

AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
The Plaza Inn and Suites – Bryan college Station Texas
Area Committee Meeting
Saturday January 19, 2008

- 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**
- VI. Delegate’s Report – Gus H**

Happy New Year to everyone and this is a great start. Gus had a nice break in his schedule for about six weeks, but things are fixing to change. He goes to a board weekend in New York the end of this month, and it looks like this will be a full agenda for about five days. We’ve got our pre-conference Assembly in April.

Gus would like to welcome Johnny T. as the new DCM for District 70, and Jeff V. as the new Alternate for District 20. He also encouraged any Districts who do not currently have active Alternate DCMs now to take a look at this in thinking about continuity and Unity of our Districts, with another election season and rotation on the horizon. Finally in looking at the treasurer’s report, our unrestricted funds are growing and this could be a problem, we need to look and be mindful of this.

VII. Alternate Delegate’s Report – Betsy G

Thank you to the members of District 33, the Convention Committee, and all the volunteers who have helped bring this convention to fruition. I have had a great time so far, and it has been a real treat to get to spend time with some many sober people. I am looking forward to the rest of the weekend.

Regional Forum. I will report more on the Regional Forum tomorrow, but I wanted to let you know that that Everado P., Chair of our Multi-Lingual Committee, represented us very well. He was one of the bi-lingual translators and was paid great compliments for all his hard work by the host committee.

Gratitude Dinner. The Gratitude Dinner was held in November, on a Sunday for the first time. The date competed with a Houston Texans home game and the World Cup soccer finals, and we had a great turnout in spite of it. Our speaker was Beth R., past SETA delegate and past SW regional trustee and it was a pleasure to spend time with her and hear her story of sobriety and service to our fellowship. There was a great spirit of cooperation between all the districts, and the food was great! Thanks to all the districts that participated and made this self-supporting event a success!

There will be a Delegate/DCM sharing session immediately after the Area Committee, and we will begin planning our next Gratitude Dinner. District 40 is our host district this year, and District 33 is our co-host district. We collected \$513.66 at this past event, and there will be excess funds returned by District 52 to pass on to District 40 for its use in reserving a facility for this year.

VIII. 2008 College Station – SETA Convention Report - Tim C - Welcome to the 46th Annual convention, we have many volunteers and recruiting all the time to have a great convention. Please find a committee member if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your flexibility and have a good time.

IX. New Business – Finance Committee Report – Barbara C – The Southeast Texas Area Committee is responsible for the health, growth and harmony of the conference structure in this locale. For this reason, the Finance Committee is of the opinion that the Area Committee should be the processor and clearing house of all Area 67 work. Therefore, the Finance Committee proposes that all requests for funds beyond those currently budgeted, be submitted directly to the Area Committee rather than, as has been the practice, to the Finance Committee.

We respectfully submit this proposal to the Area Committee for its adoption and recommend the following procedures as the means of implementation:

When any Officer or Standing Committee Chairperson (Budget Holder) of the Southeast Texas Area Assembly requests new or additional funding the following procedure should occur:

1. The Budget Holder will prepare a written request containing the purpose, the estimated amount and the date the funds are needed.
2. This request will be submitted to the Area Committee Chairperson prior to the next scheduled Area Assembly meeting.
3. The Area Committee Chairperson may either,
 - a. assign the request to an ad hoc committee and/or to the Finance Committee for further study; this committee will prepare a written recommendation of its findings and conclusions and submit it to the Area Committee,
 - or,
 - b. present the request directly to the Area Committee.
4. The Area Committee will review the Budget Holder's request along with any ad hoc/Finance Committee recommendation.
5. If the Area Committee is able to reach substantial unanimity, either favorable or unfavorable, to the Budget Holder's request, the Area Committee Chairperson will present the request, along with the recommendation of the Area Committee, to the Assembly for their vote. If the Assembly approves the request, the funding is granted. If it disapproves, the request is void. Any further action requires a new proposal.
6. If the Area Committee is unable to reach substantial unanimity, no recommendation will be brought to the Assembly.

Ad hoc Committee – Informational Technology - Ad-hoc committee formed to and charged with the development of IT Guidelines which will include upgrade, maintenance, licensing, software, storage for all computers and other electronic assets. From this committee we hope to have a recommendation on who will manage these assets.

Hotel Search – Bonita W – We have signed a contract with the Sheraton for 2009. The only change from 2008 is that July room rates will be \$75 in 2009.

Update Mailing Labels – To meet postal requirements we are addressing adding our entire address to the minutes and newsletter.

Suggestions for April Agenda items:

Invite our current trustee Conley B to visit at the July Assembly and possibly do a Concepts workshop.
Have a follow up workshop to the one given at the October 2007 (Area Business Operating Solutions) assembly. What service are the standing committees doing?
La Vina is requesting becoming a standing committee. The area committee agreed and requested that a budget be submitted in writing on Sunday at the Area committee meeting.

X. Announcements – Tandy B

SETA 2008 – registered 460 AA, 28 Alateens.
2008 SETA Assembly dates: April 12 & 13, July 12 & 13, October 4 & 5
2009 SETS Assembly dates: April 4 & 5, July 11 & 12, October 3 & 4
Check with the register to update our SETA database at bbrickjr@sbcglobal.net
All committee and dist reports need to be given to the area secretary. Please email the reports if possible to trvldeb98@aol.com.

Events:

District 33 Unity February 29 – March 2, 2008 College Station Conference Center
District 20 – Monthly First Saturday Speaker meeting – St Thomas University, Anderson Hall Houston
Grapevine Committee Meeting 3rd Thursday of the month Delta Club 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah De Bram
Secretary