

**Northern Illinois Area (NIA) 20 Finance Committee Motion  
NIA Winter Committee Meeting  
January 11, 2020**

Motion from the 2019 Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee moves that the NIA Primary Purpose Register (PPR), Activity number “B02 - General Service Conference Contribution”, be revised to reflect the Area’s intention to fully-fund the cost of our Delegate’s participation in the General Service Conference (GSC) ongoing from 2020 forward.

**Primary Purpose Basic**

Activity number	Service activity	Expectations per guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	Amount through 8/31/2019	2019 Expected Amount	2019 Remaining Expected Expense	2020 Expected Expense
B02	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	Delegate reports to the Treasurer the current expenses per the General Service Board	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$8,300.00

**Background:** For many years NIA has paid the entire cost of participation at the General Service Conference (GSC) as determined by the General Service Board (GSB). However, it has been an unwieldy two-step process because the GSB does not advise participants of the expected costs until early in the calendar year of the GSC. Past practice has been to send an amount equal to that years cost to the GSB at the end of each calendar year as a “down payment” for the following year. After the actual costs are announced, a supplemental motion has been made to forward the balance, if there is a difference from the amount paid. Revising the PPR would authorize the Treasurer to pay the amount suggested by the GSB and eliminate the need for a second motion. For planning and budgeting purposes the Finance Committee could use a rounded amount approximating the current year’s actual expenditure in the next year’s proposed Primary Purpose Registry.

The following motion was found in the NIA “Assembly Actions 1972 to Present” document on the NIA website:

ITEM 3	ASSEMBLY	MOTIONS	PROPONENT	ACTION	PPM
2006-23	Winter 12/2/06	Motion to amend 2006 NIA Budget (Line item 684) to \$5000 to fully fund Delegate to Gen'l Service Conference	Panel 54 Past Delegate	Unanimous	

The above motion appears to cover only 2006 and the question and discussion about whether to provide additional funds continues each year when the second motion is presented. If this current motion is passed by the 2020 NIA Spring Assembly body, the description in the Primary Purpose Register description for Activity number “B02 - General Service Conference Contribution” and the duties and responsibilities of the Treasurer will be updated to include a follow-up with the GSB and/or the NIA Delegate to forward the additional funds if needed once the updated expense of the previous year is provided.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

**The 2019 NIA Finance Committee**

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