Registrar's Report
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I sent out a request recently to all districts asking for updates to district rosters and GSR information. To those of you who replied, all of your updates have been entered and new District Rosters and Group Information Update (GSR) sheets have been created. I tried to send out new reports for the districts that had district meetings last week first. For the remaining districts, new reports are being creating and you should have them in the next couple of days. There were also some districts from which I did not receive any reply. Reports for those districts are also being created however your info will likely not be up to date. In any case, please review your reports when you get them and email me back any corrections or updates that need to be made. Different districts use different positions to communicate with me and as a rule I always copy the DCM, DCM-A, SEC & SEC-A. I know most of the districts who use LCM's and/or Group (GSR) registrars and have tried to copy those persons where appropriate, but if you notice that there are people in your district that are not being copied (that need to be) then just let me know.

As a result of the recent updates many new DCM and District Chair workbooks will soon be sent from GSO. I am often asked who gets a workbook when I make an update in FNV so I've created the table below (taken from the 2016 FNV manual) to explain. Only CHAIRS receive the workbooks, no alternates (except for Delegate) and they are sent free of charge.

AREA Workbooks sent from GSO	**DISTRICT** workbooks sent from GSO	**GROUP** workbooks sent from GSO
		New Group handbook sent to the GSR or Primary contact
		New GSR handbooks are sent to all new GSR's
	District Archivist	
Accessibilities	Accessibilities	
BTG	BTG	
Corrections	Corrections	
CPC	CPC	
Delegate & Alt.	DCM	
Grapevine	Grapevine	
Literature	Literature	
PI	PI	
Registrar – (FNV Manual)		
Treatment	Treatment	

Unfortunately there are currently no workbooks sent out for Secretaries, Treasures, LCM's or District Webmasters.

I will also be sending out new rosters to all of the Area Standing Committee Chairs but I typically wait a couple of weeks to try and catch all the updates that invariably come back after I send out updated district rosters. If you would like a report sooner, just let me know and I can run one for you today and send it to you as a PDF.

I have discovered that a great source for district roster updates is the newsletters that various districts publish. I would appreciate it if you would put me on the distribution list for you district newsletters (and minutes) if you send them out.

Fellowship New Vision database
Fellowship New Vision database (FNV) was developed by the General Service Office and released for use by the areas in May, 2007. FNV also provides each area, via their Area Registrar, access to update

certain area information directly into the database. Because FNV is an online-real time database, what is entered by either the areas or the GSO Records department is available for immediate use.

Approximately four times a year the DCM's and District Secretaries are sent updated district rosters along with a document that lists all of the groups in your district. The last column is where updates can be entered. GSR's can update group information by working with their DCM or district secretary or by completing a group information change form which they can find online at http://aa-nia.org/group-forms/

In FNV the Registrar can search for groups or individuals and do instant updates. It is no longer necessary to send group information updates to both NIA and GSO. All information update requests can be sent to the area registrar at registrar@aa-nia.org.

Group information includes group name, group number, area, district, history dates, meeting locations and times, and complete group contact information. *District information*, on the other hand, includes district service positions and contact information for those elected to those positions and *Area information* is similar to district information but at the area-level.

This information is the key to communication throughout the A.A. general service structure. GSO uses group information to send information kits to new GSRs, copies of *Box 459*, the GSO quarterly newsletter, and GSO quarterly reports. Similarly, the area uses the information to send to the group *Concepts*, the NIA newsletter, and area assembly meeting minutes. This information is also used by GSO to send information kits to District and area-level committee chairs to help orient them to their service positions and by area service committee chairs to communicate with their district counterparts.

Since we will be sending minutes via e-mail, please check with me or your DCM to be sure that your e-mail is correct in FNV.

The new e-mail address for the Area Registrar is: registrar@aa-nia.org. You can also mail changes to NIA20 REGISTRAR, Box 6621, Elgin, Il. 60121. **THE NUMBER ONE REASON THAT UPDATES ARE DELAYED IS BECAUSE ALL INFORMATION IS NOT INCLUDED ON THE SUBMITTED EMAIL**. When sending updates for groups or district positions PLEASE insure that all required information is present including address (with Apt # if applicable), and correctly spelled street names and cities and accurate zip codes. FNV has a built in address verifier and if information is incorrect or missing it will not allow the update. Also, please make sure that if the information is handwritten that it is legible. The database is very robust and includes methods to create many different types of reposts. Please let me know if you have specific information needs and I'll do my best to get you the reports you need. Remember, COMPLETE ACCURATE LEGIBLE INFORMATION makes for a happy registrar!

Thank you to NIA 20 for allowing me to serve as your Registrar.

Respectfully submitted – Chris D.

Information updates since 12/01/16

Group information	4
New groups/Pending Active	5
Folded/Inactive/Unknown	14
Group contact information	17
District/Individual contacts	26
Area contacts	7
Total updates	*73*