

AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
Sheraton North Houston Hotel
15700 JFK Blvd, Houston, Texas
Area Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday April 12th, 2008

I. Open - Bonita W – opened the Area Committee Meeting (Area 67) with the Serenity Prayer. The Area Committee consists of Officers, District Committee members (DCM) and the Standing committee Chairs - all others are welcome to attend but will not be recognized from the floor.

II. Preamble - Tandy B – read the preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

III. Roll Call – Bill B (Please see attached)

IV. Minutes –Tom K– no corrections

V. Treasurer’s Report – Don B

VI. Delegate’s Report – Gus H

There will be a work shop this afternoon on a variety of Conference Agenda items to be taken up in New York later this month since this is our pre-conference Assembly in April, 2008. (for example: Should we consider Class B trustees for Chairman of the Board? Should we stop taking profits from literature sales to fund General Services and rely solely on group contributions?

Since October report of Gen Mgr employment; In Feb. he announced his retirement this year when a suitable replacement can be found. Now we are seeking applicants, resumes, hopefully from qualified administrators, perhaps past delegates and trustees.

VII. Alternate Delegate’s Report – Betsy G

Thank you to facilitators/recorders for this afternoon’s roundtable discussions on Conference agenda items to be discussed in New York later this month. Your reading and absorbing the information is appreciated.

Since January, she attended SWARDA-6 new people: 4 new alternate delegates and 2 new delegates. It was a wonderful weekend and included topics such as: Applying the AA principles in our committee work, Understanding Conference procedure. One of the workshops was: ... in the interest of Unity, what could we do to be more inclusive, especially to our linguistic groups; am looking forward to discussion with Hispanic groups later this year.

We have flyers for SWAARSA-OCTOBER 10-12, 2008, at ST LOUIS, Mo. We were assigned 3 topics: Correctional Facilities, Treasurer - Finance, and Multi-lingual.

Gratitude Dinner – Hosted by District 40 at the VFW center that we enjoyed a few years ago (3-5) set tentatively as NOV 22, which is a Saturday (during the day to save Security guard expenses) or see about making it the Sunday, Nov 23rd instead. Have a couple of hundred dollars more to work with than we first thought (approx \$900.+) Good, since it is the only place in Dist. 40 that is available within our budget but has no kitchen so we will Barbecue again-have feelers out on cost-effective ways to do that...

DCM sharing session last night agreed to go forward with recommending voluntary contributions of the members by supporting Ad Hoc Committee Guidelines referring to individual and groups contributions.

Betsy is looking forward to visiting districts for the remainder of the year.

VIII. Ad Hoc Committee – Report to be given Sunday

IX. New Business –

Finance Committee Report – Barbara C – (to be voted on in July after we take this proposal back to our groups) Reports from 2008, and 2007 were distributed.

The Budget Committee is funding the attendees to SWAARSA (in October). They will be Multilingual, Correctional Facilities, Finance Committee and Public Information Committee.

Literature Committee Budget Increase – Randy B - to be voted on Sunday. Workshop is proceeding with the Committee providing the literature and District 51 providing the facility and the food. Other districts are beginning to get in on it; data set tentatively for Aug 9, 2008. It will be voted on tomorrow if there is a sense of this committee – by show of hands there was a sense of this committee for the budget increase.

Election of the 2010 SETA Convention Chair - Marianne M. (District 90) is standing for the chair.

Election of the La Vina Standing Committee Chair - to be voted on Sunday: candidate(s) are available.
Budget Request for the La Vina Standing Committee - Sense of the Area Committee passes to be voted on Sunday.

Area Business Operating Solution for Assembly:

Assembly Coffee - Lengthy discussion on cost solutions including providing our own coffee solely in hospitality room; tags purchased at registration; buy your own from the facility (Hotel coffee shop); eliminate coffee provided by Hotel at any cost-(currently \$32.00 per gallon times 20 gallons provided=\$640. for weekend). Motion: Discontinue Hotel Coffee by Barbara C.- 2nd by Marcia P. Discussion continues to discontinue Hotel coffee and permit hosting district to supply coffee in the hospitality suite only. (Now, who pays for it – District or Area?) Area has always paid for it up to now. Should we form a committee to look at alternative solutions? What do we want to do? Gus H called for the question- Restating the Motion: Should we discontinue Hotel coffee and provide only hospitality coffee? Voted to discontinue Coffee and provide only Hospitality suite coffee. Minority Opinion? Ronald C –get out of the coffee business and purchase individually from the coffee shop; Randy-pretty big burden on the host district, still unclear who is going to pay for it. Vote to revote? Moved and seconded-show of hands- No Revote-Motion stands as Recommendation to Assembly: Have only Hospitality Suite Coffee provided by Area Assembly. (There will be more discussion on Sunday!)

Regional Trustee visitation - Gus H. As a result of SWARDA, there is the possibility of hosting a Trustee, preferably from outside our region, to communicate what's going on here in this region. Cost about \$600.00 to host a Trustee possibly in October, 2008. Could we recommend to the Assembly (Sunday) to consider this proposal? By show of hands it is the Sense of this committee to have this on tomorrow's agenda.

Propose Restructure Archives Chair to a rotating position - Sarah D. This will affect Area Policies and Procedures i.e. job descriptions of Archivist and standing committee chair. Since the Archivist is not a rotating position currently, is it possible to create/modify committee responsibilities to have a rotating chair? Discussion: Apparently to create service positions to others vs. to preserve the integrity of Archives through continuity and stability of non-rotating Archivist. Would an Ad Hoc committee be a solution to the various considerations brought up? Have a Workshop? Lot's of questions. The Area committee "Senses" that a committee could work on this. Lee G. prefers an Ad hoc committee to look at the Archives committees need to be more objective than the Archives committee itself. To be brought up by the committee itself tomorrow as new business if it chooses to.

July Assembly Agenda Items:

Our Trustee - (SW Regional), Conley coming in July, after the Conference in New York this month to confer with our delegate on the Conference Report

Budget Workshop – 1 hour duration

Job Descriptions - look at agenda for other assemblies to allocate time.

There was a brief discussion with the Registrar about the Roster regarding Spanish-speaking intergroup liaisons. There are 2 Spanish Speaking Intergroups. Apparently there is an opening that needs filling in one of the Spanish-Speaking liaisons. (Districts 63, 64, 65, 66) Bonita and Tandy will go hunting for a clarification.

X. Announcements – Tandy Booth

THANKS to District 81 for hosting this assembly at this Hotel. Host District for July 12 & 13, 2008 Assembly will be District 31. Duane P - DCM. Room reservation cutoff date is JUNE 21 or else the room rate will be more.

2008 SETA Assembly dates: April 12 & 13, July 12 & 13, October 4 & 5.

2009 SETA Assembly dates: April 4 & 5, July 11 & 12, October 3 & 4

Please Register for 2009 SETA Convention by payment of the Registration fee. Check with the registrar to update our SETA database.

Events: can also be found at www.aa-seta.org

District 20 – Monthly First Saturday Speaker meeting – St Thomas University, Anderson Hall Houston

District 51 – Last Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. @ Delta Club

Literature Committee Meeting – Last Saturday of the month at NOON @ Delta Club (following the District 51 meeting)

Grapevine Committee Meeting - 3rd Thursday of the month Delta @ 6:30 pm

PLEASE NOTE: All committee and district reports need to be given to the area secretary. Please email the report.

XI. Close – Bonita W - We closed in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom K, Alternate Secretary