



NIA District 43 May 2026 Committee Reports

Distributed for Review in Advance of 05/20/26 District Meeting

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New Attendees and New District GSR introductions

Anniversaries

AA Announcements

No AA announcement was brought forward.

Old Business

Vote was taken for approval of **April 2026** Meeting Minutes.

Vote was taken for approval of **April 2026** Treasurer's Report.

A few district-level positions remain open. Votes were then taken accordingly.

GSRs: Please take this information back to your groups to allow AA members to report back on any open positions of interest. Thank you!

→ **Descriptions of the positions** can be found on our district website: [Microsoft Word - D43 Job Descriptions & Procedures 20200406 1925](#)

The following committee positions were presented and voted upon during the meeting:

Accessibilities

- Chair: remains available
- Alternate: remains available

Literature

- Chair: remains available
- Alternate: remains available

Secretary

- **Alternate: remains available**

DCM

- **Alternate: remains available**

Local Committee Member / LCM: *Appointed position by the DCM. Please contact Jeanie L. if interested at jldcm43@gmail.com*

New Business

GSR REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities

POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED

Answering Service

Jimmy K., Chair; Lori V., Alt. Chair

We had 24 people call the answering service everything is going well!

Archives/Archivist Report

George C., Archivist, Bruce M., Alt. Chair; Jeff K, Archivist committee member; Patrick K, Archivist committee member

Summary Report

The Archives Committee met on May 13 to discuss ongoing archiving efforts. The main items to report on this month are:

- (1) We plan to host an Archives “Long-Timer Panel” on ***Saturday afternoon, August 8***, to be held at the WSFC. Please save the date. Great fellowship, learning and sharing about our local AA history. Pizza and refreshments will be served. We’re still looking for a couple more “Long-Timer” panelists. Please pass the word.
- (2) We continue to make progress on the District 43 written history project.

Call for Stuff/Contributions to Archives

We continue to collect and preserve materials related to District 43’s history. Items we seek include (1) old flyers; (2) meeting directories; (3) event flyers; (4) other AA-

related archives you may consider discarding; and (5) photos of meeting locations (inside or outside). If you have anything that may be useful, please contact Archives via the District website: archives@aa-nia-dist43.org

Service Committees Documentation Request

We invite District 43 service committees to share materials that go beyond the standard monthly report. Examples include: (1) committee meeting agendas; (2) drafts and works-in-progress; (3) correspondence with other districts; (4) communication with NIA20; (5) communications with outside organizations (non-AA). Committees know best what reflects their work, so we leave specifics to your judgment.

That concludes the Archives Report for May 2026.

George C (Archives Committee Chair)
Bruce M (Archives Committee Alt)
Jeff K (Archivist)
Patrick K (Archivist Alt)

Keep in mind that ...

***“Whenever a society or civilization perishes
there is always one condition present;
they forgot where they came from.”***

– Carl Sandburg

Bridging The Gap

Jeffrey A., BTG Chair

The BTG Committee kicked off in May to launch a rapid-response system connecting individuals leaving treatment or sober housing with District 43 volunteers. To ensure immediate contact upon a newcomer's release, the committee established a centralized Google Form for data tracking, a volunteer sign-up flyer with a QR code, and a streamlined matching workflow based on gender and location.

Moving forward, the four committee members have divided responsibilities to begin an immediate recruitment blitz. Members are visiting local meetings to distribute flyers and log volunteer names. The next meeting will focus on reviewing initial volunteer data and finalizing the system's official launch date.

Corrections

Adams S., Chair; Ryan B., Alt. Chair

AA meetings are facilitated at the DuPage County Jail through a non-profit organization called JUST. For those interested in helping facilitate AA meetings in the DuPage County

Jail, here is the link to the [JUST Volunteer Application](#). After completing the application, please send a follow-up email to info@justofdupage.org with your name, email and best contact number letting them know you completed the application and inquire about the next step (Background and Safety Training).

Events

Ursula S., Chair; Laura, Alt. Chair

BINGO LOCO was a ton of fun and a Success. Thank you all who attended, donated and volunteered that night.

District 43 Picnic LUAU Theme Sat August 29th, 1:30 - 3:30 Dupage River Pavillion 808 Royce Naperville Looking for a Face Painter, perhaps donated, discounted rate, or volunteer within AA

District 43 "Recovery" Comedy Night will be Sat Nov 7th 7PM-9PM doors open at 6:30PM held at the VFW Naperville 908 Jackson. Tickets will need to be purchased in advance. Ticket link will be available soon.

Grapevine

Kim R. ,Chair; Liza D., Alt. Chair

The June Issue is "Young and Sober", featuring inspiring stories by AA members about coming into the program at an early age, the challenges they faced, and how they found other young members enjoying sobriety.

Print and digital subscriptions available! Contact Kim at Reddsmitty@icloud.com, 312.925.1007

Groupvine

Aaron F., Chair

No report submitted at time of compilation

Literature

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PI/CPC

Julie R., Chair ; Margaret, Alt. Chair

Carrying the Message (Events)

- Argonne: Employee Mental Health & Wellness Fair – 5.6.2026

- o This committee's first time hosting a table on our own
- o Attended by myself and committee member, Mary Ellen G.
- o Many items purchased/acquired in order to have a robust booth with information on AA. Where purchases were made, needs for future events were considered in order to maximize shipping fees:
 - Pamphlets
 - Tablecloth
 - Grapevines
 - Big books
 - Pamphlet rack
 - Candy and plastic candy dish
 - Yellow meeting guides
 - Area level rack cards
 - Cards printed from GSO web site that replaced need for business cards
 - Reprint of article written by Cleveland AA summarizing the Harvard Medical School study results
 - Tabletop AA sign for CPC
- o Preparing receipts to submit to Kathy (Treasurer)
- o Results:
 - 38 interactions over 2 hours
 - People who approached the table to talk and/or take a pamphlet, Grapevine, candy, etc
 - Pamphlet taken the most
 - Is There an Alcoholic in Your Life?

Committee Work

- Monthly committee meetings
- This month, we are starting to reach out to identified organizations to see how we can communicate what AA is to various professionals or to the public:
 - o Hold/attend an event
 - o Present at a table or booth
 - o Present to or talk with staff
 - o Drop off a Leave Behind Packet and have a conversation
 - o Any other creative way we find

Marketing Efforts

- Business cards
 - o For now, holding off on creating our own generic &/or personal cards.
 - o For our first event, we used some standard communication cards that GSO has in the online bookstore. They worked well and include the personal card option, if desired.
- Leave Behind Packet (LBP)
 - o Targeted to professionals, not alcoholics
 - o Title – *Carry the Message* – less intimidating than a packet called Alcoholics Anonymous

o Logo – in progress

Technology

Dave S., Chair; Richard H. Alt. Chair

Per Dave, nothing new to report this for May.

Treasurer

Kathy S., Treasurer; Chris T. Alt. Chair

The Treasurer's reports are attached to the same email this report is attached to.

- Treasurers Report
 - Treasurers Report Supplement
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Treatment

Sofia W., Chair; Katie B., Alt Treatment Chair; Kyle Y., Committee member; Amy, Committee member

Highlights & Updates

- Literature order was placed to support ongoing meeting distribution and outreach efforts within treatment facilities.
- A new Monday 8:00 PM meeting at Linden Oaks Detox will officially begin on June 1st.
- Ten new individuals volunteered to serve as substitute meeting leaders to help maintain meeting coverage and consistency.
- The committee welcomed 10 new volunteers this month, bringing the total number of active volunteers to 88.

Committee Activity

- The Treatment Committee held an in-person committee meeting on May 18th to review current operations, volunteer needs, and upcoming initiatives.
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Secretary

Karine M., Secretary

- Sending the “committee report” being sent prior to the District monthly meeting in an updated format that facilitates the Final meeting minutes fathering/formatting
 - Seeking an Alt. Secretary for D43 for 2026-2027 District position!
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Web Admin

Stephanie H., Chair; Magic M. Alt. Chair

No report submitted at time of compilation

These 2 positions are appointed by the DCM. Please contact Jeanie Long if interested at jldcm43@gmail.com

LCM - WSFC

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LCM - East/West

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District Committee Member (DCM)

Jeanie L., DCM

Tradition Five: Each group has but one primary purpose-to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers.

Thank you to all of you District 43 trusted servants who work so diligently to carry the life-saving message of AA to the alcoholic who still suffers!

Upcoming Events:

- May 15-17 **Twelve Step House Men's Closed AA Retreat**
- May 16 **NIA 20 Spring Committee Meeting** 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
- May 16 **Fox Valley Open** 7:00-9:00 pm
- June 20 2026 **NIA Area 20 Summer Assembly - Delegate report from GSC!** 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
- June 26-28 2026 **East Central Regional & Area 74 Conference**, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire
- July 18 **The Foxhall Group Picnic**, Centennial Beach, Naperville
- August 12 2026 **NIA 20 Area Summer Committee Meeting**
- August 29 **District 43 Annual Picnic** 1:30-3:30 DuPage River Pavillion, Naperville

More details are available on our website: <https://aa-nia-dist43.org/events/>.

Connecting our A.A. groups to A.A. as a whole

I will attend the NIA 20 Spring Committee meeting Saturday May 16th and have information to share at our May 20th District 43 meeting.

Meeting Directories update

By early June, it is my hope to have a meeting directories order from the 4 districts and other entities or committees to send to the printing company. This order would include both stapled and non-stapled directories.

We have a quote for the customary stapled meeting directories. One of the district asked if there could be a version of the meeting directories created without staples so that they could be taken into facilities that do not allow staples, such as jails and treatment facilities. I asked the printing company, and they came up with a quote and also samples. I will share these samples with the other DCMs at the NIA 20 Committee meeting on Saturday May 16th.

Our treatment committee is interested in purchasing the non-stapled directories for their own use.

DCM Visits

A big thank you to our new LCM Venus, who attended a DCM visit with me to the Do Not Be Discouraged Group. Venus will assist me in making District 43 committee visits to the groups in our district so that we can achieve the goal set in the District 43 Service manual: *The D.C.M. makes every attempt to visit (attend) every meeting (Group) in District 43 during his/her two (2) year rotation and will rely on LCM's to attend meetings in his/her place.*

I visit groups in our district to share information on how the District 43 committee carries the message to the still suffering alcoholic and connects our locals groups to A.A. as a whole. I also invite group members to our business meeting or to join us in service.

There are several groups who have been very supportive of District 43 by sending a GSR to district, sending contributions to district, and by having several group members active in district service work. I have been making **DCM Thank You visits** to these groups.

April and May **DCM visits** included Plain Old AA Meeting, Sojourner's Group, One Step at a Time, and Do Not Be Discouraged.

I want to come to your group too! I will contact all GSRs to schedule a visit. Or you can contact me to schedule the visit by emailing me.

NIA 20 Spring Committee Meeting 2026 Recap Submitted by Jeanie L, DCM

A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve. Tradition Nine

The 2026 Spring Committee Meeting was held May 16th at Lord of Life Church in Elburn and on Zoom. **The Spring Committee Meeting prepares us for the Spring Assembly, which will be held June 20. We respectfully request GSRs to attend the Assembly, as**

you will have a vote on motions and receive information to connect your group to A.A. as a whole.

Delegate

Lisa S gave a brief delegate's report from the 76th General Service Conference. **She will give her full report at the 2026 NIA Summer Assembly June 20th.**

Some interesting notes include:

- The 5th edition of the Big Book has been approved with minor editorial changes.
- The General Service Board has acquired the Everything AA app.

Motion

There is a motion to amend the Primary Purpose Register, submitted by Michael B, chairperson of the Panel 76 Finance Committee. **That motion will be voted on at 2026 NIA Summer Assembly on June 20th.** That motion can be found beginning on page 3 of the 2026 Spring Committee Final Agenda:

<https://aa-nia.org/wp-content/uploads/2026-Spring-Committee-Meeting-Agenda-EN.pdf>

The first few sentences of background information recap the motion well: *The basic intent of this motion is to make the PPR more understandable, to reflect changes in the NIA Service Manual, and to better track spending for all the various activities. These changes are all based on the existing Duties and Responsibilities in the NIA Service Manual, motions passed by the Area Assembly to update those Duties and Responsibilities, and historical practice.*

During the discussion at the committee meeting, there was a request that the motion be split into three separate motions: administrative cleanup; reimbursement expansions; and added reimbursable positions. This was due to the complex nature of the original motion. Some present felt it was confusing to people unfamiliar with Primary Purpose Register.

The original motion should provide enough information for the groups to form a general consensus. I will send out the revised motions once they're finalized.

Reports

Northern Illinois Area 20 makes reports from the delegate, treasurer, and officers available on the NIA 20 website: <https://aa-nia.org/agendas/> A few highlights follow.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, Chris E., asked that each district be sure their district website has the correct contributions address. I am happy to report that our website, aa-nia-dist43.org, has the address correct! He also requests contributions be specified as either person, group, or district, and if the contribution is 7th tradition (for general use by NIA 20), pink can (for use by corrections), or green can (for use by treatment).

If a district is in need of funds for treatment or corrections, the District Treatment or Corrections Chairpersons can reach out to the Area Treatment or Corrections chairpersons to request the money and the reason for the request.

Alt Chair Report

The Alt Chair, Lorrie F, is hosting a **monthly GSR meeting** starting on Monday May 18th. These meetings will be held on Zoom during months that have no Assembly, and in-person at the NIA 20 Area Assemblies.

PCP Committee

The NIA 20 PCP chairperson has created postcards to send to professionals and organizations which may work with alcoholics. The postcard has a QR code which connects individuals to the aa-nia.org/phones/ page. That page lists all District Answering Service Phone Numbers by city and provides a link to district websites meeting list pages. I have several copies of that postcard for our PI-CPC committee. Some are already stamped so we can get them in the mail!

Answering Service

NIA 20 will host an Answering Service workshop on June 13th 2-4 p.m. at the EDI Club, 18 W. Streamwood Blvd, Streamwood Illinois, 60107. The workshop will focus on Google Voice and how answering service works. This information has also been sent to our District 43 Answering Service Committee Chair and Alternate.

DuPage Meeting Directories

I saw two of three DCMs at the Spring Committee meeting and gave each samples of the staple free meeting directories. Each gave me an approximate order of directories their districts will order. The third DCM was unable to attend, but emailed me the number of stapled and staple free directories his district will order. The order should be ready to send in early June, once all districts have had their May meetings.

2028 State Conference

NIA 20 is accepting bids for districts that want to host the 2028 State Conference. District 43 can consider whether we would like to place a bid. We can also invite our NIA Committee Chair to a District 43 meeting to explain what that would entail.

End of Report