SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Clarion Hotel – Houston Texas Area Committee Meeting Saturday July 14, 2007

- I. Open Bonita W opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.
- **II. Preamble Tandy B –** read the preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual.
- III. Roll Call Bill B (Please see attached)
- IV. Minutes Deborah D no corrections

V. Treasurer's Report – Don B

A table has been set up for the DCMs & committee chairs to pick up their financial reports at the back of the room. We are still not self supporting for the coffee. See Sunday's area assembly for the treasurer's report.

VI. Delegate's Report – Gus H

Gus has scheduled all the DCM district visits for the Annual Conference report. He also handed out 2007 membership's surveys chosen at random to some of the DCMs this information will be sent back to the General Service Office (GSO). This also helps keep the groups records up to date. In the formal delegate report Gus wants to talk about the minority appeal that was presented at the conference by some of the trustees. This work was reported directly to the conference and will be discussed at the July board meeting; Gus wants to see if the Area should address this between now and the October assembly. Gus also requested that the DCM confirm the mailing address with the registrar so groups know where to send checks as the area has been getting district checks. Our treasury is looking good; we are doing a great job being self supporting. There has been a request for the regional forum held in Denver this October for translators. SETA is one of the strongest in the country with Multi-Lingual capabilities.

VII. Alternate Delegate's Report – Betsy G

We have flyers ready for the gratitude dinner at the Rosenberg convention center Sunday afternoon, November 18, 2007 in district 52; Lee G, DCM, did an outstanding job getting this facility. Beth R will be the speaker. District 40 will be the co-host this year and be the host district next year. This gratitude dinner will be a self supporting and any contributions exceeding what we need for this year will go to District 40 to hold as they will be hosting in 2008.

VIII. Ad hoc committee – report from the Alternative meeting space will be given on Sunday.

IX. Unfinished business – report of the SETA 2008 budget proposal will be given on Sunday.

The budget committee met and voted to amend the proposed budget based on the results from the alternative meeting space, the result is a reduction of ~\$10,000 from last proposed budget. For more details see the budget workshop report.

X. New Business – Bonita W

Propose change to the Policy and Procedure manual - Bill B See Sunday's report.

<u>Area business operating problems</u> - What are they? Can districts do more committee work; if not have the committee chairs send minutes to DCM to inform their groups? How can local districts be as independent as outlying districts? We can share our experience with inactive groups to get them more active? What is the role of the area standing committee chairs? How do we get the districts more active within the committees? Do we need to have a clarification of the treasurer's report so groups see the money is spent throughout the area and not just local districts (Houston)? How do we get participation from GSR's? Solutions come from the involvement at the group >> district >> area level? Who is the area and how does this relate to you (the GSR/group)? How many people believe that the area committees do the work? Many people raised their hands.

<u>Suggestions for October agenda items</u> - Discuss new hotel arrangements. Who is the area? We will have a workshop with a panel discussion about standing committees and how they are of service. Who is a voting member of a committee and who can vote? You are a member if you say you are.

XI. Announcements – Tandy B

See Sunday's report. Remember voting members need to sign in.

XII. Close – Bonita W

Respectfully submitted, Deborah D, Area Secretary

Area Committee July 14, 2007