

Monthly Meeting Minutes

District 11

September 3rd, 2026

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

Meeting time: 7:00 pm

Attendance: zoom: _6_, in person: _24_ = 30

Guests: _____

Read Twelve Traditions: __Rachel W__

Read Concept of the Month: _____

New GSR's Present: Doug, James, Mike,

New attendees present: Ron,

Anniversaries: Rachel 4, Jim 7, Rob 19, Craig 10

OFFICERS' REPORTS

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

DCM Report – September 3, 2026

Greetings District 11,

August 21st, I attended the IL State Conference and listened to the Friday night speakers. Also promoted the Big Book Conference our District is hosting on Sat October 17.

I'll be attending NIA Fall Assembly meeting on September 12 on Zoom. There is 1 Motion to make a \$10,000 contribution to the General Service Board which is attached to the agenda. 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

Question: How many people are pre-registered?

Less than 50

What is the Big Book Conference?

One Day event focused on the book "Alcoholics Anonymous"

Alternate District Committee Member Report:

GSRs please attend the NIA 20 Assembly. Doors open at 8AM, please reach out to me if you would like to car pool

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

Motion to approve August 2026 minutes - Motioned by Amy, Seconded by Jim. Unanimous/ No Opposed. Motion passes.

- 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:

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..

Over the past month we have had Income of \$292.00 and Expenses of \$1,150.72. This puts our available funds at \$4,026.45 based on our prudent reserves.

This month our Alternate Treasurer has taken care of all of the paperwork for me and has done a great job preparing himself to take care of the treasurer's report for me next month. We have had our first 7th tradition contribution from Zoom attendees and we thank you! As mentioned before, we are using the treasurer's email address to send in Zelle contributions Treasurer@aa-nia-dist11.org I had forgotten to send the attachment to our webmaster so 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.

Any questions about the report?

Motion to accept June report?

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 AUGUST 2026 STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY			
BALANCE FORWARD			\$ 10,885.17
	TOTAL INCOME		\$ 292.00
	TOTAL EXPENSE		\$ (1,150.72)
ENDING BALANCE			\$ 10,026.45
LESS PRUDENT RESERVE			\$ (6,000.00)
AVAILABLE FUNDS			\$ 4,026.45
INCOME			
GROUP CONTRIBUTIONS			
GSO Group ID	Group Name	Meeting Location	Contribution \$
Personal	7th Tradition Contribution	District Zoom	\$ 2.00
000090073	1:00 PM Discussion Group	Huntley	\$ 40.00
000383357	Online Attitude Adjustment G	Crystal Lake	\$ 250.00
YTD	\$ 12,370.75	Current	\$ 292.00
EXPENSE			
		Description	
		Answering Service	\$ 357.95
		District	\$ 73.58
		Webmaster	\$ 24.19
		Schedules	\$ 645.00
		Workshops	\$ 50.00
YTD	\$ 9,651.35	Current	\$ 1,150.72

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	\$ 436.68	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 563.32	56.33%
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	\$ 1,548.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 952.00	38.08%
2100	Accessabilities	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	100.00%
2200	Treatment Settings	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	100.00%
2300	Webmaster	\$ 208.47	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,191.53	85.11%
2400	Workshops	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 450.00	90.00%
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		\$ 8,735.45	\$ 19,850.00	\$ 11,114.55	55.99%

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	August
1000	Answering Service	\$ 715.90	\$ 357.95	\$ 357.95	\$ 357.95	\$ 357.95	\$ 507.95	\$ 715.90	\$ 357.95
1100	Archives	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1200	Corrections	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1300	CPC	\$ -	\$ 32.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1400	District	\$ 17.35	\$ 43.00	\$ 17.35	\$ 17.35	\$ 233.35	\$ 17.35	\$ 17.35	\$ 73.58
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	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 645.00
2100	Accessabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2200	Treatment Settings	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2300	Webmaster	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 24.19	\$ 39.14	\$ 24.19
2400	Workshops	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 50.00
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	\$ 1,150.72

Motion to accept August's Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Martha, seconded by Amy. Unanimous/No Opposed. Motion Carries

~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

Email: special_needs@aa-nia-dist11.org (accessibility committee was previously known as "Special Needs")

Hello!

August I have gathered a list of the retirement homes/care homes/ memory care homes/ senior rehab facilities to contact about bringing in meetings. Will contact area 20 about contacting hospice groups or palliative care orgs to see if that's an avenue as many times their services are more personalized to the alcoholic that may not be able to leave their home to attend meetings.

Please reach out if there are any language, hearing, or sight accessibility requests!

Thank you!

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

Email: answering_svc@aa-nia-dist11.org

Evening Everyone,

Hope you are all well. Attached is our report for August 2026. Total calls for July were 24, with 5 hang ups or wrong numbers resulting in 19 answered calls at a 79.2% 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 shift - please pass the word. As previously discussed, our phone service committee recommended a migration to SAS who currently handles other districts and intergroups. I have been working on trying to understand the requirements for a transition from TAS to SAS. To date, TAS has been unwilling to support a transition whatsoever so I have engaged the help of a MSP agency that I work with to help us navigate this process. I hope to have a more meaningful update on this next month. Thank you!

	April
Answer Rate:	79.2%
Total Calls	24
Wrong Number/Hang up	5
Delivered Calls	19

Best regards,

Rob R.

(815) 321-3462

robryberg@gmail.com

Question: Are we able to transfer the phone number to the new service?

Archives Report: Chair: Rich H. / Alt. Chair: Open - Email: archives@aa-nia-dist11.org

Hello District 11

I will not be at tonight's meeting. I am at District 70, Rockford District Meeting, talking about the Big Book Conference, hosted by us, District 11. Thank you to Matt S. from Winners and Beginners for starting conversations with Wauconda High School for us to possibly have our 2027 Old Timers Brunch at. Unfortunately, it becomes out of our current price range for us not being a registered not for profit organization. I have a signed contract with the Wauconda American Legion for Sunday February 21, 2027. And have paid \$200.00 in full in advance. We have one of our speakers ready to go, Rick F. of the How and Why Group in Island Lake, IL. I hope to have our other speaker and flyer at next month's meeting.

Thank You

Rich H.

District 11 Archivist

richh925@msn.com

815-353-7850

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

No report submitted.

Corrections Report: Chair: Alex L./ Alt. Chair: Mike S.

Currently thin on meeting attendees, but I did get 4 new volunteers. We are working on starting a meeting for volunteers to share their experiences and to ask questions about any struggles they may be having.

Were the 4 volunteers all men? No, two men and two women.

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

There was an error on the workshop flyers of the address

There will be many past grapevine chairs as well as the area grapevine chair at our event to share their experiences. We will have topics of the month for 2027 available.

I have books available for sale, see me after the meeting if you have an interest.

Grapevine has had a big impact on my sobriety and feeling connected with Alcoholics all over the country and the world.

The grapevine alternate chair is open.

Questions:

When and Where is the Workshop? September 19th, 2026 409 front st. - MAC 10AM-11:30AM

Will there be food? Donuts and snack, nothing crazy.

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

No report submitted.

Literature: Chair: Georgene R. / Alt. Chair: Rachel M. literature@aa-nia-dist11.org

Pamphlets for newcomers in the back. If you need them contact Rachel or Gerogene.

Question: How can I get newcomer packets if I cannot make it to the District meeting? Get into contact with Rachel or Georgene.

How many

LCM Report: Chair: OPEN

No Report - Position is open

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

Delivered pamphlets and information all over the place.

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

No report submitted

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

Treatment Setting Report: Chair: Karen W. / Alt Chair: OPEN Email: tf@aa-nia-dist11.org

1. All is well and functioning at the sites we currently visit!
2. The NIRC Adolescent meeting should start later this month. There are two young adults willing to provide meetings, most likely on Friday afternoons. Their names are Madeline K. and JacqLyn G.
3. The new contact person at NM Woodstock Hospital is Satya Shah. We spoke a few weeks ago and he called me today to review the names of the persons providing meetings. He has the updated Excel list. Kevin B and Nikki J are taking turns in the Sunday rotation. Thank you to all.
4. Please contact me if you would like to help at any of the locations. We are looking to increase those rotating as volunteers, especially at Woodstock and now at NIRC for the Adolescent.
5. Please provide healing wishes to Kevin A and Dave E who will be taking a bit of time off for health reasons.

Thanks,

Karen W.

Question:

If someone is interested in volunteering how should they go about doing so?

Contact Karen. (email is in the header next to "Treatment Setting Report")

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

Greetings, District 11!

Jim and I have had a busy month. In August we:

- 1) Corrected a defect in the *Contact Us*: Form.
- 2) Updated several pages of the website:
 - a) Added content to the Box 459 page
 - b) Posted required reports on the Reports page
 - c) Worked toward consolidating the reporting on the Meetings Report page
 - d) Updated the Events page.
- 3) Updated the Online Meeting Schedule, and thereby also the Meeting App.
- 4) Re-installed the Classic Editor plugin for the page editor. No cost to the committee; made editing/creating pages easier for us.
- 5) Began a search for a lower priced alternative to our current Website hosting company. This was brought about by a change in how HostGator charges for mailbox use. More on that in a minute.

HostGator (our website hosting company) is revising its policy on email boxes. We originally purchased a plan from them that included unlimited mail boxes. Our current hosting plan includes un-limited email boxes. We currently use 23. To continue to have unlimited mail boxes, the next billing will reflect a monthly increase of \$8.99, for an annual increase of \$107.88 over our current charges. There is currently ample room in the Web Administrator budget to accommodate this increase.

I can reduce the number of supported mail boxes:

Free with Hosting: 0–2 mailboxes

Basic Plan; (\$2.99/month | \$35.88/yr)
3 to 10 mailboxes

Admin Console access

Features: Forwarders, Email Filters, Spam Filters, Auto-responder, Email Routing

Send limit: 200 emails per hour/domain

Plus Plan: (\$5.99/month | \$71.88/yr)

11 to 20 mailboxes

Admin Console access

Knowledge Base access

Support: 24x7 support available

Features: Forwarders, Email Filters, Spam Filters, Auto-responder, Email Routing

Send limit: 200 emails per hour/domain

Premium Plan (\$8.99/month | \$107.88/yr)

Unlimited mailboxes

Admin Console accessSupport: 24x7 support available

Send limit: 1,000 emails per hour/domain

SpamExperts Addon

The only way we won't have to increase our monthly fee is to essentially drop all but 3 of our current mailboxes.

I'm still not sure if a written motion would be required to alter the current hosting plan. I actually have more than enough room in my current budget to move forward with \$107.88 annual rate which will give us continued access to and unlimited number of mailboxes.

We are looking for alternative hosting arrangements. That said, the decision gate is closing as of 9/12/2026 (our next billing payment). Doing nothing is not an option. We are currently paying

As always; the Area registrar, as well as our secretary and the web admin team, appreciate that the group/meeting change form are legible and complete. Remember that the Meeting App is populated via our online meeting schedule, which in turn is populated via your group change forms. Also, any fliers submitted for inclusion would be better if they were in either .pdf, .jpeg, or on a word document. This makes it easier to make an accurate event calendar posting.

Thanks for allowing us to be of Service,

Doug and Jim

Doug W

Web administrator,

James, W

Alternate Web administrator,

NIA20 District 11

webmaster@aa-nia-dist11.org

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

No Report

GSR Reports:

-Inviting women to Sober Sisters Study Tribe Meeting Tuesday 6PM in Johnsborg - Tuckaway Townhomes Clubhouse, 3607 Johnsborg Rd.

-Flying Geese Retreat - \$140/person 40 spots left

-Living in the Solution Potluck September 25th 8PM Potluck, 10PM Open Speaker Meeting. Bring a dish to pass First United Methodist Church 201 W South Street, Woodstock, IL

-Remnant Group -5th annual Gratitude meeting - Thanksgiving morning Flyer will be available next month. Doors at 7AM Meeting at 8AM Grace Fellowship Church in Woodstock.
- How and Why Group - 9th Annual Anniversary Cookout - OPEN EVENT - Saturday October 24, 2026 - Speaker Monica F. from Chicago. St. John Lutheran Church - 405 W. State Rd (Route 176), Island Lake, IL

Monday Night

Open Mic:

Old Business:

- **Open Positions:**
 - Amy nominates Chris for alternate Grapevine Chair.
 - Unanimous/All in favor
 - James L. stands for Alternate Secretary Position
 - Unanimous/ All in favor
- **Big Book Conference Update**
 - Please register
 - <https://ticketstripe.com/NIA2026BIGBOOKCONFERENCE>
- **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.**
 - Discussion:
 - A few GSRs mentioned that their groups were in favor

New Business:

- None

Open Mic:

- **9/13/26 Crystal Lake Alano Club - Noon - Bears Game, sloppy joes, salad, chips, treats are provided and bring a side to share if able.**

Upcoming Service Events

- Saturday, September 12, 2026. NIA Fall Assembly at Village Green Church, Glen Ellyn, IL.
Meeting Begins 9:00am.
- Steve MMAAC poker run.
- Mike - Gratitude Luncheon first weekend of December at Crystal Lake Country Club

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: 8:16 p.m.

The next District Meeting is Thursday October 1st, 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