

Northern Illinois Area 20 Summer Committee Meeting Aug 1. 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; Kevin, D62 Treatment Chair & GSR, Charles, D11

Anniversaries since; June 20; Tom B. 49 yrs, Jack B. Corrections Chair, 25 yrs, Marion, 43 yrs, Gina M. 6 years, Laura 7 years.

Motion to approve Minutes Spring, Gina motion, Cheryl 2nd. Passed

DELEGATES' REPORT - Lisa S., Presented Report

TREASURER REPORT - Chris E. Presented Report

OFFICER REPORTS

Alternate Delegate - Dawn B.

Alternate Chair - Lorrie F.

Registrar – Kim D.

Alternate Treasurer –

Secretary – Jan S.

Alternate Secretary – Kevin A.

MOTION

Primary Purpose Motion

Finance Committee – Michael B. The Finance Committee moves to spend \$10,000 to send to the General Service Office. Background over the past 8 years, NIA contributions; \$10,000 in 2024, \$10,000 in 2023, \$20,000 in 2023, and 2020. That \$20,000 was most likely due to a year gap due to COVID. NIA account figures as of July 6th was \$28,678 in the checking account which does not include prudent reserve, pink can, or green can funds. The remaining projected 7th Tradition contribution for the year is \$33,337. That would leave us with expected available funds of \$62,015. The primary purpose – basic remaining amount for the year is \$43,143. The PPR remaining amount is \$3,141 for a total of \$46,284 of expenditures for the year that we know of. That would leave a surplus at the end of the year of \$18,731. The Finance Committee decided that we needed to hold, \$5,731 for the start of 2027, because first quarter this year we have a negative cash flow of \$4,500. That would leave an available of \$10,000 to send to the GSB. The action would be for the treasurer to send a check. Chair - Open to questions and comments. Please don't repeat questions or comments. GSR's DCMs please bring to your groups, and we will vote on at the next assembly.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

2026 BIG BOOK CONERENCE

Jerry asked how many people had registered and encouraged everyone to register in advance. Registration is available through the Area website, and QR codes are included on the flyers. The subcommittees have finalized preparations and begun a registration blitz. The only information received from last year's Conference Committee was an attendee list, and those individuals are being contacted. On-site registration will be limited to one hour, so advance registration is encouraged. This year, we will try something new with the Spanish-speaking districts: three of the nine English panels will be translated into Spanish, and all Spanish panels will include English translation. We began with \$2,500 in Area seed money and currently have \$555 in income. Expenses to date are \$1,273. The break-even point is 260 registrations, so please attend. The Program Committee has worked hard to create an excellent program featuring speakers from other areas around the country.

2027 SPRING ASSEMBLY CONFERENCE PLANNING REPORT

Josh -D62 reported that conference planning is going well. The conference will be held March 12–14, 2027, at the Hyatt Regency Deerfield, located near Lake Cook Road and I-294. The program will include speakers, a banquet, a dance, panels, breakout sessions, and the Spring Assembly. Friday night will feature trivia. The scheduled speakers are Carolyn W. from Surrey, BC; Sherry S. from Curtis, Ohio; and Bob S. from Almond, Wisconsin.

Conference registration page on TicketStripe and hotel registration page are both open and active. Current registrations are 2, banquet 2, and box lunch 2. Today both Judd and Don are here with the registration flyer for DCM's and anyone else who would like to take back to their meetings. You can also register today. We will be needing volunteers for hospitality, alcathon, and greets and will be reaching out for volunteers and/or contributions. Voluntary contributions are being tracked by TicketStripe.

For the Assembly portion of the conference, we hope a District will volunteer soon so our Program Chair can coordinate that part of the weekend. Interested districts should contact Lorrie F.

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OLD BUSINESS

We are accepting bids for the 2028 State Conference. One district has expressed interest, and we would like to receive an additional bid for comparison.

At the Summer Assembly the group voted to approve the hosting of the 2027 Big Book Conference to District 10.

Open Positions

Public Information Chair

Public Information Alternate

Accessibilities Alternate

A report from the 2025 Big Book Conference is still due.

DCM REPORTS

D10 -John – DCM working on Big Book Conference 2027 bid. Making Progress. Encourages committee members to do an inventory to see how well they are doing on their committee activities. Having Elections on October 28th and Fall Breakfast with D12 Oct. 10th. We have distributed job descriptions so they understand which jobs they might be interested in and the qualifications required. Aug. 8th – Traditions Workshop. Picnic Aug. 9 with D12, Delegate visit on Sept. 7th. Will not have meeting during Thanksgiving period so next meeting Dec 6th will Area Officers will visit.

D11 - Natae S.- Our Delegate attended our July business meeting and answered questions about the General Service Conference. Our new meeting location in McHenry is going very well. We typically average about 40 attendees representing 20 groups and are filled for the 2026-2027 rotation except for Dan P. (Interim). We need Alternates for Secretary, Corrections, Grapevine, GSR Orientation and Treatment. There are openings to carry the message through meetings held at Treatment and Corrections facilities and the 12 step calls received by our Answering Service. We are hosting the 2026 NIA Big Book Conference on Sat. Oct. 17th at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Wauconda from 9am – 4:15. We encourage everyone to register in advance and consider volunteering the day of the event. The flyer is available on the NIA website. Our next District Meeting will be Thursday, August 6th at the Church of the Holy Apostles in McHenry or via Zoom.

D12 – Had summer picnic on June 28th and having our Delegate visit at our next District Meeting on August 19th. Filled our Corrections Chair position.

D22 - Michael B. held GSR School on July 11. Despite no air conditioning and Wi-Fi issues, Dawn and Lorrie completed the session successfully. Attendance was about 25, far exceeding our expectations. We had an LCM for the past three weeks who did a great job; however, she is moving on, so we will be looking for a new LCM. Our District meeting is tomorrow, August 2, at Zion Church in Elgin, and Lisa will be visiting. The committee has prepared questions for Lisa so she can review them in advance. We are hosting the Fall Committee Meeting and will be seeking volunteers. District picnic meeting next week August 8th. Will be having tables for CPC, Bridging the Gap and Grapevine. Doing some fun AA stuff at picnic which should be fun.

D23 – Jeremy

D28- Lisa

D40 – John S. Last Sunday had picnic which was a huge success. Last night we had our District meeting with 39 people in attendance – great turn-out. Lisa, our Delegate was our focus and gave a great presentation on the General Service Conference. We have some openings; Bridging the Gap, Grapevine, Answering Service, and PI. Trying to get people to stand up. Running an ad Movie Theatre in Bloomingdale. It is entitled “if you want to drink that is your business and if you want to stop that is our business.” We have seen an uptick on our QR code. We are waiting to determine if the cost is worth it. We are hosting the Fall Assembly on Sept. 13th in Glen Ellyn. Taco lunch for \$11.00. We are looking forward to it.

D41 – Chris J. Our webmaster has completely redesigned our website, which looks great. It will be completely rolled out in a couple months. It will have a PO Box and a Zelle for Area contributions We have a new Corrections Chair and a new Treatment Chair. We have new workshops on the horizon. More details to follow. We have talked about starting to use a PPR for our District which came out of the DCM zoom meeting. Thanks to those who were involved. In Aug. 20th we will be hosting our Delegate. You can send in questions to forward to Lisa in advance. We are looking forward to having her.

D42- Dave S.

D43 – Jeannie L. DCM. Highlights coming up. We have a Food and Veggie fest coming in in Naperville and we will be manning a Table. We are having a Luau on August 29th which should be fun. We currently have 80 volunteers for the Treatment committee who visit Treatment Centers to carry the message. We are looking for an Accessibilities Chair as well as a DCM alternate. Finally- myself and our LCM have committed to visiting the 100 meetings in our district, per the service manual. We are pleased to report that we have hit 50 and are hoping to complete the remaining 50 by year's end. If not, it will be completed by the end of our term.

D51 – Joe – Unfortunately, just lost Secretary. We do have a few other positions open. Also, we have armed our CPC with a packet to pass on to doctors to refer patients to our meetings in D51. Also, we are cleaning up our meetings. We are attending as many meetings as we can to provide accurate information on our website.

D52- Steve- Had workshop on Sponsorship and it went well. We have a canoe trip coming up as well as a golf outing. Over Labor Day we have a cornhole tournament and picnic. In November we have a mini conference. Both the picnic and mini conference are listed on the NIA website. Attendance is good – during summer months it seems that people take off. We will have our elections in Oct. We have new CPC Chair which we haven't had in a long time.

D61- Kyle, DCM. The committee is working on an agenda item for the next GSC and hoping to have it to be presented at Sept. Assembly. It pertains to Founders Writings and hoping to get it in by the Sept. 30th cutoff date. Our picnic is next Saturday in Elburn, and we are hoping for a great turnout. Will be BBQ and live music. No dogs or cats.

D62 – Judd W. for Bonnie. Our Districts meetings are on 2nd Weds. Of the month at 7pm at 125 Boulder Hill Pass. Josh comes and brings cookies. Have about 20 in attendance which includes 10 GSR's which is rather low. We are therefore visiting all our groups to present the GSR positions. During our meetings we have a 10-minute sharing session which our DCM promotes. In my opinion it has created great questions with great solutions and good conversations regarding General Service. It gives some people an idea of where they are heading and is a short version of a GSR workshop. As we know often no one is aware of the GSR position and is a great way to encourage interest. Regarding Corrections, Kendall County Jail dwindled to one person and then to zero meetings a week. Therefore, we elected a new Corrections Chair. He has spent time visiting our meetings to discuss the committee and offer volunteers an opportunity to be of service. Generally, what we do is approach individuals and tell them how good they would be at this and explain the position. This approach works much better than just announcing open opportunities. We have drummed up 8-9 new volunteers that are currently being trained. We are hoping to at least resurrect 2 weeks in the jail (men). On Aug. 9th D62 vs. D64 Software Showdown at high noon. On Sept. 19th NIA GSR school hosted by 62 & 64 at 11:30-1:30.

Also, I have brought a huge supply of fliers for the 2027 Spring Conference so please come a grab some and take them back to your groups. Thanks.

D64 – Simon – Unfortunately AI did not transcribe

D65 - Noe

D70 - George

D71 - David

D72 - Steve

D73 - Gina. Our open positions are Alternate Secretary and Alternate DCM. We are currently seeking more attendance at our District Meetings. We are trying to attract more people to attend both NIA and District meetings. I am always announcing at meetings. Last month it was great to see 4 people from our District at the NIA Committee meeting. We are also increasing our website traffic, 226 visitors in June. Our CPC/PI are getting together with Area CPC to discuss hospital visits as well as other opportunities. Lastly tonight is a potluck in Sterling at the American Legion. We usually have great attendance at our Potluck events.

D79- Hector

D80 – Debbie. Our picnic is Aug 30th down near Starved Rock. Our Delegate is visiting on Oct 4th. We have been honored to present a panel at the Big Book Conference so it's going to be a fun road trip.

D90 – Randy

D91 Stephanie

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archivist– Cheryl V.

Online Report

Conference Advisory Committee –Lorrie F. **Online Report**

Finance – Michael

Refer to Motion

Finance – Chris E. Back in March we received a letter from an attorney regarding a member who wanted to send a bequest. Finance Committee discussed it as it was a substantial amount of money. In following up with lawyer, realized it was for Al-anon.

Operating Committee – John

Nothing to Report

Report & Charter – Jeannie L.

Online Report

Service Manual Custodian – Sue M.

Online Report

Technology Committee –

Online Report

SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility –

Answering Svc

Archives

Carol H.

Bridging the Gap

Sandy C.

Concepts

Sue M.

Corrections

Jack B.

Grapevine

Paula P.

Literature

Dave F.

Public Information

Vacant

Treatment

Adrian

Webmaster

Scott T.

OPEN MICROPHONE

-Lisa CPC, CPC will be hosting the Dec. 12th Assembly and will be very festive.

-Steve – Wanted to thank the folks in Kankakee D52. They started an LGBTQ meeting and it was very good.

-John- Wanted to wish Kelly and Jeff a happy 39th wedding Anniversary. It is today.

Motion to Adjourn – Sandy C. – 2nd Don. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan S., NIA Secretary

The next Committee meeting is on Oct 1st at 9:00 at Lord of Life Church, 40W365 Il-38, Elburn, IL 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**

**HERE IS THE LINK TO THE FULL REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF THE OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS, AND APPOINTED
COMMITTEE CHAIRS.**

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

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