

## 2010 Illinois State Conference Planning Committee Report

To: NIA Summer Committee

Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009

- The 2010 Illinois State Conference Planning Committee has met 7 times since being awarded the bid in January, every third Sunday of the month at 3PM in Classroom "A" at Centegra, McHenry Hospital (SW corner of Bull Valley Rd. and Rt. 31)



- The theme for our conference (*A Vision for You*) was selected at the June meeting
- Save the date flyers were finalized in July and are ready for distribution at the 2009 Illinois State Conference in Peoria next weekend, August 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Our Committee members have made a commitment to register and participate in this year's Illinois State Conference. In the interest of statewide unity, we strongly urge our fellow District 11 and NIA members to do the same.
- The August 20-22, 2010 Illinois State Conference will be held at the Wyndham Lisle Hotel and Conference Center in Lisle, Illinois
- Hotel room rate @\$92, registration cost of 20 and banquet @\$32. A registration flyer is in the developmental stages.
- Recently elected East Central Regional Trustee Pam R., and GSO Staff member Gayle R., have both accepted an invitation to participate in our conference, as well as Rick C from Muscatine, Iowa and Don M of Louisville, Kentucky.
- We welcome the participation of Al-Anon Family Groups.
- We send minutes of our planning meetings to the ISC Policy Committee members
- We welcome and appreciate your guidance as we trudge along.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Members of the ISC 2010 Planning Committee

# NORTHERN ILLINOIS AREA 20

Alternate Delegate Report  
To: NIA Summer Committee  
August 1, 2009

Serving as Alternate Delegate, there have been abundant opportunities to participate in fulfilling our purpose as a Delegate Area:

*The principal function of the Area is to be a forum for effective communication between the Groups and the General Service Conference through its Delegate. In addition to counseling its Delegate about the collective Group Conscience of the Fellowship in Northern Illinois, NIA will assist its Districts, Groups and members to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers in a broad variety of ways, including but not restricted to conducting workshops, sharing sessions and seminars in all fields of general service.*

## Service orientation and Post GSC Workshops

I am pleased to report that two opportunities for our Delegate to report to us are in the books, so to speak. Given the circumstances he is currently dealing with at his place of employment and the flooded basement at home, I'd say he delivered quite well on his commitment to us. Those who joined him in McHenry on July 18<sup>th</sup> and Silvis on the 26<sup>th</sup> got a real sense of that. To watch our Delegate relate his experiences, and hear how he made his best effort to be an effective communicator between our Groups and the General Service Conference is truly an experience we should not miss. It is especially meaningful when the dialogue takes place between the participants and the Delegate. The next opportunity for John to do that will be Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, in Clifton.

Plans for Fall Service Orientation Workshops are being finalized with District 23 hosting one up in the Northeast section of NIA and 40 and 43 hosting one in DuPage County.

Our goal is to have an opportunity for everyone in NIA trying to effectively serve his/her group, committee, or District to get a quality orientation to General Service as well as participate in a Delegate Workshop. Then and only then will we feel that we have prudently served to do our part in helping NIA fulfill its purpose.

By the way, check out the summer issue of Concepts for more on Service Orientation Workshops and Delegate Reports

Respectfully Submitted,

Dean Glosson  
NIA 20 Alternate Delegate

## A motion to facilitate carrying the message through literature

The following motion was presented at the 2009 Spring Committee Meeting by Tom Germuska and seconded by Allen Jacks. It was subsequently referred to the Finance Committee, which took no action. The issue should be considered by the Assembly at its 2009 Fall Meeting.

### Motion:

Moved, that NIA enable the Fellowship in Northern Illinois to cost-effectively carry the message by reselling the Big Book (B-1) at discounted prices available by purchasing in large quantity.

### Rationale:

AAWS increased the prices of 29 books that it publishes effective July 1, 2009, including a 33% hike in the price of the Big Book from \$6 to \$8. Had action on this motion been taken at the Summer Assembly (prior to the price increase) NIA could have made the primary text of our Fellowship available at \$5 each. Although there would be a substantial initial cash outlay, the net impact of the program on the NIA balance sheet (after the books are sold) is neutral.

While the Area can no longer make Big Books available for \$5 each, bulk buying could reduce the per-copy price to \$6.56, an 18% saving compared with the current single-copy price of \$8.

### Finance Committee Concerns

In its report to the Summer Assembly the Finance Committee listed the following concerns:  
*Response in italics.*

- How do Groups go about "Ordering" books from the Area? Is there a form, a process?
  1. *If the motion is approved, Groups, Districts or Area Service Committees could place orders online through an email to the Area Literature Committee (a link is available on the NIA web site). If necessary, orders could be mailed.*
  2. *Books ordered by a cut-off date (approximately one week prior to delivery,) would be delivered at the next Area Committee Meeting or Assembly.*
  3. *Payment would be by check payable to NIA. Books would be released upon payment; checks and a simple accounting for the books sold would be given to the Treasurer or Alternate Treasurer for deposit.*

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A motion to facilitate carrying the message through Literature (continued)

- We have no guarantee that the books will sell—what is the PR plan? What do we base our order quantity on?
  1. *There are no guarantees, however offering the primary text for our program of recovery at a discounted price will be a strong motivation for many buyers.*
  2. *A broad knowledge of this activity can be achieved among trusted servants in the Area through verbal announcements and mini-flyers at Area Committee meetings and Assemblies; “advertising” and articles in Concepts; as well as awareness and publicity by District Literature Committees.*
  3. *If approved, Area service committee chairs and DCMs would be asked to estimate the number of copies they might purchase in the next six months. (Although it is possible that some Districts will choose not to participate in this phase of the project, they will still be able to make purchases) The initial order would be made based upon estimates provided. Continuation of the program and subsequent purchases would be made following an evaluation of the initial sales.*
- Are we opening ourselves up for additional administrative tasks that take away from service activities already approved by Assembly and were added to PPR?
  1. *This activity is not expected to detract from any existing service activities.*
  2. *The Literature Committee-related service activities in the current PPR have been completed.*
  3. *The intent of PPR is to enable new service activities to be added regardless of the date on the calendar.*
- What volume are we talking about—what would be the initial cost to the Area? Given our current service activity listings on the PPR, what would we do if we spend the initial investment and therefore are unable to complete some other activity because the re-sales didn't produce?
  1. *The initial order would be determined by estimating the number of books likely to be purchased by Groups, Districts and Area service committees. To achieve the best discounted price (\$6.56 each), the minimum purchase would be 10 cases (200 books). That quantity would cost \$1,312.*
  2. *NIA has historically operated with a surplus of income compared to its operating expenses. The proceeds of every sale would be returned to income. It is highly unlikely that there would be no sales; even very-slow sales, while they would be regrettable, would have no significant impact on the Area's balance sheet.*

## **5. Motion by Finance Committee to Make \$5000 Mid-Year Contribution to GSO**

The Finance Committee recommends that NIA Area 20 make a mid-year contribution to GSO in the amount of \$5,000.00.

## **6. Revised Motion to Amend NIA Guidelines to Specify Election Procedures and Responsibilities for Alternate Registrar**

The Report & Charter Committee recommends that the Area Assembly approve the following motion to provide for the election of an Alternate Registrar. This revised motion reflects the discussion and decisions at the July 15 meeting of Report & Charter Committee.

### **Motion**

Moved, that, to provide for the election of an Alternate Registrar, the following NIA documents be amended:

- 1) Amend the Northern Illinois Area 20 Service Structure Guidelines as follows:
  - (a) In **Section I. The Area Assembly, A. Voting members, 5. The Area Registrar** add the words: "(or Alternate Registrar when the Registrar is absent)", and
  - (b) In **Section II. Assembly Voting Procedures for Area Elections** edit the fifth sentence to read: "Election of officers, namely the Delegate, Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, and Registrar and their Alternates, shall be in accordance with the Third Legacy procedure as described in The AA Service Manual."
- (2) Amend the Duties and Responsibilities of Northern Illinois Area Trusted Servants as follows:
  - a. At p.p. 3 in the section captioned **Responsibilities of Area Officers and Alternate**, add the words "and Alternate Registrar" to line 4.
  - b. At p.p. 3 in the section captioned **Responsibilities of Area Officers** delete line 9, "Attend meetings of the NIA, Ltd. Board of Directors."
  - c. Add the words "Attend meetings of the NIA, Ltd. Board of Directors" to the list of Responsibilities for each of the following Area Officers and their Alternates—Delegate, Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

**4. Motion by Finance Committee to Reimburse Participation in East Central Regional Forum**

**Motion**

The East Central Regional Forum is a valued service activity that occurs every other year. The Finance Committee moves that the following entry be added to the Primary Purpose Register and that the Area Treasurer be authorized to reimburse expenses in accordance with the terms of that entry:

Item #	Activity	Description, expected outcome and execution guidelines	Example expenses	Reimbursement Guidelines	Projected cost
PPB17	2009 East Central Regional Forum	As per Area Guidelines and historical practice, Area Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Chairperson be in attendance	Mileage, lodging, banquet, etc., for trusted servants who are required, by Area guidelines to attend the named conference.	Reimbursement authority: Area Treasurer Appeal body: Operating Committee Guidelines: Allowable expenses per area guidelines and historical practice.	\$ 900.00

**3. Motion by the Service Structure IV Committee Concerning the 2010 Pre-General Service Conference Workshop/Spring Assembly**

**Motion**

It is moved that the Area Assembly approve the incorporation of the business portion of the 2010 Spring Assembly into the NIA 2010 Spring Conference and hold the 2010 Pre-GSC Workshop as a stand-alone event.

**Background material:**

The Service Structure IV Committee has requested and received from the 2010 Spring Conference Planning Committee 3 hours of conference time, and a room which would hold approximately 300 people. Costs associated with this motion (including reimbursement for flyers, badges and beverages) will be covered by PPB 2 ("Area Assemblies").