

Northern Illinois Area 20

Fall Committee Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2022

In Person and Online/Video

Meeting Opening: The Northern Illinois Area 20 Chair called the meeting to order at 9am. The group participated in a quiet time followed by the Serenity Prayer. Area Chair welcomed attendees and made the meeting announcements.

Total Attendees: 33 in person, 13 on zoom for a total of 46. 34 Area Committee members, 2 District servants, 5 GSR's and 5 group members.

First Time Attendees: Becky GSR D21

Anniversaries since last Assembly: Lisa S. 23 years, Dave F. 8 years, Dawn B. 19 years, Scott 9 years,

Approval of 2022 Summer Committee Meeting Minutes-Approval will take place at the next committee meeting.

Officer Reports

Delegates Report: Chris D.

Here is the link to the full report:

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-Fall-Cmte-Mtg-Delegate-Report.pdf>

The most recent GSO Quarterly report was released yesterday. The entire report can be viewed [here](#).

Treasurer's Report – Allen J.

Here is the link to the full report:

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/Treasurers-Report-07OT2022.pdf>

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/Balance-Sheet-07OT2022.pdf>

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/Profit-and-Loss-07OT2022.pdf>

Alternate Delegates Report – Erik L.

Not a whole lot to report since the last month. I am ready and able to assist Chris and am looking forward attending the Big Book Conference. I am excited to work with our new CPC chair. I'm really glad the position is filled.

Area Chair – Rob M.

Here is the link to the full report:

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/08-Summer-Committee-Chair-Report-2022.pdf>

Alternate Area Chair – Dawn B.

Here is the link to the full report:

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/Alternate-Chair-Report-Fall-Committee-2022.pdf>

Registrar – Chris E.

Here is the link to the full report:

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/08-2022-Fall-Committee-Registrar-Report.pdf>

Secretary – Kate D.

I apologize for not being there in person and providing copies of the minutes to be approved and I now understand the attachment in the email for the minutes was unopenable. I hope we can approve these minutes at the next meeting.

Alternate Secretary – Sue M.

There were no changes since the last printing of the GSR/District Meeting List. You will find copies on the table and I have emailed the list to those on the Area Roster. Name Tags: if you have an Area 20 nametag and you lose it, please let me know so I can print you a new one and bring to the next Area 20 meeting. Also, you can leave your nametag on the table as you leave here today and I'll bring it with me for the next Area 20 meeting.

On Tuesday I participated in the monthly Secretary/Registrar meeting. Attendance was small but we had a full hour of sharing as we continue to read through the District Secretary Manual. Starting next month, we will alternate between Tuesday and Thursday nights. So, the November meeting will be on Thursday, November 3rd, then Tuesday, December 6th.

I continue to provide support to our Secretary, Kate, and am reviewing the current guidelines for Area Secretary and Alternate Secretary as a result of the 2 recent Registrar motions. My expenses have not changed since my last report.

Conference Reports

Illinois State Conference/ECR Conference Final Report Michael L D10 DCM Conference Co-Chair

Final attendance was 472 that includes comped registrations. Registration was \$40.

238 banquet meals (that includes comped meals). We charged \$45, the hotel charged \$45 plus 24%.

Box lunches were 124. We charged \$10, the hotel charged \$28.

Ice Cream Social 128. We charged \$5 each, the hotel charged thirty something.

Expenses:		Revenue:	
Hotel	\$36,011.40	Registration, Box Lunch, IC Social	\$29,004.88
Speaker Travel	973.78	Literature (includes contributions)	1,152.00
Dinner for speakers	43.00	Contributions	<u>1,554.97</u>
Interpreter	700.00	Total (Does not include \$6,000 seed money)	\$31,711.85
Registration	509.81		
Program	30.00		
Entertainment	2,330.00		
Decorations	379.52		
Printing	1,267.38		
Paypal expense	774.04		
Card reader	278.67		
Literature (CASO)	<u>1,110.45</u>		
	\$44,408.05		

2022 Big Book Conference – Robert S. Co-Chair

54 Registrations to date. Planning is going well so it will be a great conference. I encourage you to be part of it.

2023 Spring Assembly and Conference – Dave Co-Chair

Website is up and running. Register off the QR Code on the flyer, or hand in your registration today to Mike. 3 registrations currently. Thank you to our webmasters Melissa, Andrew along with Dawn and Earl for getting the website up and running. We have a long way to go but have a fun group of people that makes our job much easier.

Old Business

Open elected positions

- a. Accessibilities Chair
- b. Answering Service – Alternate
- c. Archives – Chair and Alternate
- d. Bridge the Gap – Alternate
- e. CPC – Alternate
- f. Grapevine – Chair and Alternate
- g. Literature – Alternate
- h. Treatment – Alternate

Anyone interested should come to the Winter Assembly on December 10th. Questions can be directed to Area Chair.

New Business

2023 Primary Purpose Budget (preliminary) Allen J. Area Treasurer

Here is the link

<http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/2023-PPR-Proposed-2.pdf>

Allen reviewed the proposal line by line.

DCM Reports

D70 Jeff, Alt DCM- \$1,600 was sent to GSO from the budget surplus. We are funding the Corrections Chair and Alternate to attend the Freedom Conference. The Answering Service has been inundated with many calls and we can only have 5 people on the call list so we are looking into Google to possibly move our service to them.

D64 Hugo, Alt DCM- He introduced himself and shared that it was his first time at the microphone.

D43 Aaron, DCM - 40 people attending each month with great participation. We've partnered with D40,41 and 42 to create what we call rack cards which is one sheet with QR codes for each districts website. On the back there is room to put phone numbers, just like in the past. This was created due to recent events and allows us to keep the information current as long as the websites are current. It does not replace the printed meeting schedules. The picnic we had scheduled last month was canceled due to rain. It is rescheduled for this coming Saturday. We rolled out a new Answering Service. We went from TAS to SAS. It is a fantastic service. It's an automated text message sent to all those that are volunteering. We can track that it has been picked up. We can share this information with any Districts interested. It is cost effective and very beneficial. It's a great service.

D42 Kim, Alt. DCM – We are going back to workshops this month on the 22nd. It will be on the Area website soon. We are working with the other districts to do the Rack card. We are working on a directory for in person meetings. Our balance is \$5,332. We have contributed to the Area around \$4,900.

D40 Terry, DCM - We have contributed about \$240 to the Area recently from a Drop The Rock Workshop. Attendance is good at our meetings, 30-40 people. We are doing work in treatments centers, RCA. We are back at the VHS center with meetings during the week and weekends. The Director is working on merging us back with the patients. I am interested in talking to Aaron regarding the Answering Service. Dec 11th is the holiday party.

D28 Johnna, DCM - We are still meeting on Zoom only with average attendance of 12-15 people, which is pretty good since we are a small district. We have a lot of open positions and we have elections coming up soon. Our Webmaster has completely revamped the barringtonaa.org district website. And, for the first time we are talking about a hybrid District meeting.

D22 Dave, DCM - Things are really going well in the district. We have combined PI and CPC and are now working as Co-Chairs. They are printing out cards and buying pamphlets and holders to distribute. Answering Service; we are still with TAS. We are having a problem transferring the number to Google. If anyone know how to change services and keep the same number we could use some help. This year for the first time, all positions were filled except Archives! Meeting in person really helps. We have new GSR's. \$1,500 was taken from the District bank account by someone in Arizona. We had to stop all transactions and get a new account. The bank covered the loss.

Mike, Alt DCM - Once again, we have scheduled a district event on the same day as an Area event! Our Holiday Party is December 10th. We were able to push back the start time to 6pm so those who are attending the Assembly and picnic have plenty of travel time.

D21 Sarah, DCM - Groups are doing well. The Women's 12X12 held a workshop on September 24th. There are groups meeting in person with newcomers in attendance. I think the Meeting Guide app is helping. Since the last meeting we have had change forms submitted. District meetings have 20 people average attendance. The Answering Service calls have gone down significantly this Summer. There were only 7 calls compared to 30ish. We are planning a fun event like pickle ball or movie night. Our CPC/PI chair is meeting with institutions and we have confirmed that the police station is getting the Grapevine subscription. Our webmaster is looking to get our website synced with CASO or directly with the meeting guide app. We discussed the possibility of hosting the 2024 Spring Conference. We will be voting on that soon. Also, I talked to D64 DCM about helping with that.

D11 Sid, DCM - We are excited to host the winter assembly. Information is on the website. The walkthrough has been done. There is plenty of space at the church. We are hosting a panel at Soberfest Saturday morning. Archives committee is working on the Oldtimers Luncheon for next year. It looks like it will be February 5th at the American Legion Hall in Wauconda. Flyers will be out soon. Transitioning to Hybrid has been successful. Not many issues. It is cool to see the attendance increase. 30 plus people now in person. Still have open positions.

Service and Administrative Committee Reports

- **Answering Service – Dan** - I attended district 22 and 23 meetings. At that time, District 23 was changing to Google Phone. District 22 may change their service. The website for SAS is www.specialtyanswering-service.net/pricing. Many districts are changing services. There is a lack of communication with TAS and other issues. I know some are having issues with changing numbers. I was able to talk to several people today about issues they are having and what is and isn't working. I have Cheryl to help me with the zoom meetings. It seems like we're on track with SAS, it is going to be a strong service for us.

- **CPC – Jan** I did a mailing to the DCM’s and got 2 responses. I will send again to recruit district committee chairs. I attended a health fair last week in District 41 (Lombard) there were about 50 vendors and 100 attendees. It was a senior fair. I made contact with many organizations. One of them was the Secretary of State. We can do presentations and programs with their employees. They have an office in Chicago. Also, I contacted the College of DuPage. The social sciences, counselors, and community engagement may have opportunities for staff and students. I’ll be looking into DuPage Bar Association. They have chapters all over. I’ve also made contact with legal aid/attorneys for DUI’s. On October 26th I’m doing a presentation at a high school in Evergreen Park. A study hall with 30 students. It was sent to me by Area 19. In June 2023 we will be at the National Association of Employee Assistance Professionals National Conference in Lombard. Thank you for all the help I have received.
- **Electronics Equipment – Joey** Mike and I tested all the transmitters this morning for the Spanish translation equipment. There are only 7 working. We anticipate using them for upcoming conferences. We purchased 13 more transmitters at a cost of \$1,895.40 We will have them ready for the corrections conference next month and upcoming events.
- **Literature - Scott T** Chris did a good job this morning updating us on literature at the GSO. The online book store at aa.org website has additional information on what is available including e-books and recordings. I provided assistance in getting literature from CASO for the Illinois State Conference and worked in the literature room that weekend. I will not be doing much at the BB Conference. But will be working with the Spring Conference committee.
- **Public Information –Lisa S. Ed. M** Not much is new since the last assembly. I did receive a call from District 22 They are wanting me to speak at their November meeting to talk about anonymity, PI and CPC. I have been working with Ed who has things going on within his district. Specifically, trying to carry the message through the meeting guide app. They are developing a website so they can take advantage of the meeting guide app. We have been working with the 2023 Spring Conference committee and Big Book Conference Committee.
ED - I have been in contact with Randy C., District 90. They are slow coming back from Covid but want to do workshops for D90 and looking for districts to the north to do workshops. D91 is working on a district website so they can participate on the meeting guide app.
- **Technology Committee and Web Administrator** – Rob shared the tech committee did meet. We are just forming a committee and are working towards getting the online stuff done for Microsoft Office and One Drive for storage. The goal is to have permanent storage for each one of the committees so that all the documentation held in your personal email boxes can transfer from rotation to rotation. Also, moving the Zoom stuff to a more sustainable platform.

Open Microphone

Dan – I am the Hospitality Co-Chair for 2023 conference. If you want to sign up for one of the slots, please do so. If you’d like to contribute financially, please do so. There are flyers here. See me to help.

Dawn – National Corrections Conference. Online registration is open. We have a zoom component if you just want to register for zoom only. We would love you all to be there. Thursday night we are going on a haunted tour of Joliet Prison.

Kim – When we were talking about mileage earlier, the current rate is actually 62.5 cents. We should consider changing it. Cheryl shared the amount is different for Not For Profit. Rob suggested a motion would be needed.

Robert S. the treasurer’s report showed there is a lot of extra money because of no workshops. That’s very upsetting.

The Chair accepted a motion to adjourn. The meeting ended at 12:30pm. We closed with the Responsibility Statement.

Minutes submitted by Sue M, NIA 20 Alternate Secretary