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Activity Number*	Activity Name	Expectations per Guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2025 Expected Amount	2025 Actual Amount	2026 Expected Amount	2026 Through 06/19/26	2026 Remaining Amount
B01	General Service Conference (GSC) Delegate visits to District	The Delegate is expected to be available to attend District meetings to discuss Conference agenda items before the GSC and to present conference reports after the GSC.	• Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter • Facility rental	• Delegate	$ 2,000.00	$ 2,310.22	$ 700.00	$ 28.42	$ 671.58
B02	Pre-General Service Conference Workshop (PGSCW)	The Area Committee is expected to support hosting districts to host the PGSCW per the NIA Guidelines, and historical practice.	• Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter • Facility rental	• Groups I, II and III			$ 2,000.00	$ 1,687.13	$ 312.87
B03	General Service Conference Contribution	Area 20 will fully fund our Delegate for participation at all annual General Service Conferences.	In February, two contributions to GSB are to be made for NIA participation in the GSC. One is to cover the final cost of the previous year's GSC (minus the suggested Area contribution previously paid). The second, per current Advisory Action, is for the suggested area contribution for delegate expenses for that year's GSC.	• Delegate reports to the Treasurer the past year and current year expenses per the letter received in the Delegates Communications Kit and contributions should be delivered per the instructions in the letter.	$ 12,250.00	$ 12,250.00	$ 9,300.00	$ 9,300.00	$ -
B04	Area Assemblies	The Area Committee is expected to support hosting districts to host four assembly meetings each year per the AA Service Manual, area guidelines, and historical practice.	• Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter • Facility rental	• Groups I, II and III	$ 9,000.00	$ 9,843.64	$ 9,000.00	$ 2,009.20	$ 6,990.80
B05	Area Committee Meetings	The Area Committee is expected to host four committee meetings each year per the AA Service Manual, area guidelines, and historical practice.	• Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter • Facility rental	• Groups I, II and III	$ 7,000.00	$ 8,588.71	$ 8,000.00	$ 3,456.38	$ 4,543.62
B06	Service Orientation Workshops	The Area Committee is encouraged to host roughly eight Service Orientation workshops around NIA per year.	• Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter • Facility rental	• Alternate Delegate	$ 2,830.00	$ 1,924.61	$ 3,000.00	$ 85.55	$ 2,914.45
B07	Tech Committee Support for Area Functions	The Tech Committee provide set-up, operations, and teardown of AV and technology equipment at NIA Committee Meetings, Assemblies, PGSCW, NIA Conferences, and other events when requested.	• Transportation and, when necessary to be at NIA conferences: • Lodging • Meals • Registration	• Tech Committee Members necessary to provide requested services	N/A	N/A	$ 3,200.00	$ -	$ 3,200.00

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B08	Administrative Committee Meetings	Committees are encouraged to hold roughly ten meetings each year to perform their respective functions per area guidelines and historical practice.	• Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Conference calls	• Group IV	$ 160.00	$ 147.50	$ 150.00	$ -	$ 150.00
B09	Concepts Newsletter	The Concepts Editor is expected to produce the NIA Concepts Newsletter per area guidelines and historical practice.	• Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Spanish Translation	• Concepts Editor • Concepts Co-Editor	$ 1,800.00	$ 658.65	$ 1,650.00	$ 572.70	$ 1,077.30
B10	Area Committee participation in District Committee functions	When invited, Area trusted servants are expected to attend and participate in District service functions including District meetings, workshops, service events, etc., per area guidelines and historical practice.	• Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter • Facility rental	• Groups I, II, III • This relates to expenses incurred when the District is hosting.	$ 1,400.00	$ 2,122.19	$ 1,600.00	$ 1,613.79	$ (13.79)
B11	Area Operations, Officers	Area Officers and Alternate Officers are expected to operate NIA basic services per area guidelines and historical practice.	• Mailing and supplies, printing or copying, transportation, printing service manuals and forms, P.O. boxes, Accounting software, contribution envelopes, check printing, bank fees, reports filing fees, certified public accountant, insurance, name badges, pens, meal stickers, laptops, audio recording devices, accessories, etc.	• Group I	$ 24,000.00	$ 17,621.02	$ 7,200.00	$ 5,009.51	$ 2,190.49
B12	Area Operations, Appointed Service Committee Positions	Appointed Service Committee positions are expected to maintain NIA basic services according to the duties and responsibilities of their position.	• Mailing and supplies, printing or copying, transportation, archives repository and supplies, website expenses, software licenses, electronic equipment storage/ maintenance/ upgrades, Spanish translation, etc.	• Group III			$ 7,000.00	$ 2,570.36	$ 4,429.64
B13	Service Committee Workshops	Area service committee chairpersons are expected to host workshops focused on carrying the A.A. message within the scope of one or more service committees. The workshops should be geographically distributed throughout NIA.	• Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter • Facility rental	• Groups II '• This relates to expenses incurred when the Area is hosting.	$ 1,900.00	$ 128.62	$ 1,500.00	$ -	$ 1,500.00
B14	Service Committee Activities, other than workshops	Area Service Committees are expected to carry the message through regular activities and services according to the duties and responsibilities of their committee.	• Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter	• Group II			$ 7,000.00	$ 795.34	$ 6,204.66

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B15	Illinois State Conference (ISC), Area Committee participation	In years in which the ISC is hosted by NIA, Area trusted servants, as detailed in their Duties and Responsibilities, are expected to attend and participate. In non-hosting years, the Delegate, Area Chairperson, and Archivist are expected to attend and participate. In non-hosting years, Area Trusted Servants who are requested by the NIA Delegate and the Conference planning committee are also expected to attend and participate.	• Lodging • Meals • Transportation • Registration • Banquet	• Delegate, Area Chairperson, and Archivist every year. • Group I, II and III when it is held in N.I.A. and in other years when Delegate requests participation for Area 19 or 21 State Conference Host Committees.	$ 10,000.00	$ 5,783.15	$ 3,000.00	$ -	$ 3,000.00
B16	Spring Assembly Conference, Area Committee participation	Area trusted servants, as detailed in their Duties and Responsibilities, are expected to attend and participate in the NIA Spring Conference.	• Lodging • Meals • Transportation • Registration • Banquet	• Groups I, II and III	$ -	$ -	$ 8,000.00	$ 9,926.43	$ (1,926.43)
B17	Big Book Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the hosting district to host the Big Book Conference per the NIA Big Book Conference guidelines and historical practice.	• Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter • Facility Rental • Name tags • Seed money	• Host Planning Committee	Seed Money	$ 1,558.94	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,500.00	$ -
B18	Illinois State Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the State Conference Committee to host the IL State Conference per our guidelines and historical practice.	• Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter • Facility Rental • Name tags • Seed money • Hotel deposit	• Host Planning Committee	Seed Money	$ 210.16	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ -
B19	Spring Assembly Conference, hosting	The Area Committee is expected to support the Spring Conference Committee to host the NIA Spring Conference per the NIA Spring Conference Guidelines and historical practice.	• Literature • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying • Transportation • Spanish Interpreter • Facility Rental • Name tags • Seed money • Hotel deposit	• Host Planning Committee	$ -	$ -	$ 3,000.00	$ 3,000.00	$ -
B20	East Central Region Conference of Delegates Past and Present	Attend the East Central Regional Conference of Delegates Past and Present	• Lodging • Meals • Transportation • Registration • Banquet	• Delegate • Alternate Delegate • Area Chairperson • Immediate Past Delegate	$ 3,020.00	$ 2,644.13	$ 2,900.00	$ 1,801.33	$ 1,098.67

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B21	East Central Regional Forum	The Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate are expected to attend the East Central Regional Forum (held every two years).	• Lodging • Meals • Transportation • Registration • Banquet	• Delegate • Alternate Delegate	$ 1,550.00	$ 1,520.47	$ -	$ -	$ -
B22	East Central Regional Conference	The Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate are expected to attend the East Central Regional Conference every year (held every year except those with International Conferences.)	• Lodging • Meals • Transportation • Registration • Banquet	• Delegate • Alternate Delegate	$ -	$ -	$ 2,100.00	$ -	$ 2,100.00
B23	Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend	The Bridging the Gap (BTG) Committee Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson, or their replacements, as appointed by the BTG Chairperson, are expected to attend the Annual BTG Workshop Weekend.	• Lodging • Meals • Transportation • Registration • Banquet • Mailing and supplies • Printing or copying	• BTG Chair • BTG Alternate Chair	$ 2,650.00	$ -	$ 1,500.00	$ -	$ 1,500.00
B24	National AA Technology Workshop	Either the Web Administrator or the Alternate Web Administrator is expected to attend the annual National AA Technology Workshop.	• Lodging • Meals • Transportation • Registration • Banquet	• Web Administrator or • Alternate Web Administrator	$ 1,125.00	$ -	$ 950.00	$ -	$ 950.00
B25	National Corrections Conference	The Corrections Chairperson and Alternate Corrections Chairperson are expected to attend the annual National AA Corrections Conference.	• Lodging • Meals • Transportation • Registration • Banquet	• Corrections Chair • Alternate Corrections Chair	$ 1,710.00	$ -	$ 1,250.00	$ -	$ 1,250.00
B26	National AA Archives Workshop	Either the NIA Archivist or Archives Committee Chairperson is expected to attend the annual National AA Archives Workshop.	• Lodging • Meals • Transportation • Registration • Banquet	• Archivist or • Archives Chair	$ -	$ -	$ 1,000.00	$ -	$ 1,000.00
				Primary Purpose Basic (PPB) Totals:	**$ 82,395.00**	**$ 67,312.01**	**$ 90,500.00**	**$ 47,356.14**	**$ 43,143.86**
				Prudent Reserve:	30% of PPB Total		$ 27,150.00		

Group I:	Group II:		Group III:	Group IV:
Officers and Alternates	Service Committee Chairpersons and Alternates		Appointed Service Committee Positions	Administrative Committees
• Delegate	• Accessibilities	• Corrections	• Archivist	• Operating
• Chairperson	• Answering Service	• Grapevine	• Concepts Editor & Co-Editor	• Finance
• Treasurer	• Archives	• Literature	• Linguistic Translation Coordinator	• Report and Charter
• Secretary	• Bridging the Gap	• Public Information	• Service Manual Custodian	• Conference Advisory
• Registrar	• Coop. with Prof. Comm.	• Treatment	• Web Administrator & Alternate	• Technology

**** Please use the appropriate Service Activity Number when submitting a request for reimbursement.***

Primary Purpose Motions								Notes
Activity Number*	**Motion**	**Notes relating to Open (O) or Closed (C)**	**Original Motion Expected Expense**	**Previously Spent**	**2026 Expected Expense**	**2026 Through 05/13/2026**	**2026 Remaining Expense**	
M083	Motion to buy equipment for hybrid Area Meetings	O	$ 5,000.00	$ 4,090.87	$ 909.13	$ 92.33	$ 816.80	
M089	Motion for area service committees to create/ update display boards used at area functions	O	$ 500.00	$ 175.35	$ 324.65	$ -	$ 324.65	
M095	Motion to purchase 200 English and 50 Spanish copies of the 76th GSC Final Conference Report	O	TBD by GSO cost		TBD by GSO cost		TBD by GSO cost	
Primary Purpose Motion (PPM) Totals:					$ 1,233.78	$ 92.33	$ 1,141.45	
Primary Purpose Registry (PPB and PPM) Total:					**$ 91,733.78**	**$ 47,448.47**	**$ 44,285.31**	

Allowable Expenses:

- **Literature:** Conference approved literature, Grapevine literature, and service pieces produced by G.S.O.
- **Mailing and supplies:** Supplies such as paper, labels, envelopes, postage, etc.
- **Printing or copying:** Materials for distribution at Committee Meetings, Assemblies, conferences, workshops, other service-related activities.
- **Transportation:** Mileage, airfare, or train tickets, and also tolls, parking, taxis/rideshares, etc.
- **Mileage:** For Area activities mileage is reimbursed at the current IRS standard mileage rate for business use.

- The first section, the Primary Purpose Basic (PPB) section, covers expenses that occur every year. These include all costs for things like Area Assemblies and Committee meetings, printing of minutes and the newsletter Concepts, insurance, orientations, conferences, etc. This section lists, funds, and facilitates all service activities that are described in the Duties and Responsibilities section of the NIA Service Manual.
- The second section, the Primary Purpose Motion (PPM) section, lists and funds additional service activities resulting from motions approved by the Assembly and delegated to its trusted servants. PPM activities may be proposed by any member of the Fellowship but most often originate within a service committee. Ideally, all proposals are considered by a service or administrative committee prior to presentation to the Area Committee. PPMs are approved by a substantial unanimity (2/3 majority) vote of the Assembly. Upon approval by the Assembly, the Treasurer adds the PPM to the Primary Purpose Register, the responsible trusted servant performs the service activity, and the Area Treasurer is authorized to reimburse associated expenses.
- In the primary purpose finance model, activities need not have a time frame and so may continue from one year to the next or even from one rotation to the next, thus providing continuity for service committees. As such, the primary purpose finance model is not a budget in the traditional sense. No individual or committee at the Area level has a line item budget they are free to spend. Instead, the PPB section of the Register provides for activities that trusted servants are expected to participate in (see Duties and Responsibilities) and the PPM section of the Register provides for activities pursued by service committees in their effort to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Summary

Consistently using the Primary Purpose Register as the financial communication vehicle defocuses the Assembly on money by focusing more transparently on service. It improves quantity and quality of communication between the Assembly and its trusted servants. The Treasurer is individually responsible only for the treasurer role – to manage cash and to pay the bills. The Finance Committee has responsibility for the controller role – to plan and manage the treasury and the time-sequence for service activities on the Assembly's behalf. Detailed guidelines for each service activity provide common direction to trusted servants responsible for service activities and to the committee responsible for paying the expenses for those activities. Annual budgeting, mid-year budget increases, and the "new service activity" process, are simplified. The annual budget rollercoaster that was common previously is gone: we endure no more quibbling over contributions to the General Service Board or scrambling to do something at the end of a year to spend area contributions "at home". Clearer delegation of these financial responsibilities by the Assembly has shifted the area's focus from money to service.