

## **NIA 20 District 11 Alternate DCM Report for 07/06/2023**

Good evening friends, I hope you all had a good month and a happy Father's day to everyone applicable.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> I attended the Legacies of Service Concepts Study. We had a visitor from an outside district and had good conversations on the material we read. The next Study will be on Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> Sid and I attended the NIA 20 Summer Assembly. The morning started off with some fellowship and getting me set up in fellowship connect for my new role. After the usual preliminary openings we heard the Delegate's Report from Chris. Most of this report was the same as last month with a few exceptions. Many of the slides had some added flair and pictures. Some key changes I noticed were the slide on Location Plus as well as discussion on the matter with Carolyn W.(Class B General Service Trustee, Treasurer for A.A.W.S., and Chair of the Location Plus Ad Hoc committee) and the Finance Report from Kevin P.(Class A Trustee and Treasurer of the General Service Board).

### **Location Plus:**

Location Plus is an Ad Hoc committee delegated with the task of finding out if New York is the best place for A.A. to do business, or if there is another place that better suits our needs (financially, logistics, etc.) The Ad Hoc committee will give their recommendations at the next General Service Conference. The Delegates will then give feedback and in 2025 a decision will be made. Some points Carolyn discussed were the volatility of the real estate market currently, and that the committee has engaged a consultant so that they may have an expert-based opinion.

### **Finance Report:**

Kevin discussed the 2022 Audit. We received an unmodified or clean audit opinion. This means that our financial statements are fairly stated. We had no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies. We were given five recommendations, but I did not catch what they were.

In 2023 we have a planned deficit due to the \$1M in funds that are to be allocated to the building of the Grapevine App, currently we have an operating surplus of \$505K. If things continue our deficit may turn into a breakeven.

Online contributions are up annually. Before the pandemic Literature carried A.A., now contributions do. The increase in literature cost was put into effect to restore our margins due to profitability loss due to supply chain issues during the pandemic. Most of the contributions are still from registered groups. Other contributions were comprised of contributions from non-group meetings and individuals. Most contributions the GSB receives are of values \$100 or less. There was discussion at this years conference about the spiritual principle of our contributions and it was recommended that the individual contribution maximum should not be increased.

### **Other changes or updates to Delegate's Report:**

I noticed that on Chris' slide about the Trustees Discussion that there was a motion to censure and that was voted down. There was also a longer description of events for the Finance committee's PAI F on our Founder's Literature with some of the talking points. The Slide deck was increased to 91 slides.

### **Back to the Summer Assembly:**

I noticed that our Spanish translator for our 3 Spanish Districts was solo and tasked with interpreting every spoken word for the entire meeting (8AM to 3PM.) In my experience with different translation aides at other events I thought it was typical for there to be a second translator so that each could share the load and have periods of rest. I think that this is fair and that our Area is more than financially capable to do this. I will reach out to the appropriate parties and work on a motion before the next assembly.

### **DCM Breakout**

At the DCM Breakout we discussed ways in which our area promotes activity at the district level as well as how we staff meetings at treatment centers. It was stated that District 70 could use help staffing the Tuesday night meeting at Rosecrance Harrison Campus(7:15PM to 8:30). Signup is available on the District 70 website.

We also heard how Raul from District 20 has helped their district participation bloom. It was a spiritual experience hearing him share about service, and allowing people to have open discussion.

### **New Business**

The Motions on the Agenda were thinned between the committee meeting and the assembly. We discussed the Motion to Amend Archives, the Motion to Amend Service Custodian, the Motion to fund Area participation at 2023 ECRF, and the motion to fund District participation at 2023 ECRF.

### **Motion to Amend Archives - Archivist in Service Manual**

There was some discussion on how this motion could have been more thorough. It involves the use of Area funds, but does not provide an estimate of how much this may cost. Cheryl V. (P64 Delegate) who drew up the motion stated she had looked into it, but was unable to come up with an estimate. **The motion passed 54:6, no minority opinion or changed votes. Our District voted in the minority.**

### **Motion to Amend Service Custodian in Service Manual**

There was little to no discussion on this motion. **Motion passed unanimously 51:0. Our District voted in the majority.**

### **Motion to fund AREA participation at the 2023 ECRF**

Heavy discussion took place on this motion. The main discussion was centered around who should be considered able to accept reimbursement due to there being incoming and outgoing officers. **The question was called, 52:2.** Our Delegate came to the microphone in support of the minority opinion and some friendly amendments were suggested. The final agreed upon amendment included current DCMs, excluded incoming officers, service committee chairs, and their alternates, and updated the expected amount(if every position went) to \$24,000. A motion was made to recommit and this failed by a simple majority.

**The amended motion passed 55:2, Our district voted in the majority.**

### **Motion to fund DISTRICT participation at the 2023 ECRF**

The discussion on this motion focused on amending the verbage so that no DCM could "double-dip" with the previous motion's amendment. There was also questions from our Treasurer on the way in which these reimbursements would be handled(Would the Treasure have to issue out 100's of checks?). The motion was amended to exclude DCMs from being able to be reimbursed on this motion, and that each District would be reimbursed up to \$400 and the money could be divided at the District level. **The motion passed 44:15 Our District voted in the minority.**

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