

Northern Illinois Area 20



Alternate Area Chair Report
NIA 20 Fall Committee Meeting
December 14, 2024

Hello Trusted Servants! Thank you for taking the time to attend the Winter Assembly Meeting. Special thank you to **Tracy** and all of the volunteers from **District 28** for hosting. I will continue to work with each Assembly or Committee meeting host District to ensure that we have what we need to carry on the business of Area 20.

Since our last meeting I have been diligently putting effort into creating a workshop that I plan to bring to all the districts (that invite me) of NIA20 in 2025. The workshop is called "**GSR School**" and it is essentially an introductory presentation to get new GSRs up to speed as quickly as possible in order to effectively serve their groups. I will be presenting this information in detail at today's GSR Breakout session before lunch. Your feedback is critical to making this as impactful and beneficial as possible going forward. Please make sure to fill out a "GSR's Opinion" comment card after you attend.

On November 9th I attended the **2024 Big Book Conference** in Rockford hosted by **District 70**. The event was very well attended by NIA20. Huge thanks to **Kim S** and all of the volunteers that came together to make this event such a tremendous success. On December 8th I traveled alongside our Area Chair, Dawn B, to visit my friend **Lorrie F.** and all the friendly folks in **District 10** for their final district meeting of the year. We both had the opportunity to speak about our service history, enjoy some fried chicken, and see how well a district runs when people are enthusiastic about service!

We are still looking for a district or group of individuals that would be interested in hosting or co-hosting the **2025 Big Book Conference** as well as the **2026 Spring Conference**. Please contact me or Dawn if you are interested in hosting. PLEASE consider hosting one of these two important events. All costs are covered by NIA and we will help you every step of the way!

The **Illinois State Conference** is underway. I look forward to participating in the planning meetings in the future and assisting in any way I can.

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

My expenses so far have been \$1,279.56

In Service,

Aaron V.

NIA Panel 74 Alternate Chair