

2022 Spring Assembly Minutes

Saturday March 12, 2022

Online Audio/Video Meeting

Meeting Opening

Area Chair, Rob M. called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The group participated in a quiet time followed by the Serenity Prayer. Rob made the meeting announcements.

New attendees

22 new attendees. Here is who came to the mic.

Kim Alt. Chair D42

Chris DCM D41

Jennifer Secretary D21

John DCM D52

Mike SoberFest Chair

Raj GSR Monday night Big Book Palatine

Anniversaries since December 11th

Terry: Jan. 22, 7 years

Sid: Dec. 19, 11 years

Allen: Feb. 6, 23 years

Kelly: Jan. 25, 23 years

Raj: May 23, 6 months

Richard: Jan. 26, 12 years

Marilyn: Feb. 18, 38 years

Mike: Jan. 29, 48 years

Sue: Feb. 17, 9 years

Johnna: dec. 31, 10 years

Karen: 11, 9 years

Debbie: Feb. 28, 8 years

Tina: Feb. 10, 3 years

Eric: Dec. 12, 34 years

Mike: Jan. 20, 7 years

Aaron: Feb. 14, 3 years

Bonnie: Dec. 20, 9 years

Rich: Feb. 16, 6 years

Al: Jan. 15, 10 years

Clint: Feb. 15, 29 years

Approval of 2021 Winter Assembly Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Robert S. and second by Johnna to approve the December 11, 2021 Winter Assembly minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Meeting Business

Treasurer Report- Allen J.

Not familiar with QuickBooks yet so here is a summary. I do not have the normal profit and loss statement.

Checking \$ 60,205.98

Net Checking \$ 52,879.32 (minus restricted)

Prudent Reserve (0.3 X \$58,400.00) + interest \$ 17,521.37

Total \$ 70,400.69

Net Income (YTD) \$ 11,115.78

Net Expenses (YTD) \$ 3,221.31

Net (YTD) \$ 7,894.47

The PO Box has been renewed for 2022 and will remain the same. (Northern Illinois Area, LTD, P.O. Box 808, Streamwood, IL 60107-2971)

Tax free status for NIA has been renewed with the State. Earl needs copy of IRS letter with logo and our # saying we are a 501c for Google. He is working on getting unlimited Gmail for us.

Motion made by Dawn and second by Eric were made to accept the report as given. It was unanimously approved.

Alternate Treasurer Report – Jeff L

The Alternate Treasurer's report containing the 2022 Contributions Statement is posted on the NIA website on the NIA Agenda Cover Letters, Motions and Reports page for the 2022 Spring Assembly.

Delegates Report – Chris D.

The full Delegates Report and power point presentation is posted on the NIA website on the NIA Agenda Cover Letters, Motions and Reports page for the 2022 Spring Assembly.

Welcome to the 2022 Spring Assembly!! Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Panel 72 Delegate to the General Service Conference. I look forward to working with you all as I strive to fulfill my primary purpose while striving to gain the viewpoints and group consciences from the entire Area. As your Delegate I am responsible for bringing with me to the conference the entire Areas' group conscience and I hope to fulfill that responsibility to your satisfaction. I trust that many of you will help me in that endeavor and will also offer counsel should I stray too far from that objective.

During my reporting time I will try and concisely and transparently report to you on matters that come to my attention. I receive a tremendous amount of material from the General Service Office and am trying to find the best way to convey this information back to the fellowship without simply forwarding everything without an explanation. It is difficult to know what you are all interested in so I will attempt to hit what I believe are the high points and include additional information where needed. In that vein these reports may be quite lengthy as I try to meet these objectives however rest assured, I will not read the entire report to you, but it will be available in its entirety on our website for review and for any questions you may have. Since the report will be posted on our website, I will be mindful of anonymity concerns and will not be using members full names. I have also tried to create a simple PowerPoint presentation that I will use to accompany this report which will be the focus of my reporting to you. All the information in the PowerPoint will be included in this report along with more detailed information (and direct hyperlinks when possible) for your review.

Erik also reviewed the process and information for the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop breakouts and workshop.

Conference Reports

2022 State Conference- Michael, D10 DCM reported that the program and speakers are set. The only problem is setting up the website and registration page. He asked for help. District 10 and District 42 to host. Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel August 12-14.

2023 Spring Assembly Conference – Dave DCM D23 and Dave DCM D22 Hyatt Regency Schaumburg on March 10,11,12. Dave and Dave reported the committee has met 2 times. A few positions are still open. The theme is In the Spirit of Love and Service. Progress is being made at the hotel and all other planning.

Old Business

Area Administrative committee appointments approval-

Rob, Area Chair reported that positions have been filled/appointed. Refer to the current Roster for a complete list of committees and appointees.

Election of open positions:

- Accessibilities Comm Area Chair – Mike H. accepted and was elected based on simple majority
- Treatment Comm Area Chair – Mark W. accepted and elected.

All other positions remain open:

- Answering Service Comm Area Chair and Alternate
- Archives Comm Area Chair and Alternate
- Bridging the Gap Alternate Chair
- CPC Comm Area Chair and Alternate
- Grapevine Alternate Chair
- Literature Alternate Chair

Area Hybrid Meeting Update:

First Hybrid meeting will be the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop (PGSCW) on April 9th at the Lord of Life Church.

New Business

- **2022 Big Book Conference host bids** – A bid was accepted from the Big Book Conference planning committee, presented by Christy B. as a non-district sponsored conference. The event will be held at Parkview Church in Glen Ellyn. Oct. 29th is the tentative date that will be in person.
- **Hosting for Open 2022 Committee and Assemblies** –
 - o The PGSCW on April 9th remains open for district hosting
 - o District 62 will host the Spring Committee Meeting
 - o District 52 will host the Summer Assembly
 - o Summer Committee Meeting on August 6th remains open
 - o District 12 will host the Fall Assembly
 - o The Fall Committee Meeting on October 8th remains open
 - o D11 will host the Winter Assembly

Breakouts were held for all committees, DCM's and GSR's. The Chair asked that we discuss the idea of having breakouts outside the scope of the assembly.

Service Committee Reports

Accessibilities – Susan H No report

Answering Service- Open

Archives-Open

BTG – Karen F Maureen reported on Karen's behalf. BTG list is being updated for Treatment and Corrections. They do want to pursue having BTG, Treatment and Corrections committees meeting regularly outside of the assembly.

Concepts – Robert S Spring issue is on the website. I have resigned. I need a replacement soon!!

CPC – Open

Corrections – **Phil M, George P** We are hosting the National Corrections Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg in November. See website for all details. Volunteers are going into the DuPage County Jail. The report is short due to inconsistent audio.

Grapevine – **Desiree K** Rob read her report in her absence. Monthly workshop continues on zoom.

Literature – **Scott T** They are in favor of meeting outside of the assembly. “Any way to shorten the Assembly, I am for”!

Public Information – **Lisa S** Breakout had a lot of excitement and experience about PI work. Didn’t discuss meeting outside of the assembly.

Treatment Facilities – **Mark W** introduced himself as newly elected chair. The intention is to meet outside of the assembly.

Web Master – **Earl H** Breakout had 2 people. He will see if District Webmasters want to meet outside of the assembly.

Administrative Reports

Archivist – **Ray M** 5 in the breakout. Discussed the upcoming events and how we will be involved. Also discussed outreach to the Districts. Ray wants to get the 90’s minutes digitalized to save and protect.

Conference Advisory – **Dawn B** Committee met for the first time on February 16th on Zoom.

The members of our committee are; Cheryl V, Kevin A., Jeff L, Karen F, and myself. The committee elected me Chair and Karen Secretary. Discussed finding venues for Big Book Conference and Spring Assembly for 2024. Get information together on the different venues in different districts. Have a workshop via zoom for the DCM's on how to host either event.

Electronics Equipment – **Joe B no report**

Finance – **Sid B**

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The Area Finance Committee met for the first time on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 5:00 PM (via Zoom). All committee members were present.

Allen asked the committee for nominations for the committee chair position. Rich H. nominated me, I accepted the nomination, and the committee elected me as chair.

After some discussion, the Finance Committee is making the following recommendation to the assembly – That NIA 20 make a \$10,000 contribution to AA's General Service Board, which was approved today.

Operating – has not met yet so no chair has been named

Report & Charter – has not met yet so no chair has been named

Service Manual Custodian – Cheryl V. no report

Technology Committee – Earl stated that Ray was able to help him with the letter discussed in his earlier report.

Officer Reports

Alternate Delegate – Erik L

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Chair - Rob M

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We are still looking for a new Concepts Editor. Robert S. has been gracious to complete the spring issue, but has to step down. The Concepts Newsletter is the quarterly NIA newsletter that is published electronically. The full details of the position are listed in the Area Service Manual. Please see me or Robert S. if interested.

I attended the Conference of Delegates Past and Present on February 11th-13th. I met with the Chairs and Delegates from Area 19 and Area 21 as the Chair of the Illinois State Conference Policy Committee. This group meets yearly to coordinate any policy items for the yearly State Conference.

There were 2 items discussed:

- Creating a reusable domain and website for use by the Area hosting committee. The costs would be covered by the State Conference Budget. A proposal and costs will be researched and presented at next policy meeting.
- ASL funds are made available by the state of Illinois for use by non-profits to cover costs of ASL translation at events. In discussion it was agreed that this does not violate tradition 7 as this is provided to all non-profits. This will be cleaned up as a formal proposal, and guidelines reviewed to include this as part of operating procedures

Expenses to date:

\$432.02 2/11/22 - 2/13/22 CDPP Conference • PPB09 CDPP \$432.02

Alternate Chair – Dawn B

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21 Attendees in the breakout today. They were all for meeting outside of the assembly. Here are the meetings I have attended as Alternate Chair:

1/18-District 21 district meeting

1/21 D22 and D23 Spring Conference planning meeting

1/30 & 2/13 & 3/6 BB 2022 Conference planning

2/20 Spring Conference planning meeting

3/3 Hyatt visit to go over Spring Conference contract

Registrar – Chris E

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It is important that Districts get me their committee chair and officer changes. Many will receive a kit, even though they are on backorder for many months. Group forms are on our website. A fillable form is coming soon. These forms should be submitted through their District to minimize incomplete forms. We now have 14 virtual groups in our Area. District 71,79 and 80 have not responded so they are not getting any info from the Area.

Alternate Registrar – Christy B Now trained on Fellowship Connection and access to enter data. Will be working on excel worksheets to included committee chairs and officers in the districts.

Secretary – Kate D no report

Alternate Secretary - Sue M The GSR/District meeting list is almost complete. Breakout had 4 districts represented and are all in favor of meeting outside of the assembly. Also, I'll be making name tags for when we meet in person.

Open Microphone:

Jeff: Is anyone here from the State Conference Committee? The hotel has no information regarding the conference. Please update the information.

Raj: Monday Night BB meeting in Palatine was registered in 1972 and will be celebrating 50 years in the next 2 weeks. Join us! I'll share the info in the chat.

Ted: Regarding the State Conference, I am on the committee, this is the first I've heard of it. I'll get on it right away.

Johnna: I will post a flyer in the chat for a zoom speaker meeting.

Sue: I just want to take a second to honor and recognize the passing of an Area Trusted Servant, Don Swanson. We all called him Swany. He passed away January 28th. The Celebration of life is next Saturday. Let me know if anyone would like information.

Robert made a motion to Adjourn. It was seconded by many.

Rob: One thing before we go, Sue, you brought it to my attention, some of you may have known Harry the Plumber. He passed away at the age of 94 with 47 years of sobriety.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue M.

NIA Alternate Secretary