

Northern Illinois Area 20 Fall Committee Minutes October 4, 2025, In Person and Online/Video

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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: Stuart, Bonnie D62 incoming DCM.

Anniversaries since September – Kevin 25 years, Josh 8 years, Scott 12 years, Lisa 26 years, Morena 6 years, Lorrie 35 years, Dawn 22 years.

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

Delegates Report – Erik L – Gave his report

Treasurer's Report – Dave F – Gave his regular report as well as a brief overview of the proposed Primary Purpose Register for 2026.

Motions

Motion to Update Procedures for Districts Hosting Area Meetings

The Technology Committee, in conjunction with the Service Manual Custodian, move to update the Procedures for Districts Hosting Area Meetings.

Friendly amendment: *Financial Aspects of Hosting*

- The Host Committee Chair is responsible for *overseeing* the financial aspects of conducting an Area Meeting. The Host Committee Chair submits to the NIA Alternate Chair and NIA Treasurer a proposed budget in the format provided (see Reference Document). The Committee and the Chair will make the very best effort to insure *prudent spending* for the Area Meeting in line with AA Traditions *and N.I.A. spending guidelines*.

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Officer Reports – All officers gave a report

Alternate Program-Review of the Service Manual (Cheryl V) - A breakout was held in another room while the Committee meeting continued.

Conference Reports

2025 State Conference – Jeff L and Sandy C - November 14-16th, hosted by our Area at the Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg. Walk through and meeting on October 5th at the Hotel. Committees have been very busy. Friday night ice cream social and Saturday night dance are set. We have Big Book trivia. All Alcathons are filled with the exception of the late night ones. We need insomniacs to step up. We need groups or districts to volunteer for hospitality shifts, donations are welcome. Contact Patty F at 2025ilstconf@gmail.com. We have a prize to the best hospitality. We need 82 room nights to hit our quota. Make hotel reservations as soon as possible. Register for the conference by scanning the QR code on the flyer or on the Area website, aa-nia.org or aa-nia-il-dist40.org.

2025 Big Book Conference–Dave– The Big Book Conference is set. We have about 30 volunteers ready. I'll be sending one more email blast. We've sent out 2,000 flyers with the QR Code.

2026 Spring Conference–Paula–Flyers are out. We meet every third Sunday, 2pm EDI Club. There are four positions open. We are encouraging all committee chairs to start attending regularly. The event is March 13-15th, theme is Faith Without Works is Dead. Speakers are Bill N Palm Beach FL, Deb H from Akron OH.

Old Business

Open elected positions were reviewed. Elections for open positions will be at the Winter Assembly December 13th. Alternate positions for Grapevine, Public Information and Accessibilities are open.

Committee Reports

Committee Chairs in attendance that gave reports: Chris E Accessibilities, Karen W Alternate Grapevine, Jan S Literature, Tina R Public Information, Kevin A Treatment, Scott T Web Administrator.

Administrative Committee Reports

Administrative Committee chairs in attendance that gave reports: Cheryl V Archivist, Aaron V Conference Advisory, Dave F Finance, Debbie S Operating, Chris E Report and Charter, Rick N Tech Committee

DCM Reports

D10 – John C – Attendance is good. Committee chairperson positions are filled. We have instituted appropriate voting procedures according to our newly adapted by-laws. I attended Lisa’s first virtual DCM meeting. On September 28th the district meeting included food and was attended by fifty-two members. Erik gave his delegate report. He fielded quite a few questions. Our Fall Breakfast will be on October 19th at the Parkway Banquet Salon in Round Lake.

D11 – Dan P- Elections are next month. Soberfest is coming up in 1 month, 17 days, 4 hours, 22 minutes and 55 seconds. You can register at soberfest.org. Hilton and Marriott still have rooms available.

D12-Jaime S- We moved our district meeting to the Waukegan area. Lisa S was at our last meeting. We are co-hosting the fall breakfast with D10. We are planning the Christmas dinner.

D21-Debbie- We are in the process of moving our answering service to Google Voice. Elections are next month.

D22-Paula- Elections are tomorrow. Christmas party is December 6th, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Elgin. We have new young people meetings.

D40-Sandy- Elections are this month. We are hosting the Illinois State Conference. We’ve had special presentations, Kelly L on service sponsorship and Robert S on committee service positions. We hosted a booth at the NAMI walk with the Area CPC chair. Christmas Party is December 14th at the First Presbyterian Church in Wheaton.

D41-Chris J- Our picnic was in September with about 30 in attendance including a couple longtimers. We are working on job descriptions. Elections are in October. Once we have committee chairs we will begin planning events including a workshop. The Big Book Conference flyer is on our website.

D42-Dave S- We have 40-50 people attending. Most positions are filled. We have a new treatment facility open so we are getting new volunteers.

D52-Steve- Our mini-conference had about 80 in attendance. Speakers were from San Diego and St Charles. We are having a workshop, calling it a service fun shop to get more involved. We have 8-10 people at our district meetings, so we are hoping to get a few more from the workshop. My home group is having a picnic today.

D61-Kyle (alternate)- Erik visits next month. We are working to re-start the Christmas celebration. Committee positions are filled except Alternate Corrections for Women. Events are on the District website. Elections are in December.

D62- Josh J – Elections were last month. Officer positions and some committee chairs and alternates were filled. Answering Service switched over to Google voice on October 1st. September 24th I attended the Zoom DCM discussion. Discussion continues with District 70 for co-hosting the 2027 Spring Assembly Conference. Attendance averages 14-16.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue M, NIA Secretary

Next Committee meeting is December 13th, Lord of Life Church, Elburn.

HERE IS THE LINK FOR SUBMITTED OFFICER, COMMITTEE CHAIR AND APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS AND FULL MOTIONS:

<https://aa-nia.org/agendas>

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