

Northern Illinois Area 20 Fall Assembly Minutes September 13, 2025, In Person and Online/Video

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Assembly Attendance: We had a total of 126 (in person and online). Voting members in attendance based on registration: 47 GSRs, 10 DCMs, 6 Past Delegates, 10 Officers, 9 Committee Chairs.

Meeting Opening: The NIA Chair called the meeting to order at 9am. The group participated in quiet time and the Serenity Prayer. The Area Chair welcomed attendees. Meeting announcements were made. Twelve Concepts were read.

First Time Attendees: Tom H GSR Hinsdale 12 Step Group, Brad GSR Thursday Night Discussion Group, James P D70, Mike M D70 GSR Three Legacies Group, Jeff B D70 Alternate Workshops Chair, Jimmy K Alternate GSR Foxhole Group Naperville, Stacy W D52 GSR Joe & Charlie, Dan H GSR Men's 12x12 Step Study Group Glen Ellyn, Mindy J D52, Jimmy L GSR D22 Hearing our Personal Experience Group, James S GSR Sunday Night Group Hanover Park, Mary F GSR 12x12 Clean Air Group McHenry.

Anniversaries since June – George P 9 years, Kathy S 7 years, Lorrie F 35 years, Ed M 37 years, Maddie 3 years, Heather S 34 years, Miner 34 years, Anthony 2 years, Diego 18 months, Jackie 18 months, Natalie 13 years, Nicki T 13 years, Joe B 12 years, Chris S 8 years, Becky B 4 years, Bill W 33 years, Jack B 24 years, Matty 5 months, Dawn 8 years, Rick 17 years, Dawn B 22 years, Bob E 34 years, Marcia S 38 years, Tom B 48 years, Dawn S 25 years, Marianne 42 years, Laura 2 years.

Approval of 2025 Summer Assembly Meeting Minutes: Moved by Tina, seconded by Kevin. Approved unanimously.

Delegates Report - Erik L

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Treasury Reports – Dave F and Mike H

Account			2025 Amount	2025 Amount
Checking				\$27,962.88
Green Can (restricted)			\$1218.03	
Pink Can (restricted)			\$4587.40	
Total restricted				\$ 5805.43
Net Checking				\$33,768.31
Prudent Reserve			(0.3 X \$85,145.00) + interest	\$25,545.55
Total				\$59,313.86
			Sum Contribution	\$ 47,596.88
Interest				2.01
Net Income (YTD)			Sum Income	\$47,598.89
Net Expenses (YTD)			Sum Expenses (per PPR)	\$49,517.25
Revenue (YTD)				\$ -1918.36

Officers Report

Alternate Delegate – Lisa S - <https://aa-nia.org/agendas>

Area Chair – Dawn B –

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Alt. Area Chair – Aaron V – <https://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-Fall-Assembly-Alt-Chair-Report-EN-ES.pdf>

Registrar – Kim – <https://aa-nia.org/agendas>

Alternate Registrar – Dawn S - <https://aa-nia.org/agendas>

Secretary – Sue M - <https://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-Fall-Assy-Secretary-Report-EN-ES.pdf>

Alternate Secretary – Lorrie F –

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Panel 76 Elections

OFFICERS	
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Delegate – Lisa S

Alternate Delegate – Dawn B

Area Chair – Aaron V

Alternate Chair – Lorrie F

Treasurer – Chris E

Alternate Treasurer – James

Secretary – Jan S

Alternate Secretary – Kevin A

Registrar – Kim D

Alternate Registrar – Dawn S

Area Committee Chairs and Alternates	
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Accessibilities – Dan P

Alternate Accessibilities - OPEN

Answering Service- Dave T

Alternate Answering Service – Dan M

Archives – Carol H

Alternate Archives – Chris S

Bridging the Gap – Joe B

Alternate Bridging the Gap – Sandy C

Cooperation w/ the Professional Community- Lisa GK

Alternate CPC – Judy G

Corrections- Jack B

Alternate Corrections – Rob

Grapevine – Rob M

Alternate Grapevine - OPEN

Literature – Dave F

Alternate Literature – Heather S

Public Information – Jeff L

Alternate Public Information - OPEN

Conference Reports

2025 State Conference – Jeff L and Sandy C - November 14-16th , Hyatt Regency Schaumburg. As of our last planning meeting, all committees are busily tying up loose ends. Program chairs have put together a service-oriented schedule of panels. The speakers are set. Our Alcahthon Committee is looking for more individuals to give leads for their meetings. The Hospitality Committee is looking for groups to host two-hour slots in the hospitality room. They could also use donations of food, coffee, or money. Southern Illinois Area 21 is known to have the best hospitality in the State; we would like to show we can do the same or better. We still need volunteers to be greeters and man the literature and archives rooms. The Registration and Web Administrator committee have made registering for the conference either on line or snail mail very easy. We are also hoping you will spend Friday and Saturday night at the hotel to assure we meet our room quota. Remember to mention the State Conference when booking your room. The conference is only two months away; we hope you all will attend.

2025 Big Book Conference – Dave – October 18th is the Conference. We've updated the NIA Big Book Conference website. We've created an NIA email account. Thanks to Tech Committee. We launched a QR code for registration, lunch, and literature. We can use credit card, debit card as well as cash. So far 49 are registered, 43 people purchased lunch. \$91 has been contributed. We had a last-minute change for speakers. We now have Rick, from Michigan and Jim from Chicago. We have 38-40 volunteers. We had a registration volunteer training a week ago last Sunday. we did register people here this morning, with cash. Please use the QR code that's on the flyers. Program committees, chairs, and topics are arranged. Presenter training is underway, so we're going to do all of that for the next 3 to 4 weeks. Our literature order is placed, on consignment with CASO. The literature will be picked up the first week of October. We expanded the selection from last year, and added in a couple of audio big books. We'll see how that sells. All supplies, consumables, cash boxes, signs are in hand. The signs and cash boxes will be turned over to the Area to re-use . We've distributed about 2,000 flyers. We've hit, literally, physically, 61 clubs north of I-80, all the way from Chicago Lake, Michigan, out to DeKalb and Mississippi, all the way up to the Wisconsin border. That's in addition to the email blast. We'll have two or three more email blasts. Hopefully everyone has gotten a copy of the email, with the flyer, and hopefully everybody's passing it out to their meetings and to their districts. In the clubs that we've visited in the past ten to fourteen days, we have not seen the flyer at any of the clubs. So, we're asking that you help get the word out on this conference. Last year, expenses were \$4,080, and total expenses would change. \$2,265 of that was for breakfast and lunch, \$1,814 were expenses, without the food. And \$1,580 of that had to be covered by the district above the \$2,500 seed money. So, when we purchased supplies, we purchased lunch. there's still an outlier of \$1,500. This year, so far, we're running right about the same amount. We have \$700 in flyers and printing supplies, \$400 for the two speakers, we have \$250 rent for this facility. We expect our total expenses to be about net total. That is contingent on how many people attend. We're hoping to have about 350 people. I'm just kind of going off last year's numbers. I would like to mention that maybe the seed money can be bumped up so the hosting district doesn't have to cover anything and wait for reimbursement. So, with that, we're very happy with it, and we're ready to go.

2026 Spring Conference – Paula – We just printed flyers with QR codes, for registration and hotel reservations. We have some on the table. Online registration is open. Our next meeting is September 21st at the EDI Club, 2 p.m. Our meetings are held on the third Sunday of every month. We're also asking all committee members to be present from now on We have a lot to do! If you have any questions or concerns or anything at all, our phone numbers are on the flyer. We look forward to an amazing conference. We are excited.

New Business

Motion by District 40 and Literature Committee; It is moved to return to using a plane blue binding with embossed letters (Alcoholics Anonymous) in the same color, for the hard copy “Big Book”, either with or without the dust cover.

Click on the link below for the full motion.

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Motion passed, 70 yes, 5 no. Minority opinion was heard.

Service Committee Reports

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After open microphone there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Robert, seconded by everyone. The meeting ended with the responsibility statement.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue M, NIA Secretary

Next Committee meeting is October 4th, Lord of Life Church, Elburn.