

NIA20 NORTHERN ILLINOIS AREA 20 Alcoholics Anonymous

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Delegates Report – Winter Committee Meeting

Hello Area 20:

Well, 2024 is behind us and I'm looking forward to my second year as serving as your Area 20 Delegate. December was fairly calm – however, things will start to ramp up pretty quickly as I prepare for the 75th General Service Conference.

Since our Winter Assembly; I've attended and participated in the following:

Dec. 18	Delegate Chair Orientation – Virtual
Dec. 30	Agenda Committee meeting with Trustees Conference Committee
Jan. 6	ECR monthly Call

75th GSC Preliminary Agenda

The preliminary agenda is available (I sent it out a few weeks ago). There are 84 total agenda items, 9 of which are essentially new items. The background material, final agenda, and list of items submitted that didn't make the agenda, will be available in February, shortly after the January Board meeting.

International Convention July 3-5, 2025 Vancouver

- There is additional housing available at the University of British Columbia. Single, and 2- and 4-bedroom units with shared bathrooms.

Open Position – Non-Director Trustee on the Corporate Grapevine Board

AAGV took the time it needed to select a nominee for a General Service Trustee to replace a GST that will rotate after this year's Conference. That nominee is a current NTD, so there is a need to find a new NTD. It's a pretty big time commitment – more details on that if you are interested. Resumes need to be submitted by January 15th.

Literature

The 2024-2026 edition of the AA Service Manual is now available to order in print. Copies are \$4 each. It is also available online.

New AAWS Podcast

Alcoholics Anonymous World Services (AAWS) is thrilled to announce the launch of Our Primary Purpose, the official podcast from the General Service Office (GSO) of Alcoholics Anonymous for the U.S. and Canada. Through engaging interviews with GSO staff and A.A. members—and voices from A.A. history—this new podcast explores how GSO supports A.A. groups and members to carry the message of recovery to those who need it most—which is Our Primary Purpose.

Mark Your Calendar: Episode 1 will be available on [streaming platforms](#) starting **January 14, 2025**.

Trustee Candidates

As you will recall, there will be an election for both the East Central Regional Trustee and the Trustee at Large- US at the next General Service Conference. We have 2 respective candidates, Rich H., and Robert S.

For the East Central Regional Trustee position, our region has submitted 8 total candidates. Note that Michigan combines their 3 areas into one candidate.

For Trustee at Large, our Region will be submitting 5 total candidates. I'm still unclear as to how many were submitted from the other regions.

Some upcoming planned events:

Jan. 24-26 General Service Board Meeting – New York

Feb. 7-9 Conference Delegates Past & Present – Champaign, IL

My expenses for 2024 were \$2,353.24, largely related to workshop travel, attendance at the CDPP in Muncie, IN, delegate presentations to districts, and participation at the ECR in Grand Rapids, MI and State Conference in Springfield. Note that the expenses for attending the Conference are paid directly to the GSB from Area 20 and I was reimbursed for my travel expense by the GSO.

Respectfully,

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