

**Monthly Meeting Minutes
District 11
August 6th, 2026**

Location: Hybrid via Zoom & Church of Holy Apostles - McHenry

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: zoom: _7_, in person: _27__

Guests: _0__

Read Twelve Traditions: _Blu P.____

Read Concept of the Month: __Pamela__

New GSR's Present: None Present

New attendees present: Thomas,

Anniversaries: Martha 32, Kelsey 5,

OFFICERS' REPORTS

DCM Report: DCM: Natae S. / Alt. DCM: Amy B.

DCM Report – August 6, 2026

Greetings District 11,

August 1st, I attended the NIA Summer Committee meeting on Zoom. There was 1 Motion to make a \$10,000 contribution to the General Service Board which is attached to the agenda. This will be voted on at the Fall Assembly on September 12, and our next meeting is September 3, so please bring any feedback from your groups.

August 2nd , I attended the Big Book Conference Committee planning meeting. Our District is hosting the event, and registrations are beginning to come in, but we encourage everyone to pre-register to ease registration lines and order lunch.

Lisa S., our Delegate, provided information about how groups can submit agenda items or the 2027 General Service Conference (GSC). All submissions should be received on or before September 30, 2026, 11:59 pm.

We do still need assistance with the following:

- Filling LCM + open positions at District.
- Helping committees carry the message through answering service, hospitals, treatment and corrections facilities, conference, workshops and events.
- Spreading the word about the Big Book Conference, and if you are planning on attending, please register soon.

Thank you,

Natae S.

dcm@aa-nia-dist11.org

847-903-6219

Alternate District Committee Member Report:

-No report submitted, Amy expressed gratitude towards the group.

Secretary's Report: Secretary (interim)- Dan P. / Alt. Secretary - OPEN

No Report

- 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.
- If anyone is not receiving email communications, please see me after the meeting or reach out @ secretary@aa-nia-dist11.org

Please be sure to fill out Group forms accurately and fully to ensure they can be submitted. Marking "same" with no other information may impede your group information from being input or changed.

Motion to accept the Minutes from July: **Motion by Amy. Second by Martha. Unanimous.**
Motion passes.

QUESTIONS: None

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 - Bill H..

District 11 Treasurer's Report July 2026

Delivery date 8/6/26

Over the past month we have had Income of \$140.00 and Expenses of \$902.89. This puts our available funds at \$4885.17 based on our prudent reserves.

I have been able to establish a Zelle account. We will be using the treasurer's email address to send in Zelle contributions Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org Later this month there will be a form on the website for people to email in when they use the Zelle account for their group's contribution. This is important for us to know what group has made the contribution when it shows up in our account. Our people in virtual attendance will now be able to make a Zelle contribution that will offset the cost of the zoom account.

Any questions about the report?

How often do we pay for Zoom and when does it happen?

-We get charged once a year and we think it is in November.

How do we use Zelle online?

-You send the money to the Treasurer's email: treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org

If I want to contribute I do that through the treasurer's email on the website?

-Correct.

The Zoom account is not only used by the District meeting.

Why are contributions lower than expenses this month?

-It comes and goes, we are not trending in any specific direction. Groups have different structures for when they contribute and it comes in waves.

Motion to accept June report?

Karen Motions, Jim 2nds. Unanimous. Motion passes.

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 Bill H. will be coming around to collect the contributions. For our virtual attendees please make your contributions through Zelle to Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org

Thank you!

Yours in service

Angelo G.

Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org

Lomaster1313@aol.com

815-678-4034

NORTHERN ILLINOIS AREA 20 - DISTRICT 11 JULY 2026 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY			
BALANCE FORWARD			\$ 11,648.06
	TOTAL INCOME		\$ 140.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ (902.89)
ENDING BALANCE			\$ 10,885.17
LESS PRUDENT RESERVE			\$ (6,000.00)
AVAILABLE FUNDS			\$ 4,885.17
INCOME			
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS			
GSO Group ID #	Group Name	Meeting Location	Contribution \$
000396720	12 & 12 at 1212 Group	Lake in the Hills	\$ 60.00
000090073	1:00 PM Discussion Group	Huntley	\$ 75.00
N/A	Angelo Gallegos - personal	N/A	\$ 5.00
YTD	\$ 12,078.75	Current	\$ 140.00
EXPENSE			
		Description	
		Answering Service	\$ 715.90
		District	\$ 17.35
		Webmaster	\$ 39.14
		P.I.	\$ 130.50
YTD	\$ 8,500.63	Current	\$ 902.89

2026 Actual versus Budget YTD - NIA 20, District 11

Account Number	Description	YTD 2026 Actual	Annual 2026 Budget	Remaining Budget \$	Remaining Budget %
1000	Answering Service	\$ 3,013.60	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,986.40	39.73%
1100	Archives	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	100.00%
1200	Corrections	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	100.00%
1300	CPC	\$ 32.43	\$ 350.00	\$ 317.57	90.73%
1400	District	\$ 363.10	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 636.90	63.69%
1500	Grapevine	\$ 72.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 728.00	91.00%
1600	LCM	\$ -	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	100.00%
1700	Literature	\$ 687.53	\$ 750.00	\$ 62.47	8.33%
1800	Newsletter	\$ -	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
1900	Public Information	\$ 947.24	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,052.76	52.64%
2000	Schedules	\$ 903.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,597.00	63.88%
2100	Accessabilities	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.00%
2200	Treatment Settings	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	100.00%
2300	Webmaster	\$ 184.28	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,215.72	86.84%
2400	Workshops	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	100.00%
2500	Old Timer's Brunch	\$ 1,739.50	\$ 1,700.00	\$ (39.50)	-2.32%
2600	Contributions from Dist.11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!
2700	GSRO	\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	33.33%
TOTAL		\$ 7,942.68	\$ 19,850.00	\$ 11,907.32	59.99%

Old Timer's Brunch budget is the seed money that comes back to the district after the event.

2026 Monthly Expenses - NIA 20, District 11

Account Number	Account Title	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
1000	Answering Service	\$ 715.90	\$ 357.95	\$ 357.95	\$ 357.95	\$ 357.95	\$ 507.95	\$ 715.90
1100	Archives	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1200	Corrections	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1300	CPC	\$ -	\$ 32.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1400	District	\$ 17.35	\$ 43.00	\$ 17.35	\$ 17.35	\$ 233.35	\$ 17.35	\$ 17.35
1500	Grapevine	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1600	LCM	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1700	Literature	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 687.53	\$ -
1800	Newsletter	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1900	Public Information	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 816.74	\$ 130.50
2000	Schedules	\$ -	\$ 728.00	\$ -	\$ 175.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2100	Accessabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2200	Treatment Settings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2300	Webmaster	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 39.14
2400	Workshops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2500	Old Timer's Brunch	\$ -	\$ 1,739.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2600	Contributions From Dist 11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2700	GSRO	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 957.44	\$ 2,925.07	\$ 471.49	\$ 574.49	\$ 615.49	\$ 2,053.76	\$ 902.89

~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: Sharon

Hello,

I will be unable to attend the meeting tonight due to work.

I have not made much progress in July due to personal health issues, however I am always available for accessibilities requests. Please reach out to me if there are any needs that haven't been addressed!

Thank you and take care!

Craig D.

Answering Service Report: Chair: Rob R. / Alt. Chair - Rick F.

Evening Everyone,

Hope you are all well. Attached is our report for July 2026. Total calls for July were 31, with 7 hang ups or wrong numbers resulting in 24 answered calls at a 77.42% answer rate. Those were calls where our answering service was able to complete notes and finish the call. We are still lacking volunteers Mon, Thus, Sun overnight and Thursday day shift - please pass the word. Rick F, Harry G and I created a committee to evaluate the feasibility of an answering service migration and form a recommendation. We met to review the options previously presented and selected SAS to demo. Rob met with them once and then the three of us met with them. They currently manage a variety of other districts and intergroups including a Pittsburgh Intergroup. We are impressed by the user interface and their capabilities and are supportive of a transition so long as we can find a path to port the phone number. Through some digging, I was able to find that our current number is owned by Illinois Bell / AT&T and leased to our current provider. Since our current vendor is unwilling to support a transition, I am working on trying to establish a point of contact at AT&T to see if we can make headway from that angle. I hope to have an update on that next month. Thanks!

Have had the same number since 1974.

	April
Answer Rate:	77.42%
Total Calls	31
Wrong Number/Hang up	7
Delivered Calls	24

Best regards,

Rob R.
(815) 321-3462

Questions:

When we looked into it previously we had talked about a method of doing a number switch.

-We will explore options if we cannot keep the number. Now is not that time.

TAS will not relinquish the number?

-Correct.

Is it a human answering the call for this new company?

-Yes, and then AI generates a report that gets sent to us.

Archives Report: Chair: Rich H. / Alt. Chair: Open - *Dave C. makes a report.***No report from Rich.**

Dave C. mentions that he is interested in doing more Oral Histories of Old Timers (30+ Years). He would ask a series of questions and record the meeting. He and Rich will be working on this going forward.

CPC Report: Chair: Mary E. / Alt. Chair: Open

This is Mary E, CPC chair. There's something wrong with my zoom connection so I can't even reliably communicate with you guys at the meeting. I don't have anything happening at this time. I had Covid last month and I'm still struggling to get back to normal. Thanks

Corrections Report: Chair: Alex L./ Alt. Chair: Open

I am currently working on learning y position.-Number of thank you's to groups who donated Big Books. ~44 books donated.

No Report - Position is open

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: Steve K.. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

-Working with Blu. We will be having a Grapevine Workshop in September. At the MAC. Date: Time:
Please distribute fliers to your groups and meetings you go to.

Question: Is Grapevine going digital?

-Grapevine has a digital option currently.

GSR Orientation: Jerry M./ Alt. Chair: OPEN

-No Report.

Literature: Chair: Georgene R. / Alt. Chair: Rachel M.

Nothing to report. There are newcomer packets in the back.

LCM Report: Chair: OPEN

No Report - Position is open

Public Information: Chair: Mark R.. / Alt. Chair: Martha S.

Martha - Last month we bundled up the literature and information to be distributed throughout the county.

Schedule Maker: Chair: Carol H. / Alt. Chair: OPEN

-New batch of schedules are available.

If anyone has any schedule changes please reach out to schedule@aa-nia-dist11.org

Treatment Setting Report: Chair: Karen W.. / Alt Chair: OPEN

District 11 Treatment Setting Report – August 2026

1, There is no update from any of the NIRC and Sober Living Groups in Crystal Lake, McHenry, Cary, Island Lake or Woodstock.

2. We have 2 new volunteers at the NM Woodstock InPatient Unit. Kevin B and Nikki J will start this week. We have 2 more volunteers that are proceeding through the approval process.

3. We have asked for a meeting with the care team to ask for feedback. We anticipate that this meeting will occur in early September.

4. We will also offer a Zoom meeting of all those participating in meetings at any of the treatment facilities. We will send notices once we determine a zoom address either in the district or Area 20. NIA Area 20 does have history of area-wide meetings for various committees.

Finally, an exciting new opportunity will start in September at the NIRC site. They would like to set up an Adolescent ages 12-18) meeting for the IOP and PHP clients in the late afternoon. We have met with the NIRC Director and have an interested person (who herself was a client there). If you or someone you know has experience, strength and hope in recovery as an adolescence, please contact our group. We will also contact the ISCYPAA group at the state conference in 2 weeks.

5. The Meeting Guide app now has a weekly entry called, "Young People Shorts" that include a short video and lead for the young person in recovery.

There are currently Five entries that can be used for the NIRC meetings or as a topic for any of our meetings.

Here is an example of one of the selections from July 28 th .

"Becca reflects on the progression of her alcoholism beginning when she was fifteen and the comfort she found in young people A.A. groups"

View and share these short video messages of hope and recovery from young A.A. members. Available in English only.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/YMgqCns2eOU>

Thank you for allowing me to serve,

Karen W

Webmaster: Chair: Doug W. / Alt. Chair: Jim

No report. I appreciate typed PDF forms for Group Change and New Group Forms. If you have fliers please submit them in PDF or image files. Not pictures of the flyer from your phone.

Question:

Any success getting the contact us section working?

-Working with Host Gator to get it up and running.

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

MAC Sept 19th 10-11:30AM Grapevine Workshop hope you are all there.

SoberFest time: putting together a panel and will have more to update you next month.

Comment: It was noted that SoberFest is not an AA meeting or a part of the General Service Structure and that maybe we should take a look at if we want to continue supporting that as it may not align with AA Tradition. It was suggested that if we were interested in looking into it that we should discuss it at a future meeting and not during the committee report.

GSR Reports:

No Reports.

Old Business:

- **Open Positions:**
 - **Nominations:** Alex L. nominates Mike S. for Alternate Corrections Chair. The vote is 24:0. **Mike S. elected as Alt CO Chair.**
 - **Standings: None**
- **Big Book Conference Update**
 - Please register
 - <https://ticketstripe.com/NIA2026BIGBOOKCONFERENCE>

New Business:

- Review NIA 20 Motion to make a \$10,000 contribution to the General Service Board that will be voted on at the Fall Assembly on Sep 12, 2026.

Question: What is PPB/PPM?

From the Northern Illinois Area 20 PPM/PPB

- The first section, the Primary Purpose Basic (PPB) section, covers expenses that occur every year. These include all costs for things like Area Assemblies and Committee meetings, printing of minutes and the newsletter Concepts, insurance, orientations, conferences, etc. This section lists, funds, and facilitates all service activities that are described in the Duties and Responsibilities section of the NIA Service Manual.
- The second section, the Primary Purpose Motion (PPM) section, lists and funds additional service activities resulting from motions approved by the Assembly and delegated to its trusted servants. PPM activities may be proposed by any member of the Fellowship but most often originate within a service committee. Ideally, all proposals are considered by a service or administrative committee prior to presentation to the Area Committee. PPMs are approved by a substantial unanimity (2/3 majority) vote of the Assembly. Upon approval by the Assembly, the Treasurer adds the PPM to the Primary Purpose Register, the responsible trusted servant performs the service activity, and the Area Treasurer is authorized to reimburse associated expenses.
- In the primary purpose finance model, activities need not have a time frame and so may continue from one year to the next or even from one rotation to the next, thus providing continuity for service committees. As such, the primary purpose finance model is not a budget in the traditional sense. No individual or committee at the Area level has a line item budget they are free to spend. Instead, the PPB section of the Register provides for activities that trusted servants are expected to participate in (see Duties and Responsibilities) and the PPM section of the Register provides for activities

pursued by service committees in their effort to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Summary

Consistently using the Primary Purpose Register as the financial communication vehicle defocuses the Assembly on money by focusing more transparently on service. It improves the quantity and quality of communication between the Assembly and its trusted servants. The Treasurer is individually responsible only for the treasurer role – to manage cash and to pay the bills. The Finance Committee has responsibility for the controller role – to plan and manage the treasury and the time-sequence for service activities on the Assembly's behalf. Detailed guidelines for each service activity provide common direction to trusted servants responsible for service activities and to the committee responsible for paying the expenses for those activities. Annual budgeting, mid-year budget increases, and the "new service activity" process, are simplified. The annual budget rollercoaster that was common previously is gone: we endure no more quibbling over contributions to the General Service Board or scrambling to do something at the end of a year to spend area contributions "at home". Clearer delegation of these financial responsibilities by the Assembly has shifted the area's focus from money to service.

Open Mic:

Question: Scott - When will the 2026 General service Conference Report be available Digitally?

SMAACC - Southeast Tennessee - more information at SMAACC.org

Upcoming Service Events

Fri 8/21 – Sun 8/23 2026 IL State Conference

DoubleTree Oakbrook 1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook, IL

ADJOURN: Close with the Responsibility Statement

"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Meeting Closed at: 8:01p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday September 3rd, 2026 at 7:00pm in person and via Zoom:

Zoom Meeting ID: 959 6776 4900

Passcode: District11

The Church of Holy Apostles, Red Rooms 6, 8, and 10, 5211 Bull Valley Rd., McHenry, IL 60050