

Area Chair Report

NIA 20 Fall Assembly

September 12, 2026

Village Green Church

Thank you to District 40 for hosting today's Fall Assembly and for making arrangements for us to meet here at Village Green Church.

Since our Summer Committee Meeting, I met again with the Report and Charter Committee and attended the Illinois State Conference, where I participated on a panel about inventory alongside Dawn B. and Judd W. It was great to see so many members from NIA 20 at the Conference and to have our Area well represented.

I have also had several thoughtful conversations with members about decisions made at the General Service Conference and how those decisions were reached. I have been encouraged by how much people care about A.A., our service structure, and informed group conscience. Even when we have different perspectives, those conversations remind me that we share a common goal of strengthening our service process and carrying A.A.'s message.

Today we have some important business before the Assembly, including a motion regarding a contribution to the General Service Board and a proposal to submit a PAI for consideration by the General Service Conference. I hope everyone will participate in those discussions and help us arrive at an informed group conscience.

I continue to be encouraged by the increase in GSR participation at our Area events. That participation matters. Our service structure works when information reaches our groups, groups have an opportunity to discuss it, and their voices are carried back through their GSRs. Every GSR, DCM, committee member, and interested member who participates helps strengthen that connection.

I also want to encourage all of us to be more intentional about recognizing good service when we see it. If someone makes you feel welcome, helps you understand something, does a good job, or simply puts in the effort, tell them. Gratitude and encouragement help create the kind of Area people want to participate in and return to.

Looking ahead, the NIA 20 Big Book Conference will be held October 17 in Wauconda. I hope many of you will be able to attend and support the event.

My commitment as Area Chair remains to strengthen communication, encourage participation, and continue finding ways to support our districts and trusted servants in carrying A.A.'s message.

Please don't hesitate to contact me and thank you for being here today.

Aaron V.

NIA 20 Area Chair