

Alt DCM Report for 11/02/2023

Good evening, friends. I hope everyone had an exciting month and a happy Halloween!

On October 7th Sid and I attended the NIA 20 Fall Committee Meeting. Beforehand we stopped at the AFG convention and stayed a little longer than intended at the step workshop. When we arrived, things had been moving more quickly than usual and new business had just begun.

There were 4 motions set to be added to the agenda, and some additions were made the day of:

1. Motion to amend the list of the Area Assembly and Area Committee v2

The report and charter committee recommended making many amendments to the NIA 20 service manual to try and make it clearer and more concise so that people new in service can understand. Things like the differences between a service and administrative committee and removing excess words. There was clarification made regarding the potential of adding 5 voting members (administrative committee chairs) if this motion passes. The Report & Charter committee will consider deleting or modifying the addition of voting members. Chris E. stated that he will take this motion back to the committee.

2. Motion to Amend the Voting Procedures in the NIA Service Manual v2

The report and charter committee recommended making amendments to the NIA 20 service manual to clarify and improve the voting procedures for our elections. As it is written, we still need to vote by ballot even if a candidate runs unopposed. Also, some language is unclear such as the phrase "Third Legacy Procedure but by show of hands." Third Legacy procedure requires written ballots as stated in the AA Service Manual.

Some other voting procedures were offered for non-officer positions. Such as show of hands, simple majority (person with most votes [more than 50% depending on dictionary used]), and substantial unanimity(2/3rds).

The Report & Charter Committee will consider re-wording for when there is only one candidate and simple majority for committee chairs to be whoever gets the most votes. The Area Chair suggested it go back to committee for changes and considerations. Chris E. agreed. He suggested forming an Ad Hoc Committee.

3. Motion to provide for Language Translation v2

This motion was rewritten to be more concise. It still raised some confusion (things such as mandating that area chairs assist with translation with no stated definition) and will be worked on more before the next Assembly. It is getting closer, and it has the right intentions behind it.

4. Motion Amend NIA Spring Assem Conference Every Three Years

Every third year NIA 20 hosts the Illinois State Conference held in the Spring. This is typically hard to get volunteers for and we are required to put it on. In those years it is moved that we do not hold a Spring Conference. Some amendments offered up were that we prioritize the Stat Conference and do not accept bids for the Spring Conference until a bid has been accepted for the state conference and that.

5. Motion to Amend NIA Service Guidelines for Spanish translation

P64 Delegate moved to amend the descriptions of the Delegate, Area Alt Chair and Secretary to add the following:

Delegate: *Coordinate the translation into Spanish of their written report(s) and presentation(s), from Committee Meetings and Assemblies, to be posted on the website, by third party vendor if necessary.*

Area Alt Chair: Assist in obtaining Spanish interpreter for Assemblies, **Committee Meetings**, and Pre-General Conference Service Workshop.

Secretary: A digital, anonymity-protected version of minutes should be sent to the Area Webmaster to be posted on the website. ***Coordinate the translation into Spanish of the minutes to be posted on the website, by third party vendor if necessary.***

6. 2024 NIA Calendar was presented and reviewed. Approval of the Calendar will take place at the Winter Assembly.

7. FLOOR MOTION:

The 2024 Spring Conference Committee Chairs move to have the Area pay for translation equipment for the 2024 Spring Conference and Assembly. The expected cost is \$3,400.

After a second to the motion, the background was given.

Background- We currently only have 20 headphones. It is not enough equipment for the Spring Conference or for all the GSRs to participate in the Assembly. We will need to translate from Spanish to English. It is for this event only. We need to have enough equipment for all our members.

Questions & Comments: The Chair asked that the motion be put in writing and submitted for the Winter Assembly to meet the timeframe.

On October 19th I attended the Legacies of Service Concepts Study. I waited 10 minutes and was the only person in the Zoom call, so I ended the call. Someone logged on afterwards, so in the future I will stay on the call the whole hour.

In Service,

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