

**Winter Committee Meeting**  
**January 17, 2026**  
**Area 20 Archives Chair Report**

The year began with an exciting event in Rockford — a District 70 Archives Workshop! Steve C., the District 70 Workshop Chair, invited the Area 20 Archivist and me, as the Area 20 Archives Chair, to present. Unfortunately, Cheryl was unable to attend due to illness. Thankfully, Rich H., the District 11 Archivist, stepped in at the last minute, bringing along display cases and several binders filled with archival documents.

Together, we engaged the audience for about 45 minutes. Rich shared his experiences and insights from supporting District 11, while I discussed the many resources available to archives committees and the shared journey, we're all on. The highlight of the session came when four enthusiastic members of the District 70 Archives Committee presented their initiatives and ambitious plans to collect and preserve the histories of all groups and meetings within their district.

Due to a prior commitment, I was unable to attend the monthly Archives Forum call on Sunday, January 4th. However, as secretary for the group, I was able to complete the meeting minutes using the AI-generated transcript. This forum is a wonderful opportunity for members from across the country to share what's happening in their respective areas and districts. If you'd like to join, the forum takes place on the **first Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (CT)** via Zoom.

Our **Area 20 Archives Committee Sharing Session** is held on the **second Sunday of each month at 4:00 p.m.** This call provides a venue for members in Area 20 to share updates on their district archives activities. Together, we collaborate, support one another, and identify ways the Archives Chair and Alternate can assist with local projects. Everyone is welcome, no committee is required, just a love for archives!

**Meeting Information:**

- **Zoom Meeting ID:** 847 7879 2869
- **Passcode:** 516980
- **One tap mobile:** +1 312-626-6799,,84778792869#,,,516980# (US Chicago)

We've received feedback that more information is needed on topics like display boards and electronic archives. To address this, we're hosting a **virtual workshop on February 21st**, featuring two experienced Archivists from different areas who will share their insights. Please pick up a flyer and join us—we'd love to see you there!

Respectfully submitted,

Carol H.  
NIA Archives Chair