

Northern Illinois Area 20 Winter Committee Minutes Jan, 17, 2026 In Person and Online/Video  
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**Meeting Opening:** The NIA Chair called the meeting to order at 9am. The group participated in quiet time and the Serenity Prayer. The Area Chair welcomed attendees. Meeting announcements were made. Twelve Concepts were read.

**Anniversaries since last meeting - Erik 2 yrs , Rick D. 32 yrs, Sanela 47 yrs.**

**First Time Attendees:** Tom C. GSR, Dave, D43 Tech Chair, Kyle D43 GSR, Erik Area Tech , Joseph GSR, Carrol GSR DDD52, Bonnie D52 DCM, Adria P., Treatment Chair, Scott D61 GSR, Mata D11 DCM, Joe 51 GSR, Jim D11 GSR, Kris Alt Archives, AR/20, Nelly, Archives D 43, Jeanie L, DCM 43.

**Approval of 2025 Oct Conference Committee Meeting Minutes:** Moved by Cheryl V., seconded by Chris D. Approved unanimously

**DELEGATES REPORT -Lisa S** Gave her report

**TREASURERS REPORT - Chris E.** Gave his report

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**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Chair Report -Arron V.** Gave report  
**Registrar Report- Kim D.** Gave Report  
**Secretary Report – Jan S.** Gave Report  
**Alt Delegate, Dawn B.** Gave Report  
**Alt Chair- Lorrie F.** Absent  
**Alt Registrar -Dawn S.** Absent  
**Alt Secretary -Kevin A.** Gave Report

**SERVICE WORKSHOP**

**A presentation was given about difference areas in the Service Committees. The presenters included;**  
**Dawn B, Alt Delegate**  
**Robert S. Past Delegate**  
**Chris E. Treasurer**  
**Lisa S. Delegate**

**Conference Reports**

**2025 State Conference – Jeff L. Conference Chair.**

Our Conference was a success thanks to all committees, volunteers, and guest from all around the state. Communication with the hotel was a little difficult . We found out later a new company had bought the hotel so some of what we initially agreed to changed. Financially we broke even; we hit our food and beverage commitment and our room commitment fell three short, but that was questionable as the hotel’s systems were down on Friday afternoon into the evening. We had many walk- in registrations that also registered at the hotel that we weren’t credited with so we charged for three room’s they said we were short \$796.75. On Friday night after the guest speaker we held AA trivia in the same room and where unexpectedly charged \$8,000 dollars for that hour and a half. One other unexpected charge was the extra service charge of \$120.00 every time the hotel refilled the coffee station. We were initially told that was included in the \$80.00 a gallon charge. We only had coffee service during the main speakers, including Alanon’s speaker Saturday afternoon. We purchased only 20 gallons throughout the weekend which helped to make our \$10,000 food and beverage comment. Hospitality, literature, grapevine and decorations all broke even. The ice cream social on Friday night was a

little short but that was made up through donations. Our speakers all drove to the event so their reimbursement was minimal.

The GSO member Kelley and the west central trustee were reimbursed for their airfare. We had 370 registrations and sold 15 Banquets in which they ran out of food. All in all, we can return the seed money and any money the Area put in. We spent \$20,000 and took in \$20,000. Our only recommendation is to find another hotel as the HYATT no longer values our long-established history with them.

**2026 Spring Conference** – Jeremy A- .Conf. Chair. Continuing to fill positions, panels are confirmed, new flyers out. Please all spread the word.

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#### **New Business**

2026 Big Book Conference Bid presented by Dan & Kay Dist. 11. Have done much preparation in looking at venues, & getting costs of food, beverage, audio, and space. Wish to move to proceed to form a planning committee Vote pass.

#### **Motion**

The combined members of the Electronic Equipment Committee and the Technology Committee move to combine these two committees in to one committee, under the heading of Technology Committee, and to amend the Duties and responsibilities in the Northern Illinois Service Manual. The Duties and Responsibilities section for Electronic Equipment Committee is on p81&82 and for the Technology Committee is on pages 84 & 85. Many of the items were reviewed and discussed with questions. Chris E. offered friendly motion, but Brian could not accept. Decision was made to continue to review and present changes to Aaron prior to the next assembly on March 14, 2026 3.0 to be discussed and voted on.

#### **Old Business**

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Open elected positions were reviewed. Elections for open positions will be at the Alternate positions for Public Information and Alt Accessibilities are open.

#### **SERVICE COMMITTEES**

The following Committees were present with verbal reports, however, reports were not sent to Webmaster for posting on Website. Accessibilities, Dan P.; Answering Service Dave T.; CPC Lisa S.; Corrections Jack B.; PI, Jeff L; Treatment; Adria

Archives- Carol H. – Gave Report  
Archivist – Cheryl V.- Gave Report -  
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Concepts – Sue E. Gave Report  
Dave F. Literature – Gave Report

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**All reports need to be in PDF and Sent to Webmaster the Sunday prior to the Conference**

Absent: Bridging the Gap, Grapevine, Language Translation Coordinator,

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTED COMMITTEES**

Aaron mentioned the slots are all filled. He needs to reach out to the people on the committees to confirm.

Archivist – Cheryl V. Gave Report  
Electronic Equipment – Rick – Gave Report  
Service Manual Custodian – Sue E. Gave Report

## DCM REPORTS

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**D11** Natae S. DCM– Their districts have had an attendance of 38 people from 21 groups for Dec. District meeting. Hopes to increase. All positions filled, except a few alternate positions. They are hosting a workshop in McHenry on January 31<sup>st</sup> and the Old Timers Brunch on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. They have put a bid in to host the 2026 Big Book Conference with all the information required. They were told to move forward and create a Conference Committee.

**D21** – Temporary DCM. Expects to be elected in the next few days. Will be working to continue to carry the message. Hopes to find some volunteers for GSR's as that is how their groups can be connected to AA.

**D22-** Michael B. DCM -District meeting not always on Sun. Exception Easter, July 4<sup>th</sup>, & Labor Day. Have reviewed their roster of meeting at 133 and there is no way there are that many meetings in their area. s Will be cleaning it up to get realistic numbers. Kim and Dawn have both helped. Attending GSR school. He will also be doing a service workshop. After April a Treatment Workshop will be done.

**D23** – Jeremy A, DCM – Just hosted 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of new rotation. 70% of positions filled. Right now, they are busy with the 2026 Spring Conference March 13-15, 2026. Maria – Alt. DCM.

**D40-** John S. DCM – Haven't had their first meeting yet. Have filled all out positions other than Literature, BTG, or PI. Rest of positions by next meeting. Have added an additional committee for Events and Workshops. Robert S. is chairing and already have their first event. Already have workshops in motion. Working on DuPage Open in February. Have put in bid for Fall Assembly in Sept.

**D41** – Chris J. DCM – Donated to ISKYPA and provided volunteers for literature room. Have a subcommittee for workshops and a program as we have no chair. We are working on a workshop now entitle " The Other Promises." -Steps 3,5,10, and 12. Have a Hoping to increase interest in the district. They are interested in hosting the Aug. Summer Committee Meeting.

**D51** – Joe B. new DCM – They have 184 meeting in District one half in Grundy County and the other in Will County. Already had GSR school. Still have a few alternative positions but Chair persons are filled and all new. District meeting are Tuesday nights in Joliet.

**D61-** Kyle W. DCM – Their first district meeting was January 28<sup>th</sup>. Five positions are filled and have added 2 LCM's. On February 1<sup>st</sup> they have a "Jeopardy Event". They have 6 meetings without GSRs which they are looking to fill. Added a Young People meeting to offer that group. He is also CO-chair for the Spring Conference heading up Alcatraz.

**D62** – Judd W. DCM- Their District meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of the month in Boulder Hill. They have nearly all positions filled.. They voted on allocating a 10-minute sharing session each month and are currently discussing our GSO. Last couple of years signed up as GSR's and received nothing. We are hosting the 2027 Spring Assembly.

**D70** – Kim S. DCM – Positions are nearly filled. They have reserved the space in April for the Pre-General Service Conference meeting and are waiting a confirmation. They are also looking to have a BTG workshop and are interesting in hosting the Winter Assembly, date to be determined. Have an archive workshop which turned out well. GSR School set-up for March 7<sup>th</sup>, Bridging the Gap workshop for May 7<sup>th</sup>, Chili cookout on Jan 31<sup>st</sup>, Made cool bags for new service people. Includes books and other information about the position. They are interested in hosting the Winter Assembly scheduled for Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**District 73** – Gina M. DCM Online but no report

### Districts that were absent with no reports.:

D10, D12 , D.20, D22, D28, D42, D43, D52, D72 , D80, D90, Dist. 91

After open microphone there was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Robert, seconded by Chris D. The meeting ended with the responsibility statement.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jan S., NIA Secretary

Next Committee meeting is May 6, 2026 at 9am at the Lord of Life Church in Elburn. Check Event Schedule for additional information.

Total Attendance: 7 Officers, 16 Service Committee Chairs, 10 DCM's, 16 GSR's.  
Total: Hosted 74 people. 45 paid lunches

**HERE IS THE LINK FOR SUBMITTED OFFICER, COMMITTEE CHAIR AND APPOINTED COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS AND FULL MOTIONS. ALL REPORTS MUST BE ON PDF AND RECEIVED BY SUNDAY PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE.**

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In the future, these reports and motions will move to the Archives section on the website.HJNB