

# NIA20

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS AREA 20

Alcoholics Anonymous

March 14, 2026 Area 20 Assembly  
Hyatt Regency Schaumburg  
Schaumburg, IL

Hello Trusted Servants of Area 20,

I hope everyone is becoming accustomed in their new roles. In January, I produced my first set of Area minutes and found the process far less daunting than expected. I am honored and truly excited to serve in this position through the end of 2027.

### Completed Actions:

-Finalized the minutes and added additional information, including total attendance and the number of meals purchased. My hope is that this will help us begin tracking attendance trends for easier planning in the future. Thanks to the Registrar for providing this information.

-I was also an active member of the Program Committee for the 2026 Spring Conference. It required significant teamwork from the entire committee, and we feel confident that the outcome will be outstanding. Serving on that committee reminded me of the line in the Big Book that says ***we are people who normally would not mix***. In my everyday life I might not have crossed paths with many of the other involved. Different backgrounds, personalities, and viewpoints. But because we shared a common purpose, we worked together in a way that probably wouldn't have happened anywhere else. Strong reason for getting involved in service. It was great experience and I was honored to serve.

### Upcoming actions:

-I will continue refining the minutes only when updates provide clear improvements. We are also exploring the possibility of offering DCMs the opportunity to have their reports posted on the NIA website. This will require deeper discussion with the tech committee to review the benefits and potential drawbacks.

-Additionally, I will be heavily involved in the Pre-Conference process as Chair of the Policy and Admissions Committee, as well as supporting the Registrar, Alternate Registrar, and District Secretaries. We have only a couple of agenda items, but both are engaging and deserving of thoughtful research.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the Assembly or the Spring Conference—ideally both. We have strong panels planned on service committee work and some great insight in to the service structure, and no doubt our speakers will be fantastic.

Yours in service,  
Jan S.  
Area 20 Secretary

