

District Committee Member (DCM) Report
February 6, 2020

I attended the Northern Illinois Area (NIA) 20 Winter Committee Meeting on Saturday, January 11, 2020 at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in La Fox, IL. The attendance was lighter than usual due to the snow conditions.

We were blessed to have Mark E., our East Central Regional Trustee, facilitate the morning service orientation workshop. Mark presented information on AA's service structure, positions and committees with his personal story about the service work he has done at the home group level, district level, area level, and now as a trustee. He answered many questions submitted to the "Ask It Basket" and shared his experience, strength and hope.

We received an update from Marilyn F., Area 20's new delegate, who will be attending the General Service Conference in New York in April. Marilyn represents our District 11, as well as the other 25 Districts that comprise Area 20. She is OUR voice in matters affecting AA as a whole. Geographically, Area 20 is the northern third of the State of Illinois.

We also received the Area 20 Treasurer's report.

Area 20's Finance Committee introduced a Motion to reflect the Area's intention to fully fund the cost of our Delegate's participation in the General Service Conference effective 2020 and in subsequent years. The motion is attached for your review. You may ask, "Okay, but what does this mean for me?" I'm happy to explain!

When Area 20 introduces a motion, I and the other DCM's bring the motion back to our districts to share at our business meetings. General Service Representatives (GSRs) should then bring this motion to their home groups for discussion at their next business meeting so the home group members can vote to either support the motion or reject it. The majority vote of the members is how YOU should vote when you attend the quarterly Area Assembly. You may ask, "Area Assembly?" Yes! You, as a GSR, are the liaison between your home group and Area 20, where you participate in the voting process with your in-person vote. For this specific motion, we are voting on a matter that affects Area 20 finances. But there may be other motions brought forward during the year that affect AA as a whole. This is an important process for GSRs to participate in as Trusted Servants for your home groups.

We also discussed the open Area service positions which include Alternate Area Secretary, Area Answering Service Committee Chair, Alternate Area Archives Committee Chair, Area Bridge the Gap (BTG) Committee Chair, Alternate Area BTG Committee Chair, Alternate Area Grapevine Chair, and Alternate Area Literature Committee Chair. If you have interest in any of these roles, please let me know.

Our Area 20 Chairperson, Carmela R., has administrative positions open for appointment. I have volunteered to serve as the Area 20 Service Handbook Custodian.

All DCMs present introduced themselves at the microphone, as did the committee chairs and alternates.

The officers (Alternate Delegate, Chairperson, Alternate Chairperson, Registrar, Alternate Registrar and Secretary) provided updates.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

In grateful service,

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