

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
August 7th, 2025**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: 34__, in person_25__

Committee members: _15__

Groups represented: _23__

Guests:_____

Read Twelve Traditions: _Natae__

Read Concept of the Month: __Karen__

New GSR's Present: _Wally - Thursday Big book wonder lake / Kevin - Hope factory crystal lake_

New attendees present: _____

Anniversaries: _Rob (18 Mos) / Kelsey (4 Years) / Martha (31 Years) / Ryan (1 Year)_____

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: DCM: Dan P. / Alt. DCM: OPEN

Good Evening District 11, and long time no see. A lot has happened since we last met and I will try to keep it concise.

Legacy of Service Concepts Study:

-Meeting in June had a couple of newer GSRs and we read about the General Service Conference.

-No Attendees in July

Search for Future District 11 Meeting Site

-No Update. I did not put much effort into this. Will pick it up and make progress this month.

NIA20 Summer Assembly

Motion to Amend Duties and Responsibilities in NIA Service Guidelines for Report & Charter and Service Manual Custodian

Motion Passed 85 for, 2 opposed, no minority opinion. I voted in favor.

Motion to Amend Duties and Responsibilities in NIA Service Guidelines for various Trusted Servants

Motion Passed 81 for, 0 opposed. I voted in favor.

Motion to fund AREA participation at the 2025 East Central Regional Forum

Motion Failed 38 for, 39 opposed. I voted in opposition.

Motion by NIA Answering Service Committee (in regards to Area Map/QR Codes)

A friendly amendment was made and accepted.

Revision: Answering Service Chair shall maintain and distribute a list of answering service phone numbers in NIA20. Past methods have included a pamphlet and QR codes. Distribution should take place at Area Meetings, Conferences, and through the Area website and newsletter, Concepts.

Motion was ultimately sent back to committee after a vote, minority opinion being heard, people wanting to change their vote upon hearing minority opinion, and two failed motions to table. I originally voted in favor, and then changed my vote, and then later voted in favor of sending this back to committee.

Motion from the NIA Answering Service Committee (Hotlines)

Motion Failed: 61 Opposed, 5 for. Minority Opinion was heard. I vote in opposition.

NIA20 Summer Committee Meeting:

Attended virtually and left after Old business. Heard discussion on the proposed motion that we will talk about later. Invited Eric our Delegate to give his report back September 4th.

In order to accommodate the time for his report back, I will ask that committee reports be submitted electronically and available in the monthly minutes.

In Service,

Dan P.

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QUESTIONS:

Alt DCM Report: OPEN POSITION

Secretary's Report: Secretary - Ryan D. / Alt. Secretary - OPEN

- Zoom Attendees Please enter your name, position, and group information into the chat
- If anyone needs to add a group or make a change to a group please fill out a form in the back and bring it to me. I will submit it to the webmaster, registrar, and schedule maker.
- If there are any issues with a prior submitted form please see me after the meeting.
- Anyone interested in volunteering for the secretary position please reach out to me. I will be done at the end of 2025 and would love to walk you through the duties

QUESTIONS:

****Motion to accept the minutes as sent. Passed.**

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

Email: secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer - Angelo G. / Alt. Treasurer - Bud S.

Over the past month we have had Income of \$1,535.73 and Expenses of \$480.69. This puts our available funds at \$5,248.88 based on our prudent reserves.

I have created written procedures for the Treasurer and Alt Treasurer that streamline the processes. Based on this new process I have updated the job descriptions for both the Treasurer and Alt Treasurer. I have asked Ryan to print off copies of the existing and the proposed job descriptions so we can discuss them in the new business portion of our meeting.

Any questions?

Motion to accept July's report? **Motion passed**

All those in favor?

Any opposed?

In keeping with our 7th Tradition, we are self-supporting through our own contributions. The suggested contribution is \$2 for this meeting. Our Alt Treasurer will be coming around to collect.

Thank you!

Yours in service
Angelo Gallegos
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QUESTIONS:

~Pass the 7th Tradition Basket~ * Rent is \$1.00/per person/per hour - we typically occupy 2 hours.
Requested Donation of \$2.00 Per Person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibility Report: Chair: Craig D. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

My report for

June

- Attended NIA20 conference digitally - learned about different digital resources for Accessibilities
 - Youtube; ASL big book videos, Audio read big book videos
 - Additional resources for deaf, hard of hearing and late in life hearing issues
 - World Channel playlist for AA - Different languages of big book being read

July

- had family emergency which reduced my ability to attend as meetings as I would have liked
- worked through data list of meetings in area , sorted to be able to work through myself
- emailed GSR's for meetings that I will be unable to attend.
- attended different meetings and took measurements of entryways and bathrooms to begin reporting of accessibility information
- 42% of accessibility information being report at this time
- ability to attend meetings in person will be reduced as I am returning to school this month, will redouble digital efforts to solicit accessibility information.

Thanks!

Craig

Questions:

Answering Service Report: Chair: Mike M. / Alt. Chair - Rob R.,

	June
Answer Rate:	79.17%
Total Calls	48
Wrong Number/Hang up	10
Delivered Calls	38
	July
Answer Rate:	83.61%
Total Calls	61
Wrong Number/Hang up	10
Delivered Calls	51

Busy months for calls, and thank you to everyone that volunteered and worked with me and others to get these calls answered!

- Rob and I met a few times this summer. We cleaned up our Schedule in the Tas website.
- Rob updated the flier, we'd like to circulate this through your groups.
- We have three open time slots.
- Rob has begun reaching out to volunteers to verify their status and acquire email addresses.
- Additionally, we're eagerly looking for Spanish Speaking volunteers.
 - I will provide a flier to The Secretary to circulate amongst the groups following this meeting.
- We have gathered materials to help create a powerpoint Volunteer Caller information and script recommendations.
 - However, we have not completed this for D11. We plan to have a draft prepared for the September meeting.

That is all,

Mike Mensinger

Questions: Lisa has a current listing of northern IL spanish speaking members and will send so Mike can reach out for volunteers that speak spanish.

Archives Report: Chair: Rich H. / Alt. Chair:

Hello District 11

Life has been very busy this summer and very little has been done with District 11 Archives. I have removed myself from some of my now past commitments, clearing my schedule to continue the role of District 11 Archivist and associated activities pending the wishes of our new upcoming District 11 DCM.

I did attend the July Area 20 Monthly Archives Meeting, titled File Management Sharing Session.

The heat got to me today so I am joining you virtually. I had planned on bringing a bin with binders of collected documents. Which includes most of our District 11 Into Action Newsletters. Some of these Into Action Newsletters are filed and saved previous to me. Probably the Into Action Editors of that time. And other documents that may or may not be of interest. I will bring something for your viewing next month.

Rich H.
District 11 Archivist
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Questions: Rich has taken pictures and researched history for Young Peoples Meeting @ McHenry Alano Club and would like to pass that on to the right place to hold this history.

- Send to Rich H.

CPC Report: Chair: Laurie L. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

- Tomorrow (Friday 8/8) will have presence at Behavioral Health Board - 620 Dakota St., Crystal Lake IL - 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
- 9/27 - Walk in Lincoln Park Grove - Shatterproof 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 10/4 - Family fest. Emerson Park, Woodstock - Day of Hope

Corrections Report: Chair: Clint K. / **Alt. Chair:** Brian H.

Good evening, everyone!

I will not be joining you for the meeting, as I will be at the jail working with a new volunteer. We are steadily growing our cadre of volunteers both women and men and we are covering the meetings well. Thanks to all of those folks.

We had a great fortune in the gift of books from three sources.

We got English Big Books from the Area. Please encourage Pink Cans as that is where these books come from

Then we got Big Books, both English and Spanish from two groups:

Keep It Simple (Wed 7:30p @ The Pointe)
Dawn Patrol (Sat 7:30a @ St. Mary's)

Thanks to those generous donations, we are in good shape book wise. I sent Thank You Notes to everyone.

Not much else to report.

Yours' in Service

Clint Kenner 9704 Falcon Drive Richmond, IL 60071 847-922-5303 "The pleasure you get from life is equal to the attitude you put into it."

*** Corrections Workshop on Saturday - info will be sent out with Minutes

Application process at McHenry County Jail

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

1. **Log on to McHenrysheriff.org (Above)**
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"**
5. **Read the handbook and take the test....Applicant must get 100% to move on.**

Grapevine: Chair: Karen W. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

- Check Grapevine website for:
 - Podcasts launched on Mondays
 - Quotes of the day to be sent to you
- East Central Regional Conference will be attended
- Rotation ending at the end of the year - if anyone is interested in taking this position please let me know. Moving to Area position.

GSR Orientation:

- Welcome to new GSR's please see me for info to be sure you are set up properl
- SErvice workshop in October - why be a GSR? Cover committees for learning
 - Flyers will be distributed once date is confirmed

- Many meetings have no GSR, will look into educating groups as to why a GSR is important and how to go about it.

Literature: Chair: Christa C. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

Question: How is the Meeting App funded? New York and Donations

LCM Report: Chair: OPEN

Public Information: Chair: Georgene R. / Alt. Chair: Mark R.

- I received all my literature - will be ordering:
 - Spanish BB & 12x12 to distribute to libraries
- When ordering AA business cards, wording will be changed back to the original wording.
- needs help with adding QR Code

In Service,

Georgene - PI Chair

Questions:

Schedule Maker: Chair: Scott Y. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

- Scott is having trouble with new schedule and may not be able to attend Thursdays going forward
- He will continue his role for now and would like help getting meeting flyers to the group each month.
- Looking for someone to take this position once his time is up at the end of the year

Hospital & Treatment Setting Report: Chair: Nataé S. / Alt Chair: Jake R.

Greetings District 11. The treatment committee is happy to share the progress that's been made since we last met in June:

Literature

Replenished stock of Big Books for Northwestern Inpatient. Plan to place another order for Big Books before year end to cover future requests.

Northwestern Medicine Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit in Woodstock on Doty Rd

AA meetings are on Thursdays and Sundays @ 10:30 am, and alternating Fridays @ 2:30pm. We are looking to add more badged AA members.

Rosecrance in Crystal Lake

- Intensive Outpatient presentations are held every 3 months.
- Beginner's meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm. All members are welcome to attend and share their experience with the first 3 steps.

NIA Area 20

Plan to attend the Treatment and Bridging the Gap workshop on Sat Sept 20 at 2pm at the Round Lake Alano Club. Flyer attached.

Committee Participation

We are always looking for help and anyone is welcome to participate.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service.

Nataé (Chair) and Jake (Co-Chair)

Nataé Shreeves
847-903-6219

Questions:

Webmaster: Chair: Doug W. / **Alt. Chair:** OPEN

Greetings, District 11!

I hope all y'all have been enjoying summer; I have for sure!

I have been working on the web mail connection for the website; I should be able to demo it next month.

Please, if you're not already doing so, submit a written, and electronic request for changes as well as adding/removing meetings to the Secretary and the Schedule Maker as well as me. Send an email to me to correct spelling errors and such. For new meetings please try to make the change/add form as complete and legible as possible. For simple errors, shoot me an email and I'll fix it up.

I am able to set a meeting on our site as temporarily paused. Let me know if you are interested in that option. In this way we can have our schedule as current as possible. Remember that any changes made to our online schedule also update the Meeting app, usually within 12 to 24 hours.

I am initiating the ability of our site to generate usage statistics – at no additional expense to the district. More on that next month.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service,

Doug Wilsman

Web Administrator, District 11

Webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org

Questions: Where on the site will the Grapevine meetings be found.
- will discuss

Workshop: Chair - Blu P. / Alt. Chair - OPEN

- Working on Promises workshop - Date TBD
- GSR workshop didn't go off as planned and are revisiting it to try again

Questions: Soberfest would like to work with D11 to do a workshop for the conference and will be reaching out.

- Soberfest panel member has reached out and gave info to DCM and info will be passed on

GSR Reports:

Old Business:

• **OPEN POSITIONS:**

○ **Officer Positions**

§ **Alternate District Committee Member (Alt DCM)**

§ **Alternate Secretary**

○ **Committee Positions**

§ **Alternate Accessibilities (Alt ACC) Chair**

§ **Alternate Cooperation with the Professional Community (Alt CPC) Chair**

§ **Alternate Grapevine (Alt GV) Chair**

§ **Alternate Literature (Alt LT) Chair**

§ **Alternate Workshops (Alt WS) Chair**

○ **Appointed Positions (If you have an interest please speak to Dan)**

§ **GSR Orientation Chair**

§ **Local Committee Member (LCM)**

New Business:

- **Web Admin 2025 NAATW Motion** - Request for funds to attend Tech Workshop -

Motion Seconded.

Questions/Discussion -

- What was cost last year? A: We took 2 people last year so at least twice the cost.
- Is virtual an option? A: Yes and that's \$100
- You had previously stated you weren't going this year - what changed? A: I had not presented a motion last year and it didn't turn out well, so presenting properly this year in hopes for a smoother outcome
- Would it just be you this year? A: Yes

Take back to your groups and discuss and we will vote next month.

- **Motion to Update Treasurer's and Alt Treasurer's Job Descriptions**

Motion Seconded

Questions/Discussion -

- Existing description was to be familiar w/ financial software - why is that not on the new description? A: We don't use financial software. Everything is now in an excel spreadsheet and keeping it simple
- You have procedures for the website, printer, zoom, depositing checks process, recording donations process (So alt. Can write thank you letters), Balancing procedure? All processes are recorded. The new element is "Using Google Drive"

Please review and take to your groups for vote next month

- **NIA20 Motion to use Plain Blue Binding for Future Printings of Alcoholics Anonymous**

Motion will be submitted regardless of area involvement but wants to include District and Areas

- Proposed change is to carry book and maintain anonymity
- GSO made changes around Covid times. Printed without dust cover and printed what cover showed on the book due to hardships financially.

Questions: Do we know what was saved by this change?

- Do we have time to discuss this and bring to our groups? Yes - bring to next meeting in Sept.
- 2 groups have discussed this and thus far most are in favor of having books anonymous

Bring to your respective groups and we will discuss next month.

QUESTIONS:

Open Mic:

- Angelo - Webmaster budget is \$1000 / yr - Actually only looking for \$170 above and beyond current budget.
- Clarify - this will put him over budget, so do we have to vote on this every time someone goes over budget? A: This is an extra item which pricing wasn't known so seeking approval to attend @ additional cost, not directly changing budget.
- Matt - Open AA Alanon speaker United Methodist 7 p.m. doors / 7:30 speaker
- Mike - Soberfest Alanon fundraiser / McHenry Township Center - 3703 N. Richmond, Johnsburg - 9/6 - 5 p.m. 7:30 speaker - DJ/Dancing \$7 tickets / Raffle drawing that night
- Craig - request for questions and announcements please approach the mic so zoomers can hear

UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS: (Enter from Agenda)

- **08/14/2025: Legacy of Service: General Service Manual & Concepts Study**
7:30 PM via Zoom
Meeting ID: 819 5925 86250 / Passcode: 639187
- **08/22-24/2025: East Central Regional Forum**
Marriott Indianapolis Downtown, 350 W. Maryland Street, Indianapolis, IN 46225

- **09/13/2025: NIA20 Fall Assembly & Elections**
8AM Doors, 9AM Meeting
Lord of Life 40W605 IL-38, Elburn, IL, United States
Zoom information available on NIA website at a later date.

Meeting Closed at: _8:35__ p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday September 4th, 2025 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)