

Northern Illinois Area 20



Northern Illinois Area 20 Area Committee Meeting

Hello Trusted Servants,

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve NIA 20 in this role and appreciate the continued support and collaboration I've already experienced across the Area. As I step into this position, my focus has been on continuity, communication, and staying engaged with the work already underway while remaining available to the districts and trusted servants I serve alongside.

We have a **GSR School and Service Workshop scheduled in District 11 on January 31st**, and I look forward to continuing to support opportunities that encourage participation and service at all levels.

I have continued to attend **2026 Spring Conference planning meetings** and will remain with that committee through the completion of the conference. Lorrie F., Alternate Chair, has also joined the planning committee and has been a great help in a short amount of time.

I attended the final **2025 State Conference planning meeting**, which served as a recap of a very successful conference. The committee did an excellent job and put together a strong roadmap that will be helpful to future planning committees. Lorrie F. also attended this meeting.

Recently, I met with our incoming Treasurer Chris E., incoming Alternate Treasurer James, outgoing Area Chair Dawn B., and outgoing Treasurer Dave F. at Chase Bank to complete the transition of access and update our respective roles. I'm grateful for everyone's cooperation in helping make that process smooth.

With the help of Cheryl V. and Sue M., new **NIA Service Manuals** have been printed. They will be available at the Area Committee Meeting for anyone who would like to pick up a copy.

I have already fielded a number of phone calls and emails, and it has truly been my pleasure to hear from many of you. Please continue to reach out — I'm happy to help in any way I can.

I am currently working with **District 11** as they prepare a bid for the **2026 Big Book Conference**, and I look forward to reviewing that proposal as details are finalized.

My expenses to date are **\$0**.

As always, I encourage districts to invite me to participate in district meetings, workshops, or events whenever it may be helpful. I value staying connected and supporting the important service work happening throughout NIA 20.

In Service,

Aaron V

NIA Panel 74 Alternate Chair