

Spring Assembly
Final Agenda
March 9, 2013
Clock Tower Resort, Rockford
(District 72, Host)

Call to order

Quiet time

Announcements; Kelly L

New attendees

Bill B GSR 64
Kim Secretary 10
Kelly B GSR 11
Lori GSR 40
Melissa M. GSR 64
Bob F Alt GSR 70
Bill F GSR 11
Kirsten B Alt GSR 22
Brian R GSR, LCM 11
Dennis L GSR 42
Scott W GSR 21
Jeanine GSR 50
John L Alt GSR 21
Amy K GSR 22
Gene 72
Will P 72
Lana R GSR 52
Nancy GSR 23

AA anniversaries

Debbie 8
Dana 7
Erik 25
Amy 4
Sandy 1
Chris 14
Marilyn 29
Allen 14
Ken 7
Jillian 22
Carl 9
Michelle 15
John 25
Mike 39
Mike M 10
Richard 3
Ern 26
Carol 14
Amy L 4
Terry W 26
Mark 9

Twelve Concepts of World Service Jim B

9:15 AM Approval of 2012 Winter Assembly Minutes , Dave and Dan

Report of the Area Chair, Kelly L

Thank you district 72 for hosting today's assembly and thank you district 70 for hosting this weekend's Spring Conference. February 15-17, 2013 I had attended the Conference of Delegates Past and Present in La Porte Indiana. This was the second time I have attended the Conference and was able to witness a Mock Conference Session. The exercise demonstrated how an agenda item might be presented at the General Service Conference. I had the opportunity to share with others from our Regional Area. At the conference the State Policy Committee had a meeting, which consisted of the Delegates and Area chairs from the three Delegate Areas of Illinois. Also in attendance were the alternate delegates and two members of the State Conference planning committee. The State Conference planning committee explained the program that has been created and asked for participation from all. Then the Policy Committee and the State Conference planning committee discussed the action of having an event page for the State Conference on Facebook. The policy committee voted unanimously to table the request at the present time and to move forward with creating a test page for the Policy Committee to review. On February 17, 2013 I was able to attend the State Conference Planning committee and give my report to the committee.

For about the last four months I am been working on getting a Spring Conference banner for the 2013 Spring Conference. I had contacted many members from the two previous Spring Conferences and our Area Alternate Chairs to try and locate the old one, with no results. I then tried to find out if anyone

remembered exactly what the banner looked like and its dimensions. All I got was blue letters and silver background. So I designed a new banner and researched many different companies to get the best deal. Then the problem of getting it in the correct format slowed me down a little. Finally found the correct format and the person who could produce it, thanks Doug W. The expense of the banner went through the operating committee with a unanimous vote in favor of purchasing it.

I have also been working closely with our NIA Service Manual Custodian Jay W. to get all the updates in the unabridged and abridged versions of the Service Handbooks. Some of the updates were small ones that dealt with numbers, incorrect spelling and inconsistencies with word usage. Urbano S. the DCM from District 20 and a member on the Report and Charter committee has made the same changes for the Spanish versions.

February 24th I attended the BTG Annual Weekend Workshop planning meeting in La Fox. Unfortunately the only ones in attendance were Carol H. and I. It appeared to me that the committee needs more volunteers or alternates.

Alternate Chair, Allen J

I have been busy. I attended a whole bunch of 2013 Spring Conference planning meetings as area liaison; it seemed like every other Sunday I drove to Rockford. I have also attended a few 2013 Big Book Conference planning meeting, also as area liaison. I have also worked on rounding up all the NIA supplies that had been spread out because we have been without an alternate chair for a while. I also reached out to all the DCM's to find out if any district was interested in holding the 2014 Spring Conference. Cheryl V. our Alternate Delegate did something similar but also asked why no one was stepping up to host this event. I have also exchanged a lot of e-mails with various DCM's about hosting NIA committee meetings, NIA Assemblies, and the NIA Pre-General Service Conference Workshop.

Secretary, Dawn B.

District Secretary Handbook has been fully edited and is ready to be sent to NIA Chair. If you are missing badges, please let me know, I'll make new ones.

Alternate Secretary, Dana C.

Please let me know all monthly GSR meeting updates, so I can keep the list current.

Treasurer's Report-Mike F.

This report is being presented as of March 2nd. The following is our financial status as of this date.

2013 2012

Contributions: \$15,859.67 \$14,783.32

Expenses: \$8,810.35 \$15,731.64

Net Contributions/Expenses: \$8,883.11 (\$948.32)

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

The groups of NIA contributed \$4,737.25 to GSO thru the Remember November Birthday Plan. Last year's contribution was \$3,551.00

Can Contributions

Pink Can Fund: has received a total of \$1,239.95 YTD in contributions. We have spent \$1,492.06 on literature.

Green Can Fund: has collected \$6.57 YTD. We have spent \$165.65 on literature.

2012 Primary Purpose Register (Basic)

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

Conference Costs

There has been some discussion of late on what the expenses for the Spring and Big Book Conferences have been. With our current accounting software, I have been able determine those expenses for the last 4 years of both conferences. See the attached page.

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

Alternate Treasurer, Janet N

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

Group Contributions	\$ 9,375.42
District Contributions	6,605.01
Conference Contributions	<u>1,833.79</u>

Total: \$ 17,814.22

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

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

There are contribution envelopes on the information table for you to take back to your groups. Thank you to everyone for your contributions to NIA 20.

Group #	Group Name	Amount	District
121127	24 Hours a Day Group	\$30.00	10
642072	A Way Out Group	\$115.00	10
680672	As Bill Sees It Group	\$50.00	10
149852	Chain of Lakes Tu/Th 10am	\$90.00	10
703220	Earlier Risers Group	\$30.00	10
104200	Friday Morning Big Book Group	\$30.00	10
600302	Men's Priority Big Book IV	\$30.00	10
600993	Miracles Do Happen Group	\$36.60	10
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616733	Monday Early Birds Kirk of the Lake Group	\$60.00	10
646390	SHED Group	\$60.00	10
141413	10:00 A.M. Serenity Group	\$40.00	11
657318	12 Steps & 12 Traditions	\$25.00	11
104425	Burtons Bridge Group	\$400.00	11
	Eric Schindler	\$60.00	11
643018	Freedom Farm Campfire	\$22.50	11
696950	From the Book Group	\$25.00	11
653426	H.A.L.T. Group	\$19.29	11
697228	Hope Factory Group	\$105.00	11
699065	Men's Priority Big Book 5B Group	\$30.00	11
699065	Men's Priority Big Book 5B Group	\$30.00	11
125619	Monday Luncheon Group	\$90.00	11
698797	Sat. AM Mens Step - Dawn Patrol Group	\$49.50	11
675712	St. Mary's AM Attitude Adjustment	\$540.00	11
104321	Sunday Morning Serenity Group	\$30.00	11

119600	Thursday Night Discussion Group	\$60.00	11
695282	Women's Big Book Group	\$246.00	11
592421	As Bill Sees It	\$20.00	12
	Friday Morning Men's discussion group	\$100.00	12
139052	Here's How Group	\$30.00	12
	Jacqueline Russell	\$12.00	12
688838	Doce Promesas	\$10.00	20
178279	Sure Happy It's Thursday	\$75.00	21
104181	Thursday Morning Ladies Group	\$36.00	21
672152	Wanderer's #45	\$200.00	21
104828	Wanderers #IV Group	\$30.00	21
117174	Big Book 12 & 12 Group	\$30.00	22
145124	Early Birds Group	\$40.00	22
651762	Friday Noon 12 & 12 Group	\$60.00	22
118757	Sunday Night Library Group	\$50.00	22
150353	Thursdays Night Men's Group	\$90.00	22
615946	Today's Gift Group	\$40.00	22
118489	Tuesday Morning Fellowship	\$54.00	22
637097	Tuesday Night Group	\$16.20	22
150224	Wednesday Night Reflection Grp	\$90.00	22
120644	Westside Grapevine	\$50.00	22
120644	Westside Grapevine	\$50.00	22
148143	Womens New Beginnings Group	\$50.00	22
638104	Grapevine Group	\$16.00	23
672154	Late Night Group	\$26.00	23
141030	Staying Alive Group	\$25.00	23
104307	Tri Village Fellowship Group	\$30.00	23
	Wanderers Into Action South	\$60.00	23
162939	Men's Priority Big Book #3 Wander's	\$62.00	28
630250	Sun Morning Early Birds Group	\$60.00	28
630250	Sun Morning Early Birds Group	\$40.00	28
128554	Sunday Night Big Book Group	\$57.00	28
128554	Sunday Night Big Book Group	\$45.00	28
175535	Wednesday Night Beginners	\$30.00	28
149311	Anona Weekday Evening 5:30 P.M. Group	\$30.00	40
104943	Anona West Sat 8am Earlybirds	\$20.00	40
172501	As Bill Sees It Mon Noon Group	\$30.00	40

174566	Big Book Group	\$60.00	40
146676	CDH Sunday Morning	\$34.00	40
146676	CDH Sunday Morning	\$41.00	40
104955	DuPage Saturday Nite Open Grp	\$60.00	40
177189	Friday Night Corner Group	\$50.00	40
118391	Gen-X Group	\$14.00	40
139541	Glen Oaks 449 Group	\$50.00	40
148609	Wednesday Brown Baggers Group	\$25.00	40
104950	Wheaton Friday Night Step	\$40.00	40
	Women's Big Book	\$20.00	40
627761	Lombard Lunch Bunch	\$147.22	41
156144	Resentmentville	\$53.00	41
104413	Tioga Monday Night Group	\$25.00	41
679832	24/7 Group	\$25.00	42
122219	Dr. Bob's 12 & 12	\$100.00	42
122219	Dr. Bob's 12 & 12	\$100.00	42
128502	Eye Openers Group	\$50.00	42
104654	Highlanders Group	\$134.00	42
696588	Life is Good	\$90.00	42
613352	Look To This Day	\$25.00	42
143222	Parish House Big Book Group	\$40.00	42
605348	Thank God Women's Group	\$20.00	42
609889	7:30am Big Book Meeting	\$34.20	43
648705	Beyond Any Lengths	\$60.00	43
637746	Do Not Be Discouraged Group	\$75.00	43
165272	How & Why Group	\$228.90	43
660531	Stepsisters Promises & Prayers Group	\$40.00	43
144106	12 And 12 Step Study Group	\$16.00	51
104740	As Bill Sees It Group	\$30.00	51
140822	Big Book Believers	\$99.00	51
643273	Captain's Table	\$250.00	51
162032	Do Or Die Group	\$25.00	51
134454	H.O.W.	\$15.00	51
640384	Manhattan Kitchen Table	\$15.00	51
667235	Monday Morning Big Book Study Women	\$25.00	51
164338	RAAP Recovering AA People	\$135.00	51
697367	SOS Women's Group	\$35.00	51
104738	Steel City Group	\$50.00	51
134399	911 Group	\$58.02	52
	Deborah Safiran	\$37.00	52
137836	First Things First	\$100.00	52
122693	New Hope Group	\$125.00	52

	Saturday Night Alive	\$100.00	52
607376	Saturday Night Open Group	\$40.00	52
126908	Sunday Night Action Group	\$30.00	52
600092	3-11 Group	\$130.82	61
118948	Batavia Sundowners Group	\$30.00	61
	Craig Kindl	\$75.00	61
610847	Dawn Patrol Group	\$102.60	61
169792	Early Timers Group	\$30.00	61
658910	Freedom Group	\$195.00	61
	Julie Scheimelpfenig	\$10.00	61
146299	Monday am Prayer & Meditation	\$45.00	61
612847	Phoenix Group	\$50.00	61
174680	T.G.I.F. Group	\$84.00	61
607029	Thursday Brown Baggers	\$45.60	61
139409	Thursday Night Men's	\$84.60	61
145928	Thursday Night Women's Group	\$30.00	61
673300	Angels Gather Here	\$33.00	62
701332	Big Book On The Hill Group	\$38.62	62
116896	Big Book Study Group	\$40.00	62
140937	Hill Toppers Group	\$84.00	62
	Living Sober on the Hill	\$35.50	62
692050	Second Hand Sobriety	\$30.00	62
692050	Second Hand Sobriety	\$90.00	62
173661	Young at Heart Group	\$20.00	62
672158	It's In The Book Group	\$123.81	64
610611	Monday Starter Group	\$60.00	64
156399	5th Ave. Group	\$10.00	70
156399	5th Ave. Group	\$10.00	70
156399	5th Ave. Group	\$10.00	70
122494	East Side H.O.W.	\$159.44	70
616115	Healthy Solutions	\$15.00	70
616115	Healthy Solutions	\$15.00	70
145204	The Upper Room Group	\$10.00	70
145204	The Upper Room Group	\$10.00	70
177974	Back To Basics Group	\$28.00	71
135496	Fox Valley Group	\$42.00	71
606354	Monday Morning Big Book Group	\$30.00	71
616198	Program Of Recovery Group	\$60.00	71
171278	Sandwich Steppers Group	\$30.00	71
640252	Somonauk Back To Basics Group	\$20.00	71
155900	Attitude Adjustment Group	\$75.00	72
161301	Mon 10 A.M. Galena Group	\$50.00	72

172878	Wed Noon Brown Baggers Bg Bk Grp	\$50.00	72
122066	New Life Group	\$109.00	73
145371	Twin City Group	\$150.00	73
104694	Knox County Group	\$40.00	91
104694	Knox County Group	\$40.00	91
	misc donation	\$110.00	
	misc donation	\$10.00	

Conferences

Big Book Conference	\$1,833.79
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Districts	\$6,605.01
11	\$3,600.00
22	\$1,600.00
51	\$205.01
61	\$1,000.00
61	\$100.00
79	\$50.00
91	\$25.00
91	\$25.00

Registrar, Marilyn F

Fellowship New Vision database

Fellowship New Vision database (FNV) was developed by the General Service Office and released for use by the areas in May, 2007. FNV is a web based tool and because of that, updates are immediate. FNV also provides each area, via their Area Registrar, access to update certain area information directly into the database. Because FNV is an online-real time database, what is entered by either the areas or the GSO Records department is available for immediate use.

Four times a year the Alternate Registrar will be sending to the DMC and the District Secretary a document of all of the groups in their district. The last column is where updates can be entered. GSRs can update group information by working with their DCM or district secretary or by completing a group information change form which they can find online at <http://www.aa-nia.org/forms.html>.

Group information includes group name, group number, area, district, history dates, meeting locations and times, and complete group contact information. District information, on the other hand, includes district service positions and contact information for those elected to those positions and Area information is similar to district information but at the area-level.

This information is the key to communication throughout the A.A. general service structure. GSO uses group information to send information kits to new GSRs, copies of Box 459, the GSO quarterly newsletter, and GSO quarterly reports. Similarly, the area uses the information to send to the group Concepts, the NIA newsletter, and area assembly meeting minutes. This information is also used by GSO to send information kits to District and area-level committee chairs to help orient them to their service positions and by area service committee chairs to communicate with their district counterparts.

_Since we will be sending minutes via e-mail, please check with your DCM to be sure that your e-mail is correct in FNV.

In FNV the Registrar can search for groups or individuals and do instant updates.

It is no longer necessary to send group information updates to both NIA and GSO. All information update requests can be sent to the area registrar at registrar@aa-nia.org.

New e-mail address for the Area Registrar

The new e-mail address for the Area Registrar is: registrar@aa-nia.org.

Information updates since 01/01/2013

All update requests that were received before 02-28-2013 have been processed in FNV.

Total for 2013

Group information	1
New groups	7
Folded/Inactive	7
Group contact information	42
District contacts	50
Area contacts	14
Total updates	121

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

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

Alt Registrar, Tina R

Delegate Report , Rich H.

Good morning everybody. I hope to see many of you throughout the weekend. And a big THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS to District 70 for a great job on this years Spring Conference. And also to District 72 for the work they did to get us together at today's Spring Assembly.

My activities since the January 26 Area Committee Meeting:

Feb. 9th, participated with others in Rockford, District 70 Forum and Website Workshop-AA and it's Future.

Feb. 15-17, Conference of Delegates Past and Present in LaPorte, Indiana.

Feb. 23, ISCYPAA Conference in Schaumburg

March 2&3, Southern Illinois Spring Conference in Fairview Heights Ill. And was asked to Chair one of their four Forums, Safety Issues in AA.

At the General Service Conference, all second year Delegates get asked to participate in some way, I was asked to do a 5 minute presentation, Self Support--- What Does it Mean to our Fellowship? I will be submitting it to Phil for inclusion in our next Concepts Newsletter.

GSO FINANCIAL RESULTS for 2012: Gross Profit from Literature \$7,878,000.00, Contributions were \$6,565,000.00, about 5% of all contributions are made on-line, totaling \$231,000.00. With a net profit of \$161,000.00.

Since December 9, 2011, 5,118 Big Books and 4,553 12 & 12s in ebook format have been sold. In 2012-1,738,857 book units have been sold. As you can see we are very dependent on literature sales, and nowhere near being fully self-supporting through our Groups voluntary contributions. Much work needs to be done here.

GRAPEVINE FINANCIAL RESULTS for 2012- Average Paid Circulation was 83,258, down from 2011, on-line circulation was 5,535, gross profit from sale of other publishing items was \$423,670.00. A total net profit of \$257,000.00

LAVINA FINANCIAL RESULTS for 2012- Average paid subscription was 9,157, up from 2011. Other publishing income, \$11,124.00, and a net loss of \$116,000.00

Unfortunately 2013 budgets do not look very good, GSO budgets a net loss of \$611,000.00. Some contributing factors, It costs over \$150,000.00 more to have the General Service Conference in Time Square this year as opposed to last year in Rye Brook. \$127,000.00 projected LaVina loss. Prepaid expenses for the 2015 International Convention. There will be expenses resulting with the site selection process for the 2025 International Convention. Increase in the contribution to the retirement plan, this will take up to three years to bring this status up to fully funded, per federal law. Upgrading aging computer equipment. And possible additional costs for Grapevine 12th Floor construction.

Grapevine budgets a profit of about \$12,000.00 and LaVina budgets a loss of about \$127,000.00. As of December 31, 2012 the Reserve Fund had a balance of \$15,353,752.00, and represents about 11.3 months of operating expenses.

There were three retirees this year from the General Service Office, Valerie O., Warren S, and Gayle S.R. And there are three new employees, Greg T., Clay R., and Steve

There were 1584 visitors to the General Service Office in 2012. There were 4,756,623 visits to GSO's AA web site in 2012.

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

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY

Alternate Delegate , Cheryl V.

Welcome to the 2013 Spring Conference and Assembly. This is the 4th year that we have had a joint Assembly and Spring Conference. This has been done on a "trial basis" for those 4 years. There is currently an ad-hoc committee that is working on the Procedures for the planning of this conference since last year. I've been lucky enough to be on this committee, and it has proved to be challenging. We have taken the perspective that it isn't broke, so it doesn't need to be fixed, but that we want to enhance what we already have.

A historic perspective on this effort is that there are Areas in the US that have 60% or more participation of Groups when they have a joint event of conference and Assembly. Compared to our experience where we would consider ourselves lucky if we had 10% participation. NIA 20 has over 1100 registered groups. A 10% group participation would mean we had over 100 GSRs attend. Additionally, with 25 Districts and 13 break-out meetings for committees (including secretaries and treasures) we should have people attend for that. If we were to shoot for a 50% participation of groups and Districts, we would grow to the point where we had roughly 500-600 people at an Assembly. A worthy goal.

The Service Structure VII committee hopes to have a draft ready for your review at the Spring Committee Meeting, for a vote at the Summer Assembly. Of course, we also have a hope that there is someone here today that is interested in hosting the 2014 Conference. To perhaps allay some questions, we haven't changed much. In fact, most of our work has been to clarify who does what and when so that we can define how to open up the opportunity for service committees to do some additional outreach. The hope is that we give AA members the opportunity to see how they might carry the message of AA in line with some of the General Service Committees such as CPC, PI, Treatment and Corrections. And how might we address AA members with special needs, or help groups understand where their dollar goes, and why it doesn't go as far any longer.

Work has begun on the General Service Conference. All DCMs and their Alternates were sent copies of the full agenda, along with a disc of the background information. These items were also sent to all Area Service Committee Chairs and their Alternates. Past Delegates should have received their information from Rich directly. A total of 73 envelopes were mailed out by my loving husband for me.

Agenda	GSR's	Alt. Chairperson
C.P.C.	C.P.C.	C.P.C. Chair
Corrections	Corrections	Corrections Chair
Finance	Treasurer	Treasurer
Grapevine	Grapevine	Grapevine Chair
Literature	Literature, Concepts	Literature Chair
Policy/Admission	Secretary, Registrar	Secretary
Public Information	Public Information	Public Information Chair
Treatment	Treatment & Special Needs	Treatment Chair
Report & Charter	D.C.M.'s	Alternate Delegate
Trustees	Past Delegates	A Past Delegates
International Conventions & Regional Forums	Answering Service	Answering Service Chair
Archives	Archives	Archives Chair

Review of Voting Procedures

Assembly Agenda Items

1. Motion to make the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop a stand alone event
 Questions; If we don't make it stand alone what happens? People who vote no would have to tell us what they want to do. May become part of Spring Assembly Again. Discussion, none. Yes 128 No 2 Bill B spoke to the minority, his group may not want to bear the expense of sending him to 2 events. No one changes vote. PASSED 128 TO 2

2. Motion to Distribute Concepts in a Digital Format
 NO Vote

3. Motion from Special Needs Committee
 Money for workshops, 750 additional. Questions, Which districts will they be in? Available to any districts willing to host.
 Discussion: Heather, we used up 4 when i was chair, so we need more. This is an excellent motion. Terry W, it would be helpful to know how many workshops we are talking about. What is the way to gauge success. Mike F, in PPM 31 you have 2800 dollars sitting there not spent last year, do you think you'll spend all this money this year? Jeff; that's for literature, flyers, mileage ect. Mike, we need to amend the motion to incorporate your work. Steve C, dist 70 will take a workshop. Pat C, Dist 11, we have had a workshop, it was great and educational.
 Passes with simple majority, Minority speaks. Laura, I'm for doing workshops but not sure why we need 750 more. Kelly addressed . MOTION PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY.

4. Motion by Judd W. to add new section to NIA 20 Service Handbook
 Questions Cheryl V, could you briefly explain for the newer members? Judd further explained. Bill W, how much is this going to cost. Judd, this motion is to ADD it to the document, not to the printing. Bill, is report and charter ready to answer that? Kelly, no. Terry W, the document talks about prioritization, but I have never seen prioritization of expenses. I have a problem putting it into the document if it's not happening. WHAT is it descriptive of? Judd, we are trying to get this document to be a living

document for guidance so that we don't end up in the same position. Rich H, Can you simplify this and lose the complicated language? Can we lessen the pages? Judd, the purpose of this document is to be a living document, I'm trying to reintroduce it to HAVE discussion and change it as needed, but not amend this motion. Discussion; Larry, is having a definition of what primary purpose about to everyone a good idea, and if it is why do I care what it cost? Ray, from when idea came to the fore to now, we need to do this for clarity. Cheryl V, yes the document is long, but it can be amended. I stand in favor. Michelle H, we need this document, it is very helpful and finance makes sense. Minority speaks Rich H, I understand living document but I would rather it be further edited before published.

PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY.

5. Motion by the Alternate Delegate to amend The Procedures for the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop

Questions; Joe S, would it be possible to address what PRE GSC is? Cheryl explained. Discussion , no.

PASSED BY SIMPLE MAJORITY

6. Motion to Fund Participation at the East Central Regional Conference

Questions; Matt, I need clarification, who's asking us to host? Rich, it's area 74 has asked all Delegates to bring a panel together. Chris D, How does this motion and this body approving 750 for a trip help our area. Rich; it promotes unity within the Region, getting to to meet trustee and servants from other areas. Tina; Who are the people that are going and don't they have a budget? Kelly, no, they don't have a budget. Mike F, could you tell everyone what States this consists of? Rich, Ohio Indiana Michigan Wisconsin and Illinois. Discussion, Terry W. I want to speak in favor of this. One of our area jobs is to make us aware of the bigger world in AA. Lee; how many people? Kelly up to 4. Joe S, I think this motion is excellent. Fred, I'd like to speak in favor of the motion. MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

7. Bids for the 2014 Spring Conference

Tom Barlow it would break my heart to not see a Spring Conference. I approached District 12 (possibly with help of District 10). Mike H Dist 12 DCM, in looking at it, it's doable. We think we can do it. Cheryl V, 10 will do it with them. 10 and 12 will host this.

Conference Reports

2013 Big Book Conference, Michelle H (D. 10)

PROGRAM- Final Speakers have been finalized, we are proud to announce that our speakers will be Laurie L from Lisle IL (Ruth H Daughter, A.A.'s First Secretary) and Gale L from FL Akron Archivist for many years. Our other exciting news is that Alanon will participate and will have breakout sessions of their own as well please remember to invite family and friends.

The final flyer –Was completed now with the update of the speakers we will add her to the flyer and be sending out flyers to area's and districts.

Hotel- We have talked with the Holiday in and Suites in Oswego IL they are holding a 20 room block for us with no contract and no obligations. The rooms will go back into circulation on 10/1/2013.

Printing cost- The final cost for the printing of 10K Flyers will be 250.00 dollars Motion was passed to purchase

Schedules of Visits to Area District meetings- We have formed a schedule for a member of the committee to start attending all 25 Area 20 Districts meetings in May!

Final Report from 2012 Conference – We did receive the final report – and will be reviewing at the next meeting.

Total expenses To date is 35.00

Registration- So Far 3 Big Thanks To Carol H for being our first person to register!

2013 Spring Conference Spence

Computer system was down, nothing definite to report as we are mid Conference. Banquet sold out, 335. 500 Registered, hoping for 200 more today.

2013 State Conference (D. 22 & 23)

Spring Assembly

March 9, 2013

The theme for the 2013 State Conference, hosted by District 22 and 23, is Our Solution in Action. The conference will be held August 23 - 25, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Woodfield in Schaumburg (1800 W. Golf Rd.) which is across from Woodfield Mall

The room rate is \$89 per night.

The phone number for room registration is 1-888-421-1442. Refer to the 2013 Illinois State AA Conference. Registration is \$20 and the banquet is \$33. Our Saturday night speaker was forced to cancel because a work commitment came up. Unfortunately he notified us just after 15,000 flyers were printed. So the main speaker named on the flyer is incorrect. Corrected flyers are available on the website in English and Spanish, with color and black and white versions. The new Saturday night speaker is Bob H, from Huntley MT, and the others are Debra B. from Madison, WI and Mary D., a staff member from G. S.O. We will also invite the East Central Regional Trustee who will be elected at the 2013 General Service Conference.

The AI-Anon speakers are Eric S. from South Elgin, IL, Beverly B. from Lewisville, TX and a speaker to be announced. The program includes topics pertinent to our three legacies, unity, service and recovery. Within that format there are two program events that will include AA and AI-Anon participation. For some events we will invite some professionals or possibly some public servants to provide us with another perspective on recovery and how we can better interact with our friends. There will not be online conference registration but there will be a website where you can get more information about the conference. The site will include access to a website where you can make room reservations. The website address is :

<http://stateconference2013.aa-nia.org/>

DCM's please ask your District webmasters to link to this site.

All our committee positions are filled. Flyers are available this weekend and we have packets of flyers available for each district. DCMs please see our alt Delegate or if your DCM is not here let Cheryl know and she will fix you up.

Our next meeting is March 17th at St. Hugh of Lincoln Church at the corner of Highland Ave. and Randall

Annual BTG Weekend Workshop (Area 20)

2012 BB Conference Mike M.

The coffee was slightly late due to electrical problems however there were ample refreshments which lasted all day and no real complaints. The lunch delivery was

Split up well between the two buildings and everyone got one. It was a beautiful

Day at this gorgeous facility and logistically everything went very well. There was standing room only for some panels in the 2nd building but no one seemed to mind.

I have gotten feedback that the panels and the speaker that Pat T. got were very good.

Our Public information person estimates our attendance at around 500. There were some additional small charges from the facility however we saved A large charge by going to our own private company for the handicapped ramp.

Even so the conference did fail to break even by over \$600.00 mainly due To Facility charges and final attendance at 420 being a little short of what we Hoped. Many did work hard to promote this, especially Chuck D. Maybe some other methods can be worked out at the next one. On a personal note it was a wonderful experience I will never forget. It was a Privilege to work with such hard working and dedicated people. We also wound up with many terrific volunteers. All in all I think a good day was had by all.

Approval of Committee Appointments

Service Committees

Administrative Committees

Finance Committee

Operating Committee

Report & Charter

Electronic Equipment Committee

Committee Reports

ALL APPROVED

Webmaster, Tom S.

- The Domain (AA-NIA.org) is current, next expiring Jan 2014
- The Website hosting is current, next expiring Jan 31, 2014
- Districts 21, 22, 23, 41, 43, 62, IL State Conference and soon District 72 enjoy free webhosting for their websites courtesy of NIA area 20.
- The website now has a section for anonymity protected reports and meeting minutes located under "information".
- The website continues to have "password protected" capability although the only use for it now is to protect the phone numbers found on the "Concepts" calendar and newsletters.
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Operating Committee, Harrison H.

The new Operating Committee first met at the Winter Committee meeting. In attendance were Kelly, Tracy, Dawn, and Harrison. We discussed the responsibilities of the operating committee and talked about some of the motions that were presented to last year's committee. We talked about the need to elect a chairperson and a secretary for the committee. Kelly suggested the committee meet immediately after the Spring Assembly to, hopefully, elect a chair and secretary.

02/12/2013: Email received from Kelly L. concerning a time sensitive need for a replacement banner for the Spring Conference. Kelly provided the following background for the committee members.

The 2013 Spring Conference had been asking for a Spring Conference banner. The original banner was lost prior to last year's conference. The banner is an Area expense not a Spring Conference responsibility. Kelly personally spent a great deal of time and effort researching banner sources and putting together a design (blue letters with silver background) as well.

She finally got the design together and found a place that could make a 10 ft. X 7 ft. banner for \$157.50 and \$18.00 shipping. The company is called The Banner Store. The design and cost was brought up to the Area Officers first and it was suggested that the request go through the operating committee.

Kelly asked the members of the operating committee to respond to her email with questions, and approval or denial of the requested expenditure.

02/12/2013 – Rich H. responded with background information that Kelly had been talking about replacing the banner in her reports, and to the Area Officers, for a few months now to get us to the point of ordering the banner in time for the Spring Conference. Rich voted to approve the expense.

02/12/2013 – Harrison H. replied that the banner cost seemed okay and asked if there was a plan to handle and store this one after the Conference. He also voted to approve.

02/14/2013 – Suzi H. said "yes", we have to have a banner.

02/15/2013 – Dawn B. answered that she voted to approve the expense as well.

02/15/2013 – Jon S. thanked Kelly for all the work put in to minimize cost and voted to approve the request.

02/16/2013 – Tracy F. also voted “yes” to get the banner.

Operating Committee unanimously approved an expenditure of \$157.50 for a new 10 ft. X 7 ft. banner from The Banner Store plus \$18.00 for shipping. Kelly was to handle ordering the new banner.

02/24/2013 – Since the Operating Committee had to present a report at the Spring Assembly Kelly asked for someone to volunteer to become chair and handle the report. Harrison H. said he could do it if no one else “jumped” at the opportunity – no one has – so far.

Submitted 03/01/13 – Harrison H, DCM – D42

Corrections, Bill W.

Of late I have attended workshops and District Meetings in D51 and 52. We have \$1239.95 in Pink Can funds. I just spent a good amount to fulfill the needs of Sheridan and other districts. I have been requested by area 21 to help them financially. I attended the Conference of Delegates past and present as an observer. In Lake county, the jail had a volunteer appreciation night. I have received 3 re-entry requests, with one being Hispanic.

Grapevine, Jeanne F

Grapevine budge is 2222, and has been exceeded. The Grapevine is doing well.

CPC, Carmela R

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

1. Upcoming events: coordination and staffing assistance for the following events –

This type of CPC outreach is only one of many great ways to get involved and share with Professionals What we are and Where we are.

March 13-15 American Society for Aging in Chicago.

What a blessing for Area 20 servants to help out the CPC Desk at GSO and assist Area 19. (at this point we might consider allowing "newcomers" in CPC /PI to still jump on board, so they can team up with more seasoned servants). We are hoping a new CPC participant, Sonya, will join us from Area 19.

March 27 NIU Wellness Fair.

10am until 3pm.

Past Delegate Jerry P (Panel 48) has served the fellowship by coordinating outreach there at Northern Univ. for over 15 years. If interested in helping to staff that exhibit, visit our breakout session.

April 25 to April 28 , Chicago . American Society of Addiction Medicine

Another GSO sponsored event by the CPC Desk, hosted by Area 19.

We are standing by as alternates, depending on Area 19 staffing needs and look forward to participating if requested. Area 20 CPC Committee will keep you informed.

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

The Summer Institute Haymarket Addictions Symposium

Area 20 participation to be coordinated by Wally K , hosted by District 41 (description below)

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

2. Welcome and congratulations to District 70 and 10 for their new CPC trusted Servants – we look forward to working with you!
3. Will continue to connect with, support and cooperate with local groups and districts doing the work now (as well as utilize their experience to inspire and educate our young and growing CPC committee and the new servants that will be joining)
4. Districts that have no CPC Chair or alternate – how can we support you?

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

PI, Kappie S, Chair

Let me start by saying, if you are no longer the Public Information Chair/Alt for your district, please let me know and I can take your name off of my list. If you have the contact information for the correct person I would love to know that too!

Just a friendly reminder that the Spring Assembly is taking place Saturday, March 9, 2013 at the Clock Tower Resort and Conference Center at 7801 E. State St., Rockford, IL 61108. The Assembly starts at 9 am but registration starts as early as 8 am. The Assembly will last about 4 hours and I hope that you all intend on attending. Of course, as always, your attendance at the Assembly is free. But if you have decided to attend the Conference that is taking place on March 8-10, during the same weekend and at the same location, you will need to register for the Conference since it is separate from the Assembly. I understand that we will have break-out time for Public Information District chairs/alternates and anyone else interested. Ed C., the Alternate Public Information Chair for the Area will be running the break out session, since I will be running a convention in Florida.

There should be a lot of information coming to us regarding the work to be conducted at the General Service Conference in New York in the next month or so. I will forward any information that I receive as quickly as I can to each of you, in regards to Public Information.

Service Structure, Joe S

The Service Structure VII Committee is working on combining the Spring Conference Guidelines with The Spring Assembly Guidelines. The Area motion expects to have these 2 formerly separate events permanently combined as The Spring Assembly Conference, beginning in 2014.

We meet approximately monthly, since Spring of 2012. Thus far we have revised nearly all pages in The Conference Guidelines, through page 15. We have simplified and consolidated the Helpful Suggestions section, and the section on Flyers, and moved most of that content into the descriptions of the pertinent chairpersons' responsibilities.

Our next meeting is March 24 and we begin working on a sample Spring Assembly Conference agenda. At our previous meeting in February, we completed the Conference Personnel / Area of Responsibility, which lists the subcommittee duties and descriptions of each position on The Planning Committee. We expect to have a working document completed for approval by the Area Committee this summer.

DCM Breakout Report, Cheryl V. Alt Delegate

Item's that we can discuss;

Pre- GSC

State Conference

Contributions (you will receive in email from Cheryl)

New DCM's (words of wisdom from returning DCM's)

New DCM'S

How to get more participation from the GSR's? – Suggestions going to all your district meetings and introducing you self and Alt-DCM. Welcome everyone that comes in at the District meeting and make sure to thank them for their service. Host an Assembly, committee meeting this creates team work. Go to different district meetings to see how they do things.

You are going to get a ton of information via email – decide who gets what so people do not get overwhelmed. Keep up with your registrar information. Have a copy at each district meeting and use that for sign in sheets. This will help keep your records up to date.

Take liberty to set goals for committees – You will get more participation when people feel like they are pointing in a right direction. Define the need.

Building a committee can be key (not just a one person committee which is usually the Chair) Find an active group in your district and ask them to be part of the committee!

State Conference-

Ray and dawn talked about the up and coming State Conference. They have requested help for panels from area's 19 and 21. But they will be coming to DCM's to ask for help as well (suggested to start getting volunteers ready for a list) They are working on a DIFFERENT kind of program for break outs . Some examples are Round tables with specific topics not general ones. They are looking for districts to host the hospitality suite in 2 hour slots! They need greeters as well – PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER YOU MUST REGISTER FOR CONFERENCE- Conference for Delegates Past and present in 2014 We are hosting (Area 20) All can go you will not be allowed to speak but you may go and observe and it is a very educational conference to attend. Pre- GSC- Everyone should have the information by now, If not send Cheryl an email ASAP. Anyone can come to the work shop! Explain how it works to the GSR's and they are more or less expected to go. The DCM is NOT the voice of the district! There are hotels available please see flyer. This year the disc are broken down this makes them much easier to distribute. DCM'S to DO EMAIL CHERLY WITH TAUGHTS ABOUT TRUSTEE ITEM E (purposed change to GSB) Anything that your district is hot about in the agenda let Cheryl know so she can share with Rich.

NOON Adjournment and Close – Committee Breakout Sessions up to 2:00 PM