement.**

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## Appendix

**The following documents are included in the Appendix:**

- Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer report, combined
- Primary purpose register
- Delegate's report
- Registrar's report
- Approved 2018 calendar
- 68<sup>th</sup> general service proposed agenda items
- NIA 20 Inventory questionnaire

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## **Report of the NIA Treasurer, NIA Winter Assembly, 12/9/2017**

### ***Balance sheet***

The balance sheet report, updated through 11/30/2017, is attached.

- After subtracting Pink and Green Can reserve funds, our bank balance was \$37,059.54 which is \$20,869.54 over our prudent reserve
  - Our current EOY projection of excess funds is around \$8,400. The Finance Committee will continue to monitor this and will recommend any additional contribution to the GSB at the 2018 Winter Committee meeting.
- “Green Can” fund (TF literature) balance was \$157.13
- “Pink Can” fund (CF literature) balance was \$2,611.57
- “GSO Birthday Plan” fund balance is \$106 - will forward the recently-received contribution to the GSB before EOY
  - Groups are encouraged to make “Birthday Plan” contributions directly to the GSB. Contributions can be made online at <https://ctb.aaws.org/default.aspx?lang=en> or by check, made payable to “General Service Board”. Contributions by check should indicate “GSO Birthday Plan” the group service number and can be mailed to The General Service Office, Post Office Box 459, Grand Central Station, New York, NY 10163-0459.

### ***Contributions/Expenses (Profit and Loss in QuickBooks)***

The QuickBooks profit and loss report, updated through 11/30/2017, shows that year-to-date contributions from all sources totaled \$63,685.14, expenses totaled \$49,009.83, and the net bank balance increased by \$14,674.31.

### ***Primary Purpose Register (PPR)***

The PPR combines information from the balance sheet, profit and loss report, and NIA Guidelines. The attached PPR was updated through 8/31/2017. As always, the current PPR is available online at <http://aa-nia.org>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judd W., NIA Treasurer – Panel 66  
treasurer@aa-nia.org

# NIA, Ltd.

## BALANCE SHEET

As of November 30, 2017

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Cash	
Checking	20,384.55
Restricted Funds	
Green Can	157.13
GSO Birthday Plan	106.00
Pink Can	2,611.57
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2,874.70</b>
<b>Total Checking</b>	<b>23,259.25</b>
Prudent Reserve	16,654.99
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>39,914.24</b>
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$39,914.24</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$39,914.24</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$39,914.24</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
Green Can	157.13
GSO Birthday Plan	106.00
Pink Can	2,611.57
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,874.70</b>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,874.70</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,874.70</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,874.70</b>
Equity	
Fund Balance	20,863.76
Net Income	16,175.78
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$37,039.54</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$39,914.24</b>

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## PROFIT AND LOSS

January - November, 2017

	TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>	
7th Tradition Contributions	
Contributions - District	14,880.09
Contributions - Group	48,169.78
Contributions - Other	15.70
Contributions - Personal	615.00
Interest	4.57
<b>Total 7th Tradition Contributions</b>	<b>63,685.14</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$63,685.14</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	
	<b>\$63,685.14</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
GSB Contributions	8,300.00
Primary Purpose Basic	
B01-17 2017 General Service Conference	1,667.77
B03-16 2016 Area Assemblies	88.94
B03-17 2017 Area Assemblies	2,780.91
B04-17 2017 Area Committee Meetings	1,410.81
B05-17 2017 Service Orientation Workshops	1,342.78
B06-17 2017 Administrative Committee Meetings	38.97
B07-16 2016 Concepts Newsletter	67.32
B07-17 2017 Concepts Newsletter	6,150.03
B08-16 2016 Area Committee participation in District Committee functions	536.60
B08-17 2017 Area Committee participation in District Committee functions	1,347.17
B09-17 2017 ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present	1,465.24
B10-16 2016 Area Operations	202.88
B10-17 2017 Area Operations	9,497.99
B11-17 2017 Illinois State Conference, Area Committee participation	1,215.52
B12-17 2017 Spring Conference, Area Committee participation	3,530.89
B13-16 2016 Big Book Conference, hosting	-2,487.64
B13-17 2017 Big Book Conference, hosting	2,965.00
B14-16 2017 Spring Conference, hosting	-2,629.96
B14-17 2018 Spring Conference hosting	3,777.85
B16-17 East Central Regional Conference	465.12
B17-17 2017 Service Committee Workshops	487.72
B18-17 2017 Annual Bridge the Gap Weekend Workshop	1,669.57
B19-16 2016 IL State Conference, hosting	-621.89
B20-16 2016 National AA Tech Workshop	870.62
B20-17 2017 National AA Technology Workshop	854.97
<b>Total Primary Purpose Basic</b>	<b>36,695.18</b>
Primary Purpose Motions	
M065 2017 ECRF - District participation	200.00
M066 2017 ECRF - current and incoming officers and alts, SC chairs and alts	1,053.88
M067 2017 ECRF - Concepts Ed. and Alt.	303.56

	TOTAL
M068 2017 National Corrections Conference, Current and incoming CF Chairs	956.74
<b>Total Primary Purpose Motions</b>	<b>2,514.18</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$47,509.36</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$16,175.78</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$16,175.78</b>

# NIA Alternate Treasurer's Report

Report date: 12/4/2017

The address for the NIA Treasurer for the Panel 66 rotation is: Northern Illinois Area, Ltd., P.O. Box 1056, Yorkville, IL 60560. Contribution envelopes are available at every NIA Assembly and committee meeting. Please complete the form on the envelope when making contributions to NIA so we can correctly account for your contributions.

In service,

Nicole E., NIA Alternate Treasurer

alt-treasurer@aa-nia.org

## Summary of contributions received from 1/14/2017 through 11/19/2017

Date deposited (All)

Row Labels	Sum of Contribution amount
Pink Can contribution	\$11,597.23
District contribution	\$14,880.09
Green Can contribution	\$36.50
Group contribution	\$48,169.78
personal contribution	\$615.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$75,298.60</b>

Date deposited (All)

Sum of Contribution amount					
District	Group number	Group name	Contribution type	Total	
	<b>0</b>	<b>714482</b>	Snippets From The Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		<b>716596</b>	Babes without Booze Big Book Group	Pink Can contribution	\$300.00
		<b>716845</b>	BLS Men's Group	Pink Can contribution	\$15.00
<b>0 Total</b>					<b>\$365.00</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>104200</b>	Friday Morning Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
		<b>104715</b>	Grayslake Southsiders Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
		<b>104729</b>	Happy Harold's Eye Opener Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		<b>119565</b>	Stools & Bottles Group	Group contribution	\$102.00
		<b>120246</b>	Grapevine Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
		<b>121126</b>	Tuesday As Bill Sees It Group	Group contribution	\$70.00
		<b>127397</b>	Early Birds Group	Group contribution	\$186.00
		<b>130461</b>	Wanderers No 45 Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
		<b>149852</b>	Chain Of Lakes Discussion Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
		<b>155891</b>	Beginners Group	Group contribution	\$162.00
		<b>167229</b>	Keep It Simple Group	Pink Can contribution	\$10.00
				Group contribution	\$133.80
		<b>600993</b>	Miracles Do Happen Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		<b>602117</b>	Easley Does It Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
		<b>616733</b>	Monday Early Birds Group	Group contribution	\$90.00

10	642072	A Way Out Group	Group contribution	\$400.27
	646390	Shed Group	Group contribution	\$180.00
	647883	After Work Study Group	Group contribution	\$170.00
	652531	Road Of Happy Destiny Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	657633	Big Book Study Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	661521	Wednesday Morning Women's Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
	665831	Red Door Group	Pink Can contribution	\$60.00
			Group contribution	\$75.90
	680672	As Bill Sees It Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	699432	Monday 5PM AA Big Book Step Study Gr	Group contribution	\$67.50
	703220	Earlier Risers Group	Group contribution	\$200.00
	703290	Spiritual Kindergarten Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	713471	7 AM Saturdays Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	715447	Saturday Morning Mens Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
(blank)		7PM Big Book Serenity House	Group contribution	\$30.00
<b>10 Total</b>				<b>\$3,087.47</b>
11	104625	Fri Nite Mens Fellowship Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	119600	Thursday Night Disc Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	120853	Twelve Steps To Freedom Group	Group contribution	\$135.00
	125242	Wednesday Womens Group	Group contribution	\$110.00
	125327	Cary Park District Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
	125619	Monday Noon Meeting Group	Group contribution	\$230.00
	127053	Monday Night Richmond Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
	132066	Tuesday Night Big Book #1 Grp	Group contribution	\$30.00
	135243	Beginners Group	Group contribution	\$48.00
	141413	10:00 A.M. Serenity Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	141414	Mc Henry Open Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	150979	Clean Air Closed Discussion Gp	Group contribution	\$90.00
	166266	Lost & Found Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	176778	Broad Highway Women's Grp	Group contribution	\$20.00
	608430	Cary Wednesday Step Group	Group contribution	\$63.00
	610896	Winners & Beginners Group	Group contribution	\$889.00
	610981	Wmns Spiritual Progress #2 Grp	Group contribution	\$60.00
	616691	Riverside Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	637908	Flying Geese Group	Pink Can contribution	\$52.00
	637909	Thursday Morning Big Book Study Group	Pink Can contribution	\$354.00
	643018	Freedom Farm Campfire Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	646950	From The Book Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	654091	Design For Living Group	Pink Can contribution	\$57.00
			Group contribution	\$234.00
	655136	Growth And Change Group	Group contribution	\$180.00
	657318	12 Steps & 12 Traditions Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	672162	Enchanted Cottage Group	Group contribution	\$28.00
	672942	Mens Big Book Priority-A Group	Group contribution	\$56.00
	675317	Being New In A.A. Group	Group contribution	\$250.00
	675712	Attitude Adjustment Group	Pink Can contribution	\$590.26
			Group contribution	\$1,569.00
	679444	Faith's Way Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	687548	Sobriety & Beyond (II) (A) Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	689268	Monday Night Priority Big Book Study Gro	Group contribution	\$127.08



11	689957	Friday Night Womens 12 & 12 Group	Group contribution	\$23.00
	694876	Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
	695282	Women's Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	695505	A Vision For You Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	698797	Sat. AM Mens Step - Dawn Patrol Group	Group contribution	\$415.00
	699065	Men's Priority Big Book 5B Group	Group contribution	\$284.70
	708825	Spiritual Progress Group	Group contribution	\$140.70
	713487	Women's Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
<b>11 Total</b>				<b>\$7,600.74</b>
12	126433	Dry Dockers Group	Group contribution	\$182.50
	165716	Common Garden Variety Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	645698	Deerpath Sunday Nights Group	Group contribution	\$44.10
	664612	WOW Group (Women On Wednesday)	Group contribution	\$78.00
(blank)		AA Approved Literature	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
		Saturday Mornig Meeting	Group contribution	\$50.00
		St James Friday Night	Group contribution	\$175.00
		Lake Bluff Women's Big Boog	Group contribution	\$50.00
<b>12 Total</b>				<b>\$689.60</b>
20	163294	Grupo Mi Ultimo Refugio	Group contribution	\$60.00
	610298	Grupo Garibaldi	Group contribution	\$30.00
	660566	Grupo Santa Monica	Group contribution	\$20.00
	688838	Grupo Doce Promesas	Pink Can contribution	\$37.00
			Green Can contribution	\$14.00
			Group contribution	\$110.00
(blank)		District 20	District contribution	\$220.00
<b>20 Total</b>				<b>\$491.00</b>
21	104827	Monday Night Big Book Study Gp	Pink Can contribution	\$17.01
	104828	Wanderers #IV Group	Group contribution	\$62.00
	610936	Wanderers #18/5 Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	627022	Tues Night Wmns Big Bk Stdy Gp	Pink Can contribution	\$69.50
	636786	Womens 12 & 12 Group	Group contribution	\$81.48
	672152	Wanderers #45 Group	Group contribution	\$40.00
	678959	Sunday Night Steps Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	695065	Women's Friday Candle Light Group	Pink Can contribution	\$14.66
(blank)		Countryside Church Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
		Wanderers 5118	Group contribution	\$40.00
		Pink Can - No Group Number	Pink Can contribution	\$56.00
		Women's 12 Step Thursday 10AM	Group contribution	\$54.33
<b>21 Total</b>				<b>\$654.98</b>
22	104250	Sun Morning Fellowship Group	Group contribution	\$306.16
	117174	Big Book 12 & 12 Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	117398	Elgin Wed Night Eastside Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	118489	Fellowship Group	Group contribution	\$180.00
	120644	West Side Grapevine Group	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
			Group contribution	\$200.00
	123511	Tuesday Night Group	Pink Can contribution	\$140.00
			Group contribution	\$30.00
	124226	Back To Basics Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
	124908	Thurs Night West Dundee Group	Pink Can contribution	\$60.00
			Group contribution	\$240.00

22	125010	Mon Night Westside Fellwshp Gp	Group contribution	\$50.00
	126323	Sunday Morning Unity Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	126340	Friday Morning Eye Opener Grp	Group contribution	\$73.00
		Friday AM Eye Opener	Group contribution	\$48.00
	145124	Early Birds Group	Group contribution	\$271.00
	148142	Little Red Door Group	Group contribution	\$172.00
	148143	Womens New Beginnings Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	148146	Wednesday Night Serenity Group	Pink Can contribution	\$200.00
	150224	Wednesday Night Reflection Grp	Group contribution	\$60.00
	161787	Friday Nite Recovery Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	164500	New Horizon Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	614385	Monday Second Shifters Group	Group contribution	\$472.00
	615946	Today's Gift Group	Group contribution	\$362.00
	656609	Monday Night Big Book Meeting Group	Pink Can contribution	\$75.00
			Group contribution	\$150.00
	667861	Tuesday High Noon Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	672159	Saturday Night Open Speaker Group	Pink Can contribution	\$209.00
			Group contribution	\$180.00
	681573	As Joe & Charlie See It Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	686393	Healing The Hearts Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
	686697	In Depth Big Book Study Group	Group contribution	\$36.00
	706085	Fellowship Of The Spirit Group	Group contribution	\$67.00
	713398	12-12-12 & More Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	715048	Open Big Book Study Group	Group contribution	\$20.00
(blank)		District 22	Pink Can contribution	\$23.00
			District contribution	\$2,000.00
<b>22 Total</b>				<b>\$6,309.16</b>
23	141030	Staying Alive Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	632081	Wanderers 50 Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	657074	Sunday Night Live Group	Group contribution	\$40.00
	704903	Meat And Potatoes Group	Group contribution	\$340.00
(blank)		Hangover In Hanover	Group contribution	\$25.00
<b>23 Total</b>				<b>\$530.00</b>
28	104365	Saturday Morning Mens Group	Group contribution	\$750.00
	104400	Friday Afternoon Women Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	104755	Lake Zurich 12 & 12 Group	Pink Can contribution	\$92.00
			Group contribution	\$236.00
	128554	Sunday Night Salem Group	Group contribution	\$315.00
	134171	No Name Group	Group contribution	\$266.20
	175230	Wanderers Priority Big Book XIII (Men) Gr	Group contribution	\$155.40
	175535	Wednesday Night Beginners Grp	Group contribution	\$120.00
	600334	Tuesday Night 12 & 12 Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	630250	Sun Morning Early Birds Group	Group contribution	\$460.00
	634567	Living In Recovery Group	Group contribution	\$293.75
	658285	Monday Night Serenity Group	Pink Can contribution	\$163.00
			Group contribution	\$20.00
	673285	Tuesday Real Time Home Group	Group contribution	\$655.00
	713901	Wednesday Night Women's Way	Pink Can contribution	\$210.20
			Group contribution	\$66.00
	716904	Still At It 12 & 12 Group	Pink Can contribution	\$35.00

28		716904	Still At It 12 & 12 Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	(blank)	719094	Nooners Group	Pink Can contribution	\$20.00
			Thursday Night Big Book Study Group	Pink Can contribution	\$92.00
			Stillwaters Thursday Night Women's Big B	Pink Can contribution	\$64.00
			District 28	District contribution	\$1,020.00
<b>28 Total</b>					<b>\$5,123.55</b>
40		104943	Anona Center Earlybirds Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
		135461	Tue Nite Beginners Big Book Gp	Group contribution	\$50.00
		138612	Friday Night Group	Group contribution	\$125.00
		139541	Glen Oaks 449 Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
		146676	C.D.H. Sunday Morning Group	Group contribution	\$335.02
		148609	Wednesday Brown Baggers Group	Group contribution	\$55.00
		148610	Womens Group	Group contribution	\$70.00
		148611	Mens Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
		149311	Anona Weekday Evening 5:30 P.M. Gp	Group contribution	\$30.00
		160763	Resentmentville West Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		174566	Big Book Group	Pink Can contribution	\$30.16
				Group contribution	\$65.00
		176124	Gift Of Sobriety Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
		600336	Twelve Steps To Willingness Group	Group contribution	\$20.71
		604498	Week-End Eye Openers Group	Group contribution	\$33.00
		636738	Words Of Wisdom Group	Pink Can contribution	\$60.00
				Group contribution	\$25.00
		706128	Woman's Journey Thru the 12 Steps Grou	Group contribution	\$25.00
		709345	Women's Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$47.00
	(blank)	714482	Snippets From The Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
			ANONA West Sunday Morning 1030	Group contribution	\$30.00
			Thur. AM Speaker, Wheaton	Group contribution	\$195.00
			Thurs PM Speaker, Wheaton	Group contribution	\$90.00
			District 40	Pink Can contribution	\$352.91
<b>40 Total</b>					<b>\$1,953.80</b>
41		104302	Elmhurst Splinter Group	Pink Can contribution	\$150.00
		104413	Tioga Monday Night Group	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
		104777	Lombard Couriers Group	Pink Can contribution	\$104.00
		104911	Villa Park Thursday Group	Group contribution	\$70.00
		104913	Washington-Ardmore Group	Pink Can contribution	\$31.00
		117713	Stepping Stones Group	Pink Can contribution	\$182.00
				Group contribution	\$64.00
		120247	Solution Seekers Group	Pink Can contribution	\$60.00
		137538	Lombard Kitchen Table Group	Pink Can contribution	\$300.00
				Group contribution	\$25.00
		140725	Tues Night Men's Step	Pink Can contribution	\$65.00
		156144	Resentmentville Group	Pink Can contribution	\$98.00
		170702	Tuesday Nite Big Book Group	Pink Can contribution	\$5.00
				Group contribution	\$30.00
		171276	New Hope Group	Group contribution	\$329.37
		175712	Week-End Jump Start Group	Pink Can contribution	\$30.00
		180103	Couples In Recovery Group	Group contribution	\$250.00
		614267	Phoenix Group	Pink Can contribution	\$75.00
		627761	Lombard Lunch Bunch Group	Pink Can contribution	\$110.75

41	627761	Lombard Lunch Bunch Group	Group contribution	\$439.43
	637845	Genesis II Group	Pink Can contribution	\$113.00
	652581	Slow Learners Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	673986	Sunday Serenity Group	Group contribution	\$36.78
	697094	Wednesday Serenity Group	Group contribution	\$163.56
	714285	Four Seasons Step Group	Group contribution	\$19.92
	715236	Monday Night Misfits Group	Pink Can contribution	\$30.00
			Group contribution	\$25.00
<b>41 Total</b>				<b>\$2,906.81</b>
42	104344	Samaritan Big Book Group	Pink Can contribution	\$134.00
			Group contribution	\$113.00
	104637	Darien Thursday P.M. Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	104654	Highlanders Group	Pink Can contribution	\$174.00
			Group contribution	\$358.40
	104933	Burlington Beginners Group	Pink Can contribution	\$197.00
			Group contribution	\$216.00
	122219	Dr. Bob's 12 & 12 Step & Trad Gp	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
			Group contribution	\$300.00
	126443	One Day At A Time Group	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
			Group contribution	\$190.00
	131678	Grateful It Works Group	Pink Can contribution	\$53.00
			Group contribution	\$120.00
	132959	Tuesday Serendipity Morning Womans Gr	Pink Can contribution	\$98.50
			Group contribution	\$140.00
	143222	Parish House Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$160.00
	147731	Unity Group	Group contribution	\$108.00
	163425	Women Serenity Group	Pink Can contribution	\$126.00
	170240	Sober Not Somber Group	Pink Can contribution	\$318.00
			Group contribution	\$380.00
	171837	Grace Group	Pink Can contribution	\$22.50
			Green Can contribution	\$22.50
			Group contribution	\$325.00
	177066	Step Into Sobriety (SIS) Women's Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	600913	Acceptance Group	Pink Can contribution	\$150.00
			Group contribution	\$160.00
	604096	Finders Keepers Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	605348	Thank God Women's Group	Pink Can contribution	\$118.00
			Group contribution	\$100.00
	608720	We Are Group	Pink Can contribution	\$378.00
			Group contribution	\$173.50
	613352	Look To This Day Group	Pink Can contribution	\$27.20
	647853	Salt Creek Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	655927	Humble Beginnings Group	Pink Can contribution	\$186.02
			Group contribution	\$400.00
	666969	Time For Change Group	Pink Can contribution	\$275.00
	679832	24/7 Group	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
			Group contribution	\$150.00
	685800	7600 Men's Group	Pink Can contribution	\$15.00
	696588	Life Is Good Group	Pink Can contribution	\$1,309.00
			Group contribution	\$400.00

42		708082	It's All About Me Group	Group contribution	\$21.25
	(blank)		Our Primary Purpose	Pink Can contribution	\$213.00
			District 42	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
			Hinsdale Opp	Pink Can contribution	\$79.00
<b>42 Total</b>					<b>\$8,285.87</b>
43		104272	Sunday Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
		146628	Beginners Sampler Group	Group contribution	\$73.00
		147736	Brownbaggers Of Naperville Group	Pink Can contribution	\$20.00
				Group contribution	\$90.00
		155901	Anniversary Group	Group contribution	\$80.00
		165272	How & Why Group	Pink Can contribution	\$586.00
				Group contribution	\$651.00
		178942	Hope For Today Womens Group	Pink Can contribution	\$331.00
		601775	Womens Spirit Group	Pink Can contribution	\$350.00
		606539	Thursday Discussion Group	Group contribution	\$900.00
		637746	Do Not Be Discouraged Group	Pink Can contribution	\$200.00
		648705	Beyond Any Length Group	Group contribution	\$200.00
		683110	Daily Reflections Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
		691334	Wanderers 30 Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
		693126	Swinging Sobriety Sisters Group	Pink Can contribution	\$300.00
				Group contribution	\$200.00
		693993	Foxhall Group	Group contribution	\$250.00
		709882	Spiritual Renegades Study Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		719127	Saturday Morning Men's 12 + 12 Study Gr	Group contribution	\$182.50
<b>43 Total</b>					<b>\$4,708.50</b>
51		104738	Steel City Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		104739	St. Francis Sunday Open Mtg Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
		104854	Plainfield Serendipity Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		134454	H.O.W. Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
		140822	Big Book Believers Group	Group contribution	\$107.00
		164338	R.A.A.P. Group (Recovering A.A. People)	Group contribution	\$138.00
		607634	Sunrize Group	Group contribution	\$107.41
		629491	New Hope 12 Step Group	Group contribution	\$310.00
		640384	Manhattan Kitchen Table Group	Group contribution	\$188.30
		640883	New Hope Step Group	Group contribution	\$225.00
		643273	Candlelight Discussion Mtg Grp	Group contribution	\$90.00
		651095	Came To Believe Group	Group contribution	\$105.00
		657249	Living Room Group	Group contribution	\$109.00
		659565	Saturday 12 Step Group	Group contribution	\$195.00
		676694	Custer Park Big Book Study Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		682812	Sober School Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
		705132	Wednesday Night Ladies Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
		705741	A New Life In AA Group	Group contribution	\$210.00
	(blank)		Lemont Boondocks	Group contribution	\$57.00
			Mixed Nuts	Group contribution	\$40.00
			District 51	District contribution	\$2,000.00
<b>51 Total</b>					<b>\$4,296.71</b>
52		126908	Sunday Night Action Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
		130930	Help Group	Group contribution	\$65.00
		134399	911 Group	Group contribution	\$66.89

52	137836	First Things First Group	Group contribution	\$200.00
	178844	BLT Group (Better Living Today)	Group contribution	\$270.00
	613245	Primary Purpose Group	Group contribution	\$220.00
	655944	Women To Women Group	Group contribution	\$74.00
	685865	Steps Our Solutions (S.O.S.) Group	Group contribution	\$155.00
	715842	As Bill Sees It Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
<b>52 Total</b>				<b>\$1,125.89</b>
61	104697	Wednesday Night Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
	104698	Geneva Thursday Night Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	120353	Friday Night Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$55.00
	123728	Fireside Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	123798	Keep It Simple Group	Group contribution	\$195.00
	134943	Early Birds Group	Group contribution	\$744.50
	139409	Thursday Night Men's Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	145928	Thursday Night Womens Group	Group contribution	\$20.00
	146299	Prayer & Meditation Group	Group contribution	\$304.00
	146390	We Are Not Saints Group	Group contribution	\$81.00
	146785	Happy Hour Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	161010	Willingness Group	Group contribution	\$405.00
	169792	Early Timers Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	171661	Dough Heads Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	172797	Step By Step Group	Group contribution	\$36.00
	600092	3-11 Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	600093	Monday Brown Baggers Group	Group contribution	\$82.00
	600094	Friday Afternoon Serenity Grp	Group contribution	\$32.00
	605016	B.Y.O.B.B. & B.B. Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
	607029	Thursday Brown Baggers Group	Group contribution	\$175.00
	610847	Dawn Patrol Group	Group contribution	\$300.00
	612847	Phoenix Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	650203	Twelve & Twelve Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
	658910	Freedom Group	Group contribution	\$232.50
	695363	Geneva Saturday Night Open Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
	703219	One Step At A Time Group	Group contribution	\$52.50
	708120	Womens's 12 In 12 Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
	(blank)	District 61	District contribution	\$6,000.00
<b>61 Total</b>				<b>\$9,704.50</b>
62	127727	Saturday Niters Group	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
			Group contribution	\$60.00
	148865	One Day At A Time Clsd Disc Gp	Pink Can contribution	\$194.47
			Group contribution	\$189.35
	173661	Young At Heart Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	671120	As Bill Sees It Group	Group contribution	\$26.70
	673300	Angels Gather Here Group	Pink Can contribution	\$43.00
			Group contribution	\$81.10
	677697	Recovery Discovery Group	Pink Can contribution	\$28.00
			Group contribution	\$89.70
	685783	5:15 Mix It Up Group	Pink Can contribution	\$119.59
			Group contribution	\$270.00
	692050	Second Hand Sobriety Group	Pink Can contribution	\$68.50
			Group contribution	\$290.79

62	699614	Serenity Now Group	Pink Can contribution	\$14.00
			Group contribution	\$111.00
	701331	12 Ways To Stay Sober Group	Pink Can contribution	\$10.00
	703591	Living Sober On The Hill Group	Pink Can contribution	\$55.00
			Group contribution	\$282.23
	714876	A Good Start To Your Week Group	Group contribution	\$73.50
(blank)		District 62	District contribution	\$800.00
		HALT Club AA Sun AM Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
<b>62 Total</b>				<b>\$2,936.93</b>
64	174027	Saturday Morning Alive Group	Group contribution	\$147.15
	174096	Friends Of Bill W. Group	Group contribution	\$31.50
	177764	Big Book On The Prairie Group	Group contribution	\$40.00
	607518	Do Or Die Group	Group contribution	\$28.00
	672158	It's In The Book Group	Group contribution	\$204.36
	688756	24 Hr Group	Group contribution	\$75.00
<b>64 Total</b>				<b>\$526.01</b>
65	(blank)	District 65	District contribution	\$180.00
<b>65 Total</b>				<b>\$180.00</b>
70	104209	Seed Group	Group contribution	\$20.00
	122494	East Side H.O.W. Group	Group contribution	\$605.50
	145204	The Upper Room Group	Group contribution	\$110.00
	175694	Traveler's Rest Group	Group contribution	\$175.00
	176256	Augury Group	Group contribution	\$81.85
	616115	Healthy Solutions Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	672157	12 Steppers Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	673419	Roscoe Recovery Group	Group contribution	\$32.00
	681933	Belvidere Bridge Group #1 + #2	Group contribution	\$150.00
	704726	McFarland Group	Group contribution	\$92.00
<b>70 Total</b>				<b>\$1,466.35</b>
71	127172	Tuesday Nite Fellowship Group	Group contribution	\$35.00
	135496	Fox Valley Group (Non-Smoking)	Group contribution	\$70.00
	139472	Learning To Live Gp	Group contribution	\$35.00
	143422	Back To Basics Group	Group contribution	\$45.00
	165715	Pass It On Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	167119	24 Hours A Day Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	171278	Sandwich Steppers Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	177974	Back To Basics Group	Group contribution	\$87.00
	604738	Any Lengths Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	606354	Monday Morning Big Book Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	614570	Fresh Beginnings Group	Group contribution	\$80.00
	616198	Program Of Recovery Group	Group contribution	\$70.00
	654357	Sycamore Monday 5:30 12 & 12 Group	Group contribution	\$120.00
	660537	Pass It On Group	Group contribution	\$90.00
	671206	It Is What It Is Group	Group contribution	\$20.00
<b>71 Total</b>				<b>\$1,022.00</b>
72	104692	48 Club Group	Group contribution	\$10.00
	122408	Crossroads Group	Group contribution	\$160.00
	155890	New Beginning Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
<b>72 Total</b>				<b>\$200.00</b>
73	105748	Kings Step Study Group	Group contribution	\$75.00

73	121962	Oregon Blackhawk Group	Group contribution	\$200.00
	131270	Key To Sobriety Group	Group contribution	\$115.00
	137494	New Hope Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
	173198	How It Works Group	Group contribution	\$150.00
	645840	A Way Of Life Group	Group contribution	\$180.00
	663101	Downtown O.D.A.A.T. Group	Group contribution	\$350.00
	667354	Davis Junction Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
	(blank)	District 73	District contribution	\$1,880.09
<b>73 Total</b>				<b>\$3,060.09</b>
79	626106	Aprendiendo A Vivir	Pink Can contribution	\$100.00
	(blank)	District 79	District contribution	\$480.00
<b>79 Total</b>				<b>\$580.00</b>
80	104856	Princeton Group	Group contribution	\$530.00
<b>80 Total</b>				<b>\$530.00</b>
90	104748	Kewanee Henry Co. Group	Group contribution	\$200.00
		Kewanee AA Group	Group contribution	\$100.00
	164740	Rainbow Group	Group contribution	\$80.00
<b>90 Total</b>				<b>\$380.00</b>
91	(blank)	District 91	District contribution	\$300.00
<b>91 Total</b>				<b>\$300.00</b>
	717963		Group contribution	\$30.00
	720403	Mixed Nuts	Group contribution	\$30.00
	721958		Group contribution	\$30.00
	914665		Group contribution	\$9.12
	Sober Not Somber, Hinsdale		Group contribution	\$140.00
	Women's 12 Step, Palatine		Group contribution	\$39.00
	(blank)	Personal Contribution	Pink Can contribution	\$50.00
			personal contribution	\$615.00
		New Hope Group	Group contribution	\$64.39
		10AM Womens 12 Step	Group contribution	\$22.00
		Thursday Night Big Book Study Group	Pink Can contribution	\$28.00
		Thursday 12&12 WSAC	Group contribution	\$50.00
		Wanderers 117	Group contribution	\$30.00
		Spiritual Renegades	Group contribution	\$50.00
		Thursday Night Open Speaker	Group contribution	\$105.00
		Monday Night Bensenville Tioga Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		How And Why Group	Group contribution	\$60.00
		Monday Crystal lake Group	Group contribution	\$37.00
		Sunday Night Serenity	Group contribution	\$27.00
		Tue 7600 Men's	Group contribution	\$10.00
		BLS Men's	Group contribution	\$10.00
		Monday Night Big Book	Group contribution	\$76.00
		Northeast Group	Group contribution	\$25.00
		Beast Wanderers Group	Group contribution	\$40.00
		Back to Life Step Meeting	Group contribution	\$75.00
		ISCYPAA Group	Group contribution	\$3,414.59
		Friday Night Sobriety Seekers	Group contribution	\$100.00
		Thursday AM Step Into Sobriety	Group contribution	\$100.00
		Comite XXXV Convencion Estatal De IL	Group contribution	\$71.74
		Sunday Morning at Halt Club	Group contribution	\$30.00



	(blank)		Pink Can contribution	\$14.00
		St Emily's Sunday Night Group	Group contribution	\$30.00
		Zion Benton Alano Club/Sat 8:00am	Group contribution	\$50.00
		Into Action South	Group contribution	\$54.00
		Thurs Night Spkr. Mtg. 12&12 at Villa Venice	Group contribution	\$134.00
			Group contribution	\$70.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$5,770.84</b>
(blank)	(blank)	New Hope Group	Group contribution	\$50.00
		Sunday Night Couriers	Group contribution	\$60.00
		Southside Sobriety Seekers AA Meeting	Group contribution	\$100.00
		Women's Weds. 6:30 Palatine	Group contribution	\$67.80
		Serenity Group, Rochelle	Group contribution	\$20.00
		Sandwich Steppers	Group contribution	\$50.00
		Mon. Night BB, Northbrook	Group contribution	\$60.00
		All About Me, Hinsdale	Group contribution	\$40.00
		Mon PM DG	Group contribution	\$40.00
		Monday Night AA	Group contribution	\$25.00
<b>(blank) Total</b>				<b>\$512.80</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>\$75,298.60</b>

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Activity number	Service activity	Expectations, guidelines, and authority	Allowable expenses	Expected amount	Actual, through 11/30/2017	Planned start date	Planned complete date	Planned amount
B01-17	2017 General Service Conference	The Area Committee is expected to participate in and report on the General Service Conference per the AA Service Manual, NIA Guidelines, and historical practice.	Travel, meals, for conference. Mileage, office Supplies, printing/copies, facility for pre-GSC workshop and post-GSC reports. ...	\$ (3,000.00)	\$ (1,667.77)	3/1/2017	9/30/2017	\$ (1,500.00)
B02-17	2018 General Service Conference Contribution	The Area Committee is expected to make a contribution for the General Service Conference per the AA Service Manual, NIA Guidelines, and historical practice.	Year-end contribution to GSB for NIA participation in GSC	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ -	12/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (7,000.00)
B03-17	2017 Area Assemblies	The Area Committee is expected to support hosting districts to host four assembly meetings each year per the AA Service Manual, area guidelines, and historical practice.	Mileage, office supplies, printing/copies, interpreter, facility, meals, ...	\$ (3,500.00)	\$ (2,780.91)	3/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (2,800.00)
B04-17	2017 Area Committee Meetings	The Area Committee is expected to host four committee meetings each year per the AA Service Manual, area guidelines, and historical practice.	Mileage, office supplies, printing/copies, facility, meals, ...	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (1,410.81)	1/1/2017	11/30/2017	\$ (1,250.00)
B05-17	2017 Service Orientation Workshops	The Area Committee is encouraged to host roughly eight Service Orientation workshops around NIA per year.	Mileage, literature, printing/copies, facility, ...	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ (1,342.78)	3/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (1,029.15)
B06-17	2017 Administrative Committee Meetings	The Finance, Operating, Report and Charter, and Electronic Equipment Committees, combined, are encouraged to hold roughly ten meetings each year to perform their respective functions per area guidelines and historical practice.	Mileage, conference call charges, literature, printing/copies, facility, ...	\$ (500.00)	\$ (38.97)	2/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (50.00)
B07-17	2017 Concepts Newsletter	The Concepts Editor is expected to produce the NIA Concepts Newsletter per area guidelines and historical practice.	Postage, printing, mailing, ...	\$ (9,000.00)	\$ (6,150.03)	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (8,000.00)
B08-17	2017 Area Committee participation in District Committee functions	When invited, Area trusted servants are expected to attend and participate in District service functions including District meetings, workshops, service events, etc., per area guidelines and historical practice.	Mileage, literature, printing/copies, ...	\$ (750.00)	\$ (1,347.17)	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (950.09)
B09-17	2017 ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present	The Delegate, Alternate Delegate, NIA Chairperson and immediate past delegate are expected to attend the East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present	Registration, banquet, meals, lodging, mileage, ...	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (1,465.24)	2/1/2017	4/30/2017	\$ (1,500.00)
B10-17	2017 Area Operations	Area trusted servants are expected to operate NIA basic services per area guidelines and historical practice.	Mileage, postage, mailing services, NIA contribution envelopes, office supplies, post office and postage, printing/copies, insurance, Quick Books Online, coffee pots, annual reports, bank fees, archives repository, GSR Handbooks, canceled check charges, website expenses, electronic equipment maintenance and upgrades...	\$ (12,000.00)	\$ (9,497.99)	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (11,000.00)

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B11-17	2017 Illinois State Conference, Area Committee participation	In years in which the IL State Conference is hosted by NIA, thirty-six trusted servants, as detailed in the Duties and Responsibilities document, are expected to attend and participate. In non-hosting years, the Delegate, Area Chairperson, and Archivist are expected to attend and participate. In non-hosting years service committee chairpersons who are requested by the NIA Delegate and the Conference planning committee are also expected to attend and participate.	Registration, banquet, meals, lodging, mileage, ...	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (1,215.52)	7/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (2,000.00)
B12-17	2017 Spring Conference, Area Committee participation	Thirty-six Area trusted servants, as detailed in the Duties and Responsibilities document, are expected to attend and participate in the NIA Spring Conference.	Registration, banquet, meals, lodging, mileage, ...	\$ (4,500.00)	\$ (3,665.89)	3/1/2017	6/30/2017	\$ (3,665.89)
B13-17	2017 Big Book Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the hosting district to host the Big Book Conference per the NIA Big Book Conference guidelines and historical practice.	Mileage, literature, printing/copies, nametags, facility, seed money, conference contribution/shortfall, ...	\$ (500.00)	\$ (3,073.80)	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (500.00)
B14-16	2017 Spring Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the Spring Conference Committee to host the NIA Spring Conference per the NIA Spring Conference Guidelines and historical practice.	Mileage, literature, printing/copies, name tags, facility, seed money, hotel deposit, conference contribution/shortfall, ...	\$ (750.00)	\$ (870.81)	1/1/2016	6/30/2017	\$ (870.81)
B14-17	2018 Spring Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the Spring Conference Committee to host the NIA Spring Conference per the NIA Spring Conference Guidelines and historical practice.	Mileage, literature, printing/copies, name tags, facility, seed money, hotel deposit, conference contribution/shortfall, ...	\$ (750.00)	\$ (3,777.85)	1/1/2017	6/30/2018	\$ (3,233.48)
B15-17	2017 East Central Regional Forum	The Area Delegate, Alt. Delegate, and Area Chairperson are expected to attend the East Central Regional Forum (held every two years.)	Meals, lodging, mileage, ...	\$ (1,200.00)	\$ -	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (1,200.00)
B16-17	2017 East Central Regional Conference	The Area Delegate and Alt. Delegate are expected to attend the East Central Regional Conference every year (held every year except those with International Conferences.)	Mileage, lodging, banquet and registration.	\$ (1,000.00)	\$ (465.12)	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (465.12)
B17-17	2017 Service Committee Workshops	Area service committee chairpersons are expected to host workshops focused on carrying the A.A. message within the scope of one or more service committees. The workshops should be geographically distributed throughout NIA.	Mileage, literature, printing and copies, and facility, interpretation services, if needed.	\$ (1,500.00)	\$ (487.72)	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (500.00)
B18-17	2017 Annual Bridge the Gap Weekend Workshop	The Bridging the Gap Committee Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson or their replacements, as appointed by the BTG Chairperson, shall attend the Annual BTG Weekend Workshop.	Mileage, tolls, parking, airfare, hotel, car rental, registration, meals, literature, printing and copies for workshop presentations.	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (1,669.57)	9/1/2017	11/30/2017	\$ (2,000.00)
B19-17	2017 IL State Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the State Conference Committee to host the IL State Conference per our guidelines and historical practice.	Mileage, literature, printing/copies, name tags, facility, seed money, hotel deposit, conference contribution/shortfall, ...	\$ (250.00)	\$ -	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (250.00)
B20-17	2017 National AA Technology Workshop	Either the Website Administrator or the Alternate is expected to attend the annual National AA Technology Workshop	Travel and lodging, meals, conference registration.	\$ (750.00)	\$ (854.97)	11/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (750.00)
M065	District participation in 2017 East Central Regional Forum (ECRF)	Reimburse each district up to \$200 each for expenses incurred through participation in the 2017 ECRF.	Districts decide.	\$ (5,200.00)	\$ -	11/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (5,200.00)

**NIA Primary Purpose Register - Current Working View**

Activity number	Service activity	Expectations, guidelines, and authority	Allowable expenses	Expected amount	Actual, through 11/30/2017	Planned start date	Planned complete date	Planned amount
M066	Current and incoming officers and Service Committee Chairs and alternates to participate in 2017 ECRF.	NIA Officers, Service Committee chairs and appointed chairs, current and incoming, be afforded the opportunity to attend the 2017 ECRF.	Mileage/tolls, lodging, and meals	\$ (6,000.00)	\$ (1,053.88)	11/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (6,000.00)
M067	Concepts editor and co-editor to attend 2017 ECRF.	The Concepts Editor and Coeditor shall attend the 2017 ECRF.	Mileage/tolls, lodging, and meals	\$ (400.00)	\$ (303.56)	11/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (500.00)
M068	2017 National Corrections Conference, Current and incoming CF Chairs	The current and incoming Corrections Chairs shall attend the 2017 National Corrections Conference, 11/ 10/2017-11/12/17 in St. Louis, Mo.	Mileage, lodging, registration, and meals	\$ (800.00)	\$ (956.74)	11/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (800.00)
M069	2017 National Corrections Conference, D20, 79, and 65	Representatives from districts 20, 79, and 65 to attend the 2017 National Corrections Conference, 11/10/2017-11/12/2017 in St. Louis, MO. Not to exceed \$500.	Mileage, lodging, registration, and meals.	\$ (500.00)	\$ -	11/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (500.00)
Z02-17	2017 Contributions - Groups				\$ 48,169.78	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ 51,220.78
Z03-17	2017 Contributions - Districts				\$ 14,880.09	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ 14,760.09
Z04-17	2017 Contributions - Other				\$ 15.70	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ 2,911.20
Z05-17	2017 Contributions - personal				\$ 615.00	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ 400.66
Z06-17	2017 Interest				\$ 4.57	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ 4.99
Z07-17	2017 Contributions to GSB				\$ (8,300.00)	1/1/2017	12/31/2017	\$ (8,300.00)
<b>Operating Reserve (cumulative, includes prudent reserve)</b>					<b>\$ 37,039.54</b>			
<b>Prudent reserve</b>					<b>\$ 16,170.00</b>			
<b>Excess(Deficit)</b>					<b>\$ 20,869.54</b>			

Report of the Area Delegate  
Winter Assembly  
December 9, 2017

Well here it is my last report as Area 20 panel 66 Delegate. When Cheryl sent out the results of the election to the other 92 delegates, I received a lot of congratulation letters and most of them said, "You are going to be on the ride of your life." That couldn't have been truer.

November 17-19th I attended the East Central Regional Forum which was held in Springfield. The Forum had about 380 members in attendance with 192 first time attendees. It was great seeing many members from our area in attendance and at my last count Area 20 had at least 11 first time attendees. I had received a loving invitation to present my presentation, "Principles before Personalities" during the full forum workshop. There were presentations from the A.A. Grapevine, La Vina, GSB presentation from our Trustee-at-Large Canada, and the GSB Treasurer. There were many workshops to choose from in the evening. There were also a lot of questions about the manuscript litigation at which none were answered. A few of the reports were snippets from the Fourth quarterly Board Meeting held in October at which I included some in this report. These minutes have not been approved yet.

## **SERVICES**

### **Communications Services**

Communications Services continues to support the daily operations of our current website and the development of a new website design for aa.org. The Channels of Communications with the Fellowship subcommittee of the TCS Committee continues to explore options for an app for G.S.O.; the A.A.W.S. *YouTube* channel is in the final stages of implementation. The Website Committee has added a new page to the Digital Archives on Sam Shoemaker and a new option on the A.A. Literature page for Newsletters. The International coordinator and digital media manager continue their development of the A.A. *Around the World* page.

### **Conference**

Work continues in preparation for the 68th General Service Conference. To date, 27 proposed agenda items have been received. The G.S.O. team responsible for translating all 2018 Conference background material into French and Spanish has met twice since July and continues developing plans and procedures to facilitate the Advisory Action of the 2017 Conference.

### **Cooperation with the Professional Community**

A.A. recently exhibited at the American Correctional Association's Conference in St. Louis. Class A Trustee Nancy McCarthy was at the booth, answering questions about A.A. and making connections with corrections professionals for G.S.O. to follow up on. Additionally, staff attended the quarterly meeting of the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The calendar of National Conferences for 2018 is still in the planning stages.

### **Corrections**

For the purposes of the Corrections Correspondence Service in Canada, the Corrections assignment has submitted a request to the USPS for a permit to have international business reply (postage paid) envelopes for Canada. This will help facilitate communication for this service. The Fall 2017 issue of "Sharing from Behind the Walls" was redesigned in collaboration with the Publishing Department. The size was doubled, from two pages to four, allowing for additional inmate sharing, and the type size and style were adjusted to enhance readability.

### **Group Services/Loners Internationalists Meeting (LIM)**

The 32nd Annual Central Office/Intergroup/A.A.W.S./AAGV Seminar was held in Northern Virginia in early October, providing an opportunity for an ongoing interchange of critical information among these entities. The theme for the seminar was "Frontlines of A.A.: Keeping the Lifeline Alive." Two issues of the LIM bulletin have been published, sharing correspondence from more than 50 Loners, Homers, Internationalists, Loner Sponsors or Port Contacts.

### **International**

The International assignment has recently attended two zonal meetings, the REDELA (Meeting of the Americas) in San Jose, Costa Rica and the European Service Meeting in York, England. Additionally, the assignment has recently heard from a member in Tashkent, Uzbekistan who has started an A.A. group, the first there that we know of; a package of literature has been sent. Other active projects include the International A.A. Data Map, the 2018-2019 International A.A. Directory, the A.A. Around the World webpage and preparations for the 25th World Service Meeting that will be held in Durban, South Africa in October 2018.

### **Literature**

The trustees' Literature Committee is currently accepting resumes for a nontrustee Appointed Committee Member (ACM) position. The deadline for receipt of applications is November 30, 2017. The fall issue of Box 4-5-9 featured an article on Central Offices/Intergroups and the Holiday issue will focus on how some groups and committees are utilizing technology as they carry the message.

### **Nominating**

Announcements regarding upcoming vacancies for regional trustees and nontrustee directors have been distributed. The assignment has also requested information from all trustees' committees that are either currently utilizing ACMs or have plans to, regarding the ongoing need and scope of their work.

### **Public Information**

An addition to the Public Information Committee page on aa.org allows local P.I. Committees to link broadcasters to a page where all current video P.S.A.s can be downloaded in HD Broadcast quality, on demand and without a cost to the broadcaster or the local committee. As of the end of September, the video P.S.A. "I Have Hope" has been aired 62,000 times with 596 million audience impressions in North America, inclusive of airings in English, French and Spanish. The P.I. coordinator has continued to be G.S.O.'s point person for communications regarding the 1939 Printer's Copy manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous.

### **Regional Forums**

The West Central Regional Forum was held in Area 63 South Dakota in September with 281 participants, including 127 first-time attendees. The Southwest Regional Forum was held in Area 68 Southwest Texas from October 20-22 and the East Central Regional Forum will be held in Area 21 Illinois from November 17-19. Two Local Forums, in Area 72 Western Washington and Area 75 Southern Wisconsin, took place in July and September respectively.

A number of e-blasts were sent to trusted servants and pre-registrants for three of the 2017 Regional Forums and generated significant interest, with over 1,000 of the recipients clicking on links to view details about upcoming Forums.

### **Treatment and Accessibilities**

A questionnaire request for shared experience regarding the expressed need for a possible pamphlet for A.A. members who are Deaf has been distributed to the Fellowship. An in-house video version of the questionnaire was recently created in ASL and has also been distributed. Additionally, the Accessibilities desk is receiving shared experience from local committees and A.A. members working to carry the A.A. message to veterans and active duty members of the Armed Services.

## **PUBLISHING COMMITTEE**

### **Gross sales**

September gross sales are under budget with actual gross sales at \$1,023,808, which is a \$190,615 (or 15.7%) negative variance against budget of \$1,214,423. For 2017 through the month of September, gross sales are above estimate: \$10,663,995 actual sales vs. estimate of \$10,439,376, which is a \$224,619 (or 2.9%) positive variance.

### **Web sales**

Total web sales (A.A.W.S. Online Bookstores) for September 2017 stand at \$709,992, which accounts for about 70.5% of total sales for the company. (Note: Total online orders for September stand at 1,356, which is 68.6% of total orders.) Sales on the B2B online store (primarily Intergroup/Central Offices and other bulk orders) for September are \$506,963, and B2C sales (individual customers) stand at \$203,028.

### **Digital books**

Total ebook gross sales January through September 2017 stand at \$161,043, with 41,390 units distributed.

### **Translation reviews**

Denmark is moving forward on a re-translation of the Big Book. The Dominican Republic has been issued a license to reproduce and distribute the Big Book in Spanish. The Ecuador Quechua translation of Chapter 5 has received a report, with instructions for improvement. The Navajo Big Book recordings are complete, and master files have been submitted to Production to start the process. Kazakhstan has requested to translate the Big Book; Lesotho has been in contact regarding an ongoing translation effort for the Big Book.

### **International licensing and translation**

A revised translation of the Croatian Big Book has been approved and printed; a revised translation of the Slovakian Big Book has been approved; Ukraine has been issued a license to reproduce and distribute the Big Book in Ukrainian.

Gross sales were \$10,665,448 (or 2.17%) ahead of budget; contributions were \$5,881,983 (or 11.22%) ahead of budget and total operating expenses were \$11,847,697 (or .46%) less than budget. Net profit for the nine months was \$1,302,486 compared with a budgeted profit of \$85,993. (See the last page of this report for a summary of unaudited financial results for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2017.)

The increasing percentage of online contributions and an uptick in non-A.A. literature sales were noted. Preliminary 2018 budget numbers were reviewed and discussions will continue as the budget is refined.

### **2018 Proposed Agenda Items**

I attached a separate spreadsheet with the 2018 proposed agenda items for the 68th GSC. They will be available on the NIA web site under the Delegates Page in 2018. I have enjoyed the journey with all my new and familiar friends who helped me along the way. It was truly an honor and privilege to represent Northern Illinois Area 20 to best of my ability. Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly L.  
Delegate, Panel 66  
Grapevine Committee

## Registrar's Report

Presented at the Winter Assembly December 09, 2017  
Chris DeGrane, Area 20 Registrar

I'm aware that many districts continue to hold elections for Panel 68 (2018-2019) trusted servants and as stated last month I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to submit your new District Trusted Servant information to [registrar@aa-nia.org](mailto:registrar@aa-nia.org) as soon as possible. Now that the holiday edition of Box 459 has been mailed, GSO is allowing registrar's to begin entering the Panel 68 (2018-19) information into FNV. If you send me the updates, I will try and get as many updates done as possible before I rotate out and lose my FNV access. I KNOW the incoming registrar will very much appreciate any updates that can be entered prior to him taking over. 😊

For the Area trusted servants (officers & standing committee chairs), New York is currently in the process of directly entering your updates into FNV, and should be finished by December 18, 2017. This means that Area standing committee chairs should receive their workbooks in mid to late January. As above, I will try and get the Area alternates entered before I rotate out.

Keep in mind; this is also a very busy time for GSO as well, so patience will be required in some circumstances. Remember, almost all of the printed material that is sent to new Committee Chairs (Area as well as District) is also available in digital form on the AA website, <https://www.aa.org>.

GSR updates are not affected and continue to be updated as received.

In addition to the current Area Roster (available on the back table) there is also a PANEL 68 (2018-2019) AREA Trusted Servant roster available as well. Like last month, this is not an official roster yet and is intended only as a reference document for the Area. There are many blank spaces on this document so please come and see me if you're able to give me any updates. I still need (DCM) info for Districts – 21, 23, 61, 62, 65, 70, 71, 72, 73, 79, 80, 90, 91.

Also, DCM's, please remind your GSR's that the Group Change forms and New Group forms are available as editable PDF's on the Area website and can be filled out and mailed directly to [registrar@aa-nia.org](mailto:registrar@aa-nia.org). This is by far the quickest and most efficient way to get those updates entered. The email address for the registrar will stay the same ([registrar@aa-nia.org](mailto:registrar@aa-nia.org)), but a new PO Box will be opened in January with the new registrar address. Mail from the current PO Box will be forwarded for 90 days.

Lastly, it has truly been my privilege and pleasure to have been granted the opportunity to serve as your Area Registrar. I learned a tremendous amount while doing the job and met a great many of you along the way that I likely wouldn't have had the opportunity to otherwise do, and for that I want to say Thank You!!

I look forward to continuing to serve you in the next rotation-

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully submitted – Chris DeGrane, NIA 20 Registrar



## NIA 20 - 2018 Calendar

Event	Date	Host/Location
Winter Committee Meeting	Jan. 13	Lord of Life
Spring Conference	March 23, 24, 25	Districts 10, 11 and 12 Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg, IL
Spring Assembly	March 24	Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, IL
Pre-General Service Conference Workshop	April 7	Lord of Life
68 <sup>th</sup> General Service Conference	April 22-28	New York, New York
Spring Committee Meeting	May 12	Lord of Life
Summer Assembly	June 9	Lord of Life
Summer Committee Meeting	Aug. 4	Lord of Life
44th Annual Illinois State Conference Area 21	Aug. 17-19	Decatur, IL
Regional Conference	Aug. 24-26	Kalamazoo, MI
Fall Assembly	Sept. 15	Lord of Life
Fall Committee Meeting	Oct. 13	Lord of Life
Big Book Conference	Nov.	
Winter Assembly	Dec. 8	Lord of Life

As of 11/20/2017 40 Agenda Items

**Proposed Items for the Agenda of the 68th General Service Conference**

Below is a list of items that have been submitted for the Conference Agenda. These proposed items are not the final agenda items for the Conference committee agendas. These proposed items will be reviewed by trustees' committees, who may forward them to a Conference committee, keep them at the Board level for additional background and consideration, or route them to the A.A.W.S. or Grapevine Boards. The final list of Conference committee agenda items will be available in early February following the General Service Board meeting.

Item	Date Rec'd	Proposed Item	Forwarded to	Status
1	8/28/16	That the 67th General Service Conference consider revisions to Chapters 2, 3 and 5 of the A.A. Service Manual.	trustees' Committee on Literature	Forwarded to Conference Report & Charter
2	9/2/16	Add a new appendix to the big book regarding the recognition received by the Library of Congress.	trustees' Committee on Literature	Forwarded to Conference Literature
3	5/19/17	Consider including both the A.A. Preamble and the Responsibility Statement in the book, Alcoholics Anonymous.	trustees' Committee on Literature	Forwarded to Conference Literature
4	6/7/17	In the interest in making all service materials accessible to all members, including members with dyslexia, illiteracy, blindness, and other reading difficulties, we make a motion that the essays of the 12 Concepts for World Service be made available in audio format in English, Spanish, and French by April	A.A. World Services Board	Approved by A.A.W.S. and coming soon
5	6/21/17	Reintroduce a section from page 6 of the pamphlet "The A.A. Member – Medications & Other Drugs" to the booklet Living Sober, on page 90 after the "Note to Medical Professionals."	trustees' Committee on Literature	Pending
6	7/27/17	That the 68th General Service Conference consider the complete reorganization of the A.A.W.S. and General Service Boards in accordance with Article 4 of the Conference Charter.	trustees' Committee on Nominating	Forwarded to Conference Committee on Trustees
7	7/24/17	Consider creating a pamphlet on AA's Three Legacies, with emphasis on the history of the Three Legacies and how they work together, and including personal stories of members' experiences with them.	trustees' Committee on Literature	Forwarded to Conference Literature
8	7/10/17	That through an Advisory Action, Alcoholics Anonymous officially set forth the official recognition of agnostics/atheists as members of Alcoholics Anonymous and that all separate groups and/or meetings established for agnostics/atheists be fully recognized by Alcoholics Anonymous and, as such, to be	trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Pending
9	8/2/17	Consider approval of a locally produced pamphlet sharing experience on court referrals.	trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Pending
10	8/4/17	Implement changes to the pamphlet "Is There an Alcoholic In Your Life?" to better inform non- alcoholics as to what A.A. does and doesn't do.	trustees' Committee on Literature	Took No Action; Responding to Submitter

11	8/9/17	The General Service Office offer the following communication options for the US and Canada: •DThe ability to Opt-Out of automatically printed and shipped materials •DThe ability to Opt-In for email communication of those materials	A.A. World Services Board	Approved by A.A.W.S. and coming soon
12	9/11/17	A pamphlet be devised for inmates prior to being released after long term incarceration.	trustees' Committee on Corrections	Forwarded to Conference Corrections
13	9/11/17	The General Service Conference discuss, debate, and with substantial unanimity, advise the General Service Board of the use of the graphic "Blue People" as a trademark of Alcoholics Anonymous.	A.A. World Services Board	Took No Action; Responding to Submitter
14	9/14/17	A.A. World Services adapt and/or adopt a pamphlet produced by the General Service Office of Great Britain entitled "The God Word."	trustees' Committee on Literature	Forwarded to Conference Literature
15	10/4/17	The language of the short form of the 12 Concepts for World Service, adopted by the 1971 General Service Conference, be revised to better illuminate the general principles of service work as they apply to the entire service structure of Alcoholics Anonymous	trustees' Committee on Literature	Took No Action; Responding to Submitter
16	10/1/17	That the General Service Conference censure the General Service Board for allowing AAWS to pursue a lawsuit without consulting the Conference	trustees' Committee on Nominating	Forwarded to Conference Committee on Trustees
17	10/10/17	To have the footnotes in the "Twelve Concepts for World Service" be located on the same page as the text it refers to, being consistent with the format for the "AA Service Manual"	A.A. World Services Board	Pending
18	10/16/17	That a Remote Communities Standing Committee be created as part of the General Service Conference Structure.	trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Pending
19	10/16/17	Update the DVD "Your AA General Service Office, the Grapevine and the General Service Structure."	trustees' Committee on Literature	Pending
20	10/17/17	All the books published by Grapevine should be translated simultaneously in French and in Spanish	A.A. Grapevine Board	Pending
21	10/24/17	Create a list of questions to aid those interested in starting or improving their archives	trustees' Committee on Archives	Pending
22	10/26/17	In the pamphlet named "Members Of The Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous," on page 11, regarding the second paragraph, add a footnote to reflect the date the numbers were obtained.	A.A. World Services Board	Pending
23	10/26/17	In the pamphlet named "Members Of The Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous", on page 11, under the subheading, "What are AA Meetings Like?" add the text from the "Blue Card" to define Closed and Open Meetings.	trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Pending
24	10/26/17	That in pamphlet P-31 "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community" under the section titled "Where can you find A.A.?" the last paragraph be changed from "or e-mail www.aa.org." be changed to "or visit	A.A. World Services Board	Pending

25	10/26/17	That in pamphlet P-31 "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community" under the section titled "What can you expect from A.A.?", under subsection 3 the first sentence, "They may help arrange hospitalization.", be removed.	trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Pending
26	10/26/17	That the Conference consider creating a new book of 36 Principles by combining the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions with the book Twelve Concepts for World Service, to be published in English, Spanish and French.	trustees' Committee on Literature	Pending
27	10/27/17	That corresponding to the book "Bill W.'s General Service Talks, 1951-1970" the actual audio recordings be made available for sale.	trustees' Committee on Archives	Pending
28	10/28/17	That the Conference consider creating a new pamphlet for the Spanish-speaking Woman Alcoholic.	trustees' Committee on Literature	Pending
29	11/6/17	The Language of the Heart full book title and page numbers be added to all Grapevine source excerpts in As Bill Sees It.	A.A. World Services Board	Pending
30	11/3/17	That A.A.W.S. Adapt and/or adopt a pamphlet produced by the G.S.O. of Great Britain titled: The "God" Word.	trustees' Committee on Literature	Pending
31	10/31/17	Consider adding to The Service Manual, the following passage from page 25 in the pamphlet, The AA Group (P-16). The A.A. Group's Relations With Others In The Community Tradition Eleven: Our public relations policy is based on attraction rather than promotion; we need always maintain personal anonymity at the level of press, radio, and films. How Service Committee Representatives Serve A.A. A.A. service committees, composed mainly of representatives, or liaisons, from area groups, shoulder major responsibility for carrying the A.A. message into the community and around the world (see The A.A. Service Manual). Each of these committees may serve as a resource for the community through our Sixth Tradition of cooperation but not affiliation. To assist service committees in their local efforts, their counterparts at A.A. World Services—the trustees' and General Service Conference committees— offer suggested guidelines to local committees when asked, with the help of the General Service Office.	Conference Report and Charter Committee	Pending
32	10/31/17	Consider adding on page S75, above the section A.A. World Services, Inc., charts or text boxes that visually display the member positions on each of the three corporate boards; and verbiage for the text boxes indicating which members overlap AAWS, Inc. and Grapevine, Inc. with the General Service Board.	Conference Report and Charter Committee	Pending
33	11/13/17	Any Conference Committee Additional Consideration(s) be published in its entirety including any statements both in the anonymity protected online version and the full printed versions of the Final Conference Report.	Conference Report and Charter Committee	Pending
34	11/11/17	Regarding the pamphlet "If You Are A Professional" (P-46), back page, the Area 3 CPC panel moves to have GSO standardize the information about related literature and GSO contact information to be the same format as other recently updated CPC pamphlets.	A.A. World Services Board	Pending

35	11/11/17	Regarding the pamphlet "If You Are A Professional" (P-46), page 4, "Anonymity" Arizona Area 03 CPC panel moves to change "govern" to "conduct."	trustees' Committee on C.P.C./Treatment & Accessibilities	Pending
36	11/16/17	Develop a policy for the use of the Conference dashboard.	trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference	Pending
37	11/14/17	To include the short form of The 12 Concepts in the monthly Grapevine issue along with The 12 Steps and The 12 Traditions (which are already published in Grapevine every month).	A.A. Grapevine Board	Pending
38	11/17/17	Have General Service Conference consider a method to standardize increases in individual and bequest contribution limits.	trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee	Pending
39	11/17/17	That the Conference Committee on Grapevine consider printing a large print Grapevine magazine.	A.A. Grapevine Board	Pending
40	11/14/17	Consider adding the word "panel" to the Glossary of "The A.A. Service Manual."	Awaiting Decision	

Dear Northern Illinois AA Members,

In AA, the Group Conscience is the ultimate authority over our AA business affairs and operating decisions. However, with respect to AA District and AA Area business, the voice of each group is only expressed through the elected General Service Representative (GSR) who attends and votes at both the local district meetings as well as the Area Assemblies. The collective voice of Area 20 is then expressed through our elected Delegate, who then carries the Area 20 conscience to the General Service Conference in New York each spring.

It is the goal of our Northern Illinois Area 20 committee that our Area 20 business be done in a way that provides maximum service to our Area Groups and Districts. Ideally, all the Groups in Northern Illinois would participate in our Area 20 Business so that our Area Conscience reflects the voice of as much of our membership as possible.

As in the past, Area 20 has occasionally conducted an inventory of itself, with input from our groups, to see where we can improve, make necessary changes, and better understand how we may be of service to our members. Our hope is that this inventory process will result in more Groups being represented and heard in our Area 20 Business meetings. AA works better when we have the participation from as many of our members as possible. We know through our AA experience that 'Participation is the Key to Harmony.'

Please take a few minutes to complete the following inventory questions. You may find it beneficial to review as a group in your next business meeting. We welcome as much input as possible from our Fellowship so that our Northern Illinois Area 20 business meetings can represent all of AA in Northern Illinois and we can 'join together in brotherly and harmonious action' to make sure our fellowship is preserved for alcoholics now and in the future.

- 1) What is your current AA service position? (@ Group, District, and/or Area)
- 2) Is your group represented at Area business meetings/Assemblies? If not why?
- 3) What could Area 20 do to make business meetings/Assemblies more efficient and productive?
- 4) Do you feel the Service Committee Break-out Sessions at Assemblies encourages participation and/or attendance?
- 5) What can the Area do to better support the District Service Committees?
- 6) If you attended Area Assemblies in the past and are no longer, would you please share why?

- 7) Does your group understand how the Area 20 agenda is developed?
- 8) Does your group GSR understand their role at Area 20? If not why?
- 9) Do you feel the GSR's are included in Area business? If not why?
- 10) Is your group represented at:  
 District     Area Assembly     Pre-General Service Conference Workshop
- 11) Do you know who your Area and District trusted servants are?
- 12) Does your group understand the issues that the Area and Districts address?
- 13) Do you understand Area 20's finance system called Primary Purpose Financing?
- 14) Is Area 20 accumulating funds for no stated AA purpose? If yes, please explain?
- 15) With 1 being most important, please rate the importance of the following sources in finding information about your service position. \_\_\_ Area Handbook  
 \_\_\_ Service Manual    \_\_\_ Area Website    \_\_\_ AA.org  
 \_\_\_ Other internet resources    \_\_\_ past and present servants  
 \_\_\_ District workshops    \_\_\_ Area workshops    \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) What can Area 20 do to make Area Workshops more effective?
- 17) What topics of Workshops would you like to see the Area sponsor?
- 18) Do you feel there are barriers to full participation by any member of NIA 20?  
 If so please explain.
- 19) What is Area 20's greatest strength?
- 20) What is Area 20's greatest opportunity for improvement?

The next set of questions address the timing of the Area Events in the spring. In 2010 Area 20 combined the Spring Assembly and Spring Conference and created the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop as a stand-alone event. Currently the GSR is asked to attend 5 events/year: 4 Assemblies and the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop. Currently the Spring Assembly is combined with a Spring Conference and

the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop is approximately 2 weeks after the Spring Assembly/Conference. Your answers to the following questions will help our fellowship create an event or events that would best serve Area 20.

- 21) Does the current schedule of Area events encourage or discourage participation?
- 22) Does the current schedule of conferences and assemblies interfere with attendance at the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop?
- 23) The Spring Conference and Spring Assembly were combined in 2010 to increase participation in the Assembly. Do you think this has been effective?
- 24) Should Area 20 consider moving what is currently called the Spring Conference to a different time of year?
- 25) What do you currently attend?  Spring Conference  Spring Assembly  
 Pre-General Service Conference Workshop  Summer Assembly  
 Fall Assembly  Winter Assembly
- 26) Ideally what schedule of events would you like to see in the Spring?
- No Spring Conference
- Spring Conference without Assembly
- Spring Conference with Assembly
- Spring Conference program that includes the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop
- Spring Conference with the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop on Saturday and the Assembly on Sunday
- other \_\_\_\_\_
- 27) Is there any comment you would like to add, not addressed in this inventory?

Mail to: Area 20 Inventory, PO Box 163, Ringwood IL 60072

or

Submit answers on interactive form on the web: <http://aa-nia.org/>