

2021 Summer Committee Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2021

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 meeting announcements.

New Attendees

None

Anniversaries

Kate D. – 7/8, 15 years

Tom M. – 8/4, 24 years

Joe B. – 7/11, 8 years

Javier H. – 8/2, 12 years

Natalie G. – 7/28, 9 years

Carmela R. – 7/12, 21 years

89 Years of Sobriety Celebrated!

Approval of 2021 Spring Committee Meeting Minutes

Kevin A. made the motion to approve the May 1, 2021, Spring Committee Meeting minutes and Mike H. seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Meeting Business

Delegate's Report – Marilyn F.

Hello Area 20!

I hope that you have had a great summer and are staying healthy and happy. My summer has been very good however I miss seeing all of you in person.

For my report:

- The final 71st Conference Reports (anonymity protected) in English and Spanish are available on our website. Earl, thank you for your assistance. The paper copies won't be available for a while though. Speaking of hard copies of the final reports, I still have reports from the 70th GSC that can go to Districts 40, 41, 42, 43, 52, 62, 65, 70, 71, 80, 90 and 91. DCMs or anyone in those districts please contact me so we can arrange for you to get copies of the 70th GSC final reports.
- The NEW deadline for submission of proposed agenda items for the 72nd General Service Conference is September 15, 2021. I have included the Proposed Agenda Item Submission Forms.
- The Board of AA Grapevine, Inc. is fortunate to announce that Chris C. has accepted the role of Publisher at AA Grapevine, Inc. effective August 15th of 2021.

- Our A.A.W.S. Special Summer Offers continue with a “Dynamic Duo” combo & Our “Reduced Shipping Charges Test Pilot Program” continues. Buy the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous* hardcover and get \$1 off a *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. Plus much more. (The letter is attached to this e-mail.)
- I included a letter from Bob W., our new General Manager, thanking the fellowship for their contributions.
- I have included a letter regarding an Update on Printing Delays due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- West Central Regional Forum invitation is included in the e-mail.
- On August 8, 2021, I met with the East Central Regional Trustee and all of the delegates. Cathi our newly elected Trustee led the meeting and we talked about area inventories and going back to in person meetings. I have not received her report on the quarterly meeting yet. I will report on that information at the next assembly.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.
Marilyn F. Area 20 – Panel 70 Delegate

My total expenses for 2021 to date: \$117.58

Marilyn also included the 2021 Illinois State Conference program in her packet. She announced that she and Rich H., NIA 20 Past Delegate would be participating in A.A. Jeopardy during the lunch break on Saturday at the conference, and Alt Chair Erik L. will be on the panel “Virtual! Hybrid? Live! Oh, My!” at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. She reminded the group that the NIA 20 elections for Panel 72 delegate, officers and committee chairs will be held during the Fall Assembly on September 18, 2021.

Attachments mentioned in the Delegate’s Report are included as attachments to these minutes.

Discussion:

An attendee announced that the East Central Regional Conference was being held in conjunction with the Ohio State Conference next weekend.

Officers’ Reports

Alternate Delegate – Chris D.

Welcome to the 2021 Summer Committee Meeting!!

First off, thanks to all for attending today’s Summer Committee meeting.

Much like the weather outside it seems our Area’s interest in service is also heating up. It’s great to see the renewed vigor and I’m very grateful to be part of it. I was asked to partake in a District inventory last weekend and saw firsthand what happens when likeminded alcoholics come together for the benefit of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. What a great experience and I was glad to have been asked to facilitate!! If there are any other districts that are interested in a district inventory, please ask Pat or Kate from District 11!! In other service interests, I’ve been invited to visit District 51 (Joliet) in September and will also be joining District 21 (Palatine) for a service workshop in early October. If any other districts (or groups) need a service junkie to visit just let me know!!

I spoke with Marilyn recently and have just received the GSO generated report of Area 20's District contributions to the GSB. The DCM in District 70 had inquired about that recently so as a preliminary response I've included the cover page with all of the district contributions as part of this report. [See Attachments] I still need to break down that document further to be able to identify the individual group contributions by District and should have that report prepared and ready to send out to all of the (26) districts early next week.

The Area officers continue to meet monthly (thanks Carmela) and discuss matters of importance to the Area. Current topics being discussed include our return to in person meetings (in some form) as well as preparation of the Spring Conference motion which will be discussed today. These topics are of great interest to everyone in the Area, so I encourage all the DCMs to take copious notes today and report back to your Districts. All of us at the Area are more than willing to answer questions or visit your districts should you request.

As many are aware, our next assembly will be our elections assembly and I encourage you to consider whether you may be willing to serve during the next rotation in some capacity. Coming out of the pandemic (hopefully) we are going to need all available hands on deck!! Lastly, please remember to attend and support the virtual Illinois State Conference on August 27 and 28.

2020 Reimbursement Requests – I have no reimbursement requests since my last report.

Respectfully submitted and grateful to be of service
Chris D. – A20/P70 – Alternate Delegate

Chair – Carmela R.

Panel 70 Area Committee,

As we draw closer to our Fall Assembly elections, a few things have come up. I'll be working with our most recent Past Delegate, Robert S, as he will be facilitating our Elections next month. Given we will be in a fully virtual environment, we have work to do to fine tune how that elections process will work best for us. We have examples from other areas to draw on as well as our own ideas.

Some things I've been up to:

- Host meetings of the Area Officers – carries on monthly.
- Adjusting our 2021 Calendar as needed. Updates have been made recently.
- Working to find servants to sit on our technology committee. We are in need.
- Joining District meetings to share experience, strength, and hope and NIA 20 updates.
- Continue to support requests for our NIA20 Zoom account – by districts and various committees, to set up and help produce their events, as needed.

What's coming up:

- Officer meeting and Fall Assembly meeting prep – next Officer's meeting is 9/1/2021.
- Preparing to participate in a panel at the IL State Conference later this month.
- Fall Election assembly – preparation and mock virtual trial run to ensure process works and we can maintain voter and process integrity.
- Focus on key areas:
 - Technology committee - Zoom support, building committee
 - 2022 and 23 conference planning support
 - Active committees – using our Zoom account(s) to meet + build area calendar

Expenses to date: \$631.70

2/23/2020 report total = \$631.70

- PPB04 Winter committee meeting \$30.24
- PPB09 CDPP \$601.40

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmela R

Area Chair, chairperson@aa-nia.org

Discussion:

Past Delegate Rich H. thanked Chris D. for facilitating the District 11 inventory sharing session and thanked Carmela for her work on the elections.

Chris D. announced that he has Area Service Manuals if anyone needs some. He asked if we need to update it because it has been two or three years since the last major update. The version on the NIA 20 website is current.

Alternate Chair – Erik L.

Not present

Registrar – Carol H.

Welcome to the Summer Committee Meeting!

The summer has gone quickly with hardly a moment of relief. In the past month I attended another sharing session held by Group Services. The main purpose of the sharing session was to introduce a new option that will be available through Fellowship Connection (FC), the GSO database that houses all the data of groups and meeting listed throughout the United States and Canada.

As you may recall, FC replaced the previous database called Fellowship New Vision (FNV) and has only become available for Area Registrars to utilize since the end of January 2021. Up until that point all group changes and new group forms were sent to GSO, and they entered the information and provided monthly reports for us to distribute. In the past couple months GSO has made FC available for our Area Delegate and District Committee Member (DCM) for read-only access. If you are a DCM that has not had the opportunity to go into FC and see what is available, please contact me and I will go through that process with you.

The newest upgrade in FC is an option to upload bulk group changes. This is helpful for areas that utilize a separate database such as Microsoft Access, Airtable or other software packages that maintain and manage data. Groups have the option to send their “New Group” or Group Change” forms to the records department at GSO with one data dump. However, it would have to be in the current FC format and mirror their data fields exactly. My experience has been whenever a group or district sends the forms to the records department directly, the group ends up in an unknown district and therefore never gets recognized as a group.

They are asking if you are a new GSR or Group and would like a new GSR or Group packet to let the records department know if you would prefer a digital package instead of a paper package. You can also access them on the aa.org website.

The best way to get changes made for your group or if you want to register a new group is to send it to registrar@aa-nia.org. If your group or meeting changes the format from a face-to-face meeting or a virtual meeting either way, you DO NOT NEED TO REPORT THESE CHANGES. Once your group has a number, the records department will only update location or contact information changes.

At the 71st General Service Conference, an advisory resulted which would allow virtual or online groups to register with their respective area and district. The GSO is working on revising the forms so that this option is available and clearly identified when submitting information. The only requirement is that the group or meeting have a local street address and email address for either the contact or GSR. The GSO will not keep track of group or meeting information such as day of the week, time of the meeting or virtual access (Meeting ID or Passcode). That information is maintained at the area and or district level and the Meeting Guide App is fed by the area, district or intergroup.

Please note, every group MUST HAVE at least a mail contact. If a group loses their General Service Representative (GSR), they need someone to replace them as a mail contact if there is not one already listed for that group. If you are not sure, please ask your DCM to check in Fellowship Connection, or contact the registrar.

If you have changes and updates to district service positions, please continue to forward to registrar@aa-nia.org.

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

Discussion:

District 73 DCM Karen D. reported that one of her groups has two ID numbers. Carol asked her to send the duplicate information to her to forward to GSO.

Delegate Marilyn asked if GSO doesn't record date and time of meeting for virtual meetings, will they not be in the meeting guide. Carol responded that the Meeting Guide App uses meeting information submitted by the districts and intergroups; it doesn't come from the GSO database. So, yes, if the district meeting list includes these meetings, they will be in the Meeting Guide App.

An attendee asked for clarification about ID numbers. In Fellowship Connection (FC: the new database), each group will have a number, but each individual connected with that meeting (GSR or others) will have an individual ID, and may have more than one from earlier submissions of their personal information for other positions or groups.

Alternate Registrar – Rob M.

Not present

Secretary – Christy B.

Nothing to report

Alternate Secretary – Karen F.

Nothing to report

Treasurer’s Report – Alt Treasurer Allen J. for Treasurer Dawn B.

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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, 2021, through August 10, 2021 [available on the NIA website]:

- Checking account balance: \$29,813.06
- Operating funds balance: \$25,525.36
- Restricted funds balance: \$4,287.70 and consists of:
 - “Pink Can” \$438.56
 - “Green Can” \$849.14
 - ECRC Seed Money: \$3,000.00
- 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, 2021, through August 10, 2021 [available on the NIA website]:

- Total Contributions: \$25,001.56
- Total Expenses: \$10,736.69
- Net Operating Income: \$14,264.87, which is the amount that our income exceeds our expenses in 2021

Miscellaneous

- We have been having PayPal donations come through. The address for PayPal is on the NIA website. It is treasurer@aa.nia.org. Please clarify if this is a personal, meeting, or District donation. If it is a meeting donation, please clarify meeting number or day/time/location so that we may credit the correct meeting.
- Clubs, please remember, we cannot accept donations from you. We WILL accept donations from meetings at clubs.
- If you would like myself or Allen at your District meeting, please ask. We are happy to come out.
- The 2nd of 3 insurance installments is paid.
- My apologies for missing today’s Committee Meeting. I am out of the country. Have a wonderful meeting!!

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

Alternate Treasurer – Allen J.

Allen explained that the restricted funds of \$3,000 in the Balance Sheet for the East Central Regional Conference (ECRC) are restricted because the 2022 ECRC will be held concurrently with the Illinois State Conference that we are hosting.

He presented information on the 2021 area contributions. The summary report breaks down contributions from districts, groups, individuals (posted anonymously), and contributions to the pink can and green can for literature. He has some issues on attributing contributions to groups that he is going to discuss with the former Treasurer Carol H. Contributions are still being sent to the Crystal Lake P.O. Box that ceased being used for contributions as of December 31, 2019. He asked that all contributions be sent to the Streamwood P.O. Box address listed on the NIA 20 website.

He has been putting the group number on the bottom of each thank-you letter for a group contribution. If you see that this group number is wrong when you receive the letter, please inform him or Dawn about the error.

Contributions Summary – 1/1/21 to 8/3/21

Date deposited	(All)
Row Labels	Sum of Contributions amount
(blank)	
Green Can contribution	\$207.24
Pink Can contribution	\$1,242.86
Group contribution	\$20,329.04
District contribution	\$3,553.45
Personal contribution	\$1,109.27
Grand Total	\$26,441.86

The Alternate Treasurer’s Report containing the 2021 Contributions Statement is posted on the NIA website in the NIA Agendas, Cover Letters, Motions and Reports page for the 2021 Summer Committee Meeting.

Discussion:

Former Treasurer Carol H. reminded the committee that Area 19 (Chicago) has different group numbers for Area 20 (NIA) groups who have done business with their Central Office, which can be confusing. We need the **GSO** assigned group numbers for NIA groups to correctly record contributions.

CURRENT Address for NIA 20 Contributions: NIA, Ltd., P.O. Box 808, Streamwood, IL 60107.

Appointed and Ad Hoc Committees Reports

Ad Hoc Committee on File Sharing and Archiving – Christy B., Area Secretary

Christy said there was nothing new to report. Chair Carmela R. jogged Christy’s memory by adding that a demonstration of one recommended cloud file sharing program was presented and discussed at the May NIA 20 officers meeting.

Archivist – Cheryl V.

Not present

Concepts Newsletter – Robert S.

Not present

Conference Advisory Committee – Erik L., NIA Alt Chair

Committee member Carol H. reported that they have met several times and she will be reporting this afternoon when the motion about a deadline for hosting the NIA 20 Spring Assembly Conference is presented.

Electronic Equipment Committee – Joe B.

Joe reported that the equipment is ready and waiting for the next in-person meeting. Chair Carmela said she expects that the Electronic Equipment committee will be working together with the Technology committee for in-person meetings as we move forward.

Finance Committee – Karen F.

We met before the Summer Assembly and will meet again before the Fall Assembly.

Conference Reports

2021 Big Book Conference Committee – Rich H. and Georgene R.

Hello Area 20

We had hoped to be bringing our flyer to today's meeting. Bringing everything together has been difficult this summer. Our next meeting is next Saturday, and we have changed our regularly scheduled third Saturday meetings to the second Saturday for September and October, so we meet prior to Fall Assembly and Fall Committee Meeting.

We have been trying out our program for registration and contribution, with minor flaws. And all the behind-the-scenes work will soon produce something easy to use for all. Our next task will be sizing to fit our information onto our flyer which we hope to be sharing with each other this week prior to our August 21 Meeting.

Our Save the Date Flyer is still on The Big Book Conference Website, which is easily accessed through our Area 20 Website.

It's all of this unseen and important work that is going to bring to you a one-day program that we are proud of.

Kathleen C.H. from Dallas Texas will be doing a presentation of "A History of Women in Early A.A." that we are sure will be new information to most of us.

And William S. from Fairfield Connecticut will be doing a presentation of "The 18 months it took to write the Big Book." A part of our history many take for granted and without which none of us would be here.

And in between we will 4 English Panels from local Area 20 Groups or Districts of stories from all four editions of our Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous. And 2 Spanish Speaking Panels from local Spanish Speaking Districts or Groups coming from our three editions of our Spanish Big Book, Alcoholicos Anonimos.

And in between that there will be a presentation of Grapevine and AAWS Literature.

Thank you to the 2021 Big Book Conference Planning Committee of District 11 for the hard work in preparation to bring this all together for you.

Rich and Georgene
2021 Area 20 Big Book Conference
Hosted by District 11

2022 State Conference Committee – Michael L.

Not present

Ongoing Business

Bids for 2023 Spring Assembly Conference

No bids were presented.

New Business

Discussion of Motion from the Conference Advisory Committee to Impose a Deadline for Hosting the Spring Assembly Conference

Motion:

The Area 20 Conference Advisory Committee (CAC) moves that if no group, or district completes the bidding process in accordance with the *“Formal Preparation & Presentation of Conference Bid”* guidelines in the current and approved Planning Procedures document, by the Winter Assembly, fifteen months prior to its scheduled event date, then the Spring Assembly Conference will be officially canceled by the Area Officers for the intended year.

CAC Committee member Carol H. read the motion and background material. After reading the background material, she added that the CAC decided to go with the cutoff date of the winter assembly at 15 months prior to the conference as opposed to the 18 months included in the guidance, to allow some additional time for a formal bid to be prepared. She asked for questions about the motion to be followed by discussion of it. The motion with background material is presented in the attachment to these minutes.

Questions and Discussion:

Cheryl V. said that nowhere in the motion does it reference the Spring Assembly. She asked if it would be wise to add something to the motion to indicate what would happen to the Spring Assembly if there was no Spring Assembly Conference. Carol replied we are only discussing the conference itself, not the assembly which would be decided by the Area chair and the fellowship.

Rich H. said we have two committees for the Spring Assembly Conference: one for the conference and one for the assembly. The assembly committee would go forward with planning and hosting the Spring Assembly. He thanked the committee for bringing this much needed motion. He also asked if there was any discussion of the Big Book Conference. When his district hosted the Big Book Conference, they only started 11 months in advance. Carol said the Big Book Conference was not included in the discussion because that conference hasn't had the difficulty in getting organized that the Spring Conference has.

Karen D. was confused about a lead time of 18 months in one version of the motion and 15 months in another. Carmela replied that she sent out the wrong draft of the motion and will forward the one that Carol read today to the Area committee very soon. The version included above is correct.

Carol said she will change the watermark to read “Final Draft” before Carmela sends it out.

Marilyn F. asked if those were the only two things changed (“Fall Assembly” to “Winter Assembly” and “18 months” to “15 months”). Carmela said that is correct.

Allen J. asked if it is correct that there are two opportunities to present—the Fall Assembly and the Winter Assembly. Carol said that is correct.

Chris D. asked if he is correct that if no one presents a bid before or during the 2021 Winter Assembly, the 2023 Spring Assembly Conference will be cancelled. We will know at the end of the next three months if we are doing a 2023 conference if this motion passes at the Fall Assembly.

Kevin A. said the dates do not preclude a group or district from going early and making a bid. If you have a place and think you can do it, go ahead and make a bid. If you want to inform the assembly in the spring or summer that you want to make a bid in the fall, go ahead and do it.

Rich H. said that if the conference is cancelled at the 2021 Winter Assembly, we won't yet have a ratified calendar for 2023, so we won't have an issue of what to do about the 2023 Spring Assembly being a stand-alone with no conference.

DCM Reports

D10, Michael L. / Mary R.	Not present
D11, Kate D. / Pat M.	Kate – We did our district inventory last week. It went well and I want to thank Chris D., Christy B., Claire B. and the gal from Mesa, Arizona, who was our Zoom tech. We are working on the 2021 Big Book Conference planning with Rich H., Georgene R. and Pat M. running it. We meet the second Thursday of the month and Delegate Marilyn will give her report at the next meeting.
D12, Renata D. / Francella K.	Renata – We have a few open positions, including Literature with no chair or alt chair. One jail is asking for pre-certification applications and should be letting us (Districts 10 and 11) in soon. Our CPC/Treatment chair got approval for a meeting in a treatment facility with the requirement that we have the same 3 or 4 people come each week for continuity.
D20, Rafael V. / No Alt	Not present
D21, Chris E. / Mike M.	Mike M. – We are having our first hybrid district meeting this Tuesday with Robert S. coming to talk about elections. We are planning to have a service orientation workshop before our district elections. Our district meeting location has changed from the church to the Palatine Alano Club.
D22, Joe B. / Dave F.	Joe B. – We have met three times in person this year at our home church, Zion Lutheran. We have lost some committee alt chairs, and we are trying to get the positions filled before our district elections in October. Some meetings are not happening at all, and some are still Zoom only. Our BTG chair is doing a lot of work including helping with treatment service work. Dave F. – Our district meetings doubled in size when we went to in-person meetings.
D23, Scott T. / Dave T.	Dave T. – We started our first hybrid meeting in July and did August hybrid as well. We moved our meeting temporarily to the EDI Club to use their electronic equipment for the hybrid meetings. The answering service is having trouble getting people to call alcoholics, and we formed a committee to work on that. We are working on getting a different type of answering service to do it better, and it may also save money for the district.

D28, Johnna I. / No Alt	Not present
D40, Gordon R. / No Alt	Gordon R. – We are still having our district meetings on Zoom. We took a vote and decided to wait to see how it goes with the Delta Covid variant. Sandy C. and Sherry M. have been helping the Area Grapevine chair with monthly workshops. They are putting so much work and effort into it, and the last one only had five attendees. They would like to have more participation. The district picnic in July was very successful with great attendance. We are starting to plan our Christmas party after cancelling the last two years.
D41, Tom M. / Walt K.	Tom M. – Our last GSR meeting was hybrid. I missed, but I heard there were some sound problems. We are getting lots of calls from the answering service. Good Samaritan Hospital is looking for volunteers. Susan H., who attended the district meeting, said the hybrid meeting was confusing, but she is sure they can work it out.
D42, Jim A. / Charles H.	Not present
D43, John O. / Bill N.	The District 43 DCM report is included as an attachment to these minutes.
D51, Michael S. / No Alt	Our district meeting is now hybrid, with the in-person meeting at the Alano club. Delegate Marilyn and Alt Delegate Chris D. will be at the district meeting next month to report on the GSC and the service structure respectively. Our greatest difficulty currently is making all the updates on meeting formats (virtual, hybrid or in-person) on our meeting schedule. It has inundated our webmaster, making it the most important chair position when the Covid pandemic broke out. We are considering hiring someone to do it for us. We are having trouble getting GSR participation in district meetings. We are having a Halloween event with an organization called ARM (all A.A. members also) to generate interest in the upcoming elections.
D52, Heather S. / No Alt	Not present
D61, Natalie G. / Rita O.	Natalie – District 61 has expanded with a few new meetings and a few meetings reopening. Our district meeting is held live. Struggling with quite a few empty committee positions. Donations have increased lately, and we agreed to send \$1,000 to GSO. We had a District picnic on August 7th which was very well attended.
D62, Betsy W. / No Alt	Phil M. reported that DCM Betsy W. is moving away, and he has stepped up to take her place until the district elections in November. Everything is going well in the district. We have been going to the jails and were lacking a few volunteers, but we have had an abundance of newcomers coming in who are very enthusiastic. Our last three district meetings have been in person. Everything is working out positively.
D64, Gary P. / No Alt	Not present
D65, Alt DCM Javier H.	Javier had no report.

<p>D70, Steve C. / No Alt</p>	<p>Attendance at our District 70 meeting has been good. But we haven't been able to fill the Corrections committee chair. It's been open for 4 months. District 70 will be having elections in October. We have an ad hoc committee that is in the process of setting a prudent reserve for our District. There have been several updates and changes to our District 70 guidelines recently.</p> <p>I am in the process of taking a District 7th Tradition inventory. It will include the percentage of groups contributing to GSO, NIA20, and District 70. I will share with the groups about the importance of being connected to AA as a whole through the 7th Tradition.</p> <p>We have lost some groups, and picked up 2 new groups. So, I am updating the NIA20 Group Information Update Sheet with the NIA20 Registrar. Our last update on it was March 11, 2019.</p>
<p>D71, Eric B. / No Alt</p>	<p>Not present</p>
<p>D72, Sue M. / No Alt</p>	<p>Sue – We are still having hybrid district meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Alano Club in Freeport. We have two new meetings: one in Freeport and one in Warren. One group went from four meetings a week to two meetings a week. We are working on serving on a panel at the 2021 Big Book Conference. Our district picnic is September 19. We usually meet the delegate at the picnic, but this year we will have fellowship and a little talk about service work from the district officers and committee chairs. We will have Delegate Marilyn at a future meeting. We may go dark at the end of the year because there is not much interest in service work beyond the group level.</p>
<p>D73, Karen D. / Harry E.</p>	<p>Karen – We have begun in-person district meetings last month, but will continue with zoom (hybrid). On August 20 at the next district meeting, Delegate Marilyn will be sharing her GSC report via Zoom. I want to thank Carmela and the Area for letting us use one of the Area's Zoom accounts for that meeting. Three new groups have formed in Amboy, New Rochelle and Forrester. We have made cards on how to use the mobile Meetings Guide app and are updating our paper meeting schedule for newcomers and those with flip phones only or no phones. We are unsure if we can have our Fall Roundup the weekend before Thanksgiving. We need to ask the facility and have the GSRs ask if the groups would support it. Meetings in our two correctional facilities have returned on a limited basis, and one of our three county jails has let us return for meetings. We voted to ask attendees at our in-person district meetings who are not vaccinated to wear masks.</p>
<p>D79, Hector I. / Jamie R.</p>	<p>Not present</p>
<p>D80, Bill B. / No Alt</p>	<p>Michelle P. reported for the district. We have been meeting every other month in person at the district level. Attendance has been low, but various committee members have made it around to all groups in the district to confirm they are still meeting. An updated meeting schedule will be coming out in the next two weeks. We have open positions at the district level. Instead of having elections in December 2020, we met in January 2021 and approved a motion to have the current officers remain in office for 2021. At our next meeting we will be talking about filling the open positions and having elections.</p>

D90, Randall C. / No Alt	Not present
D91, Ed M. / No Alt	District 91 has 11 groups all are meeting in person as does the district. Elections for district positions will be in December as planned. Also, we hope to have a district inventory completed by November. We're mainly a solid dedicated group. We are very solid financially and give money to Area 20 on a regular basis. The district has various social functions that sometimes double as fundraisers. These are very popular and appear to be very useful in developing camaraderie. The district at present does not seem to be adversely affected by Covid.

Committee Reports

Note: Committee reports were not on the agenda for today, but committee chairs who wished to report on current activities or make announcements were given time to do so.

Grapevine – Susan H., Chair

We have a monthly Area-wide Grapevine workshop on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. on Zoom. This month's topic was Seniors in Sobriety. September's topic is Youth in Sobriety, which is the Grapevine September featured topic.

Accessibilities – Mike H., Chair

Mike attended the All Accessibilities meeting they had at the beginning of the week and has contacted all district Accessibilities chairs by email. Some chairs have gotten back to him; some have not. In answer to a question from Susan H., Mike said that the frequency of the All-Accessibilities meeting has changed from twice a month to once a month.

Bridging The Gap – Kevin A., Chair

The 2021 National BTG Conference scheduled for September 10-12 was cancelled due to Covid and flight cancellations by the airlines that service the Quad Cities area where the conference was to have been held.

Corrections – Mark H.

Progress is being made! DuPage, McHenry and Kane County jails have been open for a couple of months and Lake County jail is in the process of re-opening. I don't know the status of Kendall County jail.

Sheridan and the Joliet Treatment Center are in the process of opening. DuPage and Kane county's literature orders have been filled, resulting in a Pink Can balance of \$438.56.

Meeting Closure

Open Mic:

Ted S. from District 10 showed the "Save the Date" Flyer for the 2022 Illinois State Conference to be held August 10-12 at the Sheraton Hotel Naperville/Lisle. They will be looking for volunteers as they continue to plan for the conference.

Registrar Carol H. said her registrar@aa-nia.org email is still not working and asked that anyone wishing to contact her use her alternate email panel70registrar@gmail.com.

Mike S., District 51 DCM, announced that they have a Young People in A.A. (YPAA) liaison in their district, and the Illinois Conference of Young People in A.A. (ICYPAA) is being hosted by his district in Joliet. He said the international ICYPAA conference has been postponed to 2022.

Chair Carmela said that she has been meeting with Past Delegate Robert S. to work out the details of the Area elections at the Fall Assembly. The Fall Assembly will a virtual meeting.

Georgene R. announced that Ginger R. B. of Mesa, Arizona, will be the speaker at the Three Legacies Group 5th Sunday open meeting on August 29, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Past Delegate Rich H. announced that the 2018 Area Inventory is now back on the NIA website, so people can review results from it regarding the Spring Assembly Conference and other items of interest to the Area. He suggested it may be time to do a new Area inventory.

Adjournment

Phil M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mike H. seconded it. Area Chair Carmela R. adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m., and the A.A. responsibility statement was recited.

The Fall Committee Meeting will be held on October 16, 2021, as a Zoom virtual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy B.

Northern Illinois Area 20 Secretary

**NIA 20 2021 SUMMER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
ATTACHMENTS**

1. Attachments to Delegate's Report
 - a. Proposed Agenda Item Submission Forms for 2022 GSC (English and Spanish)
 - b. Letter from GSO Conference Desk about Agenda Item Submission Date Change
 - c. Letter from A.A.W.S. Publishing about Current Offers
 - d. Thank-you for Your Contributions Letter from Bob W., GSO General Manager
 - e. Letter about Printing Delays due to Covid-19 Pandemic
 - f. Flyer for West Central Regional Forum – September 10-12, 2021
 - g. 2021 Illinois State Conference Flyer
2. GSO Quarterly Contribution Report for Area 020 – Northern Illinois Summary Page (2nd Quarter 2021)
3. Draft Motion from the Conference Advisory Committee to Impose a Deadline for Hosting the Spring Assembly Conference (most recent revision sent by Chair Carmela R. on 8/15/2021)
4. District 43 DCM Report

**General Service Conference (G.S.C.)
Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form**

Annual deadline for submissions for a General Service Conference is **September 15*.**

What types of proposals, suggestions or ideas rise to the level of needing a General Service Conference “action” or “decision”?

Proposals that are important to the future of Alcoholics Anonymous, policy decisions or request for changes to Conference-approved literature and items that might require the collective conscience of the Fellowship. The trustees, corporate directors and staff bring together years of experience in A.A. service in making decisions about the appropriate process or disposition of proposed Conference agenda items. Warranty six reminds us “that though the Conference may act for the service of Alcoholics Anonymous, it shall never perform any acts of government...” *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service* page 72.

The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service states on page S57 that:

The final agenda for any Conference consists of items suggested by individual A.A. members, groups, delegates, trustees, area assemblies, area committee members, and directors and staff members of A.A.W.S. and the Grapevine. The Conference considers matters of policy for A.A. as a whole, and there are tried-and-true procedures for placing an item on the agenda in the most effective way — or, when the suggestion does not concern overall policy, for routing it to the most appropriate part of the service structure.

If a G.S.R. has an idea for an agenda item, chances are that he or she will want to discuss it first with the group, then at a district or area meeting, which can then forward it to the staff member at G.S.O. currently serving as Conference coordinator. An A.A. who is not part of the general service structure can give the idea to the group’s G.S.R. or write directly to the Conference coordinator.

The following is from a process overview document “FAQs on Group Conscience Consideration for Proposed Conference Agenda Items.”

- Q. What happens when a proposed Conference agenda item arrives at the Conference Coordinator’s desk?
- A. The Conference Coordinator acknowledges receipt of the proposed agenda item and lets the sender know which of the following options is most appropriate and, if necessary, an explanation of why and how the proposed agenda item is being directed. Some of the possible routes are:
1. Forwarding to a Trustees’ Committee via a G.S.O. Staff Member or Department Head.
 2. Forwarding to G.S.O.’s Publications Director or Group Services Staff person.
 3. Forwarding to A.A. World Services, Inc.
 4. Forwarding to Chair of the General Service Board.
 5. Forwarding to the A.A. Grapevine Corporate Board/AA Grapevine Publisher.
- Q. What happens when it is unclear what committee should address a proposed item or where an item should be routed?
- A. When it is unclear where a proposed item belongs, it is most frequently forwarded to the trustees’ Committee on the Conference for direction.

If a proposed agenda item does not rise to the level of a Conference action the topic could be programmed during Conference in a different way like a presentation/discussion or workshop.

This overview is general and includes many but not necessarily all the possible routes a proposed agenda item follows in the trustee, G.S.O. and Grapevine review process. There is no “one size fits all” procedure and, on a case-by-case basis over time, there may occasionally be inconsistencies.

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.

(2) What problem does this proposed item address?

(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).

Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.

(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:

(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.

(7) Final comments:

**Conferencia de Servicios Generales (C.S.G.)
Formulario propuesto para remisión de puntos de agenda**

Fecha límite de recepción para una Conferencia de Servicios Generales: 15 de septiembre*

¿Qué clase de propuestas, sugerencias o ideas alcanzan el grado de requerir una “acción” o “decisión” de una Conferencia de Servicios Generales?

Propuestas que sean importantes para el futuro de Alcohólicos Anónimos, decisiones sobre políticas o cambios a la literatura aprobada por la Conferencia, y puntos que pudieran apelar a la consciencia colectiva de la Comunidad. Los custodios, los directores de las corporaciones y los miembros del personal contribuyen juntos años de experiencia en el servicio en A.A. para tomar decisiones al procesar o descartar puntos de agenda de Conferencia. La sexta garantía nos recuerda “que, aunque la Conferencia puede actuar al servicio de Alcohólicos Anónimos, ella nunca deberá realizar ninguna acción de gobierno”. *El manual de Servicio de A.A. combinado con Doce Conceptos para el servicio mundial*, edición 2018-2020, p. S104.

El manual de Servicio de A.A. combinado con Doce Conceptos para el servicio mundial, edición 2018-2020, indica en la p. S58:

El programa final de la Conferencia consiste en temas sugeridos por miembros de A.A., delegados, custodios, asambleas de área y directores de A.A.W.S. y de Grapevine. La Conferencia considera asuntos de política general para A.A. en su totalidad y la experiencia ha demostrado que hay ciertos procedimientos a seguir para facilitar que un asunto se inscriba en el orden de día, o, si no tiene que ver con la política general, para procurar que llegue a la rama apropiada de la estructura de servicios.

Es probable que un R.S.G. que tiene una idea que le parece apropiada proponer para el orden del día, quiera presentarla primero a su grupo para discusión y luego ante una reunión de distrito o asamblea, de donde se puede remitir a la atención del miembro del personal de la O.S.G. actualmente asignado al puesto de coordinador de Conferencia. Un miembro de A.A., que no forma parte de la estructura de servicios generales puede comunicar la idea al R.S.G. del grupo o presentarla directamente por correo en una carta dirigida al coordinador de Conferencia.

Lo siguiente procede del documento general sobre procesos: “Preguntas frecuentes sobre las consideraciones de la consciencia de grupo respecto de puntos de agenda propuestos para la Conferencia”.

P. ¿Qué pasa cuando un punto de agenda propuesto para la Conferencia llega al despacho del coordinador de la Conferencia?

R. El coordinador de la Conferencia acusa de recibido el punto de agenda propuesto y le hace saber al remitente cuál de las siguientes opciones sería la más apropiada y, de ser necesario, le explica por qué y cómo el punto de agenda propuesto será dirigido. Algunas de las rutas posibles son:

1. Remitirlo al Comité de los Custodios por conducto de un miembro del personal de la O.S.G. o jefe de departamento.
2. Remitirlo al director de Publicaciones de la O.S.G. o al miembro del personal de Servicios a Grupos.
3. Remitirlo a A.A. World Services, Inc.
4. Remitirlo al presidente de la Junta de Servicios Generales.
5. Remitirlo a la Junta Corporativa del A.A. Grapevine o al editor del AA Grapevine.

P. ¿Qué sucede cuando es incierto a cuál comité deberá dirigirse un punto propuesto o a dónde deberá ser enviado?

R. Cuando es incierto a dónde pertenece un punto, frecuentemente es remitido al Comité sobre la Conferencia de los custodios, para pedir dirección.

Si un punto de agenda propuesto no alcanza el grado de requerir una acción de la Conferencia, el tema puede ser programado durante la Conferencia de una manera distinta, como un presentación o tema de debate o taller.

Este panorama es general, e incluye muchas rutas posibles —pero no necesariamente todas— que un punto de agenda propuesto sigue en el proceso de revisión de custodios, de la O.S.G. y el Grapevine. No existe un proceso que sirva para todos los casos y, observando individuales que se dan con el tiempo, puede ocasionalmente haber incongruencias.

(1) Remite la moción con una redacción clara y concisa.

(2) Este punto propuesto, ¿a qué problema responde?

(3) ¿Qué nivel de consciencia de grupo —si fue el caso— discutió el punto de agenda propuesto? Define con claridad quién está remitiendo el punto: un individuo, un grupo, un distrito, un área, etcétera.

Nota: Aunque todos los puntos son recibidos imparcialmente, la experiencia ha demostrado que las ideas se benefician en gran medida mediante el valor de una consciencia amplia de grupo. Considera si querrías (y con quién) sostener un debate de consciencia de grupo sobre el punto de agenda propuesto, antes de remitirlo.

(4) Proporciona información de referencia que describa y respalde las razones de la propuesta. Haz una lista de material de referencia que se incluye con la propuesta:

(5) ¿Qué resultado se persigue o espera de ser aprobado este punto propuesto?

(6) Proporciona los datos de una persona para contactarla en referencia a esta solicitud.

(7) Observaciones finales:

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Greetings,

Please read this important communication regarding an Advisory Action approved by the 71st General Service Conference (G.S.C.) to implement “The Equitable Distribution of Workload and Scoring Tool Process.”

The Conference agreed that the new process would help ensure an equitable distribution of the Conference committees’ workload.

There are two key changes that this new process implements.

1. The annual Proposed Agenda Item submission deadline has changed from December 15 to September 15.
 - a. The NEW deadline for submission of proposed agenda items for the 72nd General Service Conference is September 15, 2021.
2. A new standardized Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form is to be completed for all proposed agenda items.
 - a. The Conference noted that the new submission form will bring much needed structure and clarity to the process.

Attached please find the new [Proposed Agenda Item Submission Form](#) in [English](#), [French](#) and [Spanish](#).

The new process does not change the deadlines for translation of Conference Background materials. This is due to a trustees’ General Service Conference Committee (TGSCC) subcommittee performing the equitable distribution of the Conference workload analysis in November. A final equitable distribution of workload plan for the upcoming G.S.C. will be submitted to TGSCC for review and approval at the 2022 January Winter Board Weekend.

In Fellowship,

Steve S.
G.S.O. Staff
Conference Desk

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**Our A.A.W.S. Special Summer Offers continue
with a “Dynamic Duo” combo!**

&

Our “Reduced Shipping Charges Test Pilot Program” continues. . .

Dear A.A. friends,

In efforts to help carry the message via our literature on all of our summertime jaunts, we are delighted to announce our ongoing Special Summer Offers, including:

**A) “Dynamic Duo” Special Summer Offer!
August 1 – September 30, 2021**

**Buy the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous* hardcover ...
(in English, French or Spanish)**

**...and get \$1 OFF! *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*
in any language and any format!**

And,

continuing through September 30, 2021:

B) “A.A. in Your Pocket” Special Summer Offer!

Focus on our portable editions!

➤ Buy any of our pocket editions **and get \$1 off each,**

--combinable with all other discounts!

- **Pocket Big Book**
- **Pocket 12 x 12**
- **Daily Reflections**
- **As Bill Sees It**

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C) Our Test Pilot on Reduced Shipping Charges continues

In our ongoing efforts to ensure that A.A. literature is equally accessible throughout the Fellowship — to groups, Intergroups and Central Offices (large and small) — and to remove barriers that may hinder getting our life-saving literature into the hands of all who need it, our 5-month test pilot continues for 3 more months—

:

Effective May 18 through October 18, 2021

<u>Orders</u>	<u>Shipping charge</u>
under \$25	\$5
\$25 - \$50	\$7
\$50 - \$250	12% of total
\$250 - \$500	10% of total
over \$500	Free Shipping

Note: Dollar totals are in U.S. currency. Shipping charges are based on totals before applicable sales tax.

As we continue to encourage members to purchase literature from their home groups and local distribution sources (Intergroups and Central Offices), this pilot shipping fee structure will allow us to chart the effects of reduced shipping charges for a limited-time, 5-month period.

Once the pilot is complete, we will:

- examine the data;
- listen to inputs from all those who buy from us; and
- carefully consider any positive or negative impacts.

We are ever mindful that “money and spirituality mix” in each of these transactions.

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➤ **Order via Groups, Intergroups and Central Offices:**

As we know, A.A.W.S. encourages ordering of literature and other items via local groups, intergroups and central offices. ***Please consult your local listings.***

➤ **Order via the A.A.W.S. webstore:**

See Flyers and Order Forms

- ***Dynamic Duo [click here](#)***
- ***A.A. in Your Pocket [click here](#)***

To place an order on our webstore, [click here.](#)

Happy Summer reading!



David R., Publishing Director

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August 9, 2021

Dear A.A. Friends,

Thank you for your participation in our Seventh Tradition with your contributions to the General Service Board. Our co-founder Bill W. posed the question, "Where do A.A.'s services fit into our scheme of things and why should we provide these functions with money?" His answer was simple and still holds true today that *"Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible, whether it be a group meeting place, a central or intergroup office...or the world service Headquarters."* It is in this spirit that the General Service Office (G.S.O.) supports your efforts to carry the message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

The G.S.O. is committed to promptly acknowledging contributions received from the Fellowship. Unfortunately, our conversion to new software, combined with the need to shift our attention to responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, resulted in a temporary suspension of acknowledgements sent by postal mail and a suspension of contribution quarterly statements sent to delegates, districts and groups.

Please know that members who provided their email address with their contribution promptly received acknowledgement via email throughout 2020. Postal mail acknowledgements resumed in February 2021. Moving forward, I encourage all members to provide an email address with their contribution which will enable us to acknowledge contributions sooner and saves the Fellowship printing, mailing and postage costs.

At this time, I am pleased to inform you that the suspension of quarterly contribution statements is ending. During the month of August, Area Delegates will receive a summary of contributions made between January 1 and June 30, 2021. In the Fall, districts and groups will begin receiving quarterly statements. Going forward, contribution summaries will be sent quarterly within 30 days of the end of the quarter.

Thank you again for participating in our Seventh Tradition. If you have any questions about your quarterly contribution statement, please contact memberandcustomerservice@aa.org or 212-870-3023. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Paul Konigstein, Chief Financial Officer, at konigsteinp@aa.org.

In fellowship,

Bob W.

Bob W.
General Manager

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Update on Printing Delays due to the Covid-19 Pandemic

Dear A.A. friends,

As we have been updating everyone throughout these unprecedented times of Covid-19, we are continuing to experience disruptions throughout the printing and trucking industries, which is unfavorably impacting the supply chain and manufacturing of A.A.W.S. literature and other items.

We have learned that a dramatic rise in Covid-19 outbreaks have hit most of our key printers, in some cases, with serious and widespread impact among their employees. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families and colleagues of those who have lost loved ones.

What we are doing to actively address current and potential intermittent backorders

Our teams across many departments in the office have been working to address these challenges, placing orders for paper, materials, and press time months earlier than previously, to help reduce backorders caused by these disruptions.

Our Production team is focusing daily on the procurement of paper, binding supplies, and scheduling press time well in advance for reprints of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*, in particular, as well as for our other items of literature, in order to ameliorate potential delays.

Projected out of stock periods

It is likely, however, that we will be experiencing intermittent disruptions for the remainder of 2021, and ongoing. We will keep everyone informed.

Webstore and Member Service

Our webstore and member service teams have implemented measures to insure the following:

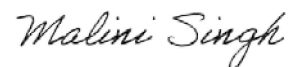
- 1) Those seeking to purchase items will receive all discounts earned on items that they select – including those items on backorder.
- 2) Folks ordering can “add to cart” and place orders for these items, as they normally would. The items will ship when they are back in stock.
- 3) Member Service will contact all purchasers regarding their backorders.
- 4) The product detail pages of the webstore will state that the item is “out of stock,” provide an estimated “back in stock” date, and will display related items available for purchase now (the same content in different formats, for example).
- 5) A notice on the out-of-stock items’ detail pages will reiterate that folks seeking to order our literature may check with their local intergroups and central offices, which may have the items in stock.

Working together, we are committed to A.A.’s time-honored tradition of collaboration and resilience within the Fellowship as we carry the message via our literature.

With all best A.A. wishes,



David R.,
Publishing Director



Malini Singh
Director of Operations

WEST CENTRAL

G.S.O. VIRTUAL REGIONAL FORUM

September 10-12, 2021

You are invited to the West Central Regional Forum!

PURPOSE OF REGIONAL FORUMS

Regional Forums are hosted by the A.A. General Service Board and “open” to all A.A. members or to anyone interested in A.A.

Regional Forums are designed to enhance communication and participation between A.A. members, the General Service Board, and staff and directors from the General Service Office and AA Grapevine. The West Central Regional Forum offers a virtual meeting place to ask questions and spark new ideas to help carry the A.A. message of hope to the still-suffering alcoholic.

PROGRAM

This Forum provides unique opportunities for A.A. members throughout the West Central Region to share their experience, strength, and hope. Over the weekend your Regional Trustee Mike L. will moderate the event. You will also hear from:

- ▶ General Service Office General Manager
- ▶ General Service Board Trustees (including your GSB Chair and Treasurer)
- ▶ AA Grapevine, Inc. Publisher and Staff
- ▶ A.A. World Services, Inc. Director
- ▶ G.S.O. Staff
- ▶ Your Region’s Delegates — presentations and workshops
- ▶ Past Trustees Sharing Session on Sunday morning

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Several sharing sessions will allow you to comment and ask questions of the Board and Staff. A sample program is posted on www.aa.org under the Regional Forums tab.

- ▶ Registration is free. That’s right — *FREE!*
- ▶ Registration opens: August 16, 2021
- ▶ Registration will be available the same day as the event.
- ▶ You can register online at www.aa.org.
- ▶ Starting August 16, 2021, click on the “Regional Forums Information” on the main webpage, scroll down to the Schedule, and click on the “Registration is open” link.
- ▶ All registration information is confidential and will not be used for anything except communicating about the event and sending the digital Final Report.

**For more information, please contact James H., Regional Forums Staff Coordinator,
at regionalforums@aa.org or call (212) 870-3120.**

2021 ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE

August 27th & 28th

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*"A.A. in a Time
of Change"*
Hosted By:
SIA 21

SPEAKER

YPAA

ENTERTAINMENT

AL-ANON

PANEL

FRIDAY - MAIN ROOM

- 7PM Opening Statements
- 8PM Paula P. - Champaign, IL
- 9PM Our Literature & How It Develops
- 10PM It's Game Time!

SATURDAY - MAIN ROOM

- 8AM Homegroups: Pandemic Edition
- 9AM G.S.O. Staff
- 10AM Trustee & Delegates
- 11AM Melanie D. - Gainesville, GA
- 12PM A.A. Jeopardy (Lunch Break)
- 1PM How Did I Get Here!?
- 2PM Marty M. - Ashville, NC
- 3PM Virtual! Hybrid? Live! Oh, My!
- 4PM Fun & Rewards of Committee Work
- 5PM Our 3 Legacies in a Time of Change
- 6PM Our History & Preserving It
- 7PM Sobriety Countdown
- 8PM Tim H. - Louisville, KY
- 9PM We Are Not a Glum Lot!

SATURDAY - ROOM 2

- 3PM Living Traditionally
- 4PM It's an Inside Job
- 5PM Young, Sober, & Service
- 6PM What Will Our Legacy Be?

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Quarterly Contribution Report for Area 020 - Northern Illinois

Group Contributions Summary

Q2 2021 - 4/1/2021 through 6/30/2021

District Name	District Information		Contribution Information	
	Total Group Contributions Received from District (in USD)	Number of Groups Listed with GSO	Number of Groups Contributing to GSO	Percentage of Groups in District Contributing to GSO
D i s t r i c t Unknown	\$190.90	47	1	2.13%
District 10	\$464.00	96	7	7.29%
District 11	\$4,114.63	120	15	12.5%
District 12	\$465.00	48	4	8.33%
District 20	\$100.00	24	1	4.17%
District 21	\$185.00	25	2	8%
District 22	\$50.00	64	2	3.12%
District 23	\$80.96	33	1	3.03%
District 28	\$2,327.40	32	9	28.12%
District 40	\$630.00	65	5	7.69%
District 41	\$282.00	52	5	9.62%
District 42	\$963.97	64	7	10.94%
District 43	\$1,144.50	72	8	11.11%
District 51	\$1,415.00	111	12	10.81%
District 52	\$440.40	27	4	14.81%
District 61	\$328.00	64	6	9.38%
District 62	\$444.80	24	5	20.83%
District 64	\$720.78	22	5	22.73%
District 65-SP	\$0.00	6	0	0%
District 70	\$1,173.47	25	6	24%
District 71	\$50.00	30	1	3.33%
District 72	\$50.00	17	1	5.88%
District 73	\$155.00	37	2	5.41%
District 79-SP	\$0.00	7	0	0%
District 80	\$50.00	12	1	8.33%
District 90	\$120.00	13	2	15.38%
District 91	\$200.00	10	2	20%

2021 Fall Assembly Motion from the Conference Advisory Committee Motion to impose a deadline for hosting the Spring Assembly Conference

Motion:

The Area 20 Conference Advisory Committee (CAC) moves that if no group, or district completes the bidding process in accordance with the “*Formal Preparation & Presentation of Conference Bid*” guidelines in the current and approved Planning Procedures document, by the Winter Assembly, fifteen months prior to its scheduled event date, then the Spring Assembly Conference will be officially canceled by the Area Officers for the intended year.

Background

The Spring Assembly Conference (SAC) is a weekend long event that requires the host committee to “Secure a location for the Conference and make all necessary arrangements with the facility staff”. “Experience shows that successful conferences finalize contracts at least one year in advance.” This has been an increasingly difficult situation and if not secured within this reasonable amount of time, the pricing for hotel selection is significantly impacted.

The number of people suggested per our guidelines for planning this conference is thirty-six including chairs and alternates with additional members needed for each committee. In the past, two or more districts have partnered to provide the work force needed and even then, fell short in many years. If there are not enough members committed to take on this responsibility and allow for the inclusion of both seasoned and inexperienced participants, it may be difficult for the true spiritual nature of this “Area sponsored conference” to be met. This is evidenced by the cancellation of two of the past three years conferences when no one stepped up to host.

Our guidelines suggest and are written with the expectation that “bids for the N.I.A. Spring Assembly Conferences are awarded approximately one and one-half years preceding the event” A set cutoff date could help us focus on the current voice of the fellowship when the bidding process deadline has passed.

References:

- http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/pdf/guide/2018/Planning_Procedures_2018.pdf
- <http://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/NIA-20-Service-Manual-web-201901.pdf>

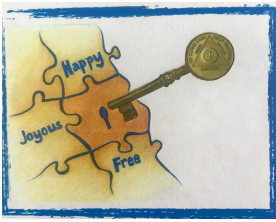
Follow Up Actions Required

- Update the Area 20 Planning Procedures
- Updating Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Manual

Respectively submitted,

Conference Advisory Committee

- Erik L., Area Alternate Chair
- Susan Hl., Area Grapevine Chair
- Dawn B., Area Treasurer
- Kevin A., Area Bridging the Gap (BTG) Chair
- Carol H., Area Registrar



August 14, 2021

Dear God, I want to
take a minute not to
ask for anything,
but simply to say
thank you for all I have.



"Building a fellowship anytime, from anywhere, for anyone who has a desire to stop drinking."

From: From the Desk of John O. DCM District 43

REPORT TO AREA 20

—we give a theme to our monthly meetings... July and August has been "AA Summer Success".

—Our Archives Committee has made significant progress with their efforts to digitize all our Dist. 43 materials. Over 4500 files have now been digitized. Our Group History Project that has been submitted to New York includes over 120 Group Histories. Our latest project is to collect "Longtimer's" audio interviews for transcription to include in our records. We have completed 72 continuous months of Groupnews articles in our "Groupvine" monthly Newsletter. Our goal is to maintain a close relationship with Area Archives and often work in tandem with the exchange of information.

—Our website continues to be the glue that holds everything together. All information is posted in a timely manner. Correct exchange of information is crucial to helping us Carry the Message.

—Dist. 43 continues to have and support a total of 104 meetings per week. Most are now coming back person to person with Zoom still a viable option. All subject to change of course.

—Our District 43 meetings are well attended.

—Since the Covid pandemic our PI-CPC has placed monthly newspaper ads with the theme, "Building a Fellowship Anytime, from Anywhere, for Anyone who has a desire to stop drinking".

—We are reaching out to our GSR's and committee chairs via regular DCM reports and texts. Area information is passed along to further help our people understand.

—Our BTG has a redesigned flyer for use with Corrections. It is posted on our website.

—Our Treatment Chair has volunteers and happy to report that they are now open up for us to come in.

—We would like to thank all of our leaders at the Area level for your support.
Respectfully submitted,

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