

**Summer Committee Meeting**  
**August 1, 2026**  
**Area 20 Archives Chair Report**

Unfortunately, my plans were to be there in person with all of you today. However, God had different plans and has me participating from home via Zoom after coming down with COVID once again. While I would certainly rather be in the room, I am grateful that technology allows me to still be part of today's meeting and continue serving alongside all of you.

Although activity within Archives tends to slow down during the summer months, our work certainly doesn't stop. We continue to hold our monthly Area Archives Committee meeting on the second Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Here is the information for that call:

- Zoom details:
- Meeting ID: 847 7879 2869
- Passcode: 516980

During these meetings, we read and work through the Archives Workbook together, discuss best practices, share ideas, and check in on how each district's archives committee is progressing. These conversations help us identify where additional support or resources may be needed and provide an opportunity to learn from one another's experiences. We warmly encourage anyone with an interest in preserving the history of Alcoholics Anonymous to join us. You do not need to serve on an archives committee—just bring your curiosity and willingness to learn.

I also continue to participate in the National Archives Forum monthly conference call, held on the first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. These meetings have proven to be an invaluable resource, bringing together archivists and trusted servants from across the country to share their knowledge, experience, and solutions to common challenges. The relationships built through these calls have allowed me to connect several of our district archivists with experienced resource people who have been able to offer guidance and practical assistance as they develop and strengthen their local archives efforts.

District 43 will be hosting a Longtimers Panel on Sunday, August 9, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. at the West Suburban Fellowship Club in Naperville. This event will be offered in a hybrid format, making it accessible both in person and via Zoom. The Zoom information is included on the flyer attached to my electronic report. Longtimers Panels are a wonderful opportunity to hear firsthand accounts of AA history, recovery, and service from members with many years of continuous sobriety. I encourage anyone who can attend, either in person or virtually, to take advantage of this opportunity.

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Looking ahead, I am excited to attend the Annual National AA Archives Workshop in Tacoma, Washington, September 10–13. The workshop begins with a visit to the host area's archives repository, followed by several days of presentations, workshops, and opportunities to network with archivists from across the United States and Canada. I look forward to expanding my knowledge of archival preservation, cataloging, storage, digitization, and creative display techniques. My hope is to bring back practical ideas, resources, and inspiration that can be shared with Area 20 and our district archives committees to help preserve and celebrate our rich AA history.

In the coming months, Kris and I will continue reaching out to each district archives committee and archivist to better understand their needs, answer questions, and provide support wherever we can. Whether a district is just beginning to build an archives committee or has an established program, we want to be a resource and partner in preserving our shared history for future generations.

Finally, I would like to once again invite anyone interested in Archives to join us at our next monthly meeting on Sunday, August 9, at 4:00 p.m. We would love to have you with us as we continue learning, sharing, and preserving the story of Alcoholics Anonymous—one piece of history at a time.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

To date, my expenses total \$342.47.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol H.

NIA Archives Chair