

2020 Summer Committee Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2020

Online Audio/Video Meeting

Meeting Opening

Chair Carmela R. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The group participated in a quiet time followed by the Serenity Prayer. Carmela made the general announcements for today's meeting.

New Attendees

None

Anniversaries

Harry U. – 8/3, 34 years	Natalie G. – 7/28, 8 years
Joe B. – 7/11, 7 years	Tom M. – 8/4, 23 years
Kate D. – 7/8, 14 years	Carmela R. – 7/12, 20 years

106 Years of Sobriety Celebrated!

Approval of 2020 Spring Committee Meeting Minutes

Cheryl V. made the motion to approve the minutes and Marilyn F. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Meeting Business

Delegate's Report

Greetings Area 20! I hope that all of you are doing well and staying safe out there.

Since the last Committee meeting held on May 16th, 2020, I have visited some District business meetings to give a short General Service Conference report. I would like to visit your district also!

I have attended several of the 2020 Illinois State Conference planning meetings.

On June 13th, 2020 I attended the Summer Assembly.

I attended the NIA 20 Corrections Workshop on August 1, 2020. I really enjoyed that. Thank you, Mark and Scott.

I plan on attending the Illinois State Virtual Conference being held on August 15th via ZOOM. Earl has posted the 2020 Illinois State Conference flyers in English, Spanish and Polish on the NIA website: <https://aa-nia.org>

Also, on August 15th, I will attend the Finance presentation given by the General Service Office via ZOOM.

Earl has posted all of the documents from the 70th General Service Conference on the website. There are documents in English and Spanish.

I thank you for allowing me to serve you.

In Service,
Marilyn F. NIA 20 – Panel 70 Delegate

Expenses for 2020: Printed GSC documents \$492.44
March 2020 ZOOM \$14.99

Marilyn added that she has a Zoom meeting scheduled for tomorrow, August 9, 2020, with the East Central Regional Trustee, Mark E. She will report back to the Area following the meeting.

Discussion:

Kate asked for the link to website for the upcoming Illinois State Conference. Rob M. posted the link in the meeting Chat Room.

Kevin K. asked about GSO's financial condition, and Marilyn replied that her report to the Area after the GSO Finance presentation later this month will cover GSO's finances.

Officers' Reports

Alternate Delegate, Chris D.

Chris was not present, but submitted the following report.

Welcome to the 2020 Summer Committee Meeting!!

First off please accept my apologies for not being present today but rest assured that as you read this, I will be thinking about you all while in route to Sturgis, South Dakota!!

The Covid pandemic has continued to stifle district interest in service orientation workshops, but I have had a couple of districts indicate their desire to possibly host a virtual workshop. If your district would be interested in one of these virtual service orientation workshops, I encourage you to contact me so we can begin making plans.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our delegate Marilyn for all the work she did preparing for and attending the General Service Conference as well as presenting the reports since the conference. I continue to make myself available to be of assistance to her in any way that I can.

Since our last Committee meeting, I attended the Summer Assembly where among other items we had a very productive first DCM breakout meeting, and I was encouraged to meet all the new DCM's in the area and wish to thank them for their service. I have also attended a couple of planning meetings for the Illinois State Conference, more so as a fly on the wall, and also wish to thank that committee for all of the work they've been doing preparing for this year's Illinois State Conference which will be held next Saturday, August 15 as a one day virtual conference.

I also recently received notice that the deadline for the next Concepts edition is Monday, August 10 and would like to encourage all those who might be interested to submit an article for the newsletter.

Other than that, it's been a bit quiet this summer but I look forward to our Area becoming more engaged in the months ahead and hope you are all staying safe and healthy.

2020 Reimbursement Requests: I have had zero reimbursement requests since my last report.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris D. – NIA 20 – Alternate Delegate - Panel 70
(nia20altdel@gmail.com)

Chair, Carmela R.

When did it get to be summer of 2020? I hope everyone is staying safe and sane amidst the current conditions.

Some things I've been up to:

- District 10 meeting, talk about why service.
- Host meetings of the Area Officers – started in July, will carry on monthly. Recent discussion topics included:
 - Activating our PayPal account for online donations.
 - Plan for “reopening” area meetings and events. As long as we are in Phase 4, not likely between now and the end of the calendar year.
- Supporting Area Committee Chairs with Zoom account and helping to set up events or meetings.
- Illinois State Conference (ISC) Policy meetings, by-weekly. We are in the process of updating the policy to include language and guidelines around virtual or blended events and contingency planning. I am helping by taking care of the document updates and formatting.

What's coming up:

- Panel participation at the upcoming Illinois State Conference.
- Continued work on the ISC material through August.
- Officers meeting and Fall Assembly prep.
- Focus on key areas:
 - Technology committee – Zoom support, file sharing, etc.
 - Open Area roles

Expenses to date: \$631.70

2/23/2020 report total - \$631.70

- PPB04 Winter committee meeting \$30.24
- PPB09 Conference of Delegates Past and Present \$601.40

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmela R.

Area Chair, chairperson@aa-nia.org

Discussion:

Scott T., D23 DCM, asked Carmela if leveraging the Area technology resources was for Zoom and PayPal. Carmela said it was for Zoom only. Scott indicated that he would like to talk about the possibility of the Area sharing their PayPal account at some later time.

Alternate Chair, Erik L.

The summer is Zooming right along! Since our last committee meeting May 16th:

I attended the National Corrections Conference meeting on August 1 hosted by our own NIA Corrections Chair Scott M.—this was a great event and the speakers were fantastic. After listening to the 2 speakers from Angola State Prison, I was reminded of our fellow members behind bars and what personal “freedom” really means. Thanks for putting this on Scott!

On July 19th I virtually attended the Big Book Conference Planning Committee meeting – look forward to the move to a Virtual event in October.

On June 22, I participated in a District 43 workshop on Sponsorship. This was a lot of fun and I was glad to get to participate on the panel with 3 great AA members from my home District.

Worked a bit with other members of the Conference Advisory Committee via email to discuss our virtual immediate future for meetings. Have kept in touch with Lord of Life Church regarding their policy on meetings and timing of allowing in-person functions. So far, they are still just doing outdoor services.

Best regards,
Erik Long, Alt. Area Chair
630-809-7789

Registrar, Carol H.

The July 31st communication from the General Service Office provided the Area Registrars with reports containing information about the area. These reports were developed to reflect the group and individual contact records currently in G.S.O.'s records. This report distribution via email is a temporary method of delivery, while they work to design and implement My Portal as an effective tool that can be used by all. The ability to do so by the Area Registrars currently does not exist which means we are dependent on GSO to provide this information. We will work at disseminating the information in these reports into individual reports for each district however this is a manual process and very time intensive.

One of the common questions that we have been getting from the districts and groups is how do we register a virtual meeting. The response that I have received from Karen H., the Assistant Director of Administrative Services at the General Service Office (GSO), is that they are looking at a process and she forwarded my request for information to the appropriate resource. Once we receive direction from them, we will advise all of you. Please continue to register your new groups using the forms available on the NIA website <http://aa-nia.org/group-forms/>

The August 5th communication from Greg T., the GSO General Manager, reports that they have established a My Portal Task Force that has identified both content and data clean-up work that they can do to make reports more useful for us. Greg further communicated:

“As we continue to explore opportunities to create a Portal that truly supports the exchange of information between the Areas and G.S.O., please look for a survey planned for distribution in August to collect your feedback on the reports and input into some of the ideas we are discussing.

A final note: I explicitly promised the trustees over the past Board Weekend that we would not again express our gratitude for your “patience” in this process, as we have done in the past. Rather, I should like to commit to you that we understand the internal causes of the problems in implementing My Portal (the quality of the data and unwieldy legacy processes), have enlisted help from the Fellowship in testing potential solutions, and now have delivered the first of, we hope, many reports to come—for your review and feedback.”

Your area officers are working on our distribution lists and hope to maintain updates as they are identified. Please be patient as this is a work in progress.

Updated group change and new group forms are on the NIA Website. Please help us by maintaining a list of your updates and changes with the understanding that it will be awhile before they will be completed. ***All communication of changes and updates should be sent to the registrar@aa-nia.org mailbox or mailed to Area Registrar, PO Box 524, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0524.***

Respectfully submitted,
Carol H., NIA Registrar – Panel 70
registrar@aa-nia.org

Rob M., NIA Alternate Registrar – Panel 70
alt-registrar@aa-nia.org

Discussion:

Carmela asked if registering a Zoom group meeting at GSO is the same as for an in-person meeting. Carol replied that it is as long as you submit contact information for the group, but currently there is no way to show it as a Zoom meeting. Cheryl V. indicated that there is a process for registering online meetings on the On-Line Intergroup page of the AA website, but that is an intergroup, separate from GSO group registration. She has heard of some discussion to bring that Intergroup under GSO control and start adding the GSO registered meetings currently being held on Zoom. Chris E. mentioned that Chicago AA will post Zoom meetings held in Chicago and the suburbs in a list on their website if you would like to post your meeting there.

Alternate Registrar, Rob M.

Rob has submitted expenses for his payment to Zoom for the eight Zoom accounts purchased initially to hold the Area Pre-General Service Conference Workshop online. He is continuing to manage those accounts. He is working on creating online forms to capture the New Group/Group Change Form information online using the online forms Chicago AA has for guidance. This information will be submitted eventually to GSO when they “open the floodgates” for submissions to the database. He is working with the Registrar on continuity and completeness of the Area Committee and Service Position lists.

Secretary, Christy B.

Christy will be working on updating the District GSR Meetings List with Zoom information and any other changes needed in the near future. No progress has been made on getting an Alternate Secretary for the Area, so please keep asking for someone to step forward for this service position.

Treasurer, Dawn B.

Balance Sheet

The QuickBooks Balance Sheet summarizes our assets, liabilities and equity (equity is assets minus liabilities) incurred during a specified period. See attached report for the period from January 1, 2020 through August 1, 2020:

- Checking account balance: \$12,990.97
- Operating funds balance: \$8,282.95
- Restricted funds balance: \$4,708.02 and consists of:
 - “Pink Can” \$4,886.42
 - “Green Can” (\$178.40)
- Savings account balance: \$23,514.00 (Prudent Reserve)

Profit and Loss Statement

The QuickBooks Profit and Loss Statement summarizes the revenues, costs and expenses incurred during a specified period. See attached report for the period from January 1, 2019 through August 1, 2020:

- Total Contributions: \$31,772.73
- Total Expenses: \$28,909.71
- Net Operating Income: \$2,863.62, which is the amount that our income exceeds our expenses in 2020

Miscellaneous

- The finance committee met, and we have recommended the two thousand dollar donation to GSO.
- Very soon, we will have the ability to donate to NIA on the NIA website, through PayPal.
- If your district needs more donation envelopes, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn B., NIA Treasurer – Panel 70 treasurer@aa-nia.org

Discussion:

Robert S. asked why the recommendation for a GSO donation is only \$2,000 when we have \$12,000 in the checking account. Dawn replied that \$2,000 is conservative, based on potentially resuming normal Area activities with added expenses in 4th Quarter or in 2021. Carmela said we will discuss this more when we review the motion for the GSO contribution as new business later in the meeting, with the Finance committee responding to questions and comments.

Erik L. asked for a summary of the Area's overall financial condition. Dawn said she had some additional donations to deposit, and making online donations available through PayPal may help, but overall donations are down.

Kris S. asked if there will a method to identify your group when you make a PayPal donation to the Area. Dawn said yes, you will. Earl is including a place to capture group name and/or number in the donation form.

Cheryl V. and Bob B. asked Dawn to prepare a comparison of donations and expenses for 2019 and 2020 to be presented at the Fall Assembly and she agreed.

Christy asked to Dawn to correct the "Profit and Loss" section of the original Treasurer's Report to make the Net Operating Income of \$2,863.62 a positive value (income exceeds expenses) by removing the parentheses around the amount, which indicates a negative value (expenses exceed income).

Alternate Treasurer, Steve L.

The Alternate Treasurer was not present, and did not submit a report.

Administrative Reports

Archivist, Cheryl V.

Our current Archives Chair, Jeff K. has been far busier than I. Due to Covid and some personal physical limitations, I have not been able to visit the Archives storage unit. I hope to get to Elgin soon. It will be my intent to start scanning documents for ease of access. I will be starting with Concepts, then minutes, and also background for motions.

Concepts Newsletter, Jessica R., Editor/ Kris S., Co-Editor

Kris reported that the Concepts personnel are on board for an online-only Concepts, and they are working on some of the processes they will have to put into place to go digital. The deadline for submission for the Fall Concepts issue is Monday, August 10, 2020. Robert S. stated that he is helping Jessica, and if you have articles for the Fall issue, send them to both Jessica and him.

Discussion:

Various members had comments and questions about moving to an online-only version of Concepts, including how much money would be saved by an online version, if approval of a motion by the assembly was required to switch to online-only version permanently, and if an online version with paper copies available on request would be an option. Robert S. reminded the committee that the recommendation for changing to an online version had come from the Area Finance Committee as a cost savings for the Area. Area Treasurer Dawn B. said the committee's recommendation was for 2020 only as a cost savings while contributions are down due to the pandemic. Most of the cost is for printing and mailing; the only cost for an online version would be the Spanish translator's fees, so there would be significant cost savings.

Several members expressed an opinion that a permanent move to digital format would need to be brought to the Assembly as a motion for approval. Cheryl said that a motion to go to an online-only version had been presented and tabled in 2012, and no action had been taken since then. Since the request for a change came in the form of an

Assembly motion in 2012, our custom follows the GSC custom of having all action on the issue initially brought as a motion be done by approval of a motion. Therefore, we would need to remove the old motion from the table, or have a new motion made to change the format of The Concepts newsletter. Robert said that the Area Service Manual does not specify a medium for the Concepts newsletter, so the Concepts staff thought they had the responsibility to change from paper to online. In making this decision to go digital, they were moving forward with the recommendation of the Finance Committee to do so and had consulted with the Area Chair before they made the decision. According to Jessica via electronic text, the decision was made to go digital only for the Fall 2020 issue to reduce the Area's 2020 expenses.

After some further discussion, Area Chair Carmela polled the Area Committee to determine *if an online-only Fall 2020 Concepts newsletter was acceptable as a temporary cost-saving measure.*

Results of Poll: How should the Fall issue of Concepts be published?

Digital Version – 77% in favor (greater than a 2/3 majority of voters)
Paper Version – 23% in favor

There was no minority opinion given.

The Fall issue of Concepts will be published as a digital version. The deadline for submission of articles was moved to Friday, August 14, 2020.

The Area Committee will further discuss digital versus paper publishing of The Concepts newsletter in 2021 after the digital version of the Fall 2020 issue has been published.

Conference Advisory Committee, Erik L., Area Alt Chair

Erik L., Area Alt Chair, reported because the committee chair will not be elected until the next meeting, scheduled to occur before the Fall Assembly. Most of their current discussion is about what they can and cannot do virtually while the restrictions for assembling are in effect during the pandemic.

Electronic Equipment, Joe B., Chair

Joe reported that the equipment is stored safely in his garage awaiting future use when we return to in-person meetings.

Finance Committee, Karen F., Chair

Karen reported that the committee met on July 8, 2020. In some past years, the Area has donated \$10,000 or more in excess funds to GSO. This year both expenses and donations are different due to the pandemic. The committee will present a motion at the Fall Assembly to send a \$2,000 donation to GSO. The committee will determine if a motion to send additional funds to GSO at the end of the year is feasible once the 4th quarter financial results are added to their review of 2020 revenue and expenses.

Discussion:

Carmela asked Karen when in the fall the committee planned to do the line-item review of the PPR since we will be in the 4th quarter beginning in September, which is when this review is usually conducted. Karen replied that they did not have the PPR review scheduled yet.

Operations Committee

No report.

Report & Charter

No report.

Technology Committee

Area Webmaster Earl N. said the committee has not been active, and that he is only on the committee as an advisor. Earl and Carmela will discuss moving forward offline about appointing additional committee members and potential technology improvements for the Area.

Webmaster, Earl N. / Alt Webmaster, Eric B.

Earl had nothing specific to report. He answered a question about the GSO Meetings app. Each district is responsible for adding their meetings; the Area does not maintain or monitor listings for districts in NIA 20. This app updates twice daily from changes made to district web pages for meetings. The “Meeting Guide” page at GSO (aa.org) has details on using the app, and GSO has support personnel the districts can contact for support.

Service Manual Custodian, Cheryl V.

No changes to the overall NIA Service Manual since last updated on the web. Cheryl is still having an issue converting the Spanish version to PDF, and she intends to get a license to Adobe Professional.

Old Business

2020 Big Book Conference Report – D10 & D12 (October 24, 2020)

We have voted to be a virtual experience. I notified College of Lake County (CLC) of our cancellation. There is no cost related to CLC at all. No deposits were laid out. No contracts were signed. Our cancellation was accepted. Our committee is pivoting and working to ensure a good virtual experience. We are reaching out to tap into Amot's virtual experience, and I am working with the Illinois State Convention committee to see what can be done. I will bring that experience forward to the Big Book Conference (BBC) planning committee. That is it for the moment. So, mark your calendars; Save the October 24th date here in 2020. We will be having a Big Book Conference .

In service,
Kevin A., BBC Chair

Karen F., BBC Committee Co-Chair said that they have a 4½-hour schedule for the online conference. They will use the Area's Zoom account and have a flyer ready in about two weeks to post on the Area website. They are still in need of volunteers for three panel discussions titled: 1) “There Is a Solution, People Who Normally Don't Mix”; 2) “The Artist's Concept” story from the first edition of the Big Book; and 3) “The Forward to the Second Edition”. Marilyn added that each panel will have a host and additional panel members to share, plus a question and comment period following the sharing.

Open Elected Positions Review

- Area Secretary – Alternate
- Answering Service Committee Area Chair – Alternate
- Archives Committee Area Chair – Alternate
- BTG Committee Area Chair
- BTG Committee Area Chair – Alternate
- Grapevine / LaViña Committee Area Chair – Alternate

Chair Carmela asked the Committee to please spread the word to districts and groups about these open positions and bring any candidates to the Fall Assembly for elections. The duties and responsibilities for these positions are listed in the Area Service Manual.

Bids for the 2021 Big Book Conference

No district presented a bid for hosting the 2021 Big Book Conference. A request for bids will be on the 2020 Fall Assembly agenda.

Ideas to Discuss – Committee Showcase at Fall Assembly

Chair Carmela asked if any Area committee chair would like to volunteer to showcase their committee at the Fall Assembly. No one volunteered. Carmela will follow up with committee chairs offline.

New Business

Discussion of Motions in Preparation for 2020 Fall Assembly

Motion 1 - Motion by the Finance Committee to send \$2,000 from NIA 20 to the General Service Board

Karen F., Finance Committee Chair, read the motion and background material. A copy of the motion and background material is posted on the NIA website. Dawn B., Area Treasurer, presented a chart of expenses and explained that with or without meetings in person in 4th Quarter 2020, the projected expenses to the end of the year are significantly less than the \$78,000 budget in the PPR for 2020. This reduction is due in part to not having to pay for the Delegate to attend the General Service Conference (GSC) in person this year. Funds remaining in the Area treasury at the end of 2020 will be significantly above the \$23,000 prudent reserve in the savings account. The Finance Committee, therefore, voted to submit the motion to send a \$2,000 contribution to the General Service Board (GSB) if the motion is approved by the Fall Assembly.

Discussion:

Marilyn asked if any contribution to GSB had been made in 2019. Dawn confirmed that no contribution had been made in 2019. Robert asked to have references to GSO be changed to GSB in the background material because funds are sent to the Board, not the Service Office.

Chris E. asked if the motion could include wording that this \$2,000 contribution was an advance against a potential contribution of \$10,000 at the end of 2020 to make it more clear to AA's in the districts. Carol H. replied that adding that language would be inappropriate because the Area has no required or approved budgeted amount to contribute to GSB other than the Delegate funding for attending the GSC, a line item in the annually approved PPR. Any additional contributions to GSB are made when the Area assembly approves a motion to contribute an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Area has no requirement to announce to the Assembly a decision made by the Finance Committee that no donation to GSB will be made in any year.

Motion 2 - Motion by District 21 that our Area Delegate write a letter to the GSB requesting an agenda item be added for consideration at the upcoming General Service Conference. *[The item is: allow AA to receive donations from Clubs, providing they have no outside commitments or connections. District 21 has voted to support the group in requesting that this change be considered by the General Service Conference by conducting a survey of clubs like the one done before the 1972 GSC action.]*

Chris E., D21 DCM, presented the motion and explained that District 21 wanted to ask the GSC to reconsider allowing AA clubs to make donations to the GSB. It was last considered in 1972 when a GSC Advisory Action was sent to the GSB to make it a policy to decline donations from AA clubs. A copy of the motion and background material is posted on the NIA website.

Discussion:

Several members expressed opinions about the motion. Others made suggestions for changes to wording or made statements about the process of sending various motions to the GSC for discussion by the fellowship as a whole. If the Area decides to support the District 21 agenda item submission by approving this motion, and it fails to become a GSC agenda item, our delegate could make a floor motion at GSC to consider it.

Carmela will work with Chris E. on motion rewording for submission to the DCM's for discussion prior to the Fall Assembly.

Acceptance of Resumes for East Central Regional Trustee and Illinois Resumes for U.S. Trustee at Large

Cheryl V., NIA 20 Panel 64 Past Delegate, is standing for the East Central Regional Trustee position. No one stood for the U.S. Trustee at Large position. Rich H., Panel 62 Past Delegate, said that we do not have a formal procedure at the Area level for the nomination process. The Area Chair will ask again for nominees at the Fall Assembly.

Discussion of 4th Quarter Area Meeting Planning

The Area officers decided to have the Fall Assembly online because Illinois is still under Covid-19 Phase 4 restrictions to limit the number of people in group meetings to 50 or less. The format of the Fall Committee Meeting in October and the Winter Assembly have not been decided yet. Robert S. reminded the Committee that Illinois will stay in Phase 4 until an effective Covid-19 vaccine or treatment for the disease is in widespread use in the state, and that will mostly likely not occur during the remainder of 2020. The general consensus was to stay online through the end of 2020. Chair Carmela confirmed this by asking for anyone opposed to staying online through the end of 2020 to electronically vote "no". No one voted "no". Therefore, the Area meetings scheduled for October and December 2020 will be held online, and we will communicate this decision to Area members for planning purposes.

DCM Reports

D10, Kevin A. / Michael L.	Michael – The district meetings are held the 4 th Sunday of the month at 5:45 p.m., currently via Zoom. We continue to get inquiries from newcomers on the district website, and the answering service is getting calls. Many meetings are hybrid meetings if folks can meet in person outside.
D11, Kate D. / Pat M.	Kate – Our district meeting on the first Thursday of the month has been held online since May. I attended the recent Corrections Conference virtual meeting. The login for the Illinois State Conference will be posted this week.
D12, Karen F. / Matthew K.	Karen – We are having hybrid district meetings, with the in-person meeting at the Waukegan Alano Club. We are trying to get Zoom meetings into the Lake County Jail. In-person meetings are being held at the AA clubs; all of them are open. The churches are generally still closed to meetings, but some church meetings are being held outside. We have posted active Zoom meetings on the district website. Our answering service is doing really well. We are getting lots of calls. Matt K. is still the Alt DCM.
D20, Rafael V. / No Alt	Not present

D21, Chris E. / No Alt	Chris – The Palatine Club is open for meetings with many having separate in-person and Zoom sessions instead of one hybrid meeting. The district is having an online event to show a video of an AA talk by Sir Anthony Hopkins with breakout discussions following the video. Flyers for the event will be posted soon. We have no treatment centers in our district. We are delivering pamphlets, Big Books and meetings lists to Police departments in the district so people temporarily incarcerated can get information and literature about AA. Our focus is how to help the still suffering alcoholic wherever they are right now. I welcome suggestions for how to do this. Thanks to Earl for helping us with security issues on our district website.
D22, Joe B. / Dave F.	Joe – We had our district meetings on Zoom in June, July and August. Marilyn F. gave her Delegate's report at the August meeting. The July district meeting was Zoom bombed. The district meeting in September will be held outside at Wing Park. The summer picnic was canceled. Some regular meetings are slowly opening up. Pop-up meetings are occurring in Wing Park while the weather is nice. Some district committees are active. We are not being allowed into the treatment center in our district, so we can't do service work there.
D23, Scott T. / Dave T.	Scott – Our district meetings are virtual. The church we normally hold them in is open, but by group conscience, we are in no rush to get back to in-person meetings at this time. We had 20 to 25 in attendance pre-pandemic; we are now averaging 15 participants. We are focusing at the district meetings on getting feedback from GSRs about how their meetings are going. We have about 30 meetings a week currently, mostly at the EDI Club. Most meetings at the EDI Club or at churches are in-person, but there are some restrictions at the churches. Some meetings are hybrid; we are working on making that a better experience through technology. The 7th Tradition is still old school; donations are hand delivered to the Treasurer. Financially, the district is okay. We are looking into getting a PayPal account for the district as another avenue for members to participate in the 7th Tradition.
D28, Kevin K. / Johnna I.	Kevin – People in the district are making a push to send donations to GSO. I made a push to have a donation also sent to Area after hearing that donations to Area also have been way down during the pandemic. We are talking to GSRs to find out how their meetings are doing and about posting information for meetings—if they are on Zoom, returned to in-person, etc. Our answering service chair is updating the answering service information that includes logs of calls, so there has been discussion about archiving those logs securely to preserve anonymity. We plan to have a virtual answering service workshop focused on how to answer calls to make sure we give the best help we can to the alcoholic who still suffers.
D40, Gordon R. / Nanette S.	Gordon – The district picnic was held in July in one of the DuPage forest preserves with 50 to 70 people attending over the course of the day. Contributions have been minimal, but expenses have also been minimal, except the answering service. Since the answering service must continue functioning, we are hoping that donations will improve. Most of our meetings are still online. Some meetings are hybrid—some are successful, some are not. Three in-person meetings opened up at one of the churches, and no one came to two of the three meetings, so those two meetings continue to be suspended. It appears people are either still hesitant to attend in-person meetings, or starting to like the online meetings.

D41, Tom M. / Walt K.	Tom – Our district meetings are currently online. We can go back to the church for our next meeting on August 20 if we elect to meet in person. We have some hybrid meetings in the district. People online don't like it as much as the people attending in person. The Anona East club is open. We have a Venmo account for district contributions. The answering service is taking calls, and we have the online meetings listed on the district website. We will be adding hybrid meetings to the list. Marilyn F. will present her Delegate's report at the August district meeting.
D42, Jim A. / Barry O.	Bob B. reported for the district. We are not getting much information back from groups to the district meeting so newcomers can be helped. We hold workshops every month. We are hoping to get Marilyn to a district meeting soon to present her Delegate's report.
D43, John O. / Kate R.	John). – We have 68 weekly meetings, of which 24 currently are online. We have had our district meetings online. The next one is scheduled for August 9. We have rewritten our service manual during this slow service period. We have had three Zoom workshops and plan to have more. The district CPC committee placed ads in three or four newspapers. We are using DCM reports and phone texts to communicate with the groups.
D51, Adam R. / Michael S.	Not present
D52, Heather S. / No Alt	Heather had been present, but had to leave early.
D61, Natalie G. / Rita O.	Natalie – We had a live district meeting scheduled for the end of the month at the church, which is also open for meetings. Other churches have opened, and the AA club in the district is open. The district sent a contribution to GSO last month. We have no open speaker meetings in the district, and we are plan to start one for newcomers.
D62, Betsy W. / No Alt	Betsy – We have Zoom meetings. One church is open for live meetings, but most meetings in the district are on Zoom.
D64, No DCM / No Alt	Not present
D65, Alt Javier H.	Not present
D70, No DCM / No Alt	Not present
D71, Eric B. / No Alt	Not present
D72, Sue M. / No Alt	Our most recent meeting was hybrid with in-person portion at the Alano Club, which is now open, and online on Zoom. Most group meetings are now in person. We have a speaker meeting scheduled next Saturday at the club, with a limit of 50 in attendance. In-person meetings are averaging about 15 attendees. One group folded, and a new group started about a month before the Covid shutdown. It is going well and will register with GSO. We are in the process of getting a website; this is the first one for the district. We are looking at having a service orientation workshop or picnic soon.

D73, Karen D. / Harry E.	Karen – We are having our district meetings on Zoom and they are not as well attended as the in-person meetings were. I continue to contact GSRs that used to come to the meetings to find out how their meetings are going. Several meetings have started back in person. These meetings are suggesting that members bring their own Big Books or 12&12's to keep book sharing to a minimum. The website meetings page has been updated to current format of meetings (online, in-person, hybrid). The answering service is very active providing meeting information. Most prison and jail meetings are still suspended. Marilyn F. gave her Delegate's report at the July district meeting.
D79, No DCM / No Alt	Not present
D80, Bill B. / No Alt	Not present
D90, Randall C. / No Alt	Not present
D91, No DCM / No Alt	Ed M., Area Alt PI Chair and D91 LDCM, reported for district. We have a new group in the district in Yates City, which brings the total of meetings each week to 13. We are discussing how our answering service will function going forward—carried cell phone or service. Our July district meeting was in person, and most meetings are opening up. We are starting to plan a Halloween party.

Meeting Closure with Open Mic

Open Mic:

Chris E. thanked everyone for their participation in the discussion of the motion from D21 earlier today.

Cheryl V. asked Ed M. if masks will be required at the D91 Halloween Party!

Rich H. announced that the Three Legacies meeting in Crystal Lake will have their Fifth Sunday speaker meeting on Sunday, August 30, 2020 on Zoom. Their speaker will be Gary B. from Indianapolis who has a great story. The information will be posted on the Area website.

Adjournment

Chris E. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cheryl V. seconded it. Carmela R., Area Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m., and the AA responsibility statement was recited.

The Fall Committee Meeting will be held on October 17, 2020, via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy B.

NIA 20 Secretary