

January 11, 2020

2020 Winter Committee Meeting Cover Letter

First, WOOHOO to the Panel 70 NIA 20 Committee – here we go!!! I am so excited to get to serve with you. I know, it's all new, we're still figuring it out and we'll have some bumps along the way. Not to worry, we're still not unique! And we'll work together to be "directly responsible to those we serve". And, have a bit of fun doing it. Eric B, how about those togas? WELCOME, Panel 70.

Please help me thank District 43 for helping to make this event comfortable and inviting and go off without a hitch! This district's enthusiasm is contagious and I'm very grateful we got to work together to make it happen. And, District 43 hasn't even had their first District meeting of the year yet! Talk about trail by fire, as John, the new DCM, would say. THANK YOU to the D43 host committee – your service today is invaluable and very much appreciated.

The Service Orientation Workshop that happens at this committee meeting is a great opportunity to learn. This year is no exception! To steal shamelessly from a wonderful note I saw come from Chris E, new DCM for District 21, "We hope you may come a bit uniformed, and leave wildly enthusiastic knowing that YOU have a place in General Service! And don't forget to BRING YOUR SERVICE MANUALS."

The format of our workshop is a bit different this year in that it will be largely facilitated by Mark E, our East Central Regional Trustee. We can't thank Mark and Pat enough for the willingness to travel to us for this event. Chris was right – have your service manual handy! You're in for learning, fun and an opportunity to ask questions in our "ask-it-basket" session. Mark will also take a bit of time to share his "service story" with us. At the root of it all, it's still about one drunk, talking to another drunk, sharing experience, strength, and hope.

Occasionally we are made aware of districts gone "dark" or whose representation at the area was minimal or nonexistent for a time. Two come to mind – 72 and 80, as of the recent past. As I type this, I have a tear in my eye and a few goosebumps. I'm thrilled to share with you that both districts are actively represented on the Area Committee once again. Thank you to the humble servants in those districts who were persistent, patient, and persistent some more. You are inspirations to all of us. We look forward to serving you.

These next few weeks are always a real busy season for us. We undergo the work of preparing our delegate, Marilyn, to attend the General Service Conference in NY. It can seem like a tall order. We get agenda items and background material, we cascade it to our GSRs and our district committee chairs to talk to each other and groups, and then we assemble at our Pre General Service Conference workshop to share our collective group conscience. If this is all new to you, please reach out and ask for help. Active participation is what makes this work. Above all, we need the voices of our groups. DCMs – please drive this with your GSRs and committee folks and let us know how we can help.

The final thought for today is about committee work. Committee leaders have a great responsibility. To share the leading. One of my most favorite parts of area committee service was the engagement with districts and the work we got done, together. It is so rewarding to travel to a district and host a workshop, to help stuff packets for mailing or man a booth at a convention for professionals. How do we get busy? How do we fill the seats around the table at assembly breakout sessions? These are things I'd love to talk with more about in our time together.

Okay, all for now. Let's have a fabulous meeting. Submitted by Carmela R, Area Chair

2020 Winter Committee Meeting *final agenda*

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Lord of Life Church 40W605 IL Rt 38, Elburn, IL 60119

This anonymity protected agenda is posted on the NIA website. However, we do encourage the use of full names when speaking at the microphone.

- 8:00 am Registration, fellowship and continental breakfast
- 9:00 Call to order
Quiet time
Serenity Prayer
New attendees
Anniversaries since Dec 14th Winter Assembly
Twelve Concepts for World Service – Concept 1 (Ray M)
Announcements for today (D43 – John O)
Approval of minutes from last Committee Meeting
- 9:15 **Service Orientation Workshop** – Chris D. (Area Alt. Delegate)
Special guest presenter: Mark E, East Central Regional Trustee
Spanish interpretation available / Interpretación Español Disponible
- 12:00 pm *Lunch (\$8 for a 6" Subway sub, chips cookie, and drink)*
- 12:45 Delegate's report (Marilyn F.)
- 1:00 Treasurer's report (Dawn B.)
- 1:15 **Old Business**

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Open elected positions review:

- Area Secretary – Alternate
- Answering Service Comm Area Chair
- Archives Comm Area Chair - Alternate
- BTG Comm Area Chair
- BTG Comm Area Chair – Alternate
- Grapevine Area Chair – Alternate
- Lit Comm Area Chair – Alternate

1:20

New Business

Motion(s)

Questions and discussion only, no voting. Two-minute limit per share.

1. Motion by 2019 Finance Committee to fully fund our Area Delegate's participation in the General Service Conference. Full motion and background start on page 5.

1:50

Approval of administrative appointments to date

Open appointments review:

- Concepts Co-Editor
- Conference Advisory Committee
- Electronic Equipment Committee
- Finance Committee DCMs and Past Delegate
- Operating Committee DCMs
- Report and Charter DCMs
- Service Handbook Custodian

1:55

DCM reports and introductions – 26 districts

- As a **second year DCM**, please feel free to provide a brief report - two-minute limit.
- **NEW DCMs** – we'd love to meet you so please come to the mic with your alternate and introduce yourselves even if you don't have a full report yet.

2:30

Service and administrative committee* introductions

- Given everyone is new, please come to the mic (chairs AND alternates) and introduce yourselves.
 - We will not be hearing full reports today. Feel free to submit written reports to me and the Area Secretary if there is something you'd like included in the minutes.
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| • Accessibilities | Dwayne G, Rachel B |
| • Answering Service | Tracy F |
| • Archives | Jeff K |
| • Archivist | Cheryl V |
| • Concepts | Jessica R |
| • Cooperation w/ the Professional Community | Tanzie B, Jeff L |
| • Corrections | Scott M, Mark H |
| • Electronic Equipment | Joey B |
| • Grapevine | Susan H |
| • Literature | Kimberly T |
| • Public Information | Rich S, Ed M |
| • Treatment Facilities | Lisa S, Rich H |
| • Technology Committee | Michael L |
| • Web Administrator | Earl H |

*Admin committees *not reporting* today - Conference Advisory Committee, Finance Committee, Operating Committee, Report & Charter Committee

2:50 Officer reports (two-minute limit per share)

- Alternate Delegate – Chris D
- Chair – Carmela R
- Alternate Chair – Erik L
- Registrar – Carol H
- Alternate Registrar – Rob M
- Secretary – Christy B
- Alternate Secretary - OPEN

3:00 Open microphone (one-minute limit per share)

This is your chance to go to the mic and share about things like:

- Something going on in your local community you want to invite us to.
- Something about your group, district, or committee work.
- Recognize or thank someone for their service.
- Any other AA or NIA related announcements.

Let's adjourn!

Responsibility Statement

I am responsible...

*When anyone, anywhere,
reaches out for help, I want
the hand of A.A. always to be there.
And for that: I am responsible.*

The principal function of Northern Illinois service area 20 is to be a forum for effective communication between the Groups and the General Service Conference through its Delegate. NIA assists its Districts, Groups and members to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers by conducting workshops, sharing sessions and seminars in all fields of general service along with other service activities.

Northern Illinois Area (NIA) 20 Finance Committee Motion
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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

Carol H., NIA Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair

Susan V., NIA Alternate Treasurer

Tom B., Past Delegate - Panel 42 (92-93)

Kevin A., DCM District 10

Tom G. DCM District 21

Dan S., DCM District 22

Report of the Area Chair, Panel 70

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Panel 70 Area Committee,

I've had the opportunity to learn so much over the last many weeks. And it's still like drinking from a firehose, isn't it? I say we have two years to figure it out. The ball is rolling in a few areas and will start in a few others.

Already, I have had the opportunity to work with our new Alternate Chair, Erik L, both in the transition of duties and supporting current conference planning committees. I attended the most recent Spring Assembly Conference planning meeting and will work with hosting District 10 as needed to finalize our assembly business agenda and breakout meetings.

Given we do not have a host committee for the 2021 Spring Assembly Conference, I have asked our Conference Advisory Committee to pick up our discussion from last year's fall committee meeting and take action to prepare a slate of possible venues and preliminary budgets to put before the assembly, in the hopes that hosts will avail themselves. I plan to be as communicative about this as possible – so that as the committee has options available, Districts can consider them. If we build it, will they come? Let's give it a shot! Thank you to the CAC for being willing to explore the possibilities.

There are two events coming up that I'm also excited about – the Conference of Delegates Past and Present in Detroit and an inventory assembly in Area 17. So, what else would you do if, when in Hawaii on vacation, you find that there's a weekend assembly happening on Oahu? I can't wait to report back on that experience.

I have also started talks with our technology committee to get our Area a web conferencing subscription and to identify a central location for file sharing. Communication and information sharing are key. I'll continue to report on this progress.

My work of appointing our administrative committees and other positions has begun though is very far from done, as you've seen. Be on the lookout, DCMs, I'm coming for you.

Expenses to date: nothing to report here yet. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmela R
Area Chair, chairperson@aa-nia0ti