

# DISTRICT #40 NEWSLETTER

UNITY - RECOVERY - SERVICE

## Tradition Five

Jackie S, District 40 DCM

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In my home group, we had a special group conscience meeting last week to decide if we would combine the face to face group and the Zoom group together as a hybrid meeting. The vote did not pass. Thankfully, last summer, the Zoom group had received another Zoom group which created a merged group. So now, all our Zoom group has to do is just start meeting under the other group's name. Simple! What's not simple is now I have to decide which group will be my home group. This brings me to the 5th Tradition. I believe, both groups are doing a good job carrying the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. I need to pray about it...



## Point of Order!

Doug D, District 40 Alt - DCM

I had some limited experience with Roberts Rules of Order in the past. Now in AA, I am finding I need to know it a lot better. We use it at all levels from group all the way down the triangle. At the group I have found it easier, but now I need to know it better. I also need to look at the District 40 and Area 67 level policies and procedures manual for each to know their structure too. (Use QR codes below)

CFC is looking for issues of Grapevines to send to local jails due to them being unable to have meetings brought into them.

I find it necessary for an orderly process to conduct the most amount of business in the least amount of time. I wish we had more workshops on the topic to introduce it to the new members and refresh those that might need it, like me. I found this online

## Step 5

Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.

## Tradition 5

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## Concept 5

Throughout our world services structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, thus assuring us that minority opinion will be heard and that petitions for redress of personal grievances will be carefully considered.

and it gives a quick flowchart. (See flowchart below) I have seen group conscience meetings that have been an all talkfest and I have seen them very well structured and orderly, and I prefer the latter.

As we might have seen at the last area assembly we are all passionate about this organization, but the one thing I found in the service manual, was that most of the job descriptions called for cooperation and compromise as a skill set. Being a good leader is not doing all the work, but allowing everyone to contribute and be involved. The best ideal can come from anyone or anywhere. I have to sit back and listen to all opinions, and not just think that mine is the only way.

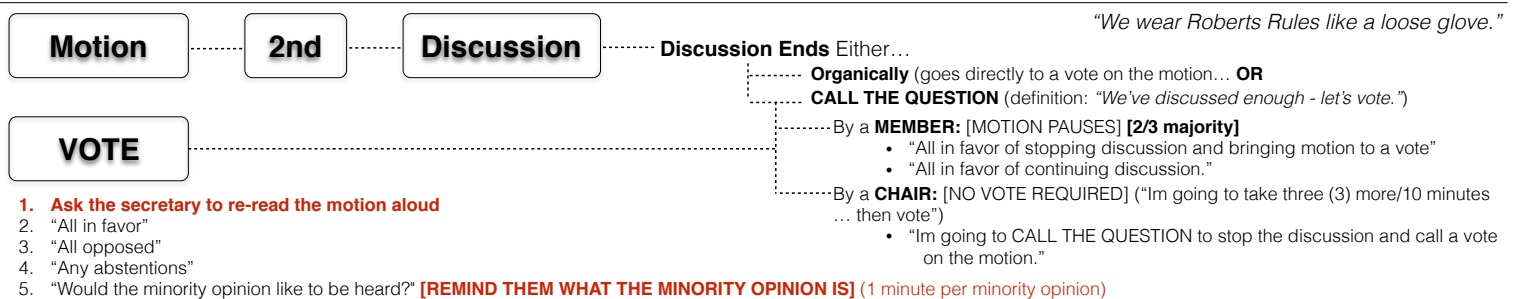
Area 67



District 40



## Roberts Rules of Order (Basic) - A.A Edition



**REMINDER: The minority opinion is generally expressed to 1.)** share something new (*no repeats of previously stated opinions*); **2.)** if anyone feels they haven't expressed themselves adequately; **3.)** if someone feels they feel the body is making a serious mistake. **Note:** The Chair can allow for repetition during the minority opinion if needed to ensure we 1.) move slowly and 2.) let everyone feel heard.

- "To anyone who voted in the majority: Did that change your vote?" (**REMINDE THEM WHAT THE MAJORITY IS**) (*same thing as Motion to Reconsider*)
  - If YES**
    - "So by default, there's a Motion to Reconsider is on the table - do I hear a 2nd?"
    - "All in favor of **Re-Opening discussion** - All in favor of **treating this vote as final.**" (Motion starts over and we go into Discussion - then we vote. Vote is Final / No minority opinion)
  - If NO:** Motion Passes/Fails

**AMENDMENTS:**

- Friendly:** Given by someone trying to improve the motion without changing the meaning - **the person who made the motion needs to accept the amendment**
- Regular:** Actually changing the wording & intent of the motion - requires the person who made the motion (AND THE 2nd) and the person who made the amendment to agree on the change to the motion (**2/3 majority**) **The amendment itself requires a vote BEFORE the vote on the motion itself.**

**POSTPONE:** (requires a motion)

- Definition: **Postpone it TO A SPECIFIC TIME** (it makes sense to deal with it at a specific time in the future for whatever reason) [Gets put into OLD BUSINESS AT THAT FUTURE DATE]

**POINT OF INFORMATION:**

- Primarily used when 1.) **Someone has a question to ask...** or 2.) **When they need some additional information** (sometimes it's about them wanting to offer additional information).

**POINT OF ORDER:**

- Used when there is **some deviation from the process** or **someone is being disruptive** (Chair: Only use this when someone is being very mean spirited) (**Chair rules on it when offered by a member**)

**TABLE:** (requires a motion)

- Definition: We are **putting the motion off in the moment** and it will require the step of somebody taking it off the table.
- How it gets off the table:** Likely it will be **automatically** put into OLD BUSINESS for the **next meeting** (not debatable / simple majority / no motion to reconsider or minority opinion)

SELF-SUPPORT:

Where  
Money &  
Spirituality  
Mix



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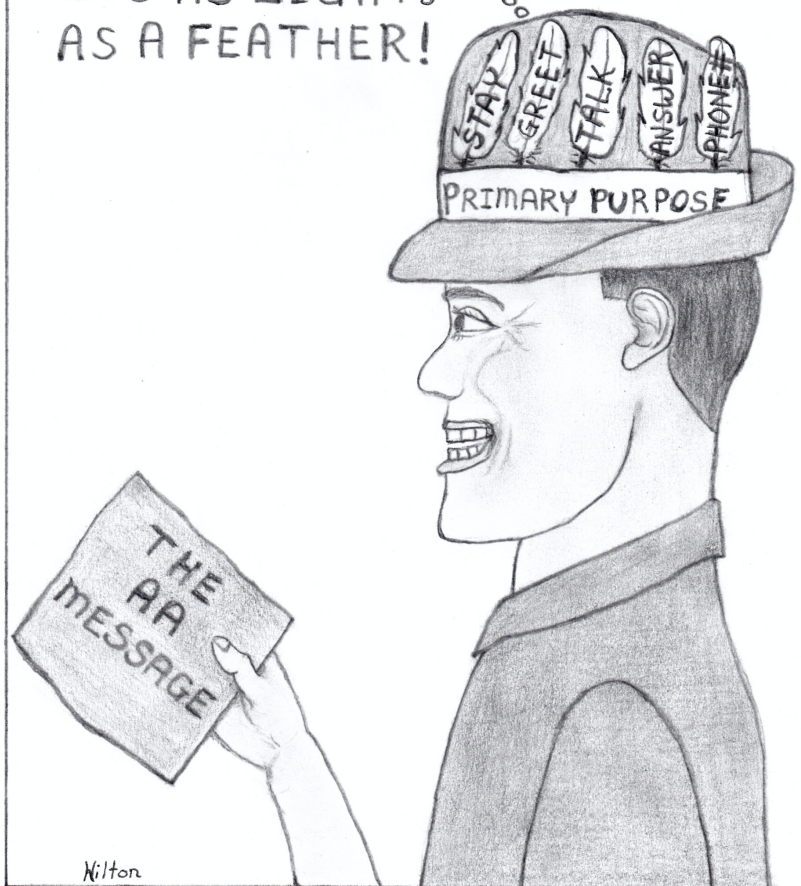
Pamphlet of the Month - April  
Self Support : Where Money and  
Spirituality Mix

Scan the QR code to get direct access to  
the pamphlet



TRADITION FIVE

IT'S AS LIGHT...  
AS A FEATHER!





## DISTRICT 40 OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Meeting Location:**

ZOOM  
 Meeting ID: 824 4810 5482  
 Passcode: 072830

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[natalie.a@aa-seta.org](mailto:natalie.a@aa-seta.org) Secretary  
[Scott.b@aa-seta.org](mailto:Scott.b@aa-seta.org) Treasurer

**Mailing Address:**

District 40  
 PO Box 19085  
 Houston, Tx. 77024-9085

Date: March 9, 2021  
 Time: 7:00 pm – ZOOM

ATTENDEES – 23 (?)

**CALL TO ORDER** - Jackie S. – Serenity Prayer

**PREAMBLE** – Doug D.

**UNITY DECLARATION** – Wendy F.

**INTRODUCTIONS** – Name/Home Group/Service Position

**SPEAKER** – Hilton L. unable to attend

- How to access free literature from the AA.org website
- Information regarding the AA.org website
- Reading literature for free

**TRADITION 3** – Holly R.

**CONCEPT 3** – Laura S.

**DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS:**

- Secretary's report – Natalie A./approved
- Treasurer's report – Scott B./approved
- DCM – Jackie S.

**DCM Report**

Jackie S. - DCM Report – March 2021

- SETA Assembly April
  - The next SETA Assembly is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> according to the aa-seta.org website. The Agenda and attachments will be sent out via SETA ANNOUNCE from the Area Chair, Christina S 30 days prior. The directions on attending the assembly will also be sent out via SETA ANNOUNCE from Area Alt Chair, Bella L. usually around a week prior.
- State Convention Registration Form
  - Has anybody ever attended A.A.'s Texas State Convention? It provides an opportunity for a weekend getaway to fellowship with your A.A. friends!
  - I attached the registration form. As you can see, there is a website where you can register online.
- GSR Kit Contents
  - Also included in the attachments this month is a list of the GSR Kit Contents. You can read most of this literature online. Even though this list includes the links.

**ALT. DCM Report** – Doug D

- TRADITIONS DINNER:  
Virtual/June (Date? Tbd)/Speaker(s) tbd/Help????
- Intergroup Activities June? – State Convo & Founders Day

**OLD BUSINESS:**

SETA Announce

**NEW BUSINESS:**

PI Rep. Terri O. resigns – position open (pray)

Theresa S. stood for PI Rep and was voted in.

**DISTRICT COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ARCHIVES:** Marcus S. N/P

**CFC:** Paul K N/P

**CPC:** Bill A.

- Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Monday
- Met with Ambassadors Association of Medical Assistants regarding virtual 12 Step Calls
- SETA CONVO. – CPC will have it's own ZOOM Room
- Materials are currently being stored at Intergroup

**GRAPEVINE:** Candace D. N/P

**IT:** Edie B. N/P

**Liaison:** Mitch A.

- Delegates meeting 25<sup>th</sup> of February
  - Visual Archival History available in Bookstore
  - Bookstore sales down (chips 40%)
  - February Link – update meeting changes
- (At this point there was discussion around donations to entities/GSR's/and Groups)

**Newsletter:** Fernando

- Please read and contribute
- Update meeting info! Especially Mtg. ID's and Passwords

**PI Rep.:** open position

**TFC:** Wendy F.

- No new news

**GSR GENERAL SHARING**

- GSR KIT
- GSO FORMS
- STARTING A NEW GROUP
- DISASTER RELIEF
- G-Suite Training – sign-up!!!
- Obtain email address at AA-SETA.org
- G-Suite Training Mat'l's/training class
- Google Meet soon to be utilized
- Calendar of Event:  
Next Meeting April 13<sup>th</sup>  
SETA 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Theresa accepts PI Rep position (YAY) voted in

- Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Month @ 7:30pm

**ADJOURN** 8:45 pm

RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT – Joey H.

## Virtual Ask It Basket Questions for May

### How does one get a SETA G Suite account?

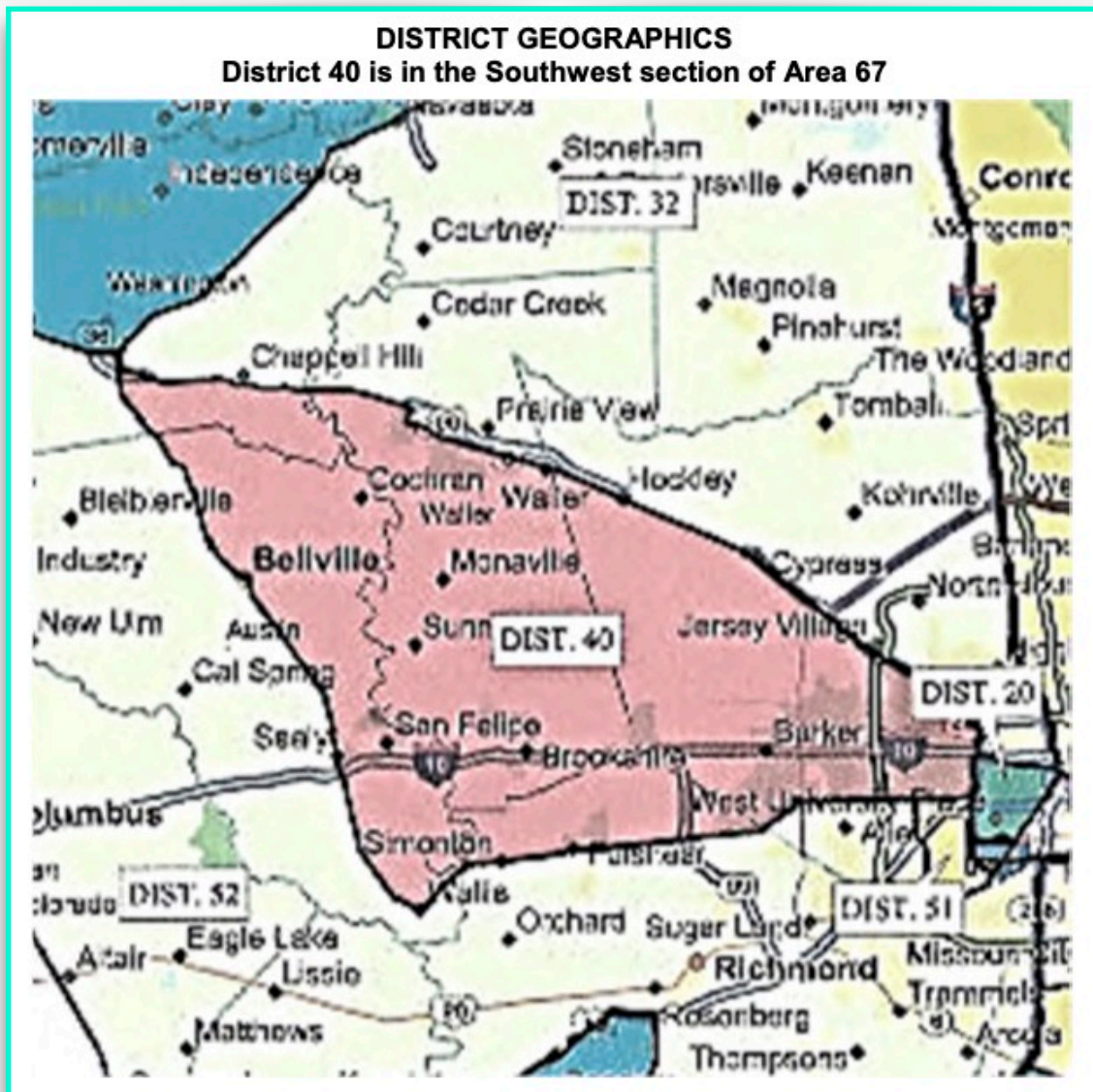
First, use this QR code on the right to be sent to the webpage where it explains the details of how to register and all the steps. You will then click on the link that says "Registration for SETA G Suite" that is in the dark blue box.



### Can anyone register for a SETA G Suite account?

If you are a member of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 67, then yes you can register for an account. It is used for people who want to get involved with in their District or Area, as a better way of integration and communication.

If you have further questions please submit your questions to my email at [fernando.b@aa-seta.org](mailto:fernando.b@aa-seta.org) or scan the code to the left



## District 40 Officers and Committee Representatives

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Intergroup Rep	Mitch A.	
CPC Rep	Bill A.	
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### May 2021 Grapevine Issue Our Twelve Steps

AA members share inspiring stories of experience and hope about how the steps have changed their life.

Also included are powerful stories of hope by members during the current COVID-19 crisis.





## Area 67 Committee Meetings

Committee	Meeting Date and Time	Location
Archives	1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month, 10:00 am	Zoom ID - 858 6157 6627 Passcode - 423970
Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month, 7:00 pm	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Suite 378 Houston, TX 77055 Zoom ID - 632 634 860
Correctional Facilities (CFC)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month, 7:30 pm	The Delta Club 6401 Southwest Freeway, Suite 110 Houston, TX 77057
Grapevine	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other Month, 7:30 pm	Zoom Password - 114 207 273 Passcode - 610793
Intergroup (Delegate's Meeting)	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other Month, 8:00 pm	Currently on Zoom Call (713) 686-6300 for more info
Internet Technologies (IT)	4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month, 10:00 am	Google Meet ID - nqm-vypy-yso
Literature	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month, 8:30 pm	Zoom ID - 257 198 925 Passcode - 443988
Multi-Lingual	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month, 7:30 pm	District 66 4800 5645 Hillcroft Suite 410 Houston, TX 77036
Public Information (PI)	4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the Month, 7:30 pm	Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Suite 378, Room C Houston, TX 77055 Zoom ID - 330 417 285
Treatment Facility Committee (TFC)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month, 7:00 pm At Area Assembly, Saturday 4:30 pm	Zoom ID - 552 569 731 Passcode - 169753