



November 18, 2019

## **2019 NIA-20 Winter Assembly Cover Letter**

### **Welcome to the 2019 Winter Assembly!!**

The agenda for the 2019 Winter Assembly is attached. It's a full agenda and will likely be a long day.

First off, thanks to the D11 for hosting today's assembly. We all appreciate the hard work your district's done to procure today's venue and prepare to host today's assembly.

We will begin the assembly as normal however today I thought we would read ALL 12 concepts instead of reading and discussing just one. Then, after the role call and a motion to approve the minutes from the last (summer) Assembly we'll hear from the Treasurer, Alt-Treasurer and Finance committee. As part of their report they'll be presenting the 2020 Primary Purpose Register for our approval.

The Delegate's report would normally follow however as previously indicated by Robert at the Fall Committee meeting, he will not be here today and is on a well-deserved vacation. He did tell me that his report would be posted on the website at the time of the assembly. Instead we will move directly to Old Business and will begin to address as much New Business as we can before 10:30, when the Standing Committee breakouts will begin.

All the standing committees will have a breakout meeting as will the DCM's and GSR's. Remember, anybody at the assembly can attend any breakout meeting, so if (for instance) you're a GSR and you're interested in Corrections then you are welcome to go that meeting (for all of part) and listen in. As a GSR, you don't have to stay in the GSR meeting, although that meeting will help acquaint GSR's with items that are on the agenda later in the day, and will also serve as a general Q&A session on common GSR issues...

Lunch will follow the service breakouts and then we'll resume with New Business.

The major items under new business for this assembly will be-

- Presentation (and approval) of the proposed 2020 Area calendar. For the second year in a row we have (district) venues for 3 of the 4 assemblies next year. The Winter Assembly is still able to be hosted by a district and contains a date change from the committee meeting, moving the date from Dec. 5, 2020 to Dec. 12, 2020 due to a typo on my part. ALSO, we can have a discussion on the merits of MOVING the FALL ASSEMBLY to SEPT. 19 to avoid conflicting with the National BTGWW held in Rock Island, IL that same weekend.
- Bids for the 2021 Spring Assembly Conference
- Acceptance and/or nominations (and possible voting) for open Area positions.

After that, we'll open discussion and vote on the three motions shown below-

- **(M1) - Motion to require GSR's and Area committee members to register prior to voting at assemblies and adopt use of colored cards to be given out to eligible voters at the registration table at assemblies.**
- **(M2) - Motion for the Area to request an agenda item be added to 2020 GSC (via a letter from our Delegate) to begin work on a 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the Big Book**
- **(M3) - Motion from the CPC & PI committee to "Remove from the Table" a previously tabled motion to ask for Area support for billboard purchases.**

The voting members of the assembly are shown below.

Assembly Voting Members	
All current GSRs or Alternate, when GSR is absent	The Area Secretary and Alternate Secretary
All current DCMs or Alternate, when DCM is absent	The Area Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer
The Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate	All Past Area Delegates
The Area Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson	The Area Archivist
The Area Registrar or Alternate, when Registrar is absent	The Concepts Editor <b>or</b> co-Editor, when Editor is absent
All Area Standing Committee Chairpersons <b>or</b> Alternate, when Chairperson is absent	The Web Administrator <b>or</b> Alternate Web Administrator when Web Administrator is absent

After the motions, we'll hear reports from the Service Committee Chairs as well as reports from the GSR's and DCM's from their morning breakout sessions.

The assembly will conclude with Officer Reports and then open microphone.

Respectfully submitted-

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