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Report from the Panel 72 NIA Registrar Winter Committee – January 8, 2022

Good morning and welcome to the Winter Committee Meeting! My name is Chris E, and I am an alcoholic, and I am *also* your Area Registrar. As your Registrar, it is my responsibility to maintain the General Service Office (GSO) database called Fellowship Connection (FC), which contains the contact information of all Groups and their GSRs or mail contacts, all Districts and their officers and service committee chairs, and the Northern Illinois Area (NIA) officers and service committee chairs. In a General Service structure that relies on precise information to help carry the A.A. message, whether through A.A. recovery or service, FC allows us to improve the accuracy and overall data stewardship of emails, phone numbers and service positions. All of this in an effort to strengthen the communication between the area, districts, and groups.

Last year I had some experience with Fellowship Connection as a District Committee Members (DCM) when GSO provided read-only access to the Area Delegate and DCMs. I became familiar with the group information, service position, and group contacts reports. I used this information to contact GSRs, other group contacts, and meeting locations to find the groups, update their records, help them get listed on websites and in the meeting guide app, and invite groups to get involved in the service structure again. I am preparing a workshop for DCMs to show you how to access FC and use the information in your own Districts. I am planning on scheduling this after new DCMs get their access to the FC website. I am also preparing a workshop for the district servants (usually the secretaries) that maintain the group records and submit the change forms, to show how they can easily submit large batch changes to me and review new information that is needed. The two major changes are being able to register online groups with GSRs that can participate in the service structure, and that GSRs and other Trusted Servants can choose to receive their welcome kits in the mail or electronically.

It has been a busy week for me, trying to get as many forms updated as I could so they would be ready to distribute today. I have created fillable-pdfs, something that many people have requested, of the New Group Form, Group Information Change Form, and DCM/Alt DCM Change Form. They will be emailed out to the Area Committee and posted online. I have also been collecting and confirming contact information for the Area Roster. I heard back from over half the members within the first 24 hours – thank you so much! Third, I have sent the District Servant Position records to DCMs to update and submit the information for all District Officers and Committee Chairs. Please return these to me as soon as possible! I'll be sending out the Groups by District and Group Contact Reports next week.

All forms will be downloadable from the NIA website. <http://aa-nia.org/group-forms/>.

Submit all forms and requests for information to registrar@aa-nia.org or to the NEW mailing address:

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Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

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