

Motion to cancel Spring Assembly Conference every three years

Motion

The Area 20 Conference Advisory Committee (CAC) moves to cancel the NIA Spring Assembly Conference in those years in which NIA hosts the Illinois State Conference.

With approval of this motion, the below corrections are to be made to the NIA 20 Service Manual. Suggested changes are in italics and underlined. Pages numbers refer to the current web version.

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Assemblies are held quarterly. The Spring Assembly in late March or early April is held in conjunction with the N.I.A. Spring Assembly Conference, which is a weekend event. Currently, all Assembly activities take place on Saturday of the Conference weekend. *In years in which NIA 20 hosts the Illinois State Conference, the Spring Assembly will be a stand-alone event.*

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The N.I.A. Spring Assembly Conference is a service conference with the Spring Assembly business meeting taking place on Saturday morning. *This conference is held two out of every three years, not occurring in the years that NIA 20 hosts the Illinois State Conference.* There is a registration fee for conference attendance but no charge to attend the assembly. There are additional costs for housing and meals.

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Scheduled Assembly Agenda Items

- Spring Assembly Conference - Late March or early April
- Pre-General Service Conference Workshop – Mid April
- Summer Assembly – June
 - Bids for the N.I.A. Big Book Conference (that will be held the following year) will be heard and voted on.
- Fall Assembly – September
 - Bids for the N.I.A. Spring Assembly Conference, (that will be held approximately 1½ years later) will be heard and voted on. *Except in the years which NIA 20 hosts the Illinois State Conference. (Also see Winter Assembly notation below.)*
 - Odd year is Area election Assembly.
- December (Winter Assembly)
 - Approval of proposed Area Calendar and Area Budget.
 - Every third year, bids for the Illinois State Conference (that will be held approximately one and one-half years later) will be heard and voted on.
 - *Final bids for the N.I.A. Spring Assembly Conference, (that will be held approximately 1 ¼ years later) will be heard and voted on. Should no bid be forthcoming, the Spring Conference portion will be canceled for that year and the Spring Assembly will be held as a stand-alone event.*

Background

Although the Illinois State AA Conference (ISC) is held every year, the host Area rotates among the three delegate areas of Illinois, so NIA only host it every three years. Because of this and the fact that NIA has a Spring Assembly Conference (SAC) every year the getting a host for ISC tends to get overlooked. Also, the SAC occurs earlier in the calendar year than the ISC, the bids for host committee for the SAC occur earlier. So, we often struggle to find a host committee for the ISC.

One of the purposes of canceling the SAC and replacing it with an assembly in the years that NIA is the host of the ISC would be to ensure that a host district, districts, or individuals would be available.

An additional correction needs to be made to the Scheduled Assembly Action Items. At the Fall Assembly in 2021, the CAC brought the below motion:

The Area 20 Conference Advisory Committee (CAC) moves that if no group, or district completes the bidding process in accordance with the "Formal Preparation & Presentation of Conference Bid" guidelines in the current and approved Planning Procedures document, by the Winter Assembly, fifteen months prior to its scheduled event date, then the Spring Assembly Conference will be officially canceled by the Area Officers for the intended year.

This motion passed by substantial unanimity.

However, no documentation was added to the NIA 20 Service Manual at that time. This can cause potential confusion for the Area Chairperson, along with the Area at large. This proposed change will simply document the procedure for future clarification. This change needs to happen regardless of the outcome of this motion, and is only that portion which has been added to the Winter Assembly agenda item, along with reference to the bullet point in the Fall Assembly agenda item.