

Northern Illinois Area 20

Unity - Service - Recovery

NIA 2024 Spring Assembly

May 18, 2024

Cover Letter

Hello NIA,

Happy Spring, I think we can finally settle into some warm weather!

For the remainder of this rotation, we are going to go back to the Committee Agenda we had a few rotations back, so these meetings will be shorter than the last few years.

Our Delegate, Erik, will be giving us a very basic recap of the General Service Conference. I have allotted an hour for this, but he may fill as much of that time as he chooses.

We have one motion on the agenda for this meeting, which we will discuss today.

I will also have a sheet at the front table for Area Committee members who, for some reason, are not getting Area communications from me. I can't send an email to ask this question, as the people not receiving them would not be receiving that.

See you all on May 18!

In Service,

Dawn Brandeis

NIA 20 Panel 74

Chair

2024 Spring Committee Meeting Final Agenda

May 18th, 2024

Lord of Life Elburn and via Zoom

This anonymity protected agenda is posted on the NIA website. However, we do encourage the use of full names when speaking at the “virtual” microphone. This meeting will be recorded, as usual, for reference and use by our recording secretary.

Here is the link to register for the meeting;

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZArf--trzspGtxrsm10d_qzrDE807ULkmpo

Once registered, you will receive meeting access details.

Time	Item
8:00am	Meeting room opens for fellowship
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order • Quiet time • Serenity Prayer • Announcements for today (Dawn B.) • First time attendees • Anniversaries since Spring Assembly (March 2nd) • Approval of minutes from Winter Committee Meeting.
9:15	Delegate report (Erik L.)
10:15	Treasury reports (Dave F, Mike H)
10:30	Motions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion to write a letter to the General Service Board, requesting to amend the Conference Charter to include Founders Literature (attached) 2. Motion to amend Corrections Workbook M-45 (attached)
11:00	Officer reports (five-minute limit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate Delegate – Lisa S. • Chair – Dawn B. • Alternate Chair – Aaron V. • Registrar – Rob M. • Alternate Registrar – Kim D. • Secretary – Sue M. • Alternate Secretary- Rachel M.

11:30	<p>Conference reports (10 minutes each) 2024 Spring Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2024 Big Book Conference • 2025 State Conference
Time	Item
11:50	<p><u>Old Business</u></p> <p>1. Open elected positions review</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Answering Service – Alternate b. Archives – Alternate c. CPC – Alternate d. Literature – Alternate e. PI-Alternate f. Accessibilites-Alternate
12:00	<p><u>Lunch</u></p>
12:45	<p>DCM Reports – 26 Districts (three-minute limit)</p>
1:15	<p>Open microphone (one-minute limit) This is your chance to go raise your hand and share about things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something going on in your local community you want to invite us to. • Something about your group, district, or committee work. • Recognize or thank someone for their service. • Any other AA or NIA related announcements.
2:00	<p>Let's adjourn! 😊</p> <p><i>Responsibility Statement</i> <i>I am responsible...</i> <i>When anyone, anywhere,</i> <i>reaches out for help, I want</i> <i>the hand of A.A. always to be there.</i> <i>And for that: I am responsible.</i></p>
<p><i>The principal function of Northern Illinois service area 20 is to be a forum for effective communication between the Groups and the General Service Conference through its Delegate. NIA assists its Districts, Groups, and members to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers by conducting workshops, sharing sessions and seminars in all fields of general service along with other service activities.</i></p>	

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Chair Report

NIA 20 Spring Committee Meeting

May 18, 2024

Lord of Life

Hello Area Committee, thank you for coming to the Spring Committee meeting!

I've been out in NIA as much as requested, most recently District 41's District Meeting, and to a workshop in District 23.

Planning on sitting in on the Big Book Conference planning in May as well. Also plenty of things planned for workshops/District visits over the Summer.

I appreciate everyone reaching out with questions, thanks to all who do!

Earlier this week I received a few inquiries regarding when the final agenda would be out. Here are the guidelines for putting these documents out. I have, and will, follow the guidelines.

- Distribute a preliminary Area Committee Meeting agenda two weeks after each Area Assembly.
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Please don't hesitate to contact me, and to invite me to your District meetings!

My expenses so far this year have been; 1090.71

In Service,

Dawn B,

NIA 20 Panel 74 Chair

Motion to write a letter to the General Service Board, requesting to amend the Conference Charter to include Founders Literature

Motion

Panel 64 Past Delegate moves to request that the Panel 74 NIA Delegate forward a letter to the General Service Board, prior to the 2024 deadline, with a request amend the Current Conference Charter, Section 3, paragraph 2, to include the “Founders Literature” of the books Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. That in addition to this amendment, any changes to the books Alcoholics Anonymous and Twelves Steps and Twelve Traditions be returned to its originally written wording.

Background

The books Alcoholics Anonymous, first published in 1939, and the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, first published in 1953, were written primarily by Bill W, co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. They are, admittedly, dated in language. However, according to aa.org, “*Today, an A.A. presence can be found in approximately 180 nations worldwide, with membership estimated at over two million. There are more than 123,000 A.A. groups around the world and A.A.’s literature has been translated into over 100 languages.*” This implies that these two books are translated into multiple languages, for multiple nations.

By adding these books to the Conference Charter a policy will be in place covering them for changes. This policy would be: “... may be made with less than the written consent of three-quarters of the A.A. groups, as described in the Resolution adopted by the 1955 Conference and Convention.”

Motion to amend Corrections Workbook M-45

Motion:

Panel 74 NIA20 Corrections Chair moves that we amend the "Corrections Workbook" to read "The only purpose of the pink can is to provide G.S.O. Conference-approved *or Grapevine published* literature." This policy comes from page 18 of the "Corrections Workbook" (M-45), section titled "Area 10 (Colorado) Seventh Tradition Support", second paragraph, third sentence.

Background:

I want to clarify the language to explicitly allow the purchase of Grapevine published literature using pink can funds.

The Conference-Approved Literature bulletin (SM F-29) on the second page states "Since each issue of (the) Grapevine cannot go through the Conference approval process, the Conference recognizes (the) Grapevine as the international journal of Alcoholics Anonymous." The same statement can be found in The A.A. Service Manual (BM-31) on page 84.

On page 56 of the Corrections Workbook in the "Literature Guide" section, sub-section "For Youth", it lists two Grapevine books: In Our Own Words (GV-19) and Young & Sober (GV-27). This seems like implicit approval of the use of Grapevine material.

Rational:

I wish to purchase and distribute the book "Free on the Inside" (GV-43) within IDOC and/or Jail facilities in the NIA20. This is a compilation of articles from the Prison Issue of the Grapevine (published annual in July). These are stories by sober members who have experienced AA in prison.

I believe the incarcerated population is the target market for this book. I believe those suffering with alcoholism behind the walls can benefit greatly from this book.

Thank you for your consideration.

2024 Approved Calendar

Northern Illinois Area 20

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION and HOST
Winter Committee Meeting	Jan 20	Lord of Life Church, La Fox District 43 Host
50 th Annual Conference of Delegates Past and Present	Feb 9 to 11	Courtyard by Marriott Muncie, Area 22 Host
NIA Spring Conference	March 1-3	Hyatt Regency Schaumburg District 20, 21, and 64 Hosts
Spring Assembly	March 2	Hyatt Regency Schaumburg D11, D61 Host
Pre-General Service Conference Workshop	March 23	Lord of Life D23 Host Breakouts previous week
74 th General Service Conference	April 14 to 20	Brooklyn New York
Spring Committee Meeting	May 18	Lord of Life Church, La Fox D40 Host
East Central Regional Conference	June 7 to 9	Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI
Summer Assembly/Post-GSC Panel 74 Delegate Report	June 22	D11 host First Congregational Church, 461 Pierson St, Crystal Lake, IL 60014
Summer Committee Meeting	August 3	Lord of Life Church, La Fox D10 Host
51 st Annual Illinois State Conference	August 23-25	Northfield Inn and Suites Springfield, IL Area 21, Host
Fall Assembly	Sep 7	D42 Host
Fall Committee Meeting	Oct 19	Lord of Life Church, La Fox D22 Host
31 st NIA Big Book Conference	November 9	First Covenant Church, Rockford District 70, Host
Winter Assembly	December 14	D12 Host

Lord of Life Church, La Fox, is located at the southeast corner of IL Rte 38 & La Fox Rd., 3 miles west of Randall Rd. and 3 ½ miles east of IL Rte 47
(Approved at the Winter Assembly 2023)