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2020 Report from the Panel 70 NIA Registrar Winter Committee Meeting – January 9, 2021

Welcome to the Winter Committee Meeting and Service Orientation Workshop. Hope you enjoy the experience of these sharing sessions.

As your area registrar I feel like my job has just begun. For the first time since taking on this position I am able to enter information directly into the new records database, Fellowship Connections (FC) which replaced the old records database, Fellowship New Vision (FNV). Over the holidays I attended two training sessions held for the area registrars and two discussion meetings about the new FC. There are still a lot of options that we do not have available as the General Service Office rolled this out, but we have been reassured that they will come in time. Right now, we have the need to have information and later they will work on providing the nice to have. Unfortunately contact information is not available for each group, but there is still quite a lot of clean up work that can be completed before those actions are active.

We are also at that time of the year when district service positions may have changed. If you are a new District Committee Member or Committee Chair/Alternate we need that information. Please complete and submit the attached forms to registrar@aa-nia.org:

- District Service Position Change Form.docx
- DCM_en_f-43distinfochangeform.pdf

This will ensure that our communications go to the correct person and that any service position updates are completed so that the General Service Office can forward the appropriate service workbooks. I will be working on providing district service position reports to DCM's in the next month or as requested so updates can be completed in FC.

To update a group's contact information or meeting information please complete the Group Change form found on the aa-nia.org website. New group forms are available as well however there are several options for a new online or virtual meeting and it would be easier to talk through those options so please send us the details of your specific situation and we will call you to discuss and provide the appropriate form.

There are three different options for registering an online or virtual group:

1. Complete a Panel_70_New_Group_Information_Form – Microsoft Word and pdf versions are attached. One completed copy to the district (usually the secretary or registrar) and one copy to the area registrar registrar@aa-na.org. The group needs to have a discussion with the district and area about registering within those geographic areas.
2. Complete the G.S.O. Information Form - Online A.A. Meeting/Group – An editable pdf version is attached. The completed form is sent to the General Service Office (GSO) records department. These online groups receive a 9-digit number they can use for corresponding with GSO and making contributions. The GSO maintains a record of the group in "Fellowship Connection" the new GSO database. However, the assigned number is called a "group i.d." rather than a group service number because it's not the same as what face-to-face groups receive in that they are linked to a district and area. Since these meetings/groups are outside of the service structure they have no representation at the General Service Conference.
3. The meeting/group can register with the online AA intergroup <https://aa-intergroup.org/>. The Online Intergroup is a service entity where meetings utilize various mechanisms — video conferencing, phone conferencing, message boards, email list services, and chatrooms for online AA recovery meetings. Since these meetings/groups are outside of the service structure they have no representation at the General Service Conference.

Many of you have been accustomed to receiving group and district information in a Microsoft Word format from past registrars. Those mail merge forms are not available at this time so Excel spreadsheets are the current report form. The General Service Office is working to provide those tools to area registrars in the future so please be patient. The forms can be accessed on the NIA Website <http://aa-nia.org/group-forms/>. **All communication of changes and updates should be sent to the registrar@aa-nia.org mailbox or mailed to Area Registrar, PO Box 524, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0524.** Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H., NIA Registrar – Panel 70

