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## **2021 Report from the Panel 70 NIA Registrar Spring Assembly – March 13, 2021**

Welcome to the Spring Assembly, hope you all enjoy your day of sharing sessions focused on service at the Group, District and Area level. As your area registrar my responsibility is to maintain the General Service Office (GSO) database called Fellowship Connection (FC), with contact information of all Groups and their GSRs or mail contacts, Northern Illinois Area (NIA) Service Committees and the roster of Trusted Servants in each of the Districts. In January and February, area registrars were finally provided training and FC access. There has already been a new release of FC and they are working feverishly to improve the system.

Most recently, GSO has provided read-only access to the Area Delegate and District Committee Members (DCM) so they will have the opportunity, if they choose, to reach out to the new AA groups who are in the 30-day delay period to welcome them, and to provide contact information. Chris E, DCM from District 21, has already used this opportunity to submit over 40 changes and updates for the groups and service positions in his district. Now every DCM can run their own reports and submit changes to the area registrar. In the long term, there are possibilities for further reports, such as quarterly contributions. All of this in an effort to connect and help to strengthen the communication between the area, districts, and groups.

With the new year comes the rotation of eight DCM's and district service positions. If you are a new DCM or District Committee Chair/Alternate please complete and submit the appropriate forms to [registrar@aa-nia.org](mailto:registrar@aa-nia.org) so that communication remains current. The area roster is being sent for contact purposes to the area committee, in previous years paper copies were available at assemblies. Please review them for accuracy and report updates and changes as soon as possible.

The group changes forms and new group forms are coming in at a very steady pace in the last month. Please keep in mind that an email address must be provided for any changes in FC, and that we cannot register virtual only meetings. If your meeting has changed to a hybrid meeting you do not need to send that to the registrar or GSO. That information is maintained by your district. Not all service positions are maintained by GSO but we have our own records for the area. Please continue to report any changes or updates.

Hopefully after the 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference, we will have some answers as to how the new world of our virtual platform meetings will fit into the General Service structure. Our motion from the December 4<sup>th</sup> Winter Assembly regarding the registration of virtual meetings was added as an agenda item. We will be discussing this and other items for this conference committee at the Policy & Admissions breakout session next Friday night March 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 9:00p.m. Please use this link [Policy & Admissions Breakout Session](#) to join us, also found on Carmela's March 11<sup>th</sup> email. The background material can be accessed here: [Policy & Admissions Background Material](#).

Remember all forms can also be found on the aa-nia.org website. <http://aa-nia.org/group-forms/>. **All communication of changes and updates should be sent to the [registrar@aa-nia.org](mailto:registrar@aa-nia.org) mailbox or mailed to Area Registrar, PO Box 524, Crystal Lake, IL 60039-0524.** Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,  
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