

# Motion to amend the list of the Area Assembly and Area Committee

## Motion

The Panel 72 Report & Charter Committee moves to amend the list of voting members of the Area Assembly on pages 17 of the Northern Illinois Service Manual and the list of members of the Area Committee on page 26 for clarification and consistent ordering.

*This is not adding anyone new as a voting member of the Assembly, only adding detail and clarity to the list of members.*

*\*all page numbers reference the NIA 20 Service Manual, web version 12/2023.*

### **The Area Committee** (Add more detail, clarify, and reorder by number)

- 1 • All current D.C.M.s and all current Alternate D.C.M.s
- 2 • The Area Delegate and ~~the~~ Alternate **Delegate**
- 3 • The Area Chairperson and ~~the~~ Alternate **Chairperson**
- 4 • The Area Treasurer and ~~the~~ Alternate **Treasurer**
- 5 • The Area Secretary and ~~the~~ Alternate **Secretary**
- 6 • The Area Registrar and ~~the~~ Alternate **Registrar**
- 7 • All **Elected** Area **Service** ~~Standing~~ Committee Chairpersons and their Alternates
- 13 • All Past **Area** Delegates
- 8 • **The Area Archivist**
- 9 • **The Concepts Editor and Co-Editor**
- 10 • **The Area Web Administrator and Alternate Web Administrator**
- 11 • **The N.I.A. Service Manual Custodian**
- 12 • **All Area Administrative Committee Chairpersons**

### **The Area Assembly Voting Members** (Add more detail, clarify, and reorder by number)

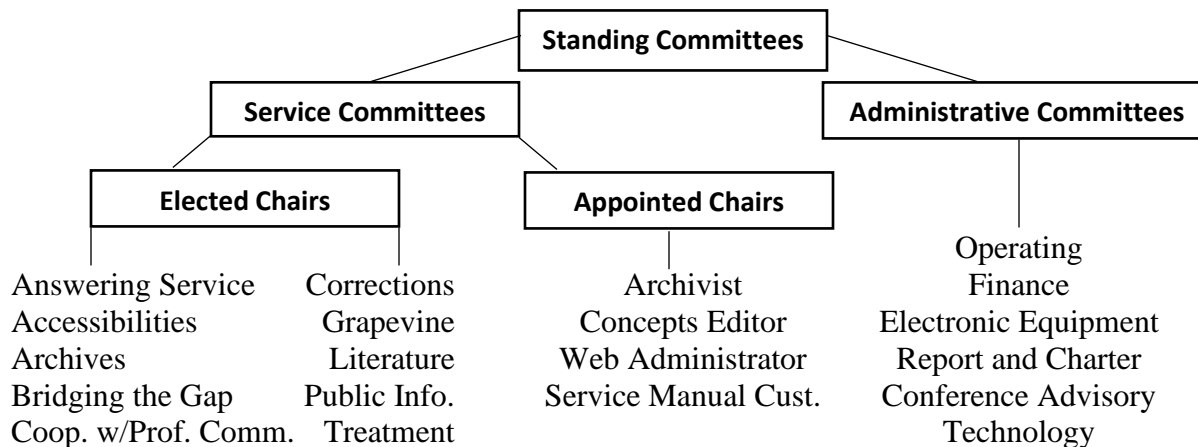
- 1 • All current G.S.R.s or Alternate, when G.S.R. is absent
- 2 • All current D.C.M.s or Alternate, when D.C.M. is absent
- 4 • The Area Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson
- 3 • The Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate
- 7 • The Area Registrar and Alternate Registrar
- 14 • All Past Area Delegates
- 6 • The Area Secretary and Alternate Secretary
- 8 • All **Elected** Area **Service** ~~Standing~~ Committee Chairpersons or Alternate, when Chairperson is absent
- 5 • The Area Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer
- 9 • The Area Archivist
- 10 • The Concepts Editor or **Co-Editor**, when Editor is absent
- 11 • The **Area** Web Administrator or Alternate ~~Web Administrator~~, when Web Administrator is absent

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## **Background**

It is hard for new G.S.R.'s and other new trusted servants to understand everything they need to know about service. We often say that you learn your service position by the time you rotate out to your next position. Keeping our documents consistent and clear will help all trusted servants to understand better, feel less overwhelmed, and have a better grasp of the service structure. Not being confused goes a long way towards wanting to take on a next position.

We have noticed the phrases *Standing Committee* and *Service Committee* used interchangeably in the N.I.A. Service Manual and in discussion at Area Committee Meetings and Assemblies. The terms are not interchangeable, and it should be clarified. On page 39 of the NIA Service Manual, it says, “N.I.A. has two types of standing committees. Service Committees and Administrative Committees.” The sections goes on to define the service committee chairs, appointed service committees positions, and administrative committees. We feel it is best to only use the term Standing Committee as a section header in the Service Manual on page 39 and replace/clarify its meaning elsewhere.



The membership of the Area Assembly currently includes “All Area Standing Committee Chairpersons...” which historically has been understood to mean the elected service committee chairpersons. We should change the term to match the historical practice. Then, both lists for the Area Assembly and Area Committee should match in their level of detail. Reordering the positions in both locations will allow them to match the order that officers and standing committee positions are listed throughout the N.I.A. Service Manual.

## **References**

NIA 20 Service Manual

<https://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/NIA-20-Service-Manual-web-202312.pdf>

## **Follow Up Action Required**

Update the NIA 20 Service Manual with the approved changes.

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## **Cleaned up lists as they will appear if the motion passes:**

### **The Area Assembly Voting Members page 17:**

- All current G.S.R.s or Alternate, when G.S.R. is absent
- All current D.C.M.s or Alternate, when D.C.M. is absent
- The Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate
- The Area Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson
- The Area Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer
- The Area Secretary and Alternate Secretary
- The Area Registrar and Alternate Registrar
- All Elected Area Service Committee Chairpersons or Alternate, when Chairperson is absent
- The Area Archivist
- The Concepts Editor or Co-Editor, when Editor is absent
- The Area Web Administrator or Alternate, when Web Administrator is absent
- All Past Area Delegates

### **The Area Committee page 26:**

- All current D.C.M.s and all current Alternate D.C.M.s
- The Area Delegate and Alternate Delegate
- The Area Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson
- The Area Treasurer and Alternate Treasurer
- The Area Secretary and Alternate Secretary
- The Area Registrar and Alternate Registrar
- All Elected Area Service Committee Chairpersons and their Alternates
- The Area Archivist
- The Concepts Editor and Co-Editor
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- The N.I.A. Service Manual Custodian
- All Area Administrative Committee Chairpersons
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## **Respectfully submitted**

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