

October 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.

Richie H. read **Tradition 10**: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. ought never be drawn into public controversy.

New Attendees and New District GSR introductions

Amy S., Treatment center committee member

Anniversaries

No anniversaries this month

AA Announcements

No new report.

Old Business

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

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2028 State conference bid discussion and vote:
Jeanie L. moved that District 43 submit a bid to host the 2028 Illinois State Conference. The motion was seconded by Kim. Jeanie 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.

Jeanie 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: Amy S. stood up for treatment **Alt Treatment Chair**: **100%, Passed!** Welcome Amy!!

New Business

No new report.

GSR REPORTS

Glenn G. announced that in addition to the time change for the TNDG, the name of the group has changed to **YAGOTTAWANNA**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Accessibilities
Sam C., Chair

Need for an Alternate Chair!

I have met with the Accessibilities Chair from D40 to learn more about how they run their Accessibilities Committee and any strategies for community places that may be hesitant to bring meetings into their facilities.

I have contacted StoryPoint in Naperville for a potential meeting to be brought there for a resident, and I am waiting to hear back.

On October 1, we started a meeting at Meadowbrook in Naperville. We are doing a 12 & 12 Study meeting on Thursdays at 7:00pm in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

In order to be able to continue bringing mobile meetings to facilities, I am looking to set up a list of volunteers to attend the meetings. I have attached a flyer to bring to the meetings in D43 requesting volunteers and meeting attendees. I am asking GSR's to please distribute this flyer and the one specifically for Meadowbrook.

I also would like to ask if GSRs could ask if anyone is interested in providing service as an Accessibility alternate. This could help ensure we can provide services with fewer interruptions and more division of labor. If anyone is interested, please have them contact me.

We could also use a few 12 & 12 books for the Meadowbrook meeting. I would like to propose that we order some large print copies to be stored by the Accessibilities Chair to bring to meetings.

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

Per Jimmy K. – "17 calls received this month, everything is OK"

AA District 43 Answering Service needs your help answering the hotline. Answer calls from potential AA members on what AA is, how AA can help and where specifically to find meetings.

Here's how it works. The answering service gets a call and sends texts out to women if a woman calls and to men if a man calls. If you can take the call, reply OK to the text…if the call hasn't been picked up, you will get the information on who to call.

If you want to be a part of this important service **please call/or text Jimmy K. 630 964-5826 or Lori V. 815 931-2177.** We are in desperate need of women to answer the texts right now. So if you can help even only temporarily, let us know.

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

On October 14, the Archives Committee held its monthly meeting. We discussed status and progress on the Written History Project, and possible new projects leading into 2027. Beyond that, we continue to collect and preserve materials for the Archives collection.

Call for Materials/Contributions to Archives
We are always on the lookout for new and old stuff 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 October 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

We have successfully developed and finalized the volunteer and client flyers, the client paper forms, and set up the digital volunteer and facility client submission forms. Printed paper copies of the flyers and forms are ready for distribution. We are currently seeking guidance and approval from the district regarding the appropriate procedures and protocols for distributing these materials.

A special thank you to the treatment committee for securing volunteers for the RCA.

Resources & Links:

- **Volunteer Flyer:** View Volunteer Flyer
- **Client Flyer:** View Client Flyer
- **Client Paper Form:** View Client Paper Form
- **Digital Volunteer Form:** Access Volunteer Form
- **Digital Facility/Client Form:** Access Facility Client Form

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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 Comedy Night
11/7 7pm-8:30 pm
Doors open at 6:30
Light refreshments included with tickets

Refer to attached flyer.
Tickets on sale now Early bird tickets $20

Grapevine
Kim R. ,Chair; Liza D., Alt. Chair
Link to the Grapevine website: https://www.aagrapevine.org/

The November Issue of the Grapevine has a special section on AA Members and Mental Health. I battle dual diagnosis and look forward to reading this issue!

The November Book of the Month is THE MOST POPULAR GRAPEVINE BOOK ! Language of the Heart: Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings. 20% off now through November 14th! Makes a great gift for sponsors and sponsees!

Download the free AA Grapevine app to order your copies now.

Groupvine
Aaron F., Chair

Attached Groupevine to the mail email. **GSRs: please print a few copies to pass within your groups!**

Literature
Frank F., Chair

DuPage County 2027 Printed Meeting Guides Update

- All districts have approved the funds
- All districts have forwarded the required dollars to the D. 43 treasurer
- Person who will do the formatting (Maggie A.) has been contacted and is prepared to work with the data once she receives the updates from each district
- Required format for the data has been communicated to all district's webmasters
    - To be done:
        - Updated meeting data sent into Maggie A. from all districts
        - D. 43 Treasurer to compile D. 43 funds to pay our portion of the expense for the 1,000 guides we will be ordering
        - D. 43 treasurer to send total amount collected from all districts to the printer
        - D. 43 webmaster to send D. 43 meeting info in correct format to Maggie A.
        - Maggie A. to send data from all districts to the printer
        - Printer to finalize meeting guides and produce to the demand quantity
        - Frank F. to pick up all completed guides from printer
        - Frank F. to arrange to meet the DCMs from all four districts to dispense their ordered quantities of guides
        - Each DCM to distribute guides to GSRs for their meetings

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LMC
Venus, Chair

Kathy, Venus, and Jeanie have collaborated with the Web Admin team and discovered that the Web Admin does not have contact information for 58 of the meetings in our district.

It's important to have at least one contact for each group (it's better to have 2 or 3) so that if anyone has trouble finding the meeting, our district has someone to contact to verify whether the meeting still exists.

We've put together a 2-page flyer that lists the meetings we need contacts for and how to submit the contact information. Thanks for helping us get this request out to the groups.

Flyer attached to this report.

PI/CPC
Julie R., Chair; Margaret, Alt. Chair

Carrying the Message

- New Bathroom Stall Sign
  - We are creating an 8"x11" sign to put on the back of the door of bathroom stalls in various establishments with the below message and including our district's hotline phone number:
    - If you want to drink, that's your business, if you want to stop drinking, that's our business.
  - This bathroom stall sign will be:
    - Included in our Leave Behind Packets, as appropriate.
    - Offered to establishments as a one-off, if preferred.
  - If you know of a location that may appreciate our Bathroom Stall Sign(s), please email us at pi-cpc@aa-nia-dist43.org.

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

Technology set up zoom meeting and conducted all necessary polls and reports.

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

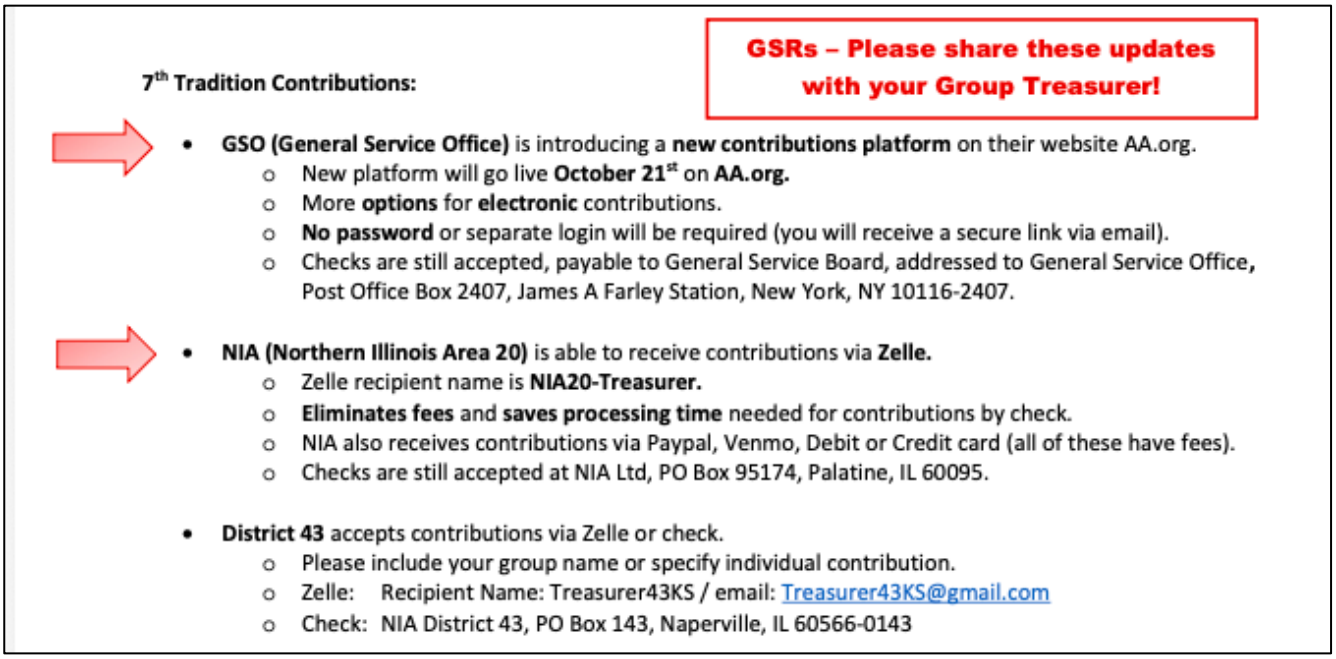
The September 2026 Treasurer's reports are attached to the same email this report is attached to:

- Treasurers Report
- Treasurers Report Supplement

Committee chairs: Kathy and Jeanie will reach out to you soon for the 2027 budget so we can vote on it at the December 2026 D43 meeting.

2 highlights this month on the report supplement this month for GSRs!!

- General service office is launching a new platform for electronic payment, more options to electronic contributions
- Also, there is Zelle info for NIA, to avoid the fees and help our area, this is a great way to contribute



GSRs – Please share these updates with your Group Treasurer!

7th Tradition Contributions:

- **GSO (General Service Office)** is introducing a **new contributions platform** on their website AA.org.
  - New platform will go live **October 21st** on **AA.org.**
  - More **options** for **electronic** contributions.
  - **No password** or separate login will be required (you will receive a secure link via email).
  - Checks are still accepted, payable to General Service Board, addressed to General Service Office, Post Office Box 2407, James A Farley Station, New York, NY 10116-2407.
- **NIA (Northern Illinois Area 20)** is able to receive contributions via **Zelle.**
  - Zelle recipient name is **NIA20-Treasurer.**
  - **Eliminates fees** and **saves processing time** needed for contributions by check.
  - NIA also receives contributions via Paypal, Venmo, Debit or Credit card (all of these have fees).
  - Checks are still accepted at NIA Ltd, PO Box 95174, Palatine, IL 60095.
- **District 43** accepts contributions via Zelle or check.
  - Please include your group name or specify individual contribution.
  - Zelle: Recipient Name: Treasurer43KS / email: Treasurer43KS@gmail.com
  - Check: NIA District 43, PO Box 143, Naperville, IL 60566-0143

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

- Bridging the Gap half-sheet flyers with QR codes are being offered to patients at detox.
- Exploring staple-free brochures for detox facilities.
- Developing a volunteer feedback survey to better understand volunteers' experiences
- Considering a holiday meet-and-greet for volunteers and potentially the entire district, in collaboration with the Events Committee.
- Exploring incorporating the *Plain Language Big Book* into detox meetings.

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

GSRs: Please distribute the new condensed volunteer flyer representing D43 volunteer opportunities into 1 main flyer for distribution into groups.

Please continue to send your reports to the NEW email address for Kate and myself at **aadis43secretary@gmail.com**, and make sure to include your reports + all attachments each month. Thank you so much!

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

The printable meeting guide that will be used for the next couple years draws its information from the district website. So please make sure that the website has correct information about your meeting- name, time, location, etc. It only takes a couple minutes to check whether the information about your meeting is correct.

GSRs: The deadline to send in any changes is this Sunday October 25th. Please do not email us if the information is correct, **only if something needs to be changed. Email changes to web@aa-nia-dist43.org.**

We will submit the data for the guide next week and it cannot be changed after that.

Thank you for allowing us to be of service!

District Committee Member (DCM)
Jeanie L., DCM

Tradition Ten: Alcoholics Anonymous has no opinion on outside issues; hence the A.A. ought never be drawn into public controversy.

Upcoming Events:
- October 17 **2026 Big Book Conference**
- 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**
- November 7 **2026 Kankakee Area Mini-Conference** (day)
- November 7 **We are Not a Glum Lot Comedy Show** (evening)
- November 18 **District 43 Business Meeting**
- November 20-22 **37th Annual McHenry Soberfest**
- December 12 **NIA 20 Winter Assembly - This is a voting assembly. GSRs, please attend.**

Details are available on our website: https://aa-nia-dist43.org/events/.

2028 State Conference bid

Our District has voted to make a bid for the 2028 Illinois State Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous. The DCM, Treasurer, Secretary, and Alt. Secretary are gathering information about potential dates and venues with the help of our Area Conference Liaison. When we have that information, we will compose a bid.

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

I attended the 2026 Fall Committee Meeting on October 3 at Lord of Life Church in Elburn. The following information was discussed:
- The Area Registrar Committee have asked for our help in assuring General Service Office in New York has accurate contact information for the groups in our district.

• If you are a new GSR and have not completed a Group Information Change form, please find the attached form and complete it.• There are a few groups I will reach out to individually to ask about the GSR information.
• Motions for Vote by GSRs at December 12 NIA 20 Winter Assembly
• Three motions were discussed at the Fall Committee Meeting which will be voted on at the upcoming winter assembly. GSRs, please take these attached motions back to your groups for discussion and group conscience so that you can vote at the winter assembly.
1. Proposed Agenda Item regarding the Plain Language Big Book
2. Motion by the Technology Committee
3. Motion by the Report and Charter Committee

DCM and LCM Visits this month
Saturday 7:00 pm Music Meditation Meeting on Zoom
Saturday 6:30 am Beyond Any Lengths at the WSFC

Meeting Conclusion
Jeanie L. closed the meeting with the serenity prayer.

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