

## **2022 Fall Assembly Minutes – Northern Illinois Area (NIA) 20**

**Saturday, September 10, 2022**

**Hybrid Meeting (In-person at Lord of Life Church in Elburn, IL and Online Audio / Video Meeting via Zoom)**

**Zoom ID: 833 9799 7638**

**Passcode: Freedom**

### **Meeting Opening**

NIA 20 Area Chair, Rob M., called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The group participated in a quiet time followed by the Serenity Prayer. The Area Chair welcomed attendees and meeting announcements were made. Agenda order has changed. Robert S., Big Book Conference Co-Chair, passed out additional flyers for the Conference.

### **Fall Assembly Attendance Figures:**

33 In Person

13 On Zoom

**46 TOTAL ATTENDEES**

### **VOTING MEMBERS**

5 GSRs

34 Area Committee Members

**39 TOTAL VOTING MEMBERS**

### **NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

5 Group Members

2 District Servants

**7 TOTAL NON-VOTING MEMBERS**

### **First Time Attendees:**

Jan S. – CPC Chair, District 41

Trevor H. – GSR, District 61

Jim R. - GSR/Alt DCM, District 73

Chris J. – GSR, Wednesday Night Serenity Group, District 41, Lombard, IL

Kathy S. – GSR, Brown Baggers Group, District 43

Chris S. – DCM, District 41

Mike B. – GSR, Sunrise Sobriety Group, District 23

Raj P. – GSR, Monday Night Big Book, District 21

Dan P. – GSR, Living in the Solution Open Candlelight Meeting, Woodstock, IL, District 11

### **Anniversaries since June 11<sup>th</sup> Summer Assembly:**

Raj P. – 1 year, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Kate D. – 16 years, July 8<sup>th</sup>

Ed M. – 34 years, August 23<sup>rd</sup>

Stephanie – 3 years, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Laura B. – 18 years, August 16<sup>th</sup>

Chris – 5 years, June 10<sup>th</sup>

Jake – 2 years, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Darlene – 6 years, August 12<sup>th</sup>

Brett O. – 11 years, August 28<sup>th</sup>

Natalie G. – 10 years, July 28<sup>th</sup>

### Approval of 2022 Summer Assembly Meeting Minutes

Kelly reported that she was unable to open with hyperlinks and requested report be updated without hyperlinks and insert actual data into report; Kate will do so and send out revised minutes. Chris E., Area Registrar, reported attendance numbers for the Summer Assembly; Kate will update the minutes and send out. Cheryl asked that the reason for absence be changed so as not to appear punitive; Kate will update minutes and send out. Robert S. made the motion to approve the June 11, 2022 Summer Assembly minutes with changes brought forward and a member seconded the motion. The revised minutes were approved unanimously.

## Meeting Business

### Treasurer's Report – Allen J.

- Treasurer's Report:

**Northern Illinois Area, Ltd.**  
**PO Box 808**  
**Streamwood, IL 60107-2971**



**2022 Report from the Panel 72 NIA Treasurer**  
**NIA Fall Assembly, September 8, 2022**

Sorry I cannot attend this assembly either live or via zoom. I should be driving back from northern Minnesota during the assembly. Attached is of the usual Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statements, and the 2022 PPR. Below is a brief summary of the main accounts

Account	Amount	Amount
Checking		\$ 57,160.74
Green Can (restricted)	\$ 961.94	
Pink Can (restricted)	\$ 5,812.14	
Total restricted		\$ 6,774.08
Net Checking		\$ 63,934.82
Prudent Reserve	(0.3 X \$58,400.00) + interest	\$ 17,522.54
Total		\$ 81,457.36
	Sum Contribution	\$ 37,374.92
Interest		\$ 1.92
Net Income (YTD)	Sum Income	\$ 37,376.84
Net Expenses (YTD)	Sum Expenses	\$ 27,262.00
Net (YTD)		\$ 10,114.84

### Notes:

- Please note that in our 2022 PPR the following lines have had no expenses to date: B05 (Service Orientation Workshops), B08 (Area Committee participation in District Committee functions), B17 (Service Committee Workshops).
- I have been getting a few reimbursement requests for B11 (Illinois State Conference, Area Committee participation). If you attended our state conference and are: an area Officers and Alternates, a member of an area Administrative Committees or an area Service Committee Chairs and Alternates. Our guidelines allow you to be reimburse for: Lodging, Meals, Mileage, Registration, Banquet.
- I bring up the last two items as the myself and our finance committee will be starting to work on the 2023 PPR. Which is supposed to be presented at the Fall Area Committee meeting (October 8<sup>th</sup>). If you have a concern about this or would like to help out please contact myself, Jeff L. (Area Alternate Treasurer), or Sid B. (Area Finance Committee chair).
- Please turn in your reimbursement requests in a timely fashion, I don't want to be writing checks in late December for a February expense.

### Miscellaneous

- We have been having PayPal contributions come through. The link for PayPal is on the NIA website. Our address is; [treasurer@aa.nia.org](mailto:treasurer@aa.nia.org). Please clarify if this is a Personal, Group, District, Pink Can, or Green Can contribution in the "**memo area**". If the contribution is from a group, please clarify group number or group name and location in the "**memo area**" so that we may credit the correct group. Unless **stated otherwise** the contribution will be treated as a personal contribution. You can also follow up with an email to [treasurer@aa-nia.org](mailto:treasurer@aa-nia.org) if you missed putting in the group information.
- Clubs, please remember, we cannot accept contributions from you. We WILL accept contributions from groups meeting at your clubs.
- We are still getting a few contribution sent to the Crystal Lake P.O. Box. Carol H. has been kind enough to forward these to me. That P.O. Box is being used for the 2022 National Corrections Conference and will no longer valid after that conference. Many of these contributions are for the "Pink Can", so please check your "Pink Can" label and make sure it has our current Streamwood P.O. Box. The same can be said for the "Green Can" labels.
- 7<sup>TH</sup> tradition contributions forms can be found on the NIA website ([www.aa-nia.org](http://www.aa-nia.org)). It's on the home page or on the "**Forms for Group Use**" page. Please note that there is no check boxes on this form for "Pink Can" or "Green Can" contributions so you must identify them as such.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen J., NIA Treasurer – Panel 72 [treasurer@aa-nia.org](mailto:treasurer@aa-nia.org)

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# NIA, Ltd.

## Balance Sheet

As of September 8, 2022

	TOTAL
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
Cash	1,794.83
Checking	55,365.91
Restricted Funds	
ECRC Delegates Past and Present Seed Money	0.00
ECRC Seed Money	0.00
Green Can	961.94
GSO Birthday Plan	0.00
Illinois State Conference Seed Money	0.00
Pink Can	5,812.14
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>6,774.08</b>
<b>Total Checking</b>	<b>62,139.99</b>
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>63,934.82</b>
Prudent Reserve	17,522.54
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$81,457.36</b>
Accounts Receivable	
Do not use - Accounts Receivable (A/R)	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Other Current Assets	
Do not use - Uncategorized Asset	1.00
Do not use - Undeposited Funds	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$1.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$81,458.36</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$81,458.36</b>

# NIA, Ltd.

## Balance Sheet

As of September 8, 2022

	TOTAL
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Do not use - Accounts Payable	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
ECRC Delegates Past and Present Seed Money	0.00
ECRC Seed Money	0.00
Green Can	1,036.09
GSO Birthday Plan	0.00
Illinois State Conference Seed Money	-3,000.00
Pink Can	3,315.87
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,351.96</b>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,351.96</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,351.96</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$1,351.96</b>
Equity	
Fund Balance	69,991.56
Operating Reserve	0.00
Net Income	10,114.84
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$80,106.40</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$81,458.36</b>

# NIA, Ltd.

## Profit and Loss

January 1 - September 8, 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
7th Tradition Contributions	
Contributions - District	5,942.00
Contributions - Group	25,872.15
Contributions - Other	1,433.00
Contributions - Personal	4,127.77
Interest	1.92
<b>Total 7th Tradition Contributions</b>	<b>37,376.84</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$37,376.84</b>
GROSS PROFIT	<b>\$37,376.84</b>
Expenses	
Primary Purpose Basic	
B01-22 2022 General Service Conference	1,399.84
B02-22 2022 General Service Conference Contribution	2,200.00
B03-22 2022 Area Assemblies	1,440.12
B04-22 2022 Area Committee Meetings	825.91
B07-22 2022 Concepts Newsletter	663.27
B09-22 2022 ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present	432.02
B10-21 2021 Area Operations	979.42
B10-22 2022 Area Operations	7,233.71
B11-22 2022 State Conference Area Committee Participation	1,396.22
B13-21 2021 Big Book Conference, Hosting	-2,308.51
B14-23 2023 Spring Conference	3,000.00
<b>Total Primary Purpose Basic</b>	<b>17,262.00</b>
Primary Purpose Motions	
M084 2022 Motion to send 10k to GSB	10,000.00
<b>Total Primary Purpose Motions</b>	<b>10,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$27,262.00</b>
NET OPERATING INCOME	<b>\$10,114.84</b>
NET INCOME	<b>\$10,114.84</b>

Primary Purpose Basic									
Activity Number*		Expectations per Guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2021 Expected	2021 Through 12/07/2021	2022 Expected Amount	2022 Through 09/06/2022	2022 remaining
B01	General Service Conference	The Area Committee is expected to participate in and report on the General Service Conference per the AA Service Manual, NIA Guidelines, and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mailing and supplies</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Facility rental for pre-GSC workshop</li> </ul>	Delegate and Alternate Delegate	\$165.00	516.25	\$2,200.00	\$ 1,399.84	\$ 800.16
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	\$2,500.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ -
B03	Area Assemblies	The Area Committee is expected to support hosting districts to host four assembly meetings each year per the AA Service Manual, area guidelines, and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Mailing and supplies</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Spanish Interpreter</li> <li>• Facility rental</li> </ul>	• Groups I, II and III	\$2,000	\$1,650.00	\$5,000.00	\$ 1,440.12	\$ 3,559.88
B04	Area Committee Meetings	The Area Committee is expected to host four committee meetings each year per the AA Service Manual, area guidelines, and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Mailing and supplies</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Facility rental</li> </ul>	• Groups I, II and III	\$1,100	0	\$2,500.00	\$ 825.91	\$ 1,674.09
B05	Service Orientation Workshops	The Area Committee is encouraged to host roughly eight Service Orientation workshops around NIA per year.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Mailing and supplies</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Facility rental</li> </ul>	• Alternate Delegate	\$800.00	\$199.82	\$2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
B06	Administrative Committee Meetings	Committees are encouraged to hold roughly ten meetings each year to perform their respective functions per area guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mailing and supplies</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Conference calls</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance committee</li> <li>• Operating Committee</li> <li>• Report and Charter Committee</li> <li>• Conference Advisory Committee</li> <li>• Electronic Equipment Committee</li> </ul>	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00
B07	Concepts Newsletter	The Concepts Editor is expected to produce the NIA Concepts Newsletter per area guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mailing and supplies</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> <li>• Mailing services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concepts Editor</li> <li>• Concepts Co-Editor</li> </ul>	\$2,500.00	768.46	\$1,000.00	\$ 663.27	\$ 336.73

Activity Number*		Expectations per Guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2021 Expected	2021 Through 12/07/2021	2022 Expected Amount	2022 Through 09/06/2022	2022 remaining
B08	Area Committee participation in District Committee functions	When invited, Area trusted servants are expected to attend and participate in District service functions including District meetings, workshops, service events, etc., per area guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Mailing and supplies</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Spanish Interpreter</li> <li>• Facility rental</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This relates to expenses incurred when the District is hosting.</li> </ul>	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00
B09	ECR Conference of Delegates Past and Present	Attend the East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lodging</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Banquet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delegate</li> <li>• Alternate Delegate</li> <li>• NIA Chairperson</li> <li>• Immediate Past Delegate</li> </ul>	\$ -	\$0.00	\$2,800.00	\$ 432.02	\$ 2,367.98
B10	Area Operations	Area trusted servants are expected to operate NIA basic services per area guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mileage, postage, mailing services, NIA contribution envelopes, office supplies, post office and postage, printing or copying, insurance, Quick Books Online, coffee pots, annual reports, bank fees, Archives repository, GSR Handbooks, canceled check charges, website expenses, electronic equipment maintenance and upgrades</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups I, II and III</li> </ul>	\$8,000.00	9,955.60	\$18,000.00	\$ 7,659.69	\$ 10,340.31
B11	Illinois State Conference, Area Committee participation	In years in which the IL State Conference is hosted by NIA, thirty-six trusted servants, as detailed in the Duties and Responsibilities document, are expected to attend and participate. In non-hosting years, the Delegate, Area Chairperson, and Archivist are expected to attend and participate. In non-hosting years service committee chairpersons who are requested by the NIA Delegate and the Conference planning committee are also expected to attend and participate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lodging</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Banquet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delegate every year.</li> <li>• Group I, II and III when it is held in N.I.A. and in other years when Delegate requests participation for Area 19 or 21 State Conference Host Committees.</li> </ul>	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$ 1,396.22	\$ 2,603.78

Activity Number*		Expectations per Guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2021 Expected	2021 Through 12/07/2021	2022 Expected Amount	2022 Through 09/06/2022	2022 remaining
B12	Spring Conference, Area Committee participation	Thirty-six Area trusted servants, as detailed in the Duties and Responsibilities document, are expected to attend and participate in the NIA Spring Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lodging</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Banquet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups I, II and III</li> </ul>	\$ -	\$0.00		\$ -	\$ -
B13	Big Book Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the hosting district to host the Big Book Conference per the NIA Big Book Conference guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> <li>• Name tags</li> <li>• Facility</li> <li>• Seed money</li> </ul>	Host Planning Committee	\$3,000.00	\$756.20	\$3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 500.00
B14	Spring Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the Spring Conference Committee to host the NIA Spring Conference per the NIA Spring Conference Guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> <li>• Name tags</li> <li>• Facility</li> <li>• Seed money</li> <li>• Hotel deposit</li> </ul>	Host Planning Committee	\$ -	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
B15	East Central Regional Forum	The Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate are expected to attend the East Central Regional Forum (held every two years.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lodging</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Banquet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Delegate</li> <li>• Alternate Delegate</li> </ul>	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -
B16	East Central Regional Conference	The Area Delegate and Alt. Delegate are expected to attend the East Central Regional Conference every year (held every year except those with International Conferences.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lodging</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Banquet</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area Delegate</li> <li>• Alternate Delegate</li> </ul>	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -
B17	Service Committee Workshops	Area service committee chairpersons are expected to host workshops focused on carrying the A.A. message within the scope of one or more service committees. The workshops should be geographically distributed throughout NIA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Literature</li> <li>• Mailing and supplies</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Spanish Interpreter (if needed)</li> <li>• Facility rental</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This relates to expenses incurred when the Area is hosting.</li> </ul>	\$2,200.00	\$242.09	\$2,200.00	\$ -	\$ 2,200.00
B18	Annual Bridge the Gap Weekend Workshop	The Bridging the Gap (BTG) Committee Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson or their replacements, as appointed by the BTG Chairperson, shall attend the Annual BTG Weekend Workshop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lodging</li> <li>• Meals</li> <li>• Mileage</li> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Banquet</li> <li>• Mailing and supplies</li> <li>• Printing or copying</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BTG Chair</li> <li>• BTG Alternate Chair</li> </ul>	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00

Activity Number*		Expectations per Guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2021 Expected	2021 Through 12/07/2021	2022 Expected Amount	2022 Through 09/06/2022	2022 remaining
B19	IL State Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the State Conference Committee to host the IL State Conference per our guidelines and historical practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mileage</li><li>• Literature</li><li>• Printing or copying</li><li>• Name tags</li><li>• Facility</li><li>• Seed money</li><li>• Hotel deposit</li></ul>	Host Planning Committee	\$ -	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ (2,500.00)
B20	National AA Technology Workshop	Either the Website Administrator or the Alternate is expected to attend the annual National AA Technology Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lodging</li><li>• Meals</li><li>• Mileage</li><li>• Registration</li><li>• Banquet</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Website Administrator or</li><li>• Alternate Website Administrator</li></ul>	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00
B21	National AA Corrections Conference	The Corrections Chairperson and Alternate Corrections Chairperson shall attend the Annual Corrections Conference.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lodging</li><li>• Meals</li><li>• Mileage</li><li>• Registration</li><li>• Banquet</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Corrections Chair</li><li>• Alternate Corrections Chair</li></ul>	\$2,100.00	\$915.46	\$1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Primary Purpose Basic Totals:					\$ 32,190.00	\$ 20,203.88	\$ 58,400.00	\$ 27,517.07	\$ 30,882.93
Group I:		Group III:		Group II:					
Officers and Alternates		Administrative Committees		Service Committee Chairs and Alternates					
• Delegate		• Operating		• Answering Services			• Corrections		
Chairperson		• Finance		• Archives			• Grapevine		
• Treasurer		• Report and Charter		• Accessibilities			• Literature		
• Secretary		• Electronic Equipment		• Bridging the Gap			Public Information		
• Registrar		• Conference Advisory		• Concepts Service Letter			• Webmaster		
				*Treatment					
				• Cooperation With The Professional Community					
* Please use the appropriate Service Activity Number when submitting a request for reimbursement.									

# Primary Purpose Motion

Activity Number*	Motion	Notes relating to Open (O) or Closed (C)	2020 Remaining Expected Expense	2022 Expected Expense*	2022 Expense*	2022 Remaining Expected Expense*
M074	Literature for Treatments	O	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00
M083	Equipment for hybrid Area Meetings	O		\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
M084	2022 Motion to send \$10,000 to GSB	C		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
Primary Purpose Motion Totals:				\$ 19,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Primary Purpose Registry and Motions Total:				\$ 77,400.00	\$ 37,517.07	\$ 39,882.93

- The Primary Purpose Basic (PPB) covers expenses that occur every year. These include all costs for things like Area Assemblies and Committee meetings, printing of minutes and the newsletter Concepts, insurance, orientations, conferences, etc.
- The first section of the register, The Primary Purpose Basic (PPB) section, lists and funds and facilitates service activities that are described in the Duties and Responsibilities section of these guidelines.
- The PPB provides funding for all the activities listed in the Duties and Responsibilities section of this handbook.
- The second section, the Primary Purpose Motion (PPM) section, lists and funds additional service activities, resulting from motions delegated approved by the Assembly to its trusted servants. PPM activities may be proposed by any member of the Fellowship but most often originate within a service committee. Ideally, all proposals are considered by a service or administrative committee prior to presentation to the Area Committee .

PPMs are approved by a substantially unanimous (2/3 majority) vote of the Assembly. Upon PPM approval by the Assembly, the Treasurer or Alternate Treasurer adds the PPM to the Primary Purpose Register, the responsible trusted servant performs the service activity, and the Area Treasurer is authorized to reimburse associated expenses.

In the primary purpose finance model, activities need not have a time frame and so may continue from one year to the next or even from one rotation to the next, thus providing continuity for service committees. As such, the primary purpose finance model is not a budget in the traditional sense. No individual or committee at the Area level has a line item budget they are free to spend. Instead, the basic register provides for activities that trusted servants are expected to participate in (see the Duties and Responsibilities document) and the motions section of the register provides for activities pursued by service committees in their effort to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

### **Summary**

Consistently using the Primary Purpose Register as the financial communication vehicle defocuses the Assembly on money by focusing more transparently on service. It improves quantity and quality of communication between the Assembly and its trusted servants. The Treasurer is individually responsible only for the treasurer role – to manage cash and to pay the bills. The Finance Committee has responsibility for the controller role – to plan and manage the treasury and the time-sequence for service activities on the Assembly's behalf. Detailed guidelines for each service activity provide common direction to trusted servants responsible for service activities and to the committee responsible for paying the expenses for those activities. Annual budgeting, mid-year budget increases, and the "new service activity" process, are simplified. The annual budget rollercoaster that was common previously is gone: we endure no more quibbling over contributions to the General Service Office or scrambling to do something at the end of a year to spend area contributions "at home". Clearer delegation of these financial responsibilities by the Assembly has shifted the area's focus from money to service.

# NIA Alternate Treasurer's Report

Report date: 9/8/2022

The address for the NIA Treasurer for the Panel 72 rotation is: Northern Illinois Area, Ltd., P.O. Box 808, Streamwood, IL 60107. Contribution envelopes are available at every NIA Assembly and committee meeting. Please complete the form on the envelope when making Contributions to NIA so we can correctly account for your Contributions.

In service,

Jeff L., NIA Alternate Treasurer

alt-treasurer@aa-nia.org

## Summary of Contributions received from 1/13/2022 through 8/30/2022

Date deposited	(All)
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Row Labels	Sum of Contribution amount
(blank)	
Group Contribution	\$25,872.15
Pink Can Contribution	\$4,039.25
Personal Contribution	\$4,127.77
District Contribution	\$5,942.00
Conference Contribution	\$1,396.00
NIA Business Meeting Contribution	\$37.00
Green Can Contribution	\$180.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$41,594.17</b>

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Date deposited (All)

Sum of Contribution amount

District	Group number	Group name	Contribution type	Total
10	104715	Grayslake Southsiders Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	104766	Serenity House Wed Night Grp	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	120534	Saturday Morning Step Group	Group Contribution	\$60.00
	127397	Early Birds Group	Group Contribution	\$20.00
	141959	Berger Hall Group	Group Contribution	\$900.00
	600993	Miracles Do Happen Group	Group Contribution	\$180.00
	646390	Shed Group	Group Contribution	\$300.00
	647883	After Work Study Group	Group Contribution	\$164.00
	660359	Womens Conference Approved Literature	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	661521	We Are Miracles Group	Group Contribution	\$150.00
	699432	Monday 5PM AA Big Book Step Study Grc	Group Contribution	\$60.00
	703290	Spiritual Kindergarten Group	Group Contribution	\$90.00
	717963	Eye Opener Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	723111	Basement Dwellers Group	Group Contribution	\$87.72
10 Total				\$2,131.72
11	104267	Cary Grove Wed Nite Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	106157	Suggested Men's Group	Group Contribution	\$120.00
	125619	Monday Noon Meeting Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	141414	Mc Henry Open Group	Group Contribution	\$75.00
	150979	Clean Air Closed Discussion Gp	Group Contribution	\$180.00
	156474	Happy Hour Group	Group Contribution	\$39.00
	156566	Clean Air Group	Group Contribution	\$116.00
	167015	Sobriety & Beyond Group	Group Contribution	\$87.72
	176778	Broad Highway Women's Grp	Group Contribution	\$60.00
	601747	Thursday Night Grapevine Group	Group Contribution	\$245.00
	608430	Cary Wednesday Step Group	Group Contribution	\$25.00
	610981	Womens Spiritual Progress #2 Group	Group Contribution	\$180.00
	664815	1:00 PM Discussion Group	Group Contribution	\$300.00
	675317	Being New In A.A. Group	Group Contribution	\$90.00

11		678873	Wednesday Night Keep It Simple Group	Group Contribution	\$93.00
		679444	Faith's Way Group	Group Contribution	\$67.00
		688361	First Things First Group	Group Contribution	\$40.00
		695282	Women's Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$63.00
		696745	Ceased Fighting Group	Group Contribution	\$28.00
		697924	Big Book 164 Group	Group Contribution	\$200.00
		698048	Whatever It Takes Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
		698797	Sat. AM Mens Step - Dawn Patrol Group	Group Contribution	\$289.00
		699065	Men's Priority Big Book 5B Group	Group Contribution	\$524.00
		708649	Rainbow Connection Group	Group Contribution	\$45.00
		709535	Reach Out Now Group	Group Contribution	\$135.00
		723798	Womens Spiritual Progress #4 Gp	Group Contribution	\$125.00
		727683	90 Per-Centers (Thursday Night Men's) Gr	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	000237928		Three Legacies Group	Group Contribution	\$97.52
	000396720		12 & 12 at 1212 Group	Group Contribution	\$49.50
	000421012		An AA Group	Group Contribution	\$35.00
	(blank)		District 11	District Contribution	\$2,000.00
<b>11 Total</b>					<b>\$5,538.74</b>
12		119538	Wednesday Step Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		139052	Here's How Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
		139904	Compass Group	Group Contribution	\$58.32
		165716	Common Garden Variety Group	Group Contribution	\$20.00
		680881	Tuesday 5:45 12 & 12 Group	Group Contribution	\$25.00
		702321	Friday 12 And 12 Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		729262	3rd Step Forgiveness Group	Group Contribution	\$211.00
<b>12 Total</b>					<b>\$474.32</b>
20		617231	Grupo San Nicolas	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	(blank)		District 20	District Contribution	\$20.00
<b>20 Total</b>					<b>\$70.00</b>
21		636786	Womens 12 & 12 Group	Group Contribution	\$170.00
	000041919		Young People's Big Book Meeting Grp	Group Contribution	\$126.24
<b>21 Total</b>					<b>\$296.24</b>
22		118489	Fellowship Group	Group Contribution	\$120.00
		120644	West Side Grapevine Group	Group Contribution	\$155.84
		148143	Womens New Beginnings Group	Group Contribution	\$75.00
		148146	Wednesday Night Serenity Group	Group Contribution	\$58.91
		614385	Monday Second Shifters Group	Group Contribution	\$107.62
		615946	Today's Gift Group	Group Contribution	\$97.62
		638148	Hampshire Oaks Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		694915	Faith Hope & Serenity Group	Group Contribution	\$200.00
		694918	Wanderers #204 Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		723149	Expository Study Group	Group Contribution	\$68.12
<b>22 Total</b>					<b>\$943.11</b>
23		638043	Sunrise Sobriety Group	Group Contribution	\$64.00
		657074	Sunday Night Live Group	Group Contribution	\$25.00
	(blank)		District 23	Green Can Contribution	\$100.00
<b>23 Total</b>					<b>\$189.00</b>
28		104365	Saturday Morning Mens Group	Group Contribution	\$175.00
		104402	Monday Night Countryside Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
		104755	Lake Zurich 12 & 12 Group	Group Contribution	\$173.00
		175230	Wanderers Priority Big Book XIII (Men) Gr	Group Contribution	\$51.00
		175535	Wednesday Night Beginners Grp	Group Contribution	\$90.00
		618314	Sunday Morning Newcomers Grp	Group Contribution	\$97.52
		634567	Living In Recovery Group	Group Contribution	\$89.68
		657311	Sisters In Sobriety Group	Group Contribution	\$318.00
		658285	Monday Night Serenity Group	Group Contribution	\$115.00
		673285	Tuesday Real Time Home Group	Group Contribution	\$195.04
	(blank)		District 28	District Contribution	\$212.00
<b>28 Total</b>					<b>\$1,616.24</b>
40		104702	Glen Ellyn South Fri Night Grp	Group Contribution	\$42.00
		104703	Glen Ellyn South Group	Group Contribution	\$48.51
		104943	Anona Center Earlybirds Group	Group Contribution	\$60.00

40		126890	Serenity Group	Group Contribution	\$75.00
		135461	Tue Nite Beginners Big Book Gp	Group Contribution	\$50.00
		148611	Mens Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
		149311	Grapevine Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		169523	Sunday Morning 10:30 Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
				Green Can Contribution	\$30.00
		169577	Came To Believe Group	Group Contribution	\$300.00
			Women's Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$140.00
			District 40	Pink Can Contribution	\$800.00
				District Contribution	\$1,000.00
40 Total					\$2,705.51
41		104302	Elmhurst Splinter Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$100.00
		156144	Resentmentville Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$120.00
		159120	12 & 12 Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
		627761	Lombard Lunch Bunch Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$47.00
		633174	Brown Bag Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$50.00
				Green Can Contribution	\$50.00
		651428	Tuesday Night Villa Park 12 & 12 Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$75.00
			Stove Touchers Group	Group Contribution	\$279.07
				Pink Can Contribution	\$264.75
			District 41	Pink Can Contribution	\$500.00
41 Total					\$1,535.82
42		104654	Highlanders Group	Group Contribution	\$254.00
		132959	Tuesday Serendipity Morning Womens Gr	Group Contribution	\$111.00
		144988	Spirit Lifters Group	Group Contribution	\$25.00
		159305	Hinsdale 12 Step Group	Group Contribution	\$935.00
		170240	Sober Not Somber Group	Group Contribution	\$87.00
				Pink Can Contribution	\$111.00
		600913	Acceptance Group	Group Contribution	\$90.00
				Pink Can Contribution	\$150.00
		605348	Thank God Women's Group	Group Contribution	\$60.00
		608720	We Are Group	Group Contribution	\$88.30
		624883	Caring & Sharing Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
		655927	Humble Beginnings Group	Group Contribution	\$313.04
				Pink Can Contribution	\$188.00
		696588	Life Is Good Group	Group Contribution	\$197.00
				Pink Can Contribution	\$326.00
		702526	Our Primary Purpose Group	Group Contribution	\$431.74
		709881	Hobson Choice Big Book Study Group For	Group Contribution	\$256.30
		724928	A Design For Living Group	Group Contribution	\$533.08
42 Total					\$4,186.46
43		139807	12 & 12 Tuesday A.M. Group	Group Contribution	\$38.71
		147733	Tuesday Night Step Group	Group Contribution	\$48.51
		147736	Brownbaggers Of Naperville Group	Group Contribution	\$480.00
		165272	How & Why Group	Group Contribution	\$128.10
				Pink Can Contribution	\$246.00
		606539	Thursday Discussion Group	Group Contribution	\$293.54
		637746	Do Not Be Discouraged Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$100.00
		648705	Beyond Any Length Group	Group Contribution	\$183.00
		652533	South Side Sobriety Seekers Group	Group Contribution	\$175.00
		667356	Monday Night Mens Group	Group Contribution	\$130.00
43 Total					\$1,822.86
51		104738	Steel City Group	Group Contribution	\$160.00
		140454	Saturday Wilmington Mtg Group	Group Contribution	\$110.00
		629491	New Hope 12 Step Group	Group Contribution	\$255.87
		640384	Manhattan Kitchen Table Group	Group Contribution	\$40.67
		643273	Candlelight Discussion Mtg Grp	Group Contribution	\$424.15
		647864	There Is A Solution Group	Group Contribution	\$80.00
		648182	Shorewood Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$281.10
		657249	Living Room Group	Group Contribution	\$51.80
		657491	Ladies in Sobriety Group	Group Contribution	\$135.07
		659565	Saturday 12 Step Group	Group Contribution	\$235.00

51	682812	Sober School Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	705132	Wednesday Night Ladies Group	Group Contribution	\$150.00
	711161	Valley View Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$260.00
	711163	Valley View 12x12 Group	Group Contribution	\$290.00
	711164	Frankfort 10AM Grapevine Group	Group Contribution	\$240.00
	729284	Van Dyke Beginner Meeting Group	Group Contribution	\$204.00
(blank)		District 51	District Contribution	\$890.00
<b>51 Total</b>				<b>\$3,857.66</b>
52	122693	New Hope Sunday Morning Group	Group Contribution	\$198.00
	134399	911 Group	Group Contribution	\$112.40
	685865	Steps Our Solutions (S.O.S.) Group	Group Contribution	\$328.00
	722820	Now What Are You Going To About It Gro	Group Contribution	\$240.00
(blank)		District 52	District Contribution	\$500.00
<b>52 Total</b>				<b>\$1,378.40</b>
61	104697	Wednesday Night Group	Group Contribution	\$99.00
	123798	Keep It Simple Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
	134943	Early Birds Group	Group Contribution	\$45.00
	142202	Saturday Night Specials Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	145927	Open Door Group	Group Contribution	\$75.00
	146299	Prayer & Meditation Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
	160722	Heard It Through The Grapevine Group	Group Contribution	\$40.00
	171661	Dough Heads Group	Group Contribution	\$90.00
	172797	Step By Step Group	Group Contribution	\$150.00
	600093	Monday Brown Baggers Group	Group Contribution	\$125.00
	600094	Friday Afternoon Serenity Grp	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	607029	Thursday Brown Baggers Group	Group Contribution	\$60.00
	610847	Dawn Patrol Group	Group Contribution	\$250.00
	612847	Phoenix Group	Group Contribution	\$25.00
	642517	Big Book 164 Group	Group Contribution	\$20.00
	658910	Freedom Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
	678789	La Fox Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$84.00
	707163	Bridge To Shore Group	Group Contribution	\$108.11
	724956	Thursday Night LaFox Group	Group Contribution	\$123.00
000385090		Somewhere in the Big Book Group	Pink Can Contribution	\$350.00
(blank)		Nooners online D61	Pink Can Contribution	\$308.00
		District 61	District Contribution	\$1,000.00
<b>61 Total</b>				<b>\$3,302.11</b>
62	148865	One Day At A Time Clsd Disc Gp	Group Contribution	\$220.66
	668394	Sharing Hope Open Speaker Group	Group Contribution	\$105.00
			Pink Can Contribution	\$40.00
	671120	As Bill Sees It Group	Group Contribution	\$77.00
	673300	Angels Gather Here Group	Group Contribution	\$80.00
	692050	Second Hand Sobriety Group	Group Contribution	\$217.20
	713235	Sisters In Sobriety Group	Group Contribution	\$75.00
000348335		Design for Living Group	Group Contribution	\$127.00
000409161		The Great Escape Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
<b>62 Total</b>				<b>\$991.86</b>
70	106400	Three Legacies Group	Group Contribution	\$167.90
	122494	East Side H.O.W. Group	Group Contribution	\$1,117.13
	176256	Augury Group	Group Contribution	\$80.40
	616115	Healthy Solutions Group	Group Contribution	\$105.00
	673419	Roscoe Recovery Group	Group Contribution	\$357.61
	676780	The Upper Room Group	Group Contribution	\$133.77
	681933	Belvidere Bridge Group #1 + #2	Group Contribution	\$150.00
	704726	McFarland Group	Group Contribution	\$85.00
000357480		Language Of The Heart Group	Group Contribution	\$151.96
			Pink Can Contribution	\$55.50
000393010		4th Dimension of Existence Group	Group Contribution	\$33.97
<b>70 Total</b>				<b>\$2,438.24</b>
71	135496	Fox Valley Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
	139472	Learning To Live Gp	Group Contribution	\$20.00
	171278	Sandwich Steppers Group	Group Contribution	\$60.00

71	172933	Easy Does It Group	Group Contribution	\$20.00
	177974	Back To Basics Group	Group Contribution	\$62.00
	606354	Monday Morning Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$40.00
	614570	Fresh Beginnings Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
	616198	Program Of Recovery Group	Group Contribution	\$76.00
	640252	Somonauk Back To Basics Group	Group Contribution	\$100.00
	700689	There Is A Solution Too Group	Group Contribution	\$20.00
<b>71 Total</b>				<b>\$598.00</b>
72	155900	Attitude Adjustment Group	Group Contribution	\$138.00
	161301	Mon 10 A.M. Galena Group	Group Contribution	\$70.67
	172878	Wed Noon Brown Bags Bg Bk Grp	Group Contribution	\$70.67
	688080	We Are Not A Glum Lot Big Book Group	Group Contribution	\$70.66
<b>72 Total</b>				<b>\$350.00</b>
73	173198	How It Works Group	Group Contribution	\$295.00
	667354	Davis Junction Group	Group Contribution	\$90.00
000357914		Serenity Sisters Group	Group Contribution	\$135.00
<b>73 Total</b>				<b>\$520.00</b>
79 (blank)		District 79	District Contribution	\$120.00
<b>79 Total</b>				<b>\$120.00</b>
80	648833	Mission Creek Group	Group Contribution	\$30.00
<b>80 Total</b>				<b>\$30.00</b>
90	104748	Kewanee Henry Co. Group	Group Contribution	\$200.00
	164740	Rainbow Group	Group Contribution	\$50.00
<b>90 Total</b>				<b>\$250.00</b>
91 (blank)		District 91	District Contribution	\$200.00
<b>91 Total</b>				<b>\$200.00</b>
	696585		Pink Can Contribution	\$208.00
	717968		Group Contribution	\$30.00
(blank)			(blank)	
		48 Convencion National Hispana AA	Conference Contribution	\$1,396.00
		Anonymous	Group Contribution	\$19.11
			Personal Contribution	\$4,127.77
		2022 PGSCW Basket (cash)	NIA Business Meeting Contribution	\$37.00
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$5,817.88</b>
(blank)	104755	(blank)	Group Contribution	\$100.00
	104944	(blank)	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	357480	(blank)	Group Contribution	\$30.00
	616115	(blank)	Group Contribution	\$15.00
	673300	(blank)	Group Contribution	\$55.00
(blank)		(blank)	(blank)	
<b>(blank) Total</b>				<b>\$230.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>\$41,594.17</b>

- **Delegate – Chris D.:** (please refer to Chris D.'s September 9<sup>th</sup> email message attachment for links to additional information)

# Northern Illinois Area 20

Unity - Service - Recovery

September 9, 2022

## **2022 Fall Assembly**

### **Delegate's Report**

Thanks to everyone for being here today, especially those that might be new. This report includes updates from the General Service Office as well as updates from the Trustees committees, GSO Staff, the General Service Board, Grapevine and AAWS. I will not be reading the entire report at the assembly.

There is also an accompanying slide deck that follows closely to but not exactly to this written report. Not all content in this report is shown in slide deck so please review this report in it's entirety for all the latest updates. Additionally, please be aware there are several hyperlinks in this document that contain links to additional documents which contain full reports with additional details.

### **RECENT ACTIVITIES-**

Since returning from this year's General Service Conference I've had the opportunity to provide post-General Service Conference reports at many districts across the Area. In addition to the Spring Area Committee meeting and Summer Assembly, I have given a report on the GSC in 7 districts and have invitations to attend Districts 41 and 73 in the next month. In addition, I attended the Illinois State / East Central Regional Conference last month and am also grateful for the opportunities I've had to speak throughout the Area at various events sharing my experiences at the General Service Conference.

### **2022 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE FINAL REPORT**

Printed copies of the Final Report will be available at the end of October and will be distributed to DCMs by Erik and myself. Digital copies of the final report are however available and can be found at the links below. DCM's, please distribute these links to your GSR's.

- [English](#)
- [Spanish](#)
- [French](#)

### **SURVEYS**

There are currently TWO surveys being undertaken on behalf of the fellowship.

The first is the [2025 International Convention – Membership Survey](#). This survey is interested in obtaining feedback from the Fellowship as it relates to domestic and international travel, attendance at large events, and thoughts regarding an in-person

event with a partial, limited virtual component. All responses are anonymous, and the survey will conclude on October 31, 2022.

The General Service Office is also conducting a **2022 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY**. This survey is being conducted throughout the fellowship with groups randomly selected from each Area. Area 20 has 15 groups (more than any other Area in our region) that have been selected to participate. I have been in touch with most of the group contacts but still need some help getting in touch with everyone. I will be asking DCMs for some assistance in contacting the appropriate group contacts as well in helping me to facilitate the actual survey. The office wishes to thank you for your participation. The survey will be conducted via paper forms (or an electronic digital link for virtual groups) on one specific meeting date of the group's choosing between Sept. 19 – October 15.

### **MEETING GUIDE**

The office will be sending out a new release shortly after Labor Day weekend that will include improvements to meeting filtering and support for multiple filter selection. In addition, they say it will support retrieving additional meetings when users select in-person or online attendance options.

What is being requested is that A.A. entities review their current meetings that have the type of Location Temporarily Closed applied and consider **removing those meetings that may not return to an active status**.

### **TRUSTEES COMMITTEES & STAFF REPORTS**

I have hyperlinked staff reports below that are anonymity protected (Archives & International). All the other staff reports contain last names, so I did not provide a hyperlink in this document. Please see me if you would like the reports forward to you individually.

**Archives-** We are excited to announce that the newly revised Archives Workbook (M-44i) encompassing about three years of changes, was printed (English version only) in July 2022. The workbook contains new shared experiences from local archivists, revised policies, a new cover, and other minor updates. The Spanish and French translations of the Workbook, available in digital format only, are pending completion.

Audio Cataloging Project - The Associate Archivist continues to listen and catalog recordings of General Service Conferences digitized on CDs.

### **Conference Staff Report-**

The old staff coordinator has left GSO. His last report is available.

### **Corrections Staff Report-**

Corrections desk staff (Eileen A.) is a new hire from Feb. 7, 2022. Her report is available and contains updates on Conference and Trustees Corrections activities.

**CPC Staff Report** contains Linked In updates, and updated information regarding the About AA newsletter. (Diana L.)

**International** – Report contains information regarding Requests to Observe the 2023 General Service Conference: Currently in review with the trustees' Conference Committee, requests have been received from Mexico, Peru, and Poland to observe the 73rd GSC.

**Literature-** This committee keeps in contact with Area and District Literature chairs and supports publication of G.S.O. newsletter Box 459. (Irene D.)

### **Nominating –**

Class A Trustee: No vacancies to fill until 2025. Following procedure no. 4, these nonalcoholic professionals volunteer to serve two consecutive three-year terms.

- Class B Trustee vacancies: In 2023, three roles will be vacant: Southwest, Northeast Regional Trustees, and Trustee-At-Large/Canada. Elections will occur at the 2023 Conference. Announcements were distributed to service areas involved in selecting candidates and shared broadly to the Fellowship through the Meeting Guide App, the AA Grapevine magazine, and Box 459 newsletter.
- Following procedure no. 11 and 12 respectively, candidates will have the option to complete the resume sheets and upload cover letters online in their preferred language. These forms are in translation.
- AAWS and AA Grapevine Boards: No vacancies in 2022-2023 Conference year.

**Regional Forums** – are returning to in person meetings. Next, the Pacific Regional Forum is set for September 16-18, 2022, in Salt Lake City, Utah and Southeast Regional Forum is in New Orleans, December 2-4, 2022.

**Treatment / Accessibilities /Remote Communities-** This assignment currently communicates with 85 Area Treatment, 199 Bridging the Gap (BTG), Committee chairs. The 31st annual Bridging the Gap Workshop is September 30th – October 2nd, 2022, hosted by San Diego H & I Committee.

## **FINANCE**

**2022 Budget Reforecast:** For the year 2022, there is a reforecast of the budget. Reforecast Budget 3.0 proposes operating expenses of \$18,089,497 against expected revenue of \$16,714,400 for a projected deficit of \$1,375,097. This deficit is approximately the same as the deficit in the budget (4.0) adopted in January.

This budget includes new revenue estimates and decreases in expenses. Total operating revenue is projected to be \$16,714,400, a decrease of \$47,000 from budget 4.0 which was approved in January 2022. Contribution's revenue was increased by \$1M. The historical trend is that 44% - 46% of contributions are received in the first half

of the year and 54% - 56% of contributions are received in the second half of this year.

Actual

contributions in the first six months of 2022 followed this trend and if it were maintained across the last six months, a higher level of contributions would be realized.

Budget 4.0 (approved in January) anticipated that cost of goods sold (literature printing, warehousing, and shipping costs) would be 40% of gross sales. Year to date, cost of goods sold is 50% of gross sales, and we have budgeted cost of goods sold at 50% of gross sales. This translates to a \$1,034,000 reduction in literature gross margin.

Total operating expense is projected to be \$18,089,497, a decrease of \$22,471. The committee discussed in detail the reductions and additions proposed in the re-forecasted budget.

The committee approved the budget reforecast with one minority opinion expressed.

The trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee recommended that the General Service Board approve the re-forecasted budget, which reflects total revenue of \$16,714,400, total expenses of \$18,089,497 and a bottom-line deficit of \$1,375,097.

GSO Financial Results: The committee reviewed the GSO unaudited financial results for June 30, 2022. Gross literature sales for June are \$1,061,715, an increase of more than \$450,000 from May. Year to date gross literature sales is \$5,764,906. This represents 52% of the 2022 budget of \$11,000,000 and is \$29,201 more than last year. Gross margin for June is \$582,328, an increase of almost \$400,000 from May. Year to date gross margin is \$2,744,100 which is 42% of the 2022 budget of \$6,534,000 and \$643,294 less than last year. Cost of goods sold continues to be the most significant concern. Year to date Cost of goods sold is \$2,784,635 which is 64% of the budget of \$4,356,000 and \$485,941 more than last year. Year to date cost of goods was 48% of gross sales in June compared to a budget of 40% of gross sales.

Contributions for June are \$837,909, a nearly \$200,000 increase from May. Year to date contributions is \$5,011,648. This represents 50% of the 2022 budget of \$10,000,000 (with 50% of the year elapsed) and is \$35,332 more than last year. Year to date, 22% of contributions have been received online. On average, a contribution made online costs \$2.67 less to process than a contribution made by check.

Grapevine financial results: Chris C. presented the unaudited year end results for the period ending June 30, 2022. Average paid circulation of the Grapevine magazine was 52,661. This compared with a budget of 60,500 and 2021 actual of 58,844.

Total income for the first six months was \$799,585 which is \$295 less than budgeted and \$205,396 less than the \$1,004,981 achieved in 2021.

Total costs and expenses of the magazine were \$980,631, which were \$139,231 higher than budgeted and \$194,779 more than the \$785,852 in 2021.

After adding interest earned, there was a net loss for the period ending June 30, 2022, of \$181,046 compared to a budgeted net loss of \$41,520.

The Grapevine financial report was accepted by the committee.

Grapevine Budget Reforecast: The 2022 budget assumed average paid circulation of the Grapevine magazine of 55,570. Grapevine ePub is forecasted to be 3,391 and Grapevine complete at 4,374.

Total income for the year is estimated to be \$1,534,521. Total costs of expenses which include Editorial costs, Circulation costs and General & Management costs are \$1,796,7939. After adding interest earned there's a budgeted deficit of \$262,218.

**Other Misc. items:**

- An update from AAWS about backorders and supply chain issues came out. Please read the full letter, [click here](#). We are currently low in stock of the English hardcover Big Book (Item B-1) and unable to reprint expeditiously. This is due to a serious supply-chain matter beyond our control regarding a disruption in the necessary paper delivery at our printing plant.
- There were some printing errors observed in the 12x12 books. Specifically, the long form of Tradition 8 was inadvertently repeated in the long form of Tradition 9 (on page 177). To read the full letter from AAWS [click here](#)
- Memo from AAWS Chair on recent GSO staff changes, BOX 459 updates and Final Report Distribution and "look and feel" of report. [Click here to read report](#).
- I have emailed the General Service Office (again) to request a GSO representative for the Spring Conference Assembly next March. I have been assured they are aware of our request.
- There are currently CALLS FOR STORIES for the following (3) publications.
  - 5th Edition Big Book
  - 4th edition Hispanic Big Book
  - Pamphlet – AA for the African American

Respectfully submitted-

Chris D.  
Delegate Panel 72/Area 20

**\*\* I will have a list of all my requested reimbursements by the next meeting in October.**

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- **A member asked which section of the General Service Conference Report we would refer a new member to; Chris recommended the Conference Advisory Actions.**
- **A member asked about differences between the Literature reports from the GSO versus the Literature reports from Trustees; Chris offered to explain it to the member offline.**
- **A member commented that the Meeting Guide upgrade was not included in Chris's comments; the upgrade should occur in several days.**
- **A member reported that, due to a DUI conviction in Canada, he is not able to attend the International Conference in 2025 in Vancouver BC, unless they meet several criteria to be admitted across the Canadian border. Chris responded that the GSO is aware of those**

restrictions and GSO is doing everything in their power to advise those convicted so that they are able to attend by meeting the appropriate criteria.

- A member asked about the number following the Budget; Chris replied that the number represents the version of that document.
- A member asked about access to reports that cannot be posted on the Area website; Chris would be happy to send the links to individual members upon request.
- A member asked if the two upcoming Regional Forums will have portions of their meetings available virtually; Chris stated he is not aware of the meetings being offered virtually.

**BREAKOUT SESSIONS – For Secretaries, Registrars, Treasurers, DCMs, Accessibilities, Answering Service, Archives, Literature, Grapevine, CPC, Public Information, Web, Corrections, Treatment, Bringing the Gap, and GSRs. We will reconvene at 11:25am. I will close the rooms at approximately 11:10am. Those online will be able to choose a breakout room.**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Open Elected Positions:**

- Answering Service Chair and Alternate – Cheryl V. would like to stand as “interim” chair, who would like to lead the conversations through the Districts and answer emails to the Area’s Answering Service Chair. In Cheryl’s opinion, the Answering Service is the most important role in reaching out to the still suffering alcoholic. Cheryl is currently serving on the Conference Advisory Committee and is the Document Service Custodian, neither of which carry a lot of work. Rich and Kelly mentioned that we should leave the position open, but allow Cheryl to do the committee work needed, without the title, as no one will express interest in the AS Chair or Alternate if there’s someone else already doing the work. Ray mentioned that he has been serving as “interim” Archives Chair; the work needs to get done and he’s deeply concerned about the number of positions open. Dan expressed interest in standing for Answering Service Chair. “I’m more than willing to do the work.” Dan was approved with no opposition. No one expressed interest in the Alternate role.
- Accessibilities Chair - Susan stepped down as Accessibilities Chair to be the Concepts Chair. Mike, who is currently serving as Alternate Accessibilities Chair, does not want to take on the Accessibilities Chair role.
- Archives Chair and Alternate – No one expressed interest
- Bridge the Gap Alternate – No one expressed interest
- CPC Chair and Alternate – Jan expressed interest in serving as CPC Chair. She currently serves as her District’s CPC Chair, has sponsored quite a few women, 1/28/1989 is her sobriety date, workshops with my group, greeter, coffee, and I just retired. She will step down as her District’s CPC Chair role if she is elected. Jan was approved with no opposition. No one expressed interest in the Alternate role.
- Grapevine Chair and Alternate – No one expressed interest
- Literature Alternate – No one expressed interest
- Treatment Alternate – No one expressed interest

If interested in serving in any of these open roles, please attend the Winter Area Assembly in Crystal Lake on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

District 21 will host October’s Fall Committee Meeting at Lord of Life Church in Elburn.

### **Conference reports:**

- **2023 Big Book Conference** – Brett O. stated that District 61 would like to formally submit a bid to host the Conference on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Lord of Life Church. Theme is not yet

decided. A draft budget is being developed. Expects a \$15-20 registration fee. If we are approved, we will put a committee together. This was approved by the body with no opposition.

- **2024 Spring Assembly and Conference** – Please talk with your Districts so we can ideally have a formal bid ready to go at the Winter Assembly in December.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- **New Concepts Editor** – Susan has accepted this appointed role; sobriety date is 11/16/2011, started in service at 6 months with Grapevine at the District level; I’ve been Grapevine Area Chair, District and Area CPC Chair, and Accessibilities Chair for a partial year. I already have 2 newsletters of my own through my profession. I enjoy writing and will be reaching out to everyone for articles. If anyone may be interested in a co-editor role, I’m game for that.

## • Motions:

- **Sid B., DCM-D11 and Area Finance Committee Chair, brought forward a motion to fully fund our Delegates to all General Service Conferences:**

The Area 20 Finance Committee motions that Area 20 fully fund our Delegates to all General Service Conferences beginning with the 2022 General Service Conference.

	Activity Number	Service activity	Expectations per Guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2022 Expected Amount
Current	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	\$2,200.00

	Activity Number	Service activity	Expectations per Guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2023 Expected Amount
Proposed	B02	General Service Conference Contribution	Area 20 will fully fund our Delegate for participation at all annual General Service Conferences	In January/February of each year, two contributions to General Service Board for NIA participation in General Service Conference are to be made. One payment is to cover the final cost of the previous year’s General Service Conference. The second payment per current Conference Advisory Action, at least the minimum payment for the upcoming General Service Conference. And delivered per the instructions on the annual letter received in the Delegate Communications Kit	Delegate reports to the Treasurer the past year and current year expenses per the letter received in the Delegates Communications Kit titled: <i>“to be shared with the Area Finance Committee”</i>	\$8,000.00

We have had past motions to do this on a one-time basis. There has been a belief that we have automatically fully funded our Delegate to each year’s General Service Conference. It’s time to put some clarity to the PPR and in our Area 20 Service Manual.

A portion of the Long Form of Tradition Seven states:

- “The A.A. groups themselves ought to be fully supported by the voluntary contributions of their own members”

**PLEASE SHARE THIS LETTER WITH YOUR AREA FINANCE COMMITTEE**

January 4, 2022

Dear Panel 71 and 72 Delegates,

This letter is to welcome you to the 72nd General Service Conference. You are one of 93 Area Delegates who are joining some thousands of people who, over the years, have given the opportunity to be a part of the history of A.A. by participating in the General Service Conference as a trusted servant of the Fellowship.

As you know, the 72nd General Service Conference will be held from Sunday morning, April 24, 2022, through Saturday, April 30, 2022, at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge.

The current area contribution amount for the delegates' expense for the Conference was set by the following 2017 Conference Advisory Action:

*"The suggested area contribution for delegate expense for the Conference be increased from \$1,600 to \$1,800."*

In the spirit of the Seventh Tradition, areas are encouraged to make additional voluntary contributions over and above this suggested amount of \$1,800 to help cover a greater portion of the Conference costs.

We currently estimate that the final direct cost of the 2021 Conference will be \$287,940, which equals approximately \$2,200 per Conference member. The cost in 2021 and 2020 was much lower than in previous years because the Conference was held virtually. The 2022 cost will be significantly higher than the last two years because we are returning to an in-person Conference. The 2022 Conference is currently expected to cost at least \$8,000 per Conference member.

We appreciate all contributions of any amount. We recognize that each area will need to consider its own needs and resources in deciding whether and in what amount such additional voluntary contribution can be made. As of November 30, 2021, we have received approximately \$234,000 in area contributions for delegate expense and additional voluntary contributions towards the 2021 Conference expense, compared with approximately \$292,000 for the year 2020.

(Over)

In accordance with Conference policy, payment of the \$1,800 (U.S. dollars) for the 2022 Conference is due by March 1, 2022. Additional voluntary contributions may be made at any time. Please make checks payable to "General Service Board," and include in the memo section: **"2022 delegate expense for Conference"** or **"2022 additional voluntary contribution."** Checks can be mailed to:

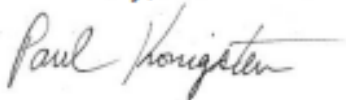
Attn: **Nay Williams**  
General Service Conference  
General Service Office  
P.O. Box 459  
Grand Central Station  
New York, NY 10163

In the spirit of self-support, many areas inquire as to the direct cost of participation at the General Service Conference. The following represents the approximate cost per Conference member over the recent years:

2021: Estimated \$2,200 (virtual)  
2020: \$1,900 (virtual)  
2019: \$7,700 (in Manhattan)  
2018: \$8,100 (in Manhattan)  
2017: \$5,500 (in Rye Brook)  
2016: \$7,400 (in Manhattan)  
2015: \$7,800 (in Manhattan)  
2014: \$5,800 (in Rye Brook)  
2013: \$6,800 (in Manhattan)

Many thanks for your kind cooperation and service and very best wishes to you.

Sincerely,



Paul Konigstein  
Chief Financial Officer  
General Service Office

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- **Motion to fully fund our Delegates to all General Service Conferences passed with no opposition (33 voting members in-person and 13 online voting members approved the motion).**
- **Chris E., Area Registrar, brought forward a motion to amend the duties and responsibilities of the Area Registrar and to create duties and responsibilities for the Area Alternate Registrar:**

## Motion to amend the Duties & Responsibilities of the Registrar and to create Duties & Responsibilities for the Alternate Registrar

### Motion

The Area Registrar moves to amend the Duties & Responsibilities of the Registrar and to create Duties & Responsibilities for the Alternate Registrar as follows (additions are in bold, deletions are struck through):

### Registrar

#### *Qualifications*

- **Responsible person with a reasonable period of continuous sobriety.**
- Computer literate, preferably with some understanding of databases **and spreadsheet tools.**
- **Ability to organize, communicate, and manage detailed information.**
- **Ability to responsibly handle and protect personal information.**
- **Familiarity with the Area and District service structures and the ability to communicate throughout it and with G.S.O.**
- An average of five hours a week will be required. The workload will vary greatly from week to week. **Additional time will be needed for entering changes after District elections.**
- The position requires the use of a proprietary web-based database **maintained and operated by G.S.O. Training on how to use the database is provided by G.S.O. called Fellowship New Vision (ENV).** ~~There is a tutorial available.~~

#### *Responsibilities*

- Perform all duties as outlined in the Officers Responsibilities section of this document.
- **Work with Trusted Servants to gather and verify accurate and up-to-date names, addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of Trusted Servants at the group, district, and area levels.**
- **Maintains a clear line of communication with GSO staff members involved with maintaining group and trusted servant records in the GSO database**
- **Takes advantage of Registrar trainings and sharing sessions hosted by GSO staff whenever possible**
- Maintain the **G.S.O. ENV** database of all Groups and their G.S.R.s, **Alternate G.S.R.s, and** ~~or~~ **Mail Contacts; the N.I.A. Officers and Service Committee Chairs; and the D.C.M.s, Alternate D.C.M.s, and Service Committee Chairs** ~~roster of Trusted Servants~~ in each of the Districts in Area 20.
- **Maintain the N.I.A. database of all Trusted Servants that are not included in the G.S.O. database, such as Alternate Service Committee Chairs, District Officers, Appointed Service Positions, etc.**
- **Open local P.O. Box for receiving group forms by mail. Close old P.O. Box making sure forwarding of mail will take place for a minimum of one year (two years would be preferred.) Collect mail at least once a week and enter any changes in the databases.**

- Update forms used in N.I.A. as needed, and include the new P.O. Box address and effective dates. Forms include the New Group Form, Group Change Form, District Service Position Change Form, and D.C.M./Alternate D.C.M. Change Form.
- Maintain a list of District level group record-keepers (usually the Secretary, but sometimes a District Registrar, G.S.R. Contact Chair, or L.C.M.) and provide training workshops on the forms used in N.I.A. and using reports in their record keeping.
- E-mail group contacts after changes have been entered into the databases, notifying them that the changes have been made and providing them with their group number. Copy the D.C.M., Alternate D.C.M., and District level group record-keeper as well.
- From the G.S.O. and N.I.A. FNV databases, generate the N.I.A. Mailing List to be used for **Assembly and Committee Meeting Minutes**, as approved by the 2002 Winter Assembly, and for the **Concepts newsletter**, as approved by the 2003 Spring Assembly, to include:
  - All current members of the Area Assembly and their Alternates as defined in the Area Guidelines.
  - All Group mail contact persons. *(moved up the list)*
  - The East Central Regional Trustee.
  - The East Central Regional Correspondent.
  - All District Level Trusted Servant **Officers and** Chairpersons with a corresponding Committee at the N.I.A. To include the following positions: **Secretary, Treasurer, Accessibilities, Answering Service, Archives, Bridging the Gap, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter, Public Information, Treatment Facilities, and Web Administrator.** *(reordered committees alphabetically)*
  - Only those people who hold current service positions described above should be included on the N.I.A. Mailing List.
  - When a person rotates out of service, the incoming Trusted Servant replaces the outgoing **Trusted Servant** on the N.I.A. Mailing List.
  - **Provide the N.I.A. Mailing List to the Area Secretary, Alternate Secretary, Concepts Editor, and Concepts Co-Editor on a quarterly basis.**
- ~~• At the Assembly make available New Group and Group Change forms. *(moved to Alt Reg)*~~
- ~~• On a quarterly basis, provide to each D.C.M. a list of registered groups in their district. The FNV tutorial includes instructions for generating the list. *(moved to Alt Reg)*~~
- Maintain an **electronic version of the Area Committee roster** ~~of all area trusted servants,~~ which includes:
  - Service position
  - First name **and Last Initial**
  - ~~○ Last name~~
  - Telephone number
  - E-mail address
  - Whenever updates are made to the roster, distribute the roster by e-mail to all **Trusted Servants** on the list. The distribution e-mail should clearly indicate the confidentiality of the roster and should warn against indiscriminate distribution and posting in any publicly accessible internet location.

- Participate at the registration table at Assemblies and Area Committee meetings.
- Make a report at Assemblies and Committee meetings. (*moved down the list*)
- Provide an **Area Committee Roster at Assemblies and Committee meetings** to verify contact information for all Area Trusted Servants and D.C.M.s.
- Maintain attendance records for Area Trusted Servants.
- Maintain a count of total number of attendees **at Assemblies and Committee meetings, including the number of voting members by category, and provide the total to the Area Secretary for the meeting minutes.**
- **Maintain Area Registrar laptop and accessories.**
- **Maintain and update the Area 20 Registrar's Handbook as needed.**

## **Alternate Registrar**

### ***Qualifications***

- Same as the Registrar but with only 2-3 hours per week required.

### ***Responsibilities***

- Perform all duties as outlined in the Officers Responsibilities section of this document.
- Receive training on and assist the Registrar in maintaining the G.S.O. database.
- Assist the Registrar in maintaining the N.I.A. database of all Trusted Servants.
- On a quarterly basis, provide to each D.C.M. a list of registered groups in their district and their G.S.R.s, Alternate G.S.R.s, and Mail Contacts.
- On a quarterly basis, provide to each D.C.M. a list of their District Trusted Servants.
- On a quarterly basis, provide to the Area Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer the Area Treasurer's Reference List of Groups in N.I.A.
- Create and maintain rosters for all Area Standing Committees (Secretaries, Treasurers, Accessibilities, Answering Service, Archives, Bridging the Gap, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Corrections, Grapevine, Literature, Newsletter, Public Information, Treatment Facilities, and Web Administrator) and provide the rosters to the Area Committee Chairs, to include:
  - Area Committee Chair and Alternate
  - Corresponding District Committee Chairs and Alternates
  - G.S.R.s and other A.A. members who choose to serve on the committee
  - Past Delegates who served on a corresponding committee at the G.S.C.
  - Whenever updates are made to a committee's roster, distribute the roster by e-mail to that committee's Chair. The distribution e-mail should clearly indicate the confidentiality of the roster and should warn against indiscriminate distribution and posting in any publicly accessible internet location.
- Participate at the registration table at Assemblies and Area Committee meetings.
- At Assemblies and Area Committee meetings, make available New Group Forms, Group Change Forms, District Service Position Change Forms, DCM/Alternate DCM Change Forms, and the current roster of the Area Committee.

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### **Background**

With the change from Fellowship New Vision (FNV) to Fellowship Connection (FC), some changes need to be made to the Duties & Responsibilities (D&R) of the Area Registrar, in order to align with the new terminology and abilities of FC. The qualifications from the AA Service Manual (BM-31) and information from previous motions passed by the Area Assembly relating to the Registrar and the mailing list are also integrated. The NIA 20 Service Manual does not contain any D&R for the Alternate Registrar. The proposed D&R are based on current practices, information from the "Area 20 Registrar's Handbook," and moving some D&R from the Registrar to the Alternate Registrar.

### **References**

NIA 20 Service Manual

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/NIA-20-Service-Manual-web-202012.pdf>, pages 37-38

NIA 20 Assembly Actions 1972-2021

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/NIA-Assembly-Actions-1972-to-Winter-2021.pdf>

- 2002-13 - Motion that mailing list for Assembly and Committee Meeting Minutes contain only names of those holding current service positions
- 2003-01 - Motion that Concepts mailing list be same as NIA current service position mailing list
- 2011-05 - Motion to distribute an anonymity protected version of the Area Roster via e-mail

The A.A. Service Manual

[https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en\\_bm-31\\_3.pdf](https://www.aa.org/sites/default/files/literature/en_bm-31_3.pdf), pages 36-37 (S-27 & 28)

### **Follow Up Action Required**

Update the NIA 20 Service Manual. On page 37-38, replace the section on the Registrar with the approved changes and add the section on the Alternate Registrar.

### **Respectfully Submitted**

Chris E, Area Registrar

[registrar@aa-nia.org](mailto:registrar@aa-nia.org)

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- **Motion to amend the duties and responsibilities of the Area Registrar and to create duties and responsibilities for the Area Alternate Registrar passed with no opposition (31 voting members in-person and 13 online voting members approved the motion). Two-thirds majority was required to pass the motion.**
- **Chris E., Area Registrar, brought forward a Motion to make the Area Alternate Registrar a voting member of the Area Assembly in their own right:**

## **Motion to make the Alternate Registrar a voting member of the Area Assembly in their own right**

### **Motion**

The Area Registrar and Alternate Registrar move to make the Alternate Registrar a voting member of the Area Assembly in their own right.

### **Background**

The Alternate Registrar is the only Officer of Northern IL Area 20 that does not have a vote in their own right at the Area Assembly; they can only vote if the Registrar is not present. The NIA 20 Service Manual (rev 12/2020) states on page 17 in the list of voting members for the Area Assembly "The Area Registrar or Alternate, when Registrar is absent", whereas for every other officer it says "The Area [Position] and Alternate [Position]."

However, The Alternate Registrar does have a vote in their own right at the Area Committee. The Service Manual states on page 25 that "The Area Committee is comprised of the following, all of whom have a vote at Committee Meetings: [...] The Area Registrar and the Alternate."

We believe that the Alternate Registrar, as an officer, should have a vote in their own right at *both* the Area Committee and Area Assembly meetings.

\* Area Officers include the Delegate and Alternate Delegate, Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson, Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer, Registrar and Alternate Registrar, Secretary and Alternate Secretary (pages 23, 30).

### **References**

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/NIA-20-Service-Manual-web-202012.pdf>

### **Follow Up Action Required**

Update the NIA 20 Service Manual. On page 17, replace the phrase "The Area Registrar or Alternate, when Registrar is absent" with "The Area Registrar and Alternate Registrar."

### **Respectfully Submitted**

Chris E, Area Registrar  
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Christy B, Area Alternate Registrar  
[alt-registrar@aa-nia.org](mailto:alt-registrar@aa-nia.org)

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- **Motion to make the Area Alternate Registrar a voting member of the Area Assembly in their own right passed with no opposition (36 voting members in-person and 11 voting members online approved the motion). Two-thirds majority was required to pass the motion.**

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### **Conference Reports (continued from earlier)**

- **2022 East Central Regional and Illinois State Conference: (no report submitted; Charles will submit preliminary report to DCMs)**
- Charles reported that Michael was not able attend today's Area Assembly.
- 472 people registered for the conference
- 238 attended the banquet
- 124 bought box lunches
- 128 paid for the ice cream social
- Cathy C., East Central Regional Trustee attended and kicked off the conference
- Sandra W., Director of Staff Services from GSO spoke on Sunday morning
- Conference went well overall; many volunteers made it happen
- Problem with the financials that we are investigating (ie, overcharging by hotel)
- **2022 Big Book Conference:**

**2022 BIG BOOK CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
CHAIR'S REPORT  
NIA 20 FALL ASSEMBLY  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2022**

The 2022 Big Book Conference Committee has been meeting monthly on Zoom to plan the conference and we are making good progress. The conference will be held Saturday, October 29, 2022, at Parkview Community Church in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. The conference will not be hybrid because the church lacks the technological capability to host large hybrid events.

The conference is listed in the calendar of events on the NIA website, and the event flyer and on-line registration are available on the Big Book Conference website at <http://www.aa-nia.org/bigbookconference/>. Committee Co-Chair Robert S. has been distributing flyers to DCMs, and we have a table for conference registration here today in the entrance hall. Attendees are already registering on-line and by mail, so we are anticipating a good attendance.

We have Tim R. from the Chicago area as the morning speaker and Tim H. from Louisville, Kentucky as the afternoon speaker. We have three panel sessions with a total of 12 options for attendance. Each session will have one panel on a "Trust God" subject, one on a "Clean House" subject, one on a "Help Others" subject, and one Spanish language panel on one of these three topics. We are excited to have the Hispanic districts participating in the conference.

Our next planning committee meeting is tomorrow, September 11, 2022, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., and we will continue meeting every other Sunday at the same time until the conference (September 24, October 9, and October 23) to continue planning. We are still looking for volunteers. If you are interested, please send an email to [bigbook@aa-nia.org](mailto:bigbook@aa-nia.org) to sign up and start receiving information for the Zoom planning meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christy B.

- 2022 Big Book Conference Committee Chair
- **Please get flyers from Robert.**

- **2023 Spring Conference:**
- Dave gave this update
- Plenty of flyers available on the table
- Website is up and running
- Volunteers needed
- Online registration is not working yet; need Webmaster
- Speakers are selected
- Banquet is \$52; vegetarian options available
- Hospitality room will be available 24 hours

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

### **Archives: Ray M. (Past Delegate)**

There is no Archives Chair, but I continue to work on Archives

Continue to collect Archives material

Thank you to Rob and Cheryl for bringing material to State Conference while I was in Florida for an extended time!

Districts, please contact me if you have documents and you're not sure what to do with them.

I enjoy Archives and am happy to continue doing it!

### **Conference Advisory Committee: Dawn B.**

We met before our DCM workshop to talk about encouraging DCMs to chair conferences. We will continue to work on the upcoming Spring Conference and we're happy to have hosts for the 2023 Big Book Conference.

### **Electronic Equipment: Joey B.**

We are looking at purchasing translation equipment, including 10 transmitters, which will be used for upcoming events, including Spring Conference, for English to Spanish translation. They will also be used for the upcoming Corrections Conference in November. We currently only have 9 or 10 working headsets now. It looks like a \$1,400.00 purchase and I will submit the expenses to Allen. We also need batteries.

### **Finance Committee: Sid B., Finance Committee Chair and D11 DCM**

The Committee has met 3 times since the Summer Assembly. We discussed and finalized today's motion; thank you for passing it today. We also met to make recommendations to send money to the General Service Board. We were thinking of a \$2,000.00 contribution. But since we learned we are in the red because of the East Central Regional Conference, we will no longer recommend sending money to the GSB. We also reviewed the PPR; there is quite a bit of unspent money in the 2022 budget. Be ready to make recommendations for the 2023 budget. Please submit your expense reports to the treasurer as soon as possible. Kudos to the Committee members for meeting so frequently this summer. We may have a different financial recommendation to the GSB once the Winter Assembly rolls around.

### **Service Manual Custodian: Cheryl V., Panel 64 Past Delegate and Service Manual Custodian**

If Chris E. sends me the clean Word document for the Motion for the Registrar and Alternate, I can get that and the motion for the vote in the Service Manual. Formatting is a challenge, it should take about 2 hours. If we get this to Report and Charter, we can vote on this at the Winter Assembly.

### **Technology Committee: Rob M.**

We met this morning, but Earl and another member were not able to be here. We're planning some decisions by the first of the year so stay tuned.

- **OFFICER REPORTS:**
- **Alternate Delegate: Erik L.**
- Have been participating in monthly Alternate Delegate meetings focusing on the six warranties and the nuances of general service. We have a great DCM breakout session today. Chris E. mentioned that, going back to notes from 2002, meeting minutes should be sent to GSRs, in addition to the folks that currently receive them. We also discussed GSRs attendance at assemblies. These are key events for GSRs to attend, 4 times each year. Do they know of this expectation/responsibility? We recommended that each District put aside 10 minutes at each of their District Meetings to discuss the role of the GSR; Dawn and I would be happy to attend as well. Communication is key; we need the agenda and minutes be sent out on time to prepare the GSRs well for the assemblies.



Report – Fall Assembly Meeting September 10, 2022

Hello Area 20:

Since our Summer Committee, I have attended the National Alternate Delegates monthly Zoom sharing sessions.

These are insightful meetings where Alternate Delegates from around the country share their insights, experiences, etc.

I attended the Illinois State Conference and participated in a CPC panel Saturday morning led by the Delegate from Area 21.

I'd love an opportunity to help any DCM's or District Committee Chairs- please let me know how I can be of service!

I look forward to today's meeting and in particular hearing from our DCMs.

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to be of service!

Best regards!

Erik Long

Alt. Delegate

NIA Panel 72

630-809-7789

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- **Area Chair – Rob M.:**
- Appointed Susan H. as new Concepts editor.
- Thanked Dawn for the work she did in the workshop on how to host events in NIA which helped in garnering the bid for the 2023 Big Book Conference.
- Attended Illinois State Conference, an amazing event.
- Participated in Finance Committee and Technology Committee meetings.

- Expenses for the last quarter were \$312.20, primarily for copying, mileage, State Conference Registration and dinner.
- I was asked to join the Illinois State Policy Committee.
- I got married on Sunday.
- I apologize for the agenda being late for today's meeting.

▪ **Alternate Area Chair – Dawn B.:**

**Northern Illinois Area, Ltd.  
PO Box 808  
Streamwood, IL 60107-2971**



**Report from the Panel 72 NIA Alternate Chair  
Fall Assembly, September 10, 2022**

Hello NIA,

It's been a busy Summer/Early Fall so far. All our coming Conferences are well on their way to happening successfully, and I'm making as many planning meetings as possible to assist them in any way that I can.

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, we had a workshop on navigating the NIA site for GSRs and any interested NIA members. We had great attendance and hope that everyone took some new information away. We are planning another for October, as an anonymous "Ask it Basket" and also as a review of the job of the GSR. It's also fun to just go where the mood flows at these, we have a lot of questions and answers in the moment, we do this very informally. I'm getting to know some of the GSRs, and our regular meetings/workshops are a great way to get to know them better and address their questions and concerns that may fall outside of our Assembly breakouts.

Our DCM workshop on August 25 was a success. It was on the bid process for the Big Book Conference and the Spring Conference. I was encouraged by those who are thinking about stepping up for coming conferences. I visited the District 61 monthly meeting the next night, and was happy to talk to them about possibly hosting the 2024 Big Book Conference.

PLEASE ask me to visit your District meeting or workshop. I'm happy to come and observe, participate in any way you need, or make the coffee.

Thank you very much to Renita and District 12 for hosting today!!!!

My expenses this year have been \$535.58

In Service,

Dawn B.

- NIA Panel 72 Alternate Chair
- **Registrar – Chris E.:**

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## Report from the Panel 72 NIA Registrar Fall Assembly – September 10, 2022

Good morning and welcome to the NIA20 Fall Assembly! Thank you to District 12 for hosting today and to the Lord of Life Church for allowing us to use this space. Since the Summer Assembly 12 new groups have formed in 8 Districts, and there are 36 new GSRs!

I have prepared two motions that you will hear today to update the Duties & Responsibilities for the Area Registrar, create Duties & Responsibilities for the Area Alternate Registrar, and to make the Alternate Registrar a voting member of the Assembly. I look forward to answering questions you may have and seeing the Assembly discuss and consider these motions.

There have now been three monthly meetings of Secretaries in NIA. We meet the first Tuesday of the month on Zoom at 7pm. The meeting this past Tuesday was a discussion about District Trusted Servant forms, group numbers and how to update them, meeting minutes and who read them, and elections.

**For the 8 Districts that hold elections in the coming months – 10, 12, 42, 52, 64, 65, 71, 79 – I have attached a simplified Trusted Servant form to fill out and send back after elections. You don't have to wait until January to notify the Area who the new DCM, Officers, and Committee Chairs are.**

**I still have not received the District Trusted Servant rosters for *this* rotation from Districts 12, 22, 23, 52, 62, 65, 71, 79, 80, 90, and 91. If you are from one of these districts come see me during lunch.**

One of the duties for the Registrar is to “generate the N.I.A. Mailing List as approved by the 2002 Winter Assembly.” I wanted to know what that Assembly Action was, both to make sure I was fulfilling my duties and to include more detail/clarity in the motion today. That 2002 motion was to send meeting minutes for Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings out to the entire NIA Mailing List, which includes all *current* trusted servants from the Groups, Districts, and Area. I prepared the NIA Mailing List for the Area Secretary to do just that. It is our hope that in doing this we may get more GSRs to attend Assemblies to express their group conscience, and District Committee Chairs to attend breakouts.

As a reminder, you are encouraged to submit forms to your district first if possible, and then the district contact person will send them on to me. Most district secretaries handle group forms, but your district might have a GSR Contact, District Registrar, or LCM that does it – check with your DCM to know who to send the forms to. Forms can be submitted directly to me, but by going through your district first, it helps ensure the form is complete and information is correct. \*Forms sent directly to GSO often have errors when entered into Fellowship Connection, so please send them through your districts to me for processing. GSO will not reach out to you if information is missing or wrong, they enter it as received\*

**All group forms are downloadable from the NIA website. <http://aa-nia.org/group-forms/>. Submit forms to your district contact person, to [registrar@aa-nia.org](mailto:registrar@aa-nia.org) or to the address at the top:**

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris E  
NIA 20 Registrar – Panel 72  
[registrar@aa-nia.org](mailto:registrar@aa-nia.org)

**2022 Expenses to date: \$260.44**  
9/10/2022 report total = \$26.92  
• Mileage Reimbursement for  
Summer Committee Meeting

District _____	Service Rotation Start Date: _____		Service Rotation End Date: _____					
FILL IN INFORMATION FOR CURRENT TRUSTED SERVANTS. IF A POSITION YOU HAVE IS VACANT, PLEASE PUT "VACANT" IN THE FIRST NAME BOX. LEAVE ANY POSITIONS BLANK THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE IN YOUR DISTRICT.								
Service Position	First Name	Last Name	E-Mail	Phone	Address	City	Zip Code	Language
District Committee Member								
District Committee Member - Alternate								
Secretary								
Secretary - Alternate								
Treasurer								
Treasurer - Alternate								
Accessibilities Committee Chair								
Accessibilities Committee Chair - Alternate								
Answering Service Committee Chair								
Answering Service Committee Chair - Alternate								
Archives Committee Chair								
Archives Committee Chair - Alternate								
Archivist								
Archivist - Alternate								
■ Bridging the Gap Committee Chair								

- **Alternate Registrar – Christy B.:**
- Nothing to report. I’ve been helping Chris where I can.
- We will have Archives and literature sales at the Big Book Conference.
- **Secretary – Kate D.:**
- Changes being made to Summer Assembly minutes as discussed this morning; will send out when complete.
- Attended the first night of the Illinois State Conference.
- Participated in the Secretary/Registrar monthly Zoom meetings in July, August and September.
- **Alternate Secretary – Sue M.:**
- Continue to update the GSR District meeting list; have sent an email to all DCMs to clarify info.
- Attended DCM workshop hosted by Dawn
- Attended the Illinois State Conference.
- Expenses of \$701.22 includes name tags, lanyards, mileage and attendance at the State Conference.

## SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Accessibilities** – Per Susan, their breakout session was with the Answering Service and Accessibilities; Mike will manage Accessibilities issues in the future. Discussed parking situations and the various services used area-wide for Answering Service.
- **Answering Service** – Per Dan, he will gather information from the Districts.
- **Archives** – OPEN
- **Bridging the Gap** – Karen may be moving to Arizona. No report.

- **Concepts** – Robert is the outgoing Concepts editor. Fall issue is out and will be on the website. If you want it sent to your email, give me or Susan your email address. If you want a hard copy, let us know.
- **Corrections** – Phil reported that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Corrections Conference will be held November 11-13, 2022 in Schaumburg. People from Canada and the U.S. will be attending. Our state prisons are still shut down; Joliet Treatment Center is open. County jails are doing great; I'm sponsoring 3 guys at the DuPage County Jail. It's a pleasure to work with their people, I can't say enough about it. I learned that Gateway has a contract to go into jails, but they are not bringing in AA meetings. When people are being released from jail or prison, there's a hole in the process. We need to do a better job at connecting them with healthy AAs on the outside.
- **Literature** – Scott T.'s mother passed away; please keep him in your prayers.
- **Public Information** – Lisa S. reported that their group had a good committee meeting; thanked Jan, Stephanie and Chris for being there today; discussed events happening locally. Discussed rap cards with websites and space for phone numbers to give to newcomers, combined meetings between districts. D43 is targeting faith community and will be targeting medical community. Talked about workshops in Galesburg and offerings being made available in Western Illinois. Ed M. will handle visiting groups in western Illinois and Lisa will be visiting groups in eastern Illinois; they should have this completed by February.

**OPEN MIKE:**

- **Georgene mentioned that District 11 will be hosting the NIA Winter Assembly on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Church of Holy Apostles on Bull Valley Road; we still need volunteers**
- **Dawn said that she will be chairing the Corrections Conference; there are flyers available; Phil will be speaking on Friday night.**

**Meeting closed with The Responsibility Statement.**

Respectfully submitted by Kate D., Area 20 Secretary