



September 16, 2026, NIA District 43 GSR Business Meeting Minutes

District 43 DCM, Jeanie L., welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced herself, and called the meeting to order with a period of quiet time, followed by the Serenity Prayer.

Jeanie L. read Zoom protocols to all attendees.

Jimmy K. read **Tradition 9**: A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

New Attendees and New District GSR introductions

- Karen Z, Alt. GSR Brown Baggers
- Sam C, guest

Anniversaries

- Julie R., Aug 17, 16 years
- Kathy N., Sept 12, 8 years

AA Announcements

No announcement was made.

Old Business

Vote was taken for approval of **August 2026** Meeting Minutes. **100%, Passed**

Vote was taken for approval of **August 2026** Treasurer's Report. **100%, Passed**

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](#)

- **Accessibilities:** Alternate remains available
- **Corrections:** Chair + Alternate
- **DCM:** Alternate remains available

VOTE: Samantha C. stood for the position of Accessibilities Chair. **100% Passed.**

2028 State conference bid discussion and vote:

Jeannie L. moved that District 43 submit a bid to host the 2028 Illinois State Conference. The motion was seconded by Kim. Jeannie stated that although she will no longer be DCM in 2028, she would be willing to serve as conference committee chair if the bid is accepted, while remaining open to another member serving or sharing the role. Tom reported that the Strategy Now Big Book Study Group supported submitting the bid. Members who had helped when District 43 previously hosted described the experience as a great deal of work but very rewarding.

Jeannie clarified the financial responsibilities based on information received from the Northern Illinois Area Treasurer:

- The \$3,000 in seed money rotates among the three Illinois areas.
- Any conference loss would be divided among the three areas.
- District 43 would have no financial liability.
- Host committee members must purchase their own conference badges.
- District 43 could separately vote to reimburse expenses if it chose to do so.

VOTE: The motion passed with 97% in favor and 3% opposed to submit a bid. The minority voter was invited to speak but did not request to do so. District 43 will therefore submit a bid to host the 2028 Illinois State Conference. It was noted that acceptance is not guaranteed, as another district may already have submitted a bid.

New Business

No new report.

GSR REPORTS

No new report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities

Samantha C., Chair

Sam stood for the position of Accessibilities Chair and shared her experience in special education and working with adults with disabilities. Her appointment was approved unanimously. Sam will follow up regarding a request to bring meetings into a rehabilitation facility and may seek volunteers to assist.

Answering Service

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

We had some trouble with the answering service for about 7 weeks. It's back and running!

Archives/Archivist Report

Jeff K., Archivist; Patrick K., Alt. Archivist; George C., Archives Committee Chair; Bruce M., Archives Committee Alt.

On September 9, the Archives Committee held its monthly meeting. We discussed status and next steps on the Written History Project; we are making substantial progress and should have excerpts available soon to show how this project is shaping up. We also reviewed the August 9th Longtimers Panel, and ways to improve these types of programs in the future. An audio file of the Longtimers Panel is now in the archives collection.

Call for Materials/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 to donate, please contact us at archives@aa-nia-dist43.org. We also 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 ends the Archives Report for September 2026.

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

BTG thanked the Treatment Committee for helping secure speakers for the Recovery Center in St. Charles. The committee received feedback on its forms and will distribute QR-code flyers to

recruit volunteers. Future reports will include the number of volunteers and individuals connected with someone to accompany them to their 1st meeting after treatment.

Corrections

POSITION NEEDS TO BE FILLED

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

District Picnic

Thank you to all who helped and came to the picnic
Good time was had

District Comedy Night

11/7 7pm-8:30 pm
Doors open at 6:30 pm
Light refreshments included with tickets
Refer to attached flyer. This is an open event!

Grapevine

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

Link to the Grapevine website: <https://www.aagrapevine.org/>

Kim reported that the October *Grapevine* focuses on **loneliness**. The AA Grapevine app allows users to read 2 articles for free. Explore the Book of the Month “*No Matter What: Dealing with Adversity*” in *Sobriety* is 20% off from September 15 to October 14. <https://www.aagrapevine.org/BOTM>

Kim also highlighted the anonymous “One Day at a Time” wall and pocket calendars as possible holiday gifts! Purchase here: <https://tinyurl.com/4up687nc>

Groupvine

Aaron F., Chair

October Groupvine attached to the main email.

GSRs: please print copies and make them available at meetings as a way to promote District events, service opportunities and volunteer needs. It is intentionally formatted in black and white for inexpensive printing (FedEx or your local library, UPS stores). Groups' treasurers will reimburse GSRs for reasonable printing expenses.

Literature

Frank F., Chair

Looking to see if there are extra funds in the treasury to cover our district's share of the Meeting Guides. This would be for the regular printed meeting guides only, as the stapleless guides are off the table now.

Our cost is \$1,193 for 1,000. We only have a budget of \$600 for Literature, so we would need the balance from the treasury to cover the guides.

We were unsuccessful in getting a better price from an alternate source for the guides. As a result, the "stapleless" guides are off the table, and we will only be able to purchase the regular stapled guides. Please understand that unless the quantities below are purchased (and if the quantities decrease again) the prices may go up even higher, and, it's possible that the printer may decline the order entirely.

I need confirmation ASAP on the quantities and costs below:

- District 40 - 1,500 guides - \$1,790
- District 41 - 1,500 guides - \$1,790
- District 42 - 500 guides - \$597
- District 43 - 1,000 guides - \$1,193

Additionally, if and when these quantities are confirmed, I have compiled the following questions that will need to be worked out:

Who is gathering the information for the guides?

How will the guides be distributed?

Are the Meeting Codes staying the same?

Are we including online meetings?

What is the deadline for having information submitted?

When do we expect the guides to be available?

Thank you all for your understanding and quick responses to this matter.

VOTE: The district unanimously supported purchasing 1,000 updated meeting directories for \$1,193. Existing budget funds will cover \$950, with the remaining \$243 taken from available

committee funds. The directories will include the most current meeting information.

LMC

Venus, Chair

I want to share the visits that were done this past month. Shout out to Kathy for helping us out!

LCM 9/2 7pm "The Way Out" Trinity Lutheran church in Lisle

DCM 8/31. Weekend Survivors group this morning.

9/3 7:00 am Dream Team at WSFC.

Kathy 8/30

Sunday 8pm at St. Joan of Arc in Lisle.

Lisle Sunday Night Big Book group last night.

9/6 Tonight I attended the 8pm WSFC Open Discussion Meeting.

PI/CPC

Julie R., Chair; Margaret, Alt. Chair

Committee Report 9/14/26

Marketing Efforts

- 25 Leave Behind Packets (LBP) were created with various pieces of appropriate AA literature
 - o We will augment some packets with additional literature as needed (ie, there are pamphlets specific to clergy, addiction professionals, etc.)
 - o After distributing these 25, we will evaluate if any adjustments are needed to the LBPs.
- Our LBP process
 - o First, we make contact over the phone with an organization.
 - o During the phone call, we schedule a time for the LBP dropoff.
 - o As part of dropoff, we are hoping to make face-to-face contact and determine if there are any additional opportunities for engagement (like speak at a staff meeting, an upcoming organizational event, etc).

Carrying the Message

- LBPs delivered to 3 Naperville libraries.
- LBP delivery to Naperville police department is in progress.
- The YMCA in Naperville declined an LBP.

Committee Work

- Monthly committee meetings
- We continue our approach reaching 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
 - We are looking for more events where we could host an AA table to educate the community about what AA is and what AA is not.
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Technology

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

There is nothing new to report this month.

Treasurer

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

The August 2026 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

- Committee met Labor Day
 - We volunteer roles and points of contact. Amy will assist with volunteer coordination and update the tracking spreadsheet.
 - Committee will recruit additional substitute volunteers to beef up sub list
 - New volunteer flyer to be shared soon
 - Committee intends to collab with BTG
 - Amy, Chris, and Kyle have reorganized reminder responsibilities.
 - Committee is considering adding a sixth member to assist with reminders or other tasks.
 - Next meeting to be held in person!
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Secretary

Karine M., Secretary; Kate R., Alt. Secretary

Our new email address is aadis43secretary@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone who sends in their committee reports each month. I really appreciate you taking the time to get those to me.

Just a quick housekeeping request regarding committee reports. Our District procedures call for each monthly report to provide a full picture of the committee's current work, progress, upcoming events, and announcements for the GSRs. Since part of the Secretary role is receiving and distributing those reports and materials, it would really help me if each month's submission

could be complete on its own. So, if there is a flyer, announcement, or attachment that is still relevant that month, please include it again with that month's report rather than referring me back to a prior month. That will help me make sure nothing gets missed and that what I distribute accurately reflects your committee's report.

Thank you. I really appreciate everyone helping me keep everything organized and complete.

Web Admin

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

No new report. The printable District 43 meeting list will be manually updated to reflect current meeting information. Link: <https://aa-nia-dist43.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/D43MeetingList20260916.pdf>

Where to find it on the AA District website, on the "meetings" tab:

The screenshot shows the AA District website's 'Meetings' tab. The navigation bar includes 'Home', 'Meetings' (circled in red), 'New to Alcoholics Anonymous?', 'Calendar', and 'A.A. Men'. The main content area lists several meetings:

Time	Day	Meeting Name	Location	Zoom Link
8:30 pm	Wednesday	Young People in AA	WSFC	710 E O 430
6:00 am	Thursday	Men's Early Bird AA Meeting Men		Zoom
7:00 am	Thursday	Dream Team	WSFC	710 E O 430
7:00 am	Thursday	Dream Team		Zoom
7:30 am	Thursday	Thursday Morning Big Book	Du Page Unitarian Church	1828 O Zoom

At the bottom of the list, the link [Printable District 43 Meetings](#) is circled in red, with a red arrow pointing to it.

District Committee Member (DCM)

Jeanie L., DCM

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

- This is us! We are the District 43 Committee, directly responsible to the groups we serve. And each of our committees within our larger committee (Treatment, Corrections, Bridging the Gap, Web, etc.), is directly responsible to those we serve, the groups in District 43.

Upcoming Events:

- September 16 **District 43 Business Meeting**

- October 3, **NIA 20 Fall Committee Meeting**, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Elburn. GSRs are not required to attend this meeting but are welcome if interested.

- October 17 **2026 Big Book Conference**, Messiah Lutheran Church, Wauconda

- October 17 **Thursday Night Discussion Group Fall Retreat** • October 19 **NIA**

Area 20 GSR Monthly Zoom Meeting • October 21 **District 43 Business Meeting**

- October 23-25 **12 Step House Men's Closed AA Fall Retreat Details are available on our website: <https://aa-nia-dist43.org/events/>.**

Accessibility Chairperson and Committee members needed! We have an expressed need for an Accessibility chairperson, as well as A.A. members who would like to be on this committee. Any interested member in either the chairperson position or the committee, please join us at our September 16th 7:00 p.m. District 43 Business Meeting on Zoom. **Zoom ID: 965 6659 0236 Password: 932879**

2028 State Conference bid

At our September business meeting, we will entertain a motion to make a bid to host the 2028 State Conference. Please be ready to vote your group's conscience September 16th at our meeting!

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

- On Saturday September 12 I attended the NIA 20 Fall Area Assembly.

- **Motion: The Finance Committee moves to send \$10,000 to the General Service Board.**

- **Motion passed!**

- **Other items of interest below:**

- The NIA 20 Answering Service chairs Dave T. And Dan M. Report that Google Voice is being used in some areas as the answering service.

- The new 5th Edition Big Book is expected to be available before the end of 2026 and cost \$20.

- Everything A.A. App team at the General Service Office has been working behind the scenes to address the technical and infrastructure issues needed to ensure the Everything A.A. app is stable, reliable, and ready to support app users. Over the coming months, app users will see phased updates as the app is enhanced as a trusted source for our literature, Conference-approved content and other resources. The app is considered a recent addition to the many services GSO provides to the Fellowship. It remains available for download without cost; however, there is an option to subscribe at \$1.99 a month or \$19.99 a year to support the app's continued development, maintenance, accessibility and digital services. This optional subscription model follows a similar practice to the A.A. Grapevine's subscription model for its app. The A.A.W.S. board has engaged in thoughtful discussion and deliberation to ensure that this aligns with our Traditions. For Everything A.A. app support, contact us at everythingaa@aa.org.

- The translation coordinator is an appointed position at NIA 20. The position is open. Interested? Contact NIA Chairperson Aaron V at nia20aaron@gmail.com.

- Other service position openings are also available at the Area level. Contact Aaron V at nia20aaron@gmail.com.

DCM and LCM Visits

Kathy has joined Venus and me in our outreach to meetings in District 43 through DCM and LCM visits. Thank you Kathy!

This past month we have made visits to Happy Hour Thursdays, Dream Team 7:00 am Fridays, Sunday Night Center Street Blue Book Meeting, Weekend Survivors 7:30 on Mondays, Lisle Sunday Night Big Book Group, The Way Out Group on Wednesdays, Thursday Dream Team WSFC 7:00 am, and Sunday Night Open Discussion at the WSFC.

Meeting Conclusion

Jeanie L. closed the meeting with the responsibility statement.