

## Northern Illinois Area 20 Winter Assembly December 13, 2025, In Person and Online/Video

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**Meeting Opening:** The NIA Chair called the meeting to order at 9am. The group participated in quiet time and the Serenity Prayer. The Area Chair welcomed attendees. Meeting announcements were made. Twelve Concepts were read.

**First Time Attendees:** David D40, Allen Steerage Group, Bob D62 D64, Jerod D64 BTG, Angelo D40, Eric D64 Corrections, Ryan D73, Amy D62 D64, Stacy GSR Women Working Together D10, Kim D62 Answering Service, Chuck D80.

**Anniversaries since September:** Lisa 11 years, Patty 6 years, Dave 11 years, Jaime 2 years, Brian 4 years, Debbie 28 years, Michael 8 years, Robert 28 years, Cheryl 39 years, Ken 5 years, Mindy 6 months, Lisa 26 years, Erik 38 years, Andy 1 year, Robert 8 years, Natey 29 years, Pedro 23 years, Carlie 4 years.

**Approval of 2025 Summer Assembly Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Cheryl, seconded by Kevin. Approved unanimously.

**Delegates Report – Erik L** – Gave his report

**Treasurer's Report – Dave F** – Gave his regular report and Proposed 2026 Primary Purpose Register was approved.

**Tech Committee** gave a short presentation on using Outlook Email accounts for Officers and Committee Chairs

**Committee Breakouts were held**

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### Conference Reports

**2025 Big Book Conference–Dave** – No report given

**2025 State Conference – Jeff L and Sandy C** – We will have our final report after our wrap up meeting January 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a successful event. It looks like we broke even. Thank you to those who attended.

**2026 Spring Conference–Paula and Jeremy** – We last met November 9<sup>th</sup>. Positions are filled. We are working on the Spanish flyer and Alanon speaker. Some have left the committee but we have added new people. Registration is open. Flyers are available. Volunteers are needed for committees, Alcahlon chairing and groups for hospitality room. The Menu is set; we are now working on IT and room set up. Next Hybrid meeting is December 2<sup>nd</sup> EDI club 2pm.

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### Old Business

**Open elected positions** - Grapevine Alternate – Paula, D22 was elected. Public Information Alternate and Accessibilities Alternate remain open.

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### New Business

**Bids for 2026 Big Book Conference** – The assembly agreed to keep this bid process open until the Winter Committee Meeting January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Bids for 2027 Spring Conference** – The assembly accepted a bid from D62 presented by Bonnie. Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg will be the venue. March 12-14<sup>th</sup> is available.

**2026 NIA Calendar approval and bids for Assemblies/Area Committee Meetings/Pre General Service Conference Workshop** – The calendar was approved after a couple date changes. Winter Assembly host is still needed. All other dates have a host.

**Appointment of Panel 76 Handbook Custodian and Concepts Editor** – Sue M will take over these positions in 2026.

### **Motion to Update Procedures for Districts Hosting Area Meetings**

**The Technology Committee, in conjunction with the Service Manual Custodian, move to update the Procedures for Districts Hosting Area Meetings.**

There were minor changes offered and accepted in the form of a friendly amendment:

Page 4, change “be to” to “to be”, change “assembly” to “meeting”. Page 5 change “Donation” to “Contribution”. Page 6 change “set” to “seat”. Remove “committee” from term “Area Officers Committee”. Restore “The Area Service Committee Chairs in the 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point. Add “and provide butt kits in necessary”. Page 7, remove “Assemblies need a maximum of....”

**Motion passed 67 for 0 against**

Click on the link for the full motion [https://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/20251213\\_Motion\\_Win\\_Assem\\_Eng\\_Fin.pdf](https://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/20251213_Motion_Win_Assem_Eng_Fin.pdf)

### **Motion to Update Reference Documents for Hosting Area Meetings**

**The Technology Committee, in Conjunction with the Service Manual Custodian, move to update the Reference Documents for Hosting Area Meetings.**

There were minor changes offered and accepted in the form of a friendly amendment:

Page 4, Planning Procedures: 7:00am “Alternate Chairman” change to “NIA Alternate Chair”. 7-7:30 remove the word “District”. 7:30-8:45 change: Item 4 “coffee, donuts and fruit” to “refreshments”. Item 6 “donation” to “contribution”. Item 6 “coffee and soda” to “refreshments”. Item 8 “committee” to “Area Service Committee”. Item 9 “committee” to “Area”. 10:00 am change “supplier” to “caterer”. 12:00 change “supplier” to “caterer”. 2:30 change “2:30pm?” to “after closing”.

**The motion passed unanimously. No vote count was provided.**

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### **Floor Motion to Rescind Assembly Action 2024.18, “Motion to Require NIA Trusted Servants to Use Designated Microsoft 365 Email Addresses for NIA Correspondance”**

The Accessibilities Committee moves to rescind Assembly Action 2024.18, “Motion to Require NIA Trusted Servants to Use Designated Microsoft 365 Email Addresses for NIA Correspondence” and allow our trusted servants to choose between using an e-mail inbox or mail forwarding for their NIA20 email addresses.

#### **Background**

Several Area trusted servants have expressed frustration with the NIA email accounts. They are operated through Microsoft Outlook and require a secondary Microsoft Authenticator App to login. Outlook has had issues this year with not delivering emails and keeping emails in the outbox without sending them. If you use the outlook app on a computer, it doesn’t always sync with the website-based mailbox. Allowing our Area trusted servants to choose between having a mailbox or to have mail forwarding is better, to allow them to choose to use the email provider they are comfortable with.

If there are problems with email access that require the admin to resolve, there is currently only one admin and there have been times that they were not available to resolve the issues.

While having continuity of a mailbox to pass from one rotation to the next is good for the service work done by the Area trusted servants, being able to keep emails for continuity of personal communication and tasks is also important. Pertinent information can be shared and important emails can be forwarded from one rotation to the next for a service

position. Some trusted servants have thousands of emails from their two- year rotation that they want to keep access to, and the ones that need to be shared from on rotation to the next may only be a dozen.

**2/3 majority vote from the assembly required to hear the motion. 36 for, 18 voted not to hear the motion.**

**The motion was heard and failed. 27 for 18 against. This was a 2/3 majority vote. Minority opinion was heard.**

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### **Committee Reports**

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**Committee Chairs in attendance that gave reports:** Chris E Accessibilities, Dan for Dave T, Answering Service, Carol H Archives, Joe B Bridging the Gap, Lisa G Cooperation with the Professional Community, Kevin A Treatment, Terry M, Jan S Literature.

**Administrative Committee Reports and remaining Officer Reports were not given due to time constraints.**

After open microphone there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Robert, seconded by Jeff. The meeting ended with the responsibility statement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue M, NIA Secretary

Next Committee meeting is January 17,2026, Lord of Life Church, Elburn.

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