

September 15, 2018

## **2018 NIA-20 Fall Assembly Cover Letter**

### **Welcome to the 2018 Fall Assembly!!**

The agenda for the 2018 Fall Assembly is attached.

First off, thanks to Area Treatment, CPC & Accessibilities Committee's for hosting today's assembly. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer and appreciate the time spent insuring everything was in place for today's assembly.

There are a few new items on the Agenda today:

- Start of 2019 Illinois State Conference reports
- Beginning of Conference Advisory Committee (CAC) reporting
- Web and Technical Committee updates from Earl N.

It's a full agenda today so please be advised that I'll be asking our Alternate Chair to be vigilant on the timer (as she usually is), and will take this opportunity to thank you in advance for respecting the time limits shown on the agenda.

We will start the meeting as normal and will then move first to reports from the Treasurer, Alt-Treasurer and Finance committee. There is a motion later in the day from the finance committee so I suspect their report during this time will elude to that. After the financials, we will hear from our Delegate (Robert S.).

Next on the agenda is an entire hour dedicated to the Area Inventory committee for a presentation on the results of the recent Area Inventory. I have been advised there is a substantial amount of "data" in this presentation, and have been assured there will be advance copies of ALL of the presentation materials on the web prior to the assembly, so the fellowship has an opportunity to review them before the presentation. **Please print a copy for yourself if you need one.** There are (3) major categories of documents-

- Full Inventory with ALL answers (On the web as of this writing)
- Summary document (Due soon)
- Power-point Presentation (Due soon)

Thank you to the members of the committee for providing these.

Once the inventory committee has finished their presentation we will proceed directly to the service committee breakouts, and then will have lunch. The assembly will resume afterwards with new business.

The major items under new business for this assembly will be the request for bids for the 2019 Big Book Conference and the first request for bids for the 2020 Spring Conference. The format for that conference still remains a bit up in the air and work will begin at the next committee meeting and assembly to begin the discussion of what the Area would like to see at this event (as well as what we are going to do in the Spring of 2019)...

Following the conference bids we'll open discussion and vote on the two motions shown in the agenda.

- The Finance Committee will move to forward \$10,000.00 of excess funds (in excess of anticipated expenses and the prudent reserve) to the General Service Board.
- The Bourbonnais Terrace Group is requesting Area support for its letter to the Secretary of the General Service Conference to add an item to the 2019 GSC agenda suggesting the planning begin for a fifth edition of the Big Book.

The voting members of the assembly are shown below.

<b>Assembly Voting Members</b>	
All current GSRs or Alternate, when GSR is absent	The Area Secretary and Alternate Secretary
All current DCMs or Alternate, when DCM is absent	The Area Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer
The Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate	All Past Area Delegates
The Area Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson	The Area Archivist
The Area Registrar or Alternate, when Registrar is absent	The Concepts Editor <b>or</b> co-Editor, when Editor is absent
All Area Standing Committee Chairpersons <b>or</b> Alternate, when Chairperson is absent	The Web Administrator <b>or</b> Alternate Web Administrator when Web Administrator is absent

After the motions, we'll move to old business and then will hear reports from the various service committee chairs as well as reports from the GSR's and DCM's morning breakout sessions.

The assembly will conclude with officer reports and then open microphone.

Respectfully submitted-

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