

Northern Illinois Area 20 Spring Committee Meeting Minutes May 16, 2026, In-Person & Online/Video
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Meeting Opening: The NIA Chair opened the meeting at 9 a.m. The group participated in a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. The Area Chair welcomed the attendees. Meeting announcements were made. Twelve concepts were read.

First-time attendees: Laura, GSR, Laura J., D12 Treasurer; Joe F., GSR & D10 Answering Service Chair.

Anniversaries since March 14: John 24 yrs; Adrien, 7 yrs; Lance 21, yrs; Shelia, 20 yrs; Rich H, 38 yrs.; Chris, 8 yrs; Jeremy, 6 yrs; John, 8 yrs.; Chris E, 7 yrs., Lynn, K. 24 yrs.

Motion to approve January Minutes - Sue, - second: John. Approved.

DELEGATES' REPORT - Lisa S., Presented Report

TREASURER REPORT - Chris E. Presented Report

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Officer REPORTS

Chair	Arron V, Presented Report
Alt. Secretary	Lorrie F., Presented Report
Alt Delegate	Dawn B, Presented Report
Register - Kim D.	Kim D. Absent
Alt Registrar	Dawn S. Presented Report
Secretary	Jan S. Presented Report
Alternate Secretary	Kevin A. Presented Report

Conference Reports

2026 Spring Conference –

Jeremy A.; Thanks to Districts 22 & 23 for hosting event and all the volunteers that helped make it a great event. We have 334 registrations, 292 were online, 42 walk-ins. 91 online banquets sold with 5 walk-ins. Unfortunately, unable to make room commitment of 150 as 141 were sold leaving an attrition of \$2,000. Fortunately, due to the donations of others we were able to cover our seed money. Couple things for the next Spring Conference, 1) Hyatt Schaumburg because of pricing make it a challenge to achieve our numbers, 2) Many area people did not attend and their hotel and banquet expense would have been covered, & 3) If this conference serves our primary purpose perhaps and gets more people in to service, which was a part of his own sobriety in is not the worst thing as attracting more service people is important. Jeremy extended his gratitude for being a part of and how much it enhances his program.

2026 Big Book Conference –

Jerry, Chair of Conference – We are well organized. Have left a stack of flyers to take to your groups. Summer will be spent on outreach trying to get people to register. Referencing Chris E's report this morning there is no reason why every in the room to be registered. Have panel moderators from all over area 20, all 3 Spanish districts are involved, the initial agenda is speaker in am, 9 English breakouts, and 3 Spanish, speaker in afternoon to end the day. Another thing to note is back in 2014 timeframe we would speakers in from out of town. With Covid, we got out of the opportunity to do that. So, this year we will be having some powerful Big Book Speakers to come in hopefully to draw attendance. Last thing to bring up is we have a couple of GSR's in D11 that are zoom bound and made a request to have a zoom conference. Kicked around as the committee and discussion was mixed because a couple thousand fliers have been printed and do not include zoom. Couple other things, other than being late in the

game is that there are no guidelines to zoom. Asked Conference Advisory to review as it is an area event. Primarily up to area to present. We would like feedback from groups; Chair stated he can reach out and get feedback from group. Given logistics, it is probably something for 2027, rather than this year. Questions or comments? Short discussion was held. Chair mentioned that they should move forward within the committee to see if it is a viable option, you have the authority to move forward.

2027 Spring Conference

Bonnie, DCM D62; Just signed contract with Hyatt in Deerfield. Have all Committee Chairs in place, have 200 fliers of SAVE THE DATE here – to bring back to your groups. Chose Deerfield as Schaumburg due to the fact that is a better financial choice. Rates at Deerfield \$119.00 vs. quote from Schamburg \$149.00. Comes with free breakfast (double rate \$129.00) Cut-off dates are not as stringent as well as food and beverage minimums. Coffee at Schaumburg, \$90.00 gallon vs. \$65.00 at Deerfield. Great location off major highways. Finalizing speakers, starting to make fliers with QR codes to members can book.

Old Business.

2028 State Conference - Open for a bid

Open Positions:

PI Chair

PI Alternate

Accessibilities Alternate

Grapevine Alternate

New Business

Motion presented by Chris E. in Treasurer report.

Motion to Amend the Primary Purpose Register.

The Finance Committee motioned to update the Primary Purpose Register in the following ways:

“Revised sections of the PPR are shown in red on pages 3-7

“all page numbers reference the NIA 20 Service Manual, web version 03/2026.

Results of Motion. Due to the fact that this motion would include a vast amount of changes, it was recommended to send to Finance Committee for Review.

Service Committee Reports – Available on NIA Website

The following committees were present with verbal reports, however, the reports were not sent to the Webmaster for publication on the website.

Accessibilities - Absent

Answering Service – Dave T. Gave Report

Archives – Carol H. - Gave Report

BTG – Joey & Sandy Gave Report

Concepts – Sue M. – Gave Report

Corrections = Absent

CPC – Lisa K. - Gave Report

Grapevine – Absent

Literature – Dave F. Gave Report

PI Chair - Absent

Treatment – Adrian – Gave report

Webmaster – Scott – Gave Report.

Administrative Committee Reports Given

Archivist - Cheryl V.

Conference Advisory Committee - Lorrie F.

Finance - Michael

Operating Committee - John
Report & Charter- Jeannie L.
Service Manual Custodian - Sue
Technology Committee -Bryan

DCM REPORTS

D10 – Jeff S. filled in 1st quarter John while he was out. Working on bid for 2027 Big Book conference. I participated in DD-10 & D12 Breakfast. 200 in attendance. Exciting time. I participated in a workshop in Rockford. Website down for a while, looking for help. Working on Tradition Workshop for Sept. 10.

D11 –Natea S.

Had Oldtimers Brunch. Hosting Big Book Conference 2026. Also need Corrections committee volunteers and Chair. Moving their meeting from McHenry to Chystal Lake.

D12

– Spring Breakfast with D10 & 12. Have Alternate DCM. Website has been down for awhile and we need help.

D20 Marcello V.

- Absent

D21 Barbara H.

Switched answer service to google and happy with things our working.

D22 Mike B.

– We are 99% completion of our website. QR code on everything we have. Area Chair came out to speak to their District. Answering service workshop coming up in June. Treatment Committee had workshop which was not in line with guidelines in their workbook. In the future, please review the Treatment Committee Workbook. July 11 – GSR School. Looking at July.

D23 Jeremy. A.

Still filling position. Answering Service workshop will be with Dan & Dave at the EDI Club.

D28 Absent

D40 John A.

Averaging 35 people at district meetings. Still have PI and Bridging the Gap Chairs open. Archives Chair has been cleaning things out and found some interesting things. Will be bringing to District meeting on June 12th. Working on an ad to go on movie screen – “Need Help”, July 31 our Delegate is speaking about the General Service Conference Results. It should be interesting. Also, we are hosting Sept. Assembly, will be a Village Green workshop Lisa. Sept. 12 Workshop

D41 Chris J.

Hosted workshop. Have a new Webmaster. Willing be trying to get GSRs us to hear about the July 31 General Service Conference. Summer Pick will be in September.

D42

Absent

D43

Jeannie L -. They would love to post to all other events on their site. AA-NIA-Vista43.org. In November having a Comedy event. D40,41, 42,43 are once again working to print a meeting directory. This was done 2 years ago and Jeannie will be coordinating.

D51 Absent

D52 Absent

D61 Kyle W.

Looking to fill PI position. Summer picnic Aug 8th in Elburn. Fox Valley Open here in Elburn tonight.

D62 – Bonnie – Our district Meetings are well attended – 6-8 GSR's. Looking to have GSR School in the Fall. Districts 62 & 64 Softball game in August.

D64 Absent

D65 Absent

D70 Absent

D71 Absent

D72 Absent

D73 Gina – Dawn B. attended their zoom meeting regarding expenses. They want to keep better track of expenses. Website 400 hits last month. Open position Alt DCM, Alt Secy, Alt Treatment. We have been visiting other groups to encourage attending District meetings. Potluck & Open Speaker in Rock Falls, Sat. June 6th.

D79 Absent

D90 Absent

D91 Absent

Open Microphone

Jeff DCM D1- Having summer picnic on August 9th. Fall breakfast to be held Oct. 11P Dawn and Jeff are attempting the D91 Memorial Day Picnic. Gateway is opening a detox center - Lake Villa.

Lisa, one of the responsibilities of the Delegate is to participate in the Ill State Conference. This summer it is being held at the Doubletree Hotel in Oakbrook. She will be working on panelists and moderators.

DCM D12 Having Memorial Day picnic. Speaker is Lorrie F. at 3p.

After the microphone closed, there was a motion to adjourn the meeting presented by Dave F., seconded by Robert S. The meeting ended with the Statement of responsibility.

Respectfully,
Jan S., NIA Secretary

The next Committee meeting is on August 1st at 9:00 at Lord of Life Church in Elburn. Check the events calendar for more information.

Total attendance: 7 Officers, 8 Service Committee Chairs, 7 Appointed Committee Chairs, 10 DCM's, 16 GSR.

Total Lunch; 74 people. 45 paid lunches

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<https://aa-nia.org/agendas>

In the future, these reports and motions will be moved to the Archives section of the website. HJNB