

Northern Illinois Area (NIA) 20 Finance Committee Motion
NIA Winter Committee Meeting
March 21, 2020

Motion from the 2019 Finance Committee:

The Finance Committee moves that the NIA Primary Purpose Register (PPR), Activity number "B02 - General Service Conference Contribution", be revised to reflect the Area's intention to fully-fund the cost of our Delegate's participation in the General Service Conference (GSC) ongoing from 2020 forward. The following change is suggested:

Activity number	Service activity	Expectations per guidelines	Allowable expenses	Reimbursed Authority	2020 Expected Expense
B02	General Service Conference Contribution	The Area Committee is expected to make a contribution for the General Service Conference per the AA Service Manual, NIA Guidelines, and historical practice*	Year-end contribution to GSB for NIA Delegate to participation in GSC	Delegate reports to the Treasurer the current expenses per the General Service Board	\$8,300.00

*** Upon receipt of the annual letter to the Delegate from the General Service Office the Treasurer shall forward a check for additional funds if needed.**

Background: Historically, NIA has paid the entire cost of the Delegate's participation at the General Service Conference (GSC) as determined by the General Service Board (GSB). However, because those costs are not known when the PPR is created it has been an unwieldy two-step process. Past practice has been to send an amount equal to that year's cost to the GSB at the end of each calendar year as a "down payment" for the following year and, after the actual costs are announced, a supplemental motion has been made to forward the balance, if there is a difference from the amount paid.

This motion combines historic practice and the Assembly's intention to pay our own way. Revising the PPR would authorize the Treasurer to pay the amount suggested by the General Service Office (GSO) and eliminate the need for a second motion. For planning and budgeting purposes the Finance Committee could use a rounded amount approximating the current year's actual expenditure in the next year's proposed Primary Purpose Registry.

The following motion was found in the NIA "Assembly Actions 1972 to Present" document on the NIA website:

ITEM 3	ASSEMBLY	MOTIONS	PROPOSER	ACTION	PPM
2006-23	Winter 12/2/06	Motion to amend 2006 NIA Budget (Line item 684) to \$5000 to fully fund Delegate to General Service Conference	Panel 54 Past Delegate	Unanimous	

The above motion appears to cover only 2006 and the question and discussion about whether to provide additional funds continues each year when the second motion is presented. If this current motion is passed by the 2020 NIA Spring Assembly body, the description in the Primary Purpose Register description for Activity number "B02 - General Service Conference Contribution".

Respectfully submitted,

The 2019 NIA Finance Committee

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