

Monthly Meeting Minutes District 11 October 5th, 2023

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: _32_, in person _22_

Committee members: _16_

Groups represented: _19_

Guests: __2__

Read Twelve Traditions: _Bobby F_

Read Concept of the Month: __Chris V__

New GSRs or Alt. GSRs present: _Jim (Keep it simple), Stefania (Huntley 1pm/11am)_

New attendees present: __0__

Anniversaries: Rebekah 5 years!!!! Georgene w/ 4 years!!! Mark w/ 4 years!!! Chris V w/ 2 years!!!! Ryan E w/ 6 years!!!!

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: Isidro B. - DCM

I hope everyone had a great September.

On September 16th, I attended the first half of the NIA 20 Fall Assembly virtually, to participate in the election of the panel 74 Area Officers and Committee Chairs. Since I was only present for the first half of the event, Dan will go over the motions that were discussed in the afternoon. I have included a copy of the Fall Assembly Minutes with my report, if you are interested in some additional information.

I have listed below what positions were filled, by whom, and the ones that remain open. Please note that these individuals will not be rotating into these positions until January 1, 2024. If you are elected to a district position next month for the 2024 rotation, I highly recommend you connect with the corresponding area chair. They will be a great help and are here to serve us.

NIA 20 Officers

Delegate	Erik L. (current Alt Delegate)
Alt Delegate	Lisa S. (current PI Committee Chair)
Chair	Dawn B. (current Alt-Chair)
Alt Chair	Aaron V. (current District 43 DCM)
Secretary	Sue M. (current Alt Secretary)
Alt Secretary	Rachel M.
Treasurer	Dave F. (current District 22 DCM)
Alt Treasurer	Mike H.
Registrar	Rob M. (current Chair)
Alt Registrar	Kim D. (current Alt. Registrar – eligible since she has not served a full rotation)

NIA 20 Committee Chairs

Accessibilities	Chris E. (current Registrar)
Alt Accessibilities	OPEN
Answering Service	Dave T. (current District 23 DCM)
Alt Answering Service	OPEN
Bridging the Gap	Jim T. (current BTG Committee Chair – eligible since he has not served a full rotation)

Alt Bridging the Gap	Joe B. (current Electronic Equipment Committee Chair)
Corrections	George P. (current Alt Corrections Committee Chair)
Alt Corrections	OPEN
CPC	Jan S. (current CPC Committee Chair – eligible since she has not served a full rotation)
Alt CPC	OPEN
Grapevine	Raul S. (current District 20 DCM)
Alt Grapevine	Terry M. (current District 40 DCM)
Literature	OPEN
Alt Literature	OPEN
Public Information	OPEN
Alt Public Information	OPEN
Treatment	Kevin A.
Alt Treatment	Jeff L. (current Alt Treasurer)

Below is a list of some upcoming service events:

- **10/07/2023: NIA 20 Fall Committee Meeting**
 - In Person: Lord of Life Church, 40W605 IL Rt 38, Elburn, IL 60119
 - Virtual: via Zoom
 - Zoom Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZYvce6hqzssH9RKNyj09Nng_ZA2lNtcTFD
 - Doors open @ 8am, meeting at 9am
- **10/09 & 10/23/23: All Area's Open Meeting for Accessibility Committee Members**
 - Put on by Area 25 (Southern New Jersey)
 - 6:00pm CDT via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 690 393 7306 / Passcode: Area45
- **10/19/2023: Legacy of Service Concepts Study**
 - 7:30pm via Zoom
 - Meeting ID: 970 0499 1067 / Passcode: 639187
- **11/04/2023: NIA 20 Big Book Conference**
 - Where: Lord of Life Church, 40W605 IL Rt 38, Elburn, IL 60119
 - Doors open @ 8am, meeting at 9am
 - Register @ <https://www.aa-nia.org/bigbookconference/>

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.

Alt DCM Report: Dan P. - Alt. DCM

Good evening, everyone. I apologize for my absence and will be back next month. I hope you all had a wonderful month.

On September 16th I attended the Fall assembly and Election virtually. It was exciting to witness the elections and our third legacy procedure. After the election, a motion was made to suspend the breakout sessions and the committee reports (committee reports to be submitted and distributed electronically). This passed unanimously.

Conference Reports:

- 2023 Big Book Conference Will be held 11/4/2023 at the Lord of Life Church in Elburn. Doors at 8AM, Conference to start at 9AM and it will run until 3:15PM. General admission is \$15 with the option of a chicken kabob or vegetarian lunch for an additional \$15.
- Spring Assembly is looking for people or groups to volunteer with hospitality
- 2024 Big Book Conference: District 70 submitted a bid and was approved. Committee elections will be in November.

Old Business:

- **Open Positions**
 - Treatment Chair elect Kevin wanted to step into his position now as the position is currently vacant. His nomination was declined as he is currently the GSR for his group and does not have prior acceptance to relieve himself. He was advised that he could start the duties and responsibilities now, though, and if his group approves, step down from his role as GSR and stand at the next Assembly.
- **New Business**
 - Motion to amend the NIA Ltd. Bylaws to include the Area Registrar as an officer of the Corporation and to update the list of voting members.
 - Discussion was limited and Chris E. clarified that this does not give new voting power to anyone.
 - Motion passes 61:7 with no minority opinion.
 - Motion to provide for Spanish translation of all Area documents and to provide a Spanish interpreter at all Area functions
 - Discussions centered around cost (\$2200 for translation at 4 more events per year and \$26 per page translated) and updating this motion's language for conciseness. There was also lengthy discussion on the proper procedure that should follow a motion being brought to the floor.
 - Motion: Past delegate Kelly motions we table to recommit this back to committee to clarify the needed changes. Seconded.
 - Motion passes 41:34
 - A floor motion was made and seconded that we provide Spanish Translation at the next committee meeting (Allen J clarifies 2023 Fall Committee Meeting.)
 - Motion Passes unanimously
 - Motion to amend the NIA Service Manual to include Green Can duties to the Treatment Chair Responsibilities

- Discussion centered around the traditions, how the funds are distributed currently (Currently at the Area Chair's discretion), and who gave the Area Chair that authority. The area chair retorted that the fund requests should not go unanswered because we cannot find anyone to take the chair position.
 - Motion Passes 50:13
 - Minority opinion:
 - What is to keep every committee from creating a can?
 - This does not change anyone's vote. Motion passes
- Request from Finance Committee:
 - The Finance Committee has met and proposes sending \$10,000 to GSB because we are beyond prudent reserve. (amended down from \$15,000)
 - Background information: Allen asked earlier in the Assembly who would be asking for money for the ECRF. The new projected cost of our ECRF motions is around \$12,000 instead of the possible \$50,000.
 - Discussion on this motion centered around upcoming expenses such as Spanish translation and the ECRF motions. The committee responded to these mentioning the above information and that currently the only stated extra expense for the Spanish translation is the next committee meetings translation cost of \$550. At one point a motion was made to table until we knew the final cost of the ECRF motions.
 - Motion to table until we know future expenses
 - Motion fails 15:54
 - Motion to send \$10,000 to the GSB called for vote
 - Motion passes 58:10

On September 21st I attended the NIA 20 Legacies of Service Concepts Study. We had a new attendee, Betty G. from Tennessee. We read a page or so and discussed AA's finances. It was really nice to hear from Betty's experience.

Secretary's Report: Mike M. - Secretary, OPEN - Alt. Secretary

- Please fill out the Attendance sheet going around.
- Motion to accept August Minutes.

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent, ___Lisa___, 2nd ___Georgene___. Passed.**

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

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer's Report: Clint K. - Treasurer, Keith B. - Alt. Treasurer

- Available Funds, minus \$4000 prudent reserve and \$2500 Travel Reserve: \$2,657.85
- Income from Individual Groups and Grapevine sales: \$1,683.80
- Expenses incurred: \$1,736.85

1. Extraordinary Issues:

- All pending issues around a bill from AAWS reported last month have been resolved. Bill has been paid and all involved committees' budgets have been addressed.

2. Any Questions?

****Motion to Accept Report: _____, 2nd-_____. Passed.**

**** we will vote on this next week, after we send out the entire report ****

Keith:

- Once again all Tradition 7 contributions came in with enough information to properly credit your groups.
- Please use the pre-printed envelope and fill in the blanks as best you can. If you don't have the envelope, a PDF contribution form is available for download on the district website. If your treasurer uses bank checks, please include the group name and number in the memo space.
- If your group is passing the pink can for donations to purchase AA literature for area jails and prisons ~ please make sure your treasurer has the new postal address to send your contributions: Northern Illinois Treasurer-Pink Can; PO Box 808, Streamwood, IL 60107-2971

~Pass the Basket~

**** 7th tradition contributions can be made to Clint Kenner via PayPal at**

clintkenner@yahoo.com **

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: OPEN. - Chair, OPEN- Alt. Chair

- NA

Answering Service Report: Mike N. - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- Most calls, like always, were about where meetings are, a couple for gen info about AA. one Alanon, and a couple no messages.
- 43 total calls were received.
- 31 calls were forwarded. Thank you to all that responded!
- 12 calls were not forwarded.
- The undelivered calls were reached out to by volunteers, or myself.
- Thank you to all the volunteers!

Chris V: Did all the unanswered calls get answered?

Mike: All the unanswered calls were reached out to by volunteers.

Archives Report: Rich H. - Chair

- Speakers for the February 18, 2024 Old Timer's Brunch have been secured. They are Paulette A., Big Book Students Group in McHenry and Matt S., Winners and Beginners in Wauconda. A flyer will be ready soon and I will have them here for the November Meeting.
- I will have a small Archives Display at this weekend's Al-Anon Family Group Convention in Schaumburg. I will lend the same or similar small display to Soberfest Archives Chair since I will be at the East Central Regional Forum that weekend.
- I have been organizing some documents and doing maintenance on our displays.
- I have expenses and receipts:
- \$84.75 at Walmart for 2-poster frames, 2-3" 3 ring binders, 1 box of Velcro strips.
- \$48.14 to Amazon for 2-easels that can be used on the floor or desk top, and are easy travel.
- \$10.87 at Ace Hardware for hardware.

CPC Report: Ryan - Chair, Todd K. - Alt. Chair

- N/A

Corrections Report: Steve K. - Chair, Michelle D. - Alt. Chair

- Michelle: Women's things are going well, all of our slots are full, and we have a few extra volunteers for folks missing.
- Apparently there was a miss communication, LT Brooke's is saying that the inmates cannot leave with Big Books. Some folks thought they could leave with Bibles, but not Big Books.
- Inmates CANNOT bring with them ANY book when they are released.
- District should not buy books for the jails, since it just circulates within. This is a thought.
- Application process at McHenry County Jail
- 1) log on to McHenrysheriff.org
- 2) click on corrections tab
- 3) find and click on "About the jail"
- 4) click on Inmate Programming.... Then scroll to the bottom where it says "Jail Volunteers"
- Read the handbook and take the test....

<https://www.mchenrysheriff.org/corrections/about-the-jail/>

Look at the bottom of this page. Click the "Next" button to get started.

Grapevine Report: Karen W- Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- I am out of town this week and will not be at the meeting. I am interested in continuing as District 11 Grapevine Chairperson. Perhaps in November, we can vote on this decision or if someone wants to stand for this position, I could be the alternate chairperson.
- Thanks to the great help of Rich H. who will bring District 11 Grapevine display to the Literature Room at the Alanon Conference October 5-7th in Schaumburg, IL. We purchased more literature for the display. I will submit a bill later this month to the treasurer.

- There are 3 ways to obtain a subscription:
 - Digital: \$29.99 per year for Website and App-see poster below
 - Print: \$28.97 BUT you do NOT get access to the APP with this choice-see poster below
 - Complete: \$49.97-The whole deal! Print, APP and access to the digital magazine
- Please reach out to me if you want your group to have a review of all of the Grapevine subscriptions. The site is the best way to see all of the options available. You can still get FREE the Quote of the Day and the weekly Podcasts (issued each Monday).
 - <https://www.aagrapevine.org/>

GSR Orientation Chair Report: Emily P - Chair

- If you are a new GSR, and you're like, "I don't know what you're talking about"
- Come on down to Emily's GSR Emporium!
- I am here. For your support, in any capacity that is needed.
- No other report.
- If anyone else is confused, needs assistance, or just wants to chat about what the heck general service is all about, we can schedule a phone call (847) 691-1540 or email me at e.berg01788@gmail.com.

Literature: Jake - Chair, OPEN - Alt. Chair

- First, I would like to thank Richie for the invitation to the AI Anon state convention to bring our district's literature display.
- There will be some newly added complimentary materials for AA members to bring back to their groups along with newcomer packets and information on our legacies of unity and service.
- The complimentary items are available on the online bookstore at www.onlineliterature.aa.org. Listed under the 'products' tab as complimentary material.
- I did notice some literature pieces were moved to this section that had not previously been there. For example, I tried doing a search for the 'Information on AA' flyer' and I was unable to find it until I searched under the 'complimentary material' tab.
- The best way I found to get access to all available literature at the online bookstore is to use the 'view all' tab listed under the 'products' tab.
- If anyone has any questions on navigating through the online bookstore I would be happy to assist and help out in any way I can.
- And finally, the literature committee has also stocked up on the inserts for the newcomer packets and our display rack is adequately stocked as we get closer to the next rotation, with the hope that the coming transition will be as smooth as possible.
- Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Jake asks himself a question. Do we have any Big Books for sale?

GSR's check out the pamphlet!

LCM Report: Sue C.

- N/A

Public Information Report: Georgene R - Chair , OPEN - Alt Chair

Georgene:

- We have been busy delivering pamphlets which included schedules and AA cards:
- They include:
 - Frequently asked questions about AA
 - Women in AA
 - A newcomer asks
 - This is AA
 - Is AA for you?
 - Is AA for me?
- We were able to deliver to:
 - McHenry police station Hebron, Harvard, Woodstock, Wonderlake, Bull Valley, Johnsburg, Spring Grove and Prairie Grove
- We Still have many more places that need our help and will continue to do work in the PI area.
- And currently out of schedules.

Schedule Maker: Nataé S. - Chair

- Creating the new schedule is taking longer than expected due to the data tables needing to be manually matched. The group numbers we have are currently being added to the data file and will be added to the next schedules and we will be going back to the old format schedules for both the closed and open meeting schedules. The new schedules will also be moved from Affinity Designer to Adobe InDesign which is a more widely used software.
- Some questions I have for the group are should we include the zoom meeting ID's on the new schedules if they are available? Do we want to include the current contact information on the schedules if we have it? Would anyone be willing to help verify the meeting information we have on our schedules is correct? Also wanting to know about icons for childcare, handicap accessibility, etc.
- In the process of making the new schedules.
- I'm switching formats and updating.
- I'll provide Georgene with new schedules.
- If it's an Online-only meeting, we put "Online".
- Please send in meeting changes to schedule@aa-nia-dist11.org.

Rebekah: If you have room, you could put the online stuff on there. All online meetings, just go to the website for a list of links, or, go to the Meeting App. Or put Hybrid on there.

Harry: Typically, we would put the meeting ID in there. Not the URL. but of course sometimes that meeting ID expires, and the ID changes. Could put some language for hybrid meetings to check online.

Carol: Do we currently have contact information for the meetings? Names?

Natae: I've been putting the names next to the group # in preparation for this task.

Carol: The LCM could call those groups and determine who's the contact should be on the schedule.

Carol: In the past we always had contact info and a name for someone to reach out to.

Ryan: Do all AA zoom groups get posted on the AA intergroup meeting app?

Sid: I like the idea of a QR code. We have a page for online meetings right Harry?

Harry: We were going to transition that to the Meeting Guide app. I'll send you the link.

Natae: Are there people willing to help validate the information?

Sid: That falls under the LCM's responsibility, and we can help you too.

Natae: Okay great. We use icons to indicate accessibilities and child care.

Sid: We motioned that years ago as a district. So I'd suggest you continue to do that.

Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: Angie U. - Chair, Matthew D. - Alt Chair

- N/A

Webmaster: Harry - Chair, Carol H - Alt. Chair

- Carol: The reports for September and October (the ones sent out so far) have been added to the website. All event fliers have also been added to the website. Harry and I are planning to meet soon so I can learn how to update the meeting schedules on the website.
 - I look forward to serving the district to the best of my ability.
- Harry: The only thing to report is that a laptop has been purchased for District communication purposes.

Lisa: Is that it?

Harry: No. It'll be here next time. Available for all district activities.

Lisa: Oh I want it for workshops and stuff.

Harry: We're looking for a new speaker and a camera and we're all set up.

Workshop: - Lisa - Chair, Nancy - Alt. Chair

- Thank you again to everyone who voted to increase the Workshop budget a few months ago. Those resources will be used well. Now that plans have been solidified and committee positions have been filled for the upcoming Soberfest workshop November 18th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, I feel comfortable sharing with you the a general summary of the event.
- Sandy B spoke about Spiritual Principles in a talk in 2004. That talk, and the content therein, will be presented audibly, visually, and spatially to those who get a seat. Although we requested a larger room, especially since last year's attendance far exceeded the room capacity given, we are grateful to be familiar with the Linwood Room.
- About halfway through his talk Sandy discusses the influence Dr. Carl Jung had on Roland H. and, consequently the eventual creation of Alcoholics Anonymous. The talk is deep, applicable to anyone attending no matter how much sobriety or how little selflessness

they may bring with them. Printed materials and resources will be bound and furnished to a limited number in attendance. Free gifts and mood lighting are included!

- Following Soberfest I will be stepping down from the Workshop Chair position. Although there is no one currently in place to fill this fantastically fun position, I feel God is leading me to something else at this time. Thank you to all again for letting me be of Service.
- Fliers for the Soberfest Workshop.
- Stillwaters workshop at Villa Desiderata.

GSR Reports:

- Georgene: 3 Legacies Group has an open virtual speaker meeting.
- Randy: Attitude Adjustment Group, we've moved to the Great Hall in the church. There's signs on the old Tarpley Door. @St Anne's.

Old Business:

- Let's look at open positions. Can vote: Committee members and GSR's, and only alternates if their GSR is not present.
- Alt Secretary, nominations?

Ryan Qualifies himself.

Harry: Do you have a sponsor? Does anybody know him?

Keith: Have you read the Job description?

Ryan: No, but I spoke with Mike last week about all the tasks he needs help with.

Call to Vote: Passes

- Accessibilities chair, nominations? None.
- Alt Accessibilities chair, nominations? None.
- Alt answering service chair, nominations? None.
- Alt Grapevine Chair , nominations? None.
- Alt Literature, nominations? None.
- Alt Workshop, nominations? None.

Get Ready for Elections coming up!

Check with your groups if you have anyone that wants to be of service and would be a great fit at District, come on by!

New Business:

- Georgene: PI committee increase in budget.
- Brendan seconds the motion.

Lisa: What's the current budget?

Georgene: \$400? \$500? I don't know.

Keith: Annual budget is \$1000.

Steve: Do you need \$1500 every year?

Georgene: I'm only concerned about finishing up this year, but probably. There was a lot of literature purchased earlier this year. I'm new at this, and I need money.

Stephania: Does anybody know where the money was spent?

Sid: There was a report of plans for distributed literature.

Chris V: Could we amend the meeting to be clear so it's just for this year?

Sid: Well, we will need to propose a new budget in December anyway.

Jake: We can't forget that the literature prices have increased 30% this year. If you've ever bought literature, you'll know it goes quickly. She needs the budget increase to be effective.

Call to vote:

1 against. Minority opinion.

Steve: I love Georgene, I love Mark. I have a hard time agreeing with this. I'd like to know where the money went for the previous year.

Motion passes.

Open Mic:

- **Chris V: GSR remnant group. With the election coming up, we believe in nominating people, instead of folks standing by themselves.**
- **Brendon: Archives chair at soberfest, I'm looking for volunteers for folks to sit in the Archives chair. Find me**
- **Stephania: Do we need to know anything about the archives to volunteer?**
- **Brendon: No. 😊 just make sure it doesn't walk out of the room!**
- **Lisa: Which positions are elected?**
- **Sid: The only appointed positions are the archivist, schedule maker, GSR orientation chair, LCM and Webmaster.**

Meeting Closed at: __8:20__ p.m. , _____ seconds.

The next District Meeting is Thursday November 2nd, 2023 at 7:00pm in person and via Zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 959 6776 4900

Passcode: District11

First United Methodist Church of Crystal Lake (236 W Crystal Lake Ave, Crystal Lake, IL 60014)