

2023 Spring Assembly Preliminary Agenda

March 11, 2023

Virtual meeting via Zoom

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Time	Item
8:00	Meeting room opens for fellowship
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order • Quiet time • Serenity Prayer • Announcements • New attendees and Guests • Anniversaries since December 11th, 2021 • Announcements
9:10	Approval of minutes - Winter Assembly, December 11 th , 2021
9:15	Treasury reports (Allen J., Jeff L.)
9:30	Delegates Report (Chris D.) Review Pre-General Service Conference Workshop Plan (Chris D, Erik L)
10:10	Conference reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Big Book Conference • 2024 Spring Assembly Conference
10:20	Old Business Area administrative committee appointments approval Election of open positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate Registrar • Accessibilities Comm Area Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accessibilities Comm Area Alternate Chair • Answering Service Comm Area Alternate Chair • Archives Comm Area Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Archives Comm Area Alternate Chair • Bridging the Gap Comm Area Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bridging the Gap Comm Area Alternate Chair • CPC Comm Area Alternate Chair • Grapevine Area Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grapevine Area Alternate Chair • Literature Comm Area Alternate Chair • Treatment Comm Area Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Treatment Comm Area Alternate Chair

10:30	<u>New Business</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Big Book Conference host bids • Finance Committee recommendation for Funds disbursement • Communicate Appointed Committee and Positions • Motion to update mileage reimbursement – Cheryl V. • Motion to return ECR Forum Seed money donations – Rich H.
11:15	1. Service committee reports (three-minute limit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibilities Susan H • Answering Service Open • Archives Open • Bridging the Gap Open • Concepts Susan H • Cooperation w/ the Professional Community Jan S. • Corrections Phil M, George P • Grapevine Desiree K • Literature Scott T • Public Information Lisa S, Ed M • Treatment Facilities Open • Web Master Earl H
11:30	2. Administrative reports (three-minute limit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archivist Ray / Cheryl • Conference Advisory Dawn • Electronic Equipment Joe B • Finance Committee chair • Operating Committee chair • Report & Charter Committee chair • Service Manual Custodian Cheryl V • Technology Committee Committee chair
11:45	Officer reports (three-minute limit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate Delegate – Erik L • Chair – Rob M • Alternate Chair – Dawn B • Registrar – Chris E • Secretary – Kate D • Alternate Secretary – Susan M



11:55	<p>Open microphone (one-minute limit per share)</p> <p>This is your chance to go raise your hand and share about things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. •
	<p>Let's adjourn!</p> <p>Breakouts will be in the back of the room and done over lunch.</p> <p><i>Responsibility Statement</i> <i>I am responsible...</i> <i>When anyone, anywhere,</i> <i>reaches out for help, I want</i> <i>the hand of A.A. always to be there.</i> <i>And for that: I am responsible.</i></p>
	<p><i>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.</i></p>

Motion to Increase the Mileage Reimbursement Allowance

Motion

It is moved that the mileage reimbursement be increased from \$0.40 per mile to \$0.50 per mile retroactive effective to January 1, 2023.

Background

NIA last raised the reimbursement rate on June 18, 2011, from \$0.28 per mile to \$0.40 per mile.

NIA reimbursed expenses to date for a total of 5,122.7 miles in 2022 at a cost of \$2,049.08. An additional \$0.10 would have cost another \$512.27 total.

On December 19, 2022, the IRS announced the 2023 mileage reimbursement rates. Starting on January 1, 2023, the following rates apply to personal cars, minivans, trucks, SUVs, and panel trucks:

- 14.0 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations
- 22.0 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes
- 65.5 cents per mile for business miles driven

The 2011 increase was \$0.11 less than the business reimbursement. This would make the new rate "prudent" along with being comparable to what we have historically been done.

As stated in our Service Manual, under Cost Reimbursement Philosophy, "While the Primary Purpose finance model attempts to provide sufficient financing for all the activities of the Assembly it remains the responsibility of trusted servants to spend the Assembly's money prudently. It is expected that we as individuals will likely participate financially in our service experience. Thus Primary Purpose Register items should not be expected to cover all costs incurred during our involvement in service."

ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE MOTION #1

Panel 62 Past Delegate makes a motion to have our Area 20 Treasurer write up to 13 checks or PayPal reimbursements. One to each Area of the East Central Region that sent checks or PayPal payments, in the amount received from these Areas that they sent to help cover the loss of the \$3,000.00 East Central Regional Conference Seed Money incurred by Area 20.

BACKGROUND - There was a \$12,537.42 loss while Area 20 was hosting the 2022 Illinois State Conference/East Central Regional Conference. Which included \$3,000.00 seed money from the East Central Region. This loss obviously has nothing to do with lack of attendance and participation. The other Areas of the East Central Region play no role in this whatsoever. The only financial agreement between the Area 20 Host Committee and the East Central Region is to return the \$3,000.00 seed money to the East Central Regional Treasurer. They merely trust us with their seed money and attend if possible and upon invitation. With all the above said, they did their part, with attendance and participation on Panels as requested and should not be responsible for any financial losses incurred by Area 20. We need to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. We must return those payments covering the loss of the East Central Region Seed Money, with a kindhearted note of appreciation for their great generosity, asking them to please accept the fact that we need to do this on our own to heal and move forward with this. We as an Area, as a Group, must take responsibility for this.