

## Area Chair Report

NIA 20 Summer Assembly

June 20, 2026

Grace Pointe Church

Thank you to District 23 for hosting today's Summer Assembly.

I would also like to thank Jeremy and Lorrie for the work they put into finding a new location for this Assembly. Finding suitable meeting space continues to be a challenge, and their efforts helped make today possible. Thanks to their work, all remaining Area event locations for this year have been identified and are available on the Area website.

Today we will hear Lisa's full Delegate Report from the 2026 General Service Conference. I am grateful for the time, effort, and commitment she put into preparing for and participating in the Conference. We will also be considering motions submitted by the Finance Committee and holding committee breakouts this afternoon. The breakouts remain one of the best opportunities for trusted servants from around the Area to share experience and learn from one another.

One thing that has encouraged me recently is the continued increase in participation at our Area events. Participation is what connects our groups to A.A. as a whole. The work we do here only matters if it remains connected to the groups we serve through informed group conscience. Every GSR, DCM, committee member, and interested member who participates helps strengthen that connection.

Recently, I attended a meeting of District 43 at the invitation of their DCM, Jeanie L. I encourage districts to invite Area officers, committee chairs, and especially our Delegate to attend district meetings and share information directly with members. I also encourage districts to consider hosting a GSR School. Helping members better understand service is one of the best ways we can strengthen participation throughout the Area.

Participation doesn't happen by accident. We all have a role in helping members feel welcome and showing them that service is worthwhile. If we want participation to continue growing, we need to make sure people leave our events feeling that their time was well spent and that their voice mattered. The responsibility for that belongs to all of us.

Next month, District 22 will host a GSR School, and District 1 will be hosting a Sponsorship Workshop. I encourage members to support these events whenever possible. I am also looking forward to attending the East Central Regional Conference in Eau Claire next weekend along with many other members from NIA.

My commitment as Area Chair remains to strengthen communication, encourage participation, and continue finding ways to support our districts and trusted servants in carrying A.A.'s message.

Please don't hesitate to contact me, and I look forward to visiting more districts in the future.

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