Report from the NIA Report and Charter Committee

Presented at the NIA Fall Committee meeting, 10/3/2026

The NIA Report and Charter Committee met via Zoom on July 22, 2026, discussed its internal organization and established a subcommittee system to review individual motions and provide progress reports. The committee reconvened on August 26 to discuss a subcommittee report regarding the Assembly-approved motion to "...combine the Technology and Electronic Equipment Committees…"; the results of that discussion follow. Subsequently, the committee met via email on September 25 to discuss and elect a committee chair.

Regarding the motion to "...combine the Technology and Electronic Equipment Committees…", the Report and Charter Committee unanimously approved recommending the following additional changes:

- Update the NIA Service Manual https://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/202606_SrvMan_Sm_Eng.pdf) as follows:
    - page 29: change "Electronic Equipment" to "Technology"
    - page 58: change "Area Webmaster" to "Area Web Administrator"
    - page 77: the URL for the website policy and guidelines should be changed to "https://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/Website-Policy-and-Guidelines_Eng.pdf"
    - page 83: "Area Website Administrator" to "Area Web Administrator" and "Alternate Area Website Administrator" to "Alternate Area Web Administrator
- The committee also unanimously approved forwarding to the Area Chairperson a motion to remove responsibility for website content from the Technology Committee since that responsibility is elsewhere delegated to the Web Administrator. This motion was forwarded, separately from this report, on 9/28/2026.

The committee will begin considering the following when it next meets:

- Over time, the Primary Purpose Register has "drifted" from guidelines in the NIA 20 Service Manual: the PPR implicitly authorizes some activities that have not explicitly been approved by any assembly vote. This drift must be addressed, either by removing un-approved activities from the PPR or by forwarding motions to delegate responsibility and authority for these activities to the specific trusted servants.
- Review and suggest changes to a proposed motion to update the Brief Parliamentary Table in the Northern Illinois Area 20 Service manual to better align with procedures used by the General Service Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
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