

CNIA Service Material Book – a brief history

In 1992 it became evident at committee meetings there were five or six pieces of information that were scattered among the attendees but no one had all of the items. Those that had one item or the other used them to point out how the area had voted to do business. Then the comments “where did you get that” and “how come I don’t have one of those” were heard.

It was decided in Panel 42 to gather all these items, copy them, and hand them out to all DCMs and area officers to use as reference material. At the beginning of Panel 44 an envelope containing this information was again given to DCMs and area officers. Past delegates and area committee chairs also got the information.

The pieces were:

1. Officer duties which were created by area officers of Panel 40.
2. GSR Handbook which was brought to us by past delegate Tim M. and revised in Panel 40 to fit our area needs. The Panel 40 alternate chairperson was the first area officer to put on a GSR school.
3. CNIA election procedures were revised and first used in 1989 and are ratified at every election assembly.
4. Compilation of past area actions were created by past delegate Will N. and updated by past area treasurer Don S.
5. CNIA history up to about 1966 created by past delegate Jim M.
6. Past delegate roster, resume form, and assembly bid form.

In panel 46 the area created a guideline committee to oversee the updating of these items. The committee added the appointed position guidelines, standing committee guidelines, a GSR and a past delegate article pertaining to election responsibilities, an assembly history, and assembly guidelines. The committee then updated the items that needed updating, reformatted the documents and created a binder. They gave each DCM one of the new binders. The plan was for each panel to update the items at the end of their panel and each binder to be passed on to the new DCM after district elections. Unfortunately this has not been a successful process.

Panel 52 has been asked to compile this information for the current DCMs. I offered my services and as a result was asked to prepare a brief history on this material. None of the items in any of the handbooks or the ones in this collection have been voted on by the area as the way to do business. Rather these are items created by trusted servants who felt they would be helpful in carrying out our area’s responsibilities, which is to send a well-informed delegate to the conference and keep the area informed. It is understood that each panel is not bound by the procedures used by any previous panel. What previous panels Pass On is their experience.

In service

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Past Delegate – Panel 44

(P.S. – The Panel 60 Officers gave a substantial review and update to the Service Material Book.)