

**Monthly Meeting Minutes  
District 11  
September 4th, 2025**

**Location: Hybrid via Zoom**

**Meeting time: 7:00 pm**

**Attendance: 35\_\_ , in person \_26\_\_**

**Committee members: \_8\_\_**

**Groups represented: \_\_22\_\_**

**Guests: \_\_5\_\_**

**Read Twelve Traditions: \_Clint\_\_**

**Read Concept of the Month: \_Dave\_\_**

**New GSR's Present: \_\_**

**New attendees present: \_Pat\_\_**

**Anniversaries: \_\_Rob (18 Years) / Jake (5 Years) / Jim (6 Years) / Laura (2 Years)\_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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

Good evening District 11, and welcome Erik to our business meeting once again. We are looking forward to your report.

On August 14<sup>th</sup> I was not able to attend and host the Legacy of Service Concepts Study. I fell ill in the afternoon that day and what was planned as a rest period in the afternoon turned into me sleeping until the morning.

On August 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> I had planned on attending the East Central Regional Forum and was unable to be present in person due to an unforeseen work matter. I attended virtually where I could and gave some input on my experience as a virtual attendee but did not have the same experience as the last Forum, in person, to say the least.

I have sent emails and or left voicemails with the following locations in regard to changing the location of our monthly business meeting:

- Church of the Holy Apostles (McHenry)
  - No response yet; will follow up with email and call this month.
- First United Methodist Church (McHenry)
  - Email has been forwarded to the appropriate parties who schedule AA use.
- First United Methodist Church (Woodstock)
  - We are able to use the meeting space. Need to follow up with Bev and test the Wi-Fi this month

I have secured members of my homegroup to help with hosting the NIA20 Fall Committee Meeting at Lord of Life in Elburn on October 4<sup>th</sup> , 2025.

I have gotten in contact with Saralyn, Speaker/Panel chair of SoberFest and gotten some parameters about our panel. I attended ICYPAA this past weekend and have some good ideas from the many panels there.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> NIA20 will be hosting the Fall Assembly and Elections for the next two-year rotation. I would highly advise each and every GSR to attend and vote for our future trusted servants.

Thank you,  
Dan  
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224 605 1673

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.
- My term as Secretary for D11 will be up at the end of this year and we need a replacement. If anyone is interested or have someone they would like to nominate please let me know. I think it would be good to spend the next few months familiarizing this individual with the role and responsibilities.

QUESTIONS:

**\*\*Motion to accept the minutes as sent. - Approved**

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

***Email: [secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org](mailto:secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org)***

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

Over the past month we have had Income of \$952.00 and Expenses of \$451.00. This puts our available funds at \$5,749.88 based on our prudent reserves.

We will be discussing the new procedures for the Treasurer and Alt Treasurer later in the meeting. I look forward to answering any questions you may have.

Motion to accept July's report?

In keeping with our 7<sup>th</sup> 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  
Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org  
Lomaster1313@aol.com  
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QUESTIONS:

**\*\*Motion to Accept November Report: Approved**

**75 GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE - DELEGATE REPORT - Given by Erik**

- Slides of pertinent topics of discussion
- Hierarchy of group/area General service structure
  - 93 Areas
  - 21 Trustees (7 Non-alcoholic)
  - 6 Directors (Non-trustees)
  - 17 Staff (Voting Members)
- Slide deck distributed by DCM

**Agenda Item Questions:**

- Jake asking about previous years PAI's about rescinding changes to founder's literature that were not considered and now we are taking time to define what founders literature is. Why was this done when the fellowship is still talking about wanting to rescind the changes.
- Jake/Rick questioned whether attendance was full for the 71sr/72nd conference. To Erik's knowledge it was.
- Chris asking why we changed something in Bill's writing while we said we were going to wait to change founders literature. The Concept 4 essay was voted on prior to the founders literature agenda item.
- Richie questioning where 9 months - 12 months of operating funds as a reserve suggestion came to be? - Erik said from some of Bill's writings.
- Jake asks if Erik observed conversations about groups using power of the purse to not contribute due to some of the conference actions.
- Richie asking about talks of censorship or recommitting the General service Board at the conference
- and board members resigning, and what the ramifications in the future may be.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

With the help of Matt S. we have now reported 58% of the active meetings accessibility data in our district.

Provided data to webmaster for updating on the website, which should be scraped by the meeting guide app after we update it - it's an automatic update to the app that we do not have a process for but it's based off of our updates on the district 11 website.

Attended the area 20 accessibility meeting and touched base on what the remainder of the year entailed.

Otherwise, not much new movement but there will be more to come in september!

Thanks,  
Craig D.

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

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|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b><u>August</u></b>               |                      |
| <b><u>Answer Rate:</u></b>         | <b><u>87.88%</u></b> |
| <b><u>Total Calls</u></b>          | <b><u>33</u></b>     |
| <b><u>Wrong Number/Hang up</u></b> | <b><u>4</u></b>      |
| <b><u>Delivered Calls</u></b>      | <b><u>29</u></b>     |

Had an odd mishap where one of our volunteers didn't get a call, however, the log showed that their number was attempted. I haven't checked up on this, but I will.

Still looking for both English and Spanish volunteers.

English Time Slots:

- Monday Evening
- Thursday Morning
- Thursday Evening
- Sunday Evening

I've made a Flier in Spanish, but I have not distributed it. I will ask that it is checked by a native Spanish speaker. (I used google translate).

No Update for the Volunteer Caller powerpoint, Rob and I will work on it for the October meeting.

Thank you,  
Mike Mensinger

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

Hello District 11

Tonight I have a bin of materials with me, not associated with our Business Meetings.

In today's binders:

District 11 Into Action Newsletters, Area 20 Concepts Newsletters, Box 459, District 11 Directories, Old Timers Brunch Fliers, Various Newsletters, Historical Documents, Past and Present Local Meeting Places, Old Flyers, and Old Pamphlets.

I have stacks of materials ready to add to these binders and start binders of their own. I have 2 plus bins of similar assorted documents and materials to go through and file, or make decisions on what to do, and in extreme thoughts, discard. I have for the first time, gotten rid of a few articles because it was obvious

there is no reason for District 11 to continue to save them. I have taken more time making that decision to discard than I would ever take to preserve and save them.

I have begun to think about our Soberfest Archives display, and I want to do something a little more portable. And a little more District 11. I will be checking on my budget tonight to see where I stand and where I will go from there.

Today I paid the rent at the Wauconda American Legion for the February 22' 2026 Old Timers Brunch. The rent is \$200.00, up \$50.00 from recent past years. Still a bargain.

Rich H.  
District 11 Archivist  
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**CPC Report:** Chair: Laurie L. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

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

#### ***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

Area 20 NIA 2025 -DISTRICT 11 Grapevine/LaVina Chair Report

1. Karen provided a GV/LV display at the Flying Geese 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat on August 15-17. We distributed information and participants read free GV back copies and also the 12 Traditions Checklists. Literature was available for purchase from the District 11 stock supply.
2. Karen attended the East Central Regional Forum in Indianapolis on August 22-24 in Indianapolis. There were more than 100 first time attendees. In addition to GSO staff, trustee reports, and workshops, there were several presentations by Nikki O. the AA GV Director from GSO, and the GV/LV Publisher, Chris C. Several NIA 20 GV representatives participated in a luncheon review of what works well and suggestions for improvement in GV/LV circulation. The Carry the Message Project needs to work on adding 110 more subscriptions by the end of the year.
3. There is a new permanent GV/LV display in the AA meeting room at the First Congregational Church at 11628 Main Street in Huntley, IL. Thank you to a long-time GV/LV rep, Stephania, for her help in setting up the display at that site.

4. There is a person in our district interested in service to The Carry the Message project for the next cycle of service. If there are any persons in the district to increase use of the GV/LV App or increased subscriptions, please contact Karen W.

5. The 2025 Carry the Message Project is moving into the last few months of the year. Please contact us if you have any questions or you would like us to visit your meeting.

Submitted,

Karen W.

**GSR Orientation:**

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

**LCM Report:** Chair: OPEN

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

Ordered and received 5000 AA cards.

Ordered 16 Spanish Big Books and 12 X 12 to distribute to Libraries.

Picked up what schedules Scott had on hand.

We will be restocking all locations with literature,books,AA cards and schedules.

In service,

Georgene/PI Chair

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

**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 Aug:

**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

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

Greetings, District 11,

This month's report will be brief. I have been working with the Accessibilities Committee to edit and update the report from the Area 20 registrar with respect to accessibilities status of the various meeting venues in district 11. This is an ongoing project, we will be reporting more next month.

Our web host has billed us for the annual domain registration for our website. I have also complied with the annual requirement from ICAAN with respect to site ownership. These are both general "housekeeping" tasks.

I have started active page development for the Archives committee as well as the Grapevine rep. Be looking for these pages in the next week or so. If any of the committees in the district would like specific content pages on our site, please feel free to contact me with your ideas. We will work together to get your pages up and running.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service,

Doug Wilsman

Web Administrator,

District 11

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

### **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)
    - § Local Committee Member (LCM)
- Web Admin 2025 NAATW Motion
  - MOTION Passed
- Motion to Update Treasurer's and Alt Treasurer's Job Descriptions
  - DISCUSSION:
    - Separation of Receivable and Payable responsibilities.
    - Seeking clarity
    - Motion is tabled until next month
      - Rick will get clarity on whether we can move forward with this change and we will vote in October 2025
- NIA20 Motion to use Plain Blue Binding for Future Printings of Alcoholics Anonymous
  - DISCUSSION:
    - Rich - Recommend sending letters to publications department, board chair in suggestion to pass this
    - Mary - Clarify that this will remove gold lettering on the spine
      - Yes
    - Lisa - If/when this is being submitted, we should check verbage and spelling and make sure this is a clear, concise, and well put together motion
  - MOTION Passed

**New Business:**

- Third Legacy Procedure Review for NIA20 Elections and future D11 Elections

**QUESTIONS:****Open Mic:**

- Angelo - Looked in JD for Treasurer and there is nothing clear regarding depositing and payables. Once voted or changed, JD should also be updated to avoid future discrepancies/issues.
- Dan P - Living in the Solution - 9/26/25 - Pot luck @ 8:00 p.m. / Speaker @ 10 p.m. - Methodist Church Woodstock - Outdoor event
- Jenn - Soberfest Timber ridge has rooms available - Grand Geneva does not!

- Mary - 9/26/25 - Woodstock Nooners Picnic @ 12:00 p.m. at the WAC

**UPCOMING SERVICE EVENTS: (Enter from Agenda)**

- 09/11/2025: Legacy of Service: General Service Manual & Concepts Study
  - 7:30 PM via Zoom
  - Meeting ID: 819 5925 86250 / Passcode: 639187
- 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: \_9:16\_\_ p.m.**

**The next District Meeting is Thursday October 2nd, 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)**