



NIA 2025 Fall Assembly

September 13, 2025

Cover Letter

Hello NIA,

Our final Agenda for the Fall 2025 Assembly is attached in English and in Spanish. WE WILL BE MEETING DOWNSTAIRS ON THE 13TH. Lunch is \$8 and is hot dogs, chips and cookies.

Thank you Laura and District 23 for hosting us today.

Registrations will be taken for the 2025 Big Book Conference today, please consider registering.

In Service,

Dawn Brandeis

NIA 20 Panel 74

Chair

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Lord of Life and via Zoom

This anonymity protected agenda is posted on the NIA website. However, we do encourage the use of full names when speaking at the "virtual" microphone. This meeting will be recorded, as usual, for reference and use by our recording secretary.

Here is the link to register for the meeting;

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/snr6dII_RqK1ry9_gwHcRQ

You will receive an email from Zoom after you have registered with the link to the meeting

Time	Item
8:00am	Meeting room opens for fellowship
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call to order • Quiet time • Serenity Prayer • Announcements for today (Laura) • Reading of the 12 Concepts • First time attendees • Anniversaries since Summer Assembly (June 21st) • Approval of minutes from Summer Assembly Meeting.
9:15	Delegate report (Erik L.)
9:45	Treasury reports (Dave F, Mike H)
10:00	Officer reports (five-minute limit) Due to time restraints, to be submitted online <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternate Delegate – Lisa S. • Chair – Dawn B. • Alternate Chair – Aaron V. • Registrar – Kim D • Alternate Registrar- Dawn S. • Secretary – Sue M. • Alternate Secretary- Lorrie
10:00	Panel 76 Elections
12:00	Lunch
12:45	Committee Breakouts
1:45	Conference reports (10 minutes each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Big Book Conference • 2025 State Conference • 2026 Spring Conference

Time	Item
1:30	1. 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.
2:00	<p>Service Committee Reports (3 minute limit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibilities Chris E. • Answering Service Dave T. • Archives Carol H., Karen • Bridging the Gap Joey B, Jess • Concepts Susan H., Beth Z. • Cooperation w/ the Professional Community Lisa G • Corrections George P • Grapevine Terry M, Karen W • Literature Jan S. • Public Information Tina R. • Treatment Kevin A, Jeff L. • Web Admin; Scott <p>Administrative Committee Reports (3 Minute Limit) (Due to time limits, will be submitted online)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Archivist Cheryl V. • Conference Advisory Committee Chair • Electronic Equipment Rob M. • Finance • Operating Committee chair • Report & Charter Committee chair • Service Manual Custodian Cheryl V • Technology Committee Bryan D.

2:30	<p>Open microphone (one-minute limit)</p> <p>This is your chance to go raise your hand and share about things like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Something going on in your local community you want to invite us to. • Something about your group, district, or committee work. • Recognize or thank someone for their service. • Any other AA or NIA related announcements.
	<p>Let's adjourn! ●</p> <p>Responsibility Statement <i>I am responsible...</i> <i>When anyone, anywhere,</i> <i>reaches out for help, I want</i> <i>the hand of A.A. always to be there.</i> <i>And for that: I am responsible.</i></p>
<p><i>The principal function of Northern Illinois service area 20 is to be a forum for effective communication between the Groups and the General Service Conference through its Delegate. NIA assists its Districts, Groups, and members to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers by conducting workshops, sharing sessions and seminars in all fields of general service along with other service activities.</i></p>	

Motion: District 40 requests that Area 20 submit the following agenda item for the 76th General Service Conference:

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.
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.
(2) What problem does this proposed item address?
Prior to the removal of the dust cover and binding that reproduced the dust cover a person could remove the dust cover and carry the book around, in public, and remain anonymous. The new, dust coverless, version does not allow for this. If carried in public anyone can easily see that it is the book Alcoholics Anonymous. The proposed agenda item would allow people to carry the book and maintain their anonymity. The proposed agenda item has no intention to force providing a dust cover. If determined that the cost saving of not providing a dust cover is significant then continue to not provide one.
(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, district, area, etc.).
It began with an individual, was discussed by District 40 (Area 20), was approved and submitted to the Area 20 Assembly.
(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:
None
(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?
People could carry their "Big Book" publicly without fear of compromising their anonymity.
(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.
(7) Final comments