

## DISTRICT 11 DCM REPORT – APRIL 2023

Friends,

I hope everyone had a great March! It was a very busy month with a lot going on in Alcoholics Anonymous!

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, I attended the NIA 20 Spring Assembly. I was very happy to see so many GSRs and members from District 11 in attendance. I sent out to the district the area reports provided to me back on March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you read any of these reports, I highly encourage you to read the delegates report. Here are the results of the motions voted on at the Spring Assembly.

- Motion #1: It is moved that the mileage reimbursement be increased from \$0.40 per mile to \$0.50 per mile retroactive effective to January 1, 2023.
  - A request to amend the original motion was approved to be considered by the assembly and ultimately passed with substantial unanimity (approximately 75% in favor).
  - Amended & Approved Motion: It is moved that the mileage reimbursement be increased from \$0.40 per mile to the IRS Standard Mileage Rate for business use retroactive effective to January 1, 2023.
    - I voted in favor of accepting the amendment and of the final motion.
- Motion #2: Panel 62 Past Delegate makes a motion to have our Area 20 Treasurer write up to 13 checks or PayPal reimbursements. One to each Area of the East Central Region that sent checks or PayPal payments, in the amount received from these Areas that they sent to help cover the loss of the \$3,000.00 East Central Regional Conference Seed Money incurred by Area 20.
  - The motion ultimately did not pass.
    - I voted in favor of this motion.

After the Assembly, I spent the afternoon participating and attending a couple of the panels. I moderated and shared on a panel titled “We know you will not want to miss it”. Afterwards, I attended a panel where the GSRs of our district shared their experience of The Home Group. Great job to all who participated in the conference. It was nice to see the program filled with individuals from district 11.

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Legacy of Service: Concepts Study. We started reading “Concept XI”, but only got a few pages in. It was a small gathering but was very informative and we had some great discussion. Our next meeting will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. We will be continuing “Concept XI”, starting at “The General Policy Committee...” I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

I attended the Literature and Finance PGSCW breakout sessions. It was very informative and there was some great discussion. I have found it to be very nice to have the breakout sessions scattered over the course of a week and a half via Zoom instead of them all meeting at the same time the morning of the PGSCW. It is nice to allow members of our area to attend all the breakout sessions they want to and have our area delegate present at a majority of the sessions.

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, we had our District's Review of some of the agenda items for this year's General Service Conference. There were four of us that attended in person, and another seven to nine that attended virtually. I did purchase some district supplies and food and drinks for this event. An expense report can be found at the end of this report. It was a great event, filled with great discussion. I definitely left better informed and better prepared for the Pre-General Service Conference Workshop. The following are the items that we reviewed, including some notes I took from our discussion. Please note that there may be some things that I did not capture. It was a bit difficult to take notes and facilitate the meeting.

### **List of Agenda Items Discussed (March 25, 2023)**

#### **III. Corrections**

##### ***C. Discuss service piece, “Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare” (SMF-209) and its revisions.***

- ***Sid gave a summary of the background information. General discussion was had, but the emphasis was encouraging individuals to look at the changes made and to send an email to Chris, our delegate, with specific things you liked/disliked or what you would like to see included in the service piece.***

#### **IV. Finance**

##### ***F. Discuss new proposed agenda items (PAI's) regarding the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.***

- ***Sid gave a summary of the background information and PAI's that were submitted. Summary of the PAI's are as follows.***
  - ***Adding the short form of the Twelve Concepts for World Service.***
    - ***The consensus was that everyone was for this idea.***
  - ***Rescinding the changes made in the chapters about Step 6 & 12.***
    - ***The consensus was that these changes be rescinded.***

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- *The consensus was that everyone liked having the long form of the traditions included at the end of each chapter.*
- *Some of the discussion points were...*
  - *A member shared how their group is only using 12 x 12's printed before the 71<sup>st</sup> GSC advisory actions (having difficulty finding old 12 x 12's). They are also practicing the power of the purse by not sending contributions to the General Service Board.*
  - *People did not like the idea of changing our founder's words.*
  - *One member said it seemed like this change came out of nowhere.*
    - *Sid used this as an opportunity to mention the importance of group participation in the general service structure.*
  - *A member mentioned they liked the changes.*
  - *A member shared that the changes made in step 6 changed the context of the message the author is trying to relay to the user.*
  - *A member posed the question if a group should note if they are reading the old version of the 12 x 12 vs the current version in a meeting directory? (Relates to the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language)*
- *We all liked that the trustees' Literature committee suggests that the Conference Literature Committee consider forwarding the item to the general service areas for wider discussion looking toward setting a policy on how and whether to edit A.A. founder's words in our current literature."*

### VI. Literature

*H. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language.*

- *Sid gave a summary of the background information.*
  - *Print copy of the available plain language chapters will be provided for review by Conference members during the 2023 General Service Conference in a room that will be hosted by members of the trustees' Literature committee.*
  - *Article 3 of the Conference Charter and the Bylaws of the General Service Board make clear that the Steps themselves should not be modified, altered, or extended. The TABBs subcommittee expects the final treatment of Chapter 5 to be consistent with that guidance.*
  - *Drafts of the translation completed of each chapter are being sent to the trustees' literature committee for review/feedback.*
  - *In reviewing the background, got the sense that the trustees' Literature committee is putting in a lot of effort to ensure that the integrity of the message stays intact.*

*I. Review progress report regarding development of a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.*

- *Sid gave a summary of the background information. Not much discussion was had.*

*M. Discuss new proposed agenda items (PAI's) related to the Plain Language Big Book Translation.*

- *Sid gave a summary of the background information. Summary of the majority of the PAI's are as follows (per PAI document sent by Chris, in December 2022).*
  - *The Plain Language Translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous not be published until it is reviewed and approved by the full Conference.*
  - *Stop funding/stop the work of the Plain Language Translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.*
- *Some of the discussion points were...*
  - *This shouldn't continue since it takes away the role of the sponsor.*
  - *This book is meant to be gone through with a sponsor.*
  - *Mark-up your own book if you do not like the language.*
  - *People did not like the idea of changing our founder's words.*
  - *A member shared the idea of the Bible being translated into simple language.*
  - *Some people like the idea of this work continuing.*
  - *A member shared that this activity should continue. The intent of this "translation" is to be an accessibility tool for "loners", people who do not have contact with a group or a sponsor. For the intended purpose, this makes great sense, but I will not be using this book to work with people they sponsor.*
- *Sid asked the group for a consensus for the following.*
  - *Should A.A. continue the work of this book?*
    - *6 – yes, 0 – no, 3 – abstain*
  - *Should the book not be published until it is reviewed and approved by the full Conference?*

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- 9 – yes, 0 – no, 0 – abstain

***Sid brought up that he was upset to not see an agenda item regarding the A.A. Preamble. 24 of the 184 Proposed Agenda Items were regarding the A.A. Preamble (13%). Due to Concept 1, with there being this many submissions regarding one topic from the fellowship, it should have been added to the agenda for this year's conference. Brief discussion was had, but the consensus was that everyone was in agreement with this concern.***

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, I attended the NIA 20 Pre-General Service Conference Workshop. It was a great event, and everything went very smoothly. I heard nothing but good reviews and thanks from those who were in attendance. I would like to thank everyone who attended from district 11 and that helped make this event possible. This event wouldn't have been so successful without your support.

A majority of what was shared by our district and by me at the workshop is reflected in the notes I shared from the district's review of the agenda items for this year's General Service Conference. It was very informative, and I left the event having confidence that the voice of the area was communicated, and that Chris will be well informed heading into the conference. There was only one item (grouping of two agenda items) that our delegate requested a sense of the assembly for. In order to be transparent with the district, I will share with you the results of the sense of the assembly and how I voted.

- Chris asked, "Who is in favor of the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language?"
  - 56 in favor, 16 opposed.
  - I voted in favor.

At the end of the PGSCW, I did share my concern about the A.A. Preamble not being added to this year's agenda and asked Chris to share this concern with the conference. He said he completely understands the concern and said he would communicate this concern at the conference.

Below is a list of some upcoming service events:

- 04/20/2023: Legacy of Service: Concepts Study
  - 7:30pm via Zoom
  - Meeting ID: 970 0499 1067 / Passcode: 639187
- 05/02/2023: NIA 20 Monthly Meeting for District Secretaries/Registrars
  - 7pm via Zoom
  - Meeting ID: 883 1545 6870 / Passcode: secretary

Please remember to mention to your groups that there are still many open positions on the District 11 Committee. The current open positions can be found on the agenda for the upcoming district meeting, district website, meeting minutes, or through your General Service Representative. For past minutes, financial reports, district literature, and to learn where a group can send their contributions, please visit our website [www.aa-nia-dist11.org](http://www.aa-nia-dist11.org).

In service,

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# District 11 Expense Report

Name: Isidro B.

Date: 04/03/2023

Service Position: DCM

Address:

Phone #:

E-Mail Address:

Purpose of Expense: District Supplies/Stuff for Dist's review of GSC Agenda Items

Description of Expense:	Qty.	Cost each	Extension
Riverside Bakery Donuts	18	\$1.82	\$32.76
Tax 2	1	\$0.25	\$ 0.25
Walmart 35pk bottled water	1	\$6.98	\$ 6.98
12pk Coke can	1	\$7.26	\$ 7.26
12pk Diet Coke can	1	\$7.26	\$ 7.26
Great Value Classic Coffee	1	\$9.92	\$ 9.92
Great Value Decaf Coffee	1	\$8.73	\$ 8.73
Coffee filters	1	\$1.48	\$ 1.48
Sugar	1	\$2.12	\$ 2.12
Creamer	1	\$3.48	\$ 3.48
Bananas	2.53	\$0.53	\$ 1.34
Apples	2.22	\$2.37	\$ 5.26
Tax 1 & Tax 3	1	\$1.20 & \$ .28	\$ 1.48
Total Expenses			\$ 88.32

Note: Mileage reimbursed at \$.40 a mile

Signature: 

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