

Alternate Area Chair report, Panel 68

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Winter Assembly

Lord of Life Church in Elburn, IL

NIA 20 trusted servants and members,

The planning committees that are active right now are:

- **Host committee for Winter Committee meeting, D43** – help and support in any way I am needed. I will provide a final supply inventory to this committee so they can plan for purchases for Jan event.
- **D28 and D21 for 2020 Spring Assembly Conference** – The first Sunday of each month, In Palatine. I have been supporting by answering questions and providing guidance from the Area perspective. I also attend meetings in person as often as possible.
- **2020 Big Book Conference planning, D10 and 12** – I was able to join the planning meeting in November to provide support and answer any questions that came up.

The GSR breakout sessions have been a tremendous amount of fun this year. The group conscience spoke that having a new GSR orientation at the start of every breakout is preferred. We take about 30 minutes at the start of each session to have a currently seated GSR facilitate that portion. Each GSR shares their experience strength and hope, how they came to be a GSR, how they do things to help their group, what they've learned, etc. Then, we branch off into discussion of business items and any other matters at hand. Making a way for this group to learn from each other is a highlight of my Alternate Chair experience.

I am in the process of revising the reference documents for hosting area committees, located in our broader planning procedures document. These are approved by the alternate chair and sense of the assembly is taken, to be ready for Committee meeting and Spring Assembly. Based on collective experience of host committees, updates will reflect current practices. I will prepare them and turn over to our custodian.

Planning procedures for hosting area meetings are also under review. Suggested revisions will be presented to the Area Committee in January – unanimous vote for approval is required by the area committee and formalized by sense of the assembly.

I will submit additional travel expenses for the 4th quarter before the end of the calendar year.

Thank you for allowing me to serve for the last two years. It has truly been an honor and privilege to meet so many of you, work with planning committees, get to know several GSRs, participate in the Conference Advisory committee work, and all the while learn more than I thought possible. I look forward to continuing to serve you as your Area Chair in the new year.

Thank you all for your dedication to service in AA. See you next year!

Respectfully submitted,
Carmela R, Alternate Area Chair