

**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
District 11  
July 1, 2021**

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Meeting time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** 23

**Committee members:** 13

**Groups represented:** 7

**Guests:** 2

**Read Twelve Traditions:** Georgene

**Read Concept of the Month:** Mike

**New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present:** 0

**New attendees present:** 0

**Anniversaries:** Todd - 45 years, Kelly - 11 years

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**DCM Report: Kate - DCM**

Friends,

In June 2021, I participated in the following activities:

Big Book Conference Planning Committee Meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> : We are finishing details on the program and registration

NIA20 Summer Assembly on June 25<sup>th</sup> :

o Motion 1 was approved: "...elect a Host Committee Chair and Co-Chair for the Illinois State Conference Host Committee at the Winter Assembly starting with the 2025 conference. The election will be every 3 years starting at the Winter Assembly, 2023."

o Motion 2 was sent back to committee for rework and discussion. ("...a Spring Assembly Conference Chair and Co-Chair be elected by the Area Assembly. The election would take place at the Fall Assembly 18 months prior to the Conference. (Note that the first election would take place at the Fall Assembly 2021 for the 2023 Spring Conference.) If there is no one elected by the Winter Assembly, the Area will forego the upcoming Spring Assembly Conference.

Other events and communications to share with you:

NIA Spring Assembly Minutes

71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference Committee Considerations

71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference Advisory Actions

71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference Recommendations not resulting in Conference Advisory Actions

Corrections Activity Update

AA New Board Chairperson announcement

AA Grapevine and Your Group

NIA Summer Assembly Final Agenda

NIA Summer Assembly Packet

NIA Delegate's Report

NIA Treasurer's Report

NIA Balance Sheet

NIA Profit and Loss Statement

NIA Alternate Treasurers Report

NIA Alternate Delegate email

NIA Alternate Delegate Report – Summer Assembly

Grapevine on Instagram announcement

Grapevine News – July 2021

CPC Train the Trainer – July 26 th

April 2022 Vacancies for Class B Regional Trustees notification

Things a Delegate Should Be, Have, Do, Know, Read - presentation

#### DCM Report – District 11

July 1, 2021

Yes, it's the first day of July, and I wanted to ensure that everyone is aware that my term as District 11's District Committee Member, and Pat's term as our Alternate DCM, are coming to a close at the end of this year. We will hold elections for 2022-2023 at our November business meeting on November 4 th .

As a reminder, you can access all Area 20 Committee Meeting/Assembly minutes and reports at: <https://aa-nia.org/reports/>. All minutes and reports from January 2013 to the present are available to you.

And if you're interested in District 11 minutes and reports (from April 2015 to the present), click here: <http://aa-nia-dist11.org/district-meeting-minutes-reports/>

#### **Alt DCM Report: Pat - Alt. DCM**

- **During the month of June, I attended:**
  - **A meeting for DCMs and their Alternates arranged by Chris DeGrane, our Alternate Delegate. We discussed the 2 motions that were presented at the Area Assembly. The purpose of the DCM meeting is to highlight the information needed for DCMs to prepare themselves and their GSRs for the upcoming Assembly.**
  - **I attended the Summer Area Assembly last weekend. Marilyn, our Area Delegate, gave her post GSO Conference report and the Area 20 motions mentioned above and were sent back to committee after a lengthy discussion. A decision was made to hold a “virtual” Fall Assembly while the committee involved plans how to successfully do hybrid versions in future.**
  - **I also attended the Big Book Conference planning meeting and the Registration/Tech team meeting to prepare for and meet our registration timeline for the October BBC.**
- **In May we discussed and voted on the suggestion that our District do an inventory. I presented questions and an agenda at the June business meeting. At that meeting in June, a suggestion was made that a draft be sent out to everyone to read and give feedback on the questions. Included were possible dates that Carmela, our Area 20 Chair is available to facilitate the inventory. Kate sent out the draft on June 15 with proposed questions\*, agenda and dates. So far, I've not heard back from anyone. So I assume that you approve the questions and agenda or does anyone have any feedback for me tonight? Also, we should vote on the dates proposed which are either July 31st or August 7.**

#### **Secretary's Report: James - Secretary, Marlenna - Alt. Secretary**

- Please email me your report. I have put the email address in the chat.
- Minutes were emailed out right after the last meeting. If you are not receiving them, please see me after the meeting and we will fix that. Are there any corrections? If not, I would like to make a motion to accept September meeting minutes.
- Thanks for allowing me to be of service

**\*\*Motion to accept: Todd, 2nd Keith**

Please send written committee reports to the secretary to be submitted in minutes.

Email: [secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org](mailto:secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org)

**Treasurer's Report: Holly G - Treasurer, Tim - Alt. Treasurer**

Treasurer's Report Summary for June 2021

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve: \$1,452.34
- Income from Individual Groups: \$100.00
- Expenses Incurred: \$ 0.00

\*\*Motion to Accept Report: Tina, 2nd Georgene

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Accessibility Report: Kristen F. - Chair, OPEN- Alt. Chair**

I received a call from Valley Hi nursing home in Woodstock requesting a weekly meeting be brought to their facility again.

The person who did it before the pandemic can no longer do it.

I've asked at meetings but I haven't heard back from anyone yet.

I have the contact information if anyone is able to do this.

They requested Saturday evening at 6:30 but are flexible if that doesn't work.

**Answering Service Report: Scott - Chair, Mike - Alt. Chair**

June call volume was up with 36 received calls.

36 total calls were received.

25 calls were forwarded. Thank you to all that responded.

11 calls were not forwarded.

The majority of calls this past month were, again, for meeting information. One of the calls not forwarded was an overnight (1:30am) call. This person did not appear to call the answering service a second time. This is our first "non-connect" in quite a long time.

There were 4 calls that were referred to the Al-Anon contact number.

Thank you again to our stand-by/go-to volunteers!

We have refilled all open volunteer positions. Thank you to all who have joined. We will gladly accept names for future openings. If you know someone interested in service work, this is an excellent place to help out. Please feel free to have them contact me. We prefer one year of sobriety and have worked the steps with a sponsor.

**Archives Report: Clarence J. - Chair**

- Not present

**CPC Report: Ginny - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair**

- Not present

**Corrections Report: Emily P. - Chair, Steve K. - Alt. Chair**

- No word on when meetings will open up again. We have had offers for volunteers, and we have been getting volunteers

**Grapevine Report: Todd - Chair, Pixie - Alt. Chair**

- Our committee has updated our short Grapevine presentation and would enjoy the opportunity to make the presentation in-person to your group. The 10 minute version covers the creation of our "meeting in print in 1945, its history as well as the current offerings that go beyond the print version. Please let us know when you would like us to attend your group.
- The July issue of the GV has been published. The Featured Section is the "Annual Prison Issue." AA members inside and out of prison walls share powerful stories about getting sober and helping one another. Also included are stories of hope by members during the on-going COVID-19 crisis.
- Grapevine.org just announced the following: "We are happy to announce that following the 2021 General Service Conference action, AA Grapevine, Inc. will be starting Instagram accounts for both AA Grapevine and La Viña magazines.
- Our launch date is July 7, 2021. You'll be able to see our Daily Quote each morning, know when our new magazine issues will be released, learn about new books and be inspired by both AA pioneers and today's members." Check it out!
- Finally, from the December 1971 Grapevine: Two monks were sampling some of their monastery's famous wine. After a while one raised his jug and said in stentorian tones, "I can out meditate any man in the house!"
  - Vacancy for Non-Trustee Director, at 5th Anniversary of LaVina, 6 issues per year. You can sign-up for grapevine Daily. 2 new books available. Todd is offering to visit groups with a 10-minute video presentation. July Issue/Prison Issue is out. Grapevine is happy to announce they are starting an Instagram Account for Grapevine and LaVina.

**Literature: Keith - Chair, Carrie - Alt. Chair**

Visit [aa.org](http://aa.org) for:

one click to "Read Daily Reflections" for the day. It also has a nice search feature ~ for instance type in 'Resentment' and it will find each day's reading with resentment in the text.

Under "What's New" ~ the summer special this year focus on portable additions: Pocket Big Book; Pocket 12 & 12; Daily Reflections and/or As Bill Sees It in any language for (\$1) off each!

Box 4-5-9 News and Notes from the General Service Office of A.A. Summer edition 2021 is available for download and printing.

As always ~ as your meetings go back to in-person format, check your inventory of Newcomer Packets. We will replenish your supply upon request.

**LCM Report: N/A**

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**Public Information Report: Guy - Chair, Randy - Alt Chair**

- Not present

**Schedule Maker: Harry**

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**Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: Glenn - Chair, Maureen - Alt Chair**

- No report

**Webmaster: Sean T. - Chair, Harry G. - Alt. Chair**

- Normal updates and policing of documents of identifying information

**Workshop: Natě - Chair, OPEN- Alt. Chair**

Sue provided me with a sponsorship workshop pamphlet from 2008, which I would like to use as a baseline for setting up our first workshop. She mentioned we used to get access to the senior center at the McHenry Township at no cost, so I'll be checking on that. It was on a Saturday evening. Dave G. might have electronic PDFs of these pamphlets. Will also see if we have any access to printers for the booklets.

**GSR Reports:**

- Sue - working on outreach to churches, etc
- Sean - St. Mary's meeting is now in hybrid format

**Old Business:**

- Open committee positions

**New Business:**

- Georgene - Big book conference report
  - We had our most recent Big Book Conference Committee Meeting this past Saturday June 19. We had hoped to have a Final Flyer for you for today's Assembly, but we still have a couple blank spots and some other important work to do. We do have a Spanish Translation of our current save the date flyer, we will get our current flyers, including that Spanish Translation and this report to our Area Secretary today for distribution. When we have Final Flyers and completed work we will immediately get all information to the DCMs and Area 20 Secretary Christy for distribution and post on our Big Book Conference Website. If any DCM needs information prior to your District Meeting or would like Rich and myself to attend your District Meeting, please contact us. Our contact info is on our Flyers and can be found on our Big Book Conference Website. Our Committees have been working to find their role in our Virtual Conference. And working together to bring this project together. This group of individuals has been fun and easy to work with. As our Program Committee winds down, the Technology Committee of Carol, Rob, and Mike are stepping forward to what looks like a busy summer, not only meeting as a sub-committee, but working with Treasurers with a plan for contributions. With Registration to have a means to register for the Conference in a similar fashion we do for our Assemblies. And Registration will be looking for a means of distribution of registration form, and probably doing so with the PI Committee. And please note, not on Social Media. Technology also to work with the Literature/Grapevine Committee for a means to showcase AA Approved Literature and Grapevine at key moments of the Conference. Technology also to work with the Program Committee to communicate with our Main Speakers, to make sure any power point or other info is posted for you at our Virtual Conference during the Main Speakers presentations. Technology gave a great report and presentation at our last meeting. Detailing the needs they have from our Committee, and how they plan to use the Big Book Conference Website for Registration, Flyer, contributions via Pal Pal and QR Code. They showed us what the Registration link could look like, how and when they plan on posting PowerPoint Presentations for Literature and for Grapevine. These presentations will also be available on the Big Book Conference Website. And how they plan presentations for our two main Speakers. Upon the completion of this year's Conference, we hope to have a list of suggested updates for the "Procedures For Planning The Big Book Conference."
- Group inventory dates
  - Discussion on if one date would be enough or if it would require more time, breaking it into 2 sessions

- Date options:
  - July 31
  - August 7
  - Two consecutive Thursdays
- August 7th from 9am-12pm will be the date of the group inventory

**OPEN MIC:**

- No announcements

**Meeting Closed at: 8:31 p.m.**

**The next District Meeting is August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Zoom:**

**Meeting ID: 829 7132 2582**

**Passcode: District11**