

**AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
Sheraton North Houston Hotel
15700 JFK Blvd, Houston, Texas
Area Committee Meeting Minutes
Saturday July 12, 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/Deborah D – approved as corrected**
Corrections – Original Page 1 of 3 section I. ..area consist *changed to* **Area Committee consists**; members changed to **Chairs**; ..attend but this meeting *Replaced with* ...**attend but will not be recognized from the floor.** **Original Page 1 of 3 section IX** – is charged with funding *changed to* **will be funding.**
- V. **Treasurer's Report – Don B**
- VI. **Delegate's Report – Gus H**

In response to the question about my expenses, I'll submit a report by the end of the weekend. It's good to be back after a lot that has happened in New York at the General Service conference. Our current trustee, Conley, is here (thank you for coming to our Area 67 Assembly). DCM/Delegate sharing session we talked about the spirit of rotation; with help from Conley we discussed job transition and sharing our knowledge. We also talked about rotating on to the next position. Just when you get to understand the job it is time to move on to something else. There are 2 job openings at AAWS Board beginning April 2009 in New York; we had one person from our area submit his name as a Non Trustee Director – Joe Ben W from Beaumont. There is an opening for Class A trustee deadline July 2008; Herb Goodman was the last person we submitted and his term will end in 2009. Next is the 2010 International Convention – not much to report yet, but stay tuned. It would be prudent to set aside some funds now for the convention. Lastly, I have requested some translation from the Multi-lingual committee.

VII. Alternate Delegate's Report – Betsy G

Good morning! Gus and I are now $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through our terms as delegate and alternate delegate, and it has been a joy to grow in love and service with you. I am looking forward to a fun weekend, and I hope you are also. Conley, I am looking forward to your trustee's report this afternoon and your talk tonight.

Delegate/DCM Sharing Session Friday Night -- At the Delegate/DCM Sharing session last night, we continued to firm up plans for the Gratitude Dinner. Remember – **it is on a Sunday November 23, 2008 afternoon.** We will be at the VFW Hall in Spring Branch again this year and promise that the sound system will be better. Flyers available and will be posted on the website. We are still accepting funds and have requested each district contribute \$100 if possible. SWRAASA will be in St. Louis in October. We will have 5 people from the area giving presentations: Gus H, Bob B, Barbara C, Everardo P, Beth R – past trustee.

VIII. Workshops – Report to be given Sunday

- **2009 SETA Convention report** – Debbie R – Flyers are ready for pre-registration
- **2010 SETA Convention report** - no report

IX. Unfinished Business – (voting to be held Sunday)

Budget Committee Report – Barbara C – The GSRs were asked to take the budget back to their groups for discussion. We will be voting on the budget proposal tomorrow Sunday. We decreased the budget by \$1000 as a result of an area action in April to discontinuing the use of hotel coffee which brought our budget down.
Elect District 65/66 Intergroup Liaison – vote on Sunday.

X. New Business – (voting to be held Sunday)

Amendment to the Policies and Procedures Manual – Sara D – Archives Workshop will be Saturday afternoon. Background: at the April 2008 SETA Assembly the SETA Archive Standing Committee chairperson proposed a change to the structure of the SETA Archives Standing Committee. This change in structure would require an amendment to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual. Therefore, in compliance with the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual requirement for amendments, the SETA Archives Standing Committee does submit the following proposal to the Area 67 Chairperson and Delegates formally notifying them of the proposed change. We request that the proposed change be communicated to the Groups in Area 67 and presented to the Area Committee at the July 2008 Assembly.

We respectfully propose the following change to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual:

- The sentence in the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual, page 4; section The Area Assembly; under NOTE, that reads:

The only exception in Area 67 is the non-rotating position of Archives Chairperson.

Be changed to read:

The only exception in Area 67 is the non-rotating position of Archives Committee Archivist.

2008 SWRAASA Travel expense increase – Barbara C – Will be using the right of decision to increase the budget for \$600 to cover expenses for airfare for 7 people. The sense of the area committee was affirmative.

SWRAASA seed money increase – Betsy G – Request the area pay \$100 one time expense to cover seed money expenses from 2009 SWRAASA to 2010 SWRAASA. The sense of the area committee was affirmative. Background states: At the SWRAASA business meeting held in October 2006, the assembled body asked the SWRAASA Guidelines Committee, consisting of the Alt. Delegates for each area in the SW Region, to find a way to increase the amount of seed money which is transferred from the current host area to the next host area at the end of each SWRAASA from \$1,500.00 to \$2,500.00, beginning with the transfer occurring at the end of the 2008 SWRAASA (St. Louis). The Alt. Delegates were charged with developing a plan to share the \$1,000.00 increase equally between all areas.

The SWRAASA Guidelines Committee has recommended that each of the eleven areas in the SW Region make a contribution of \$91.00 to fund the additional seed money, such amount to be forwarded to the host committee for the 2008 SWRAASA (St. Louis) to be included in the \$2,500.00 amount to be forwarded to Denver as seed money for the 2010 SWRAASA. One Area has declined to participate due to budget constraints.

Job descriptions update – Bonita W – In preparation for the upcoming elections. Some job descriptions have not been reviewed or revised since 2002. A consideration has been sent to the area committee; because of the changes and additions of some of the area committees. We have a consideration, that the job descriptions be reviewed or revised even numbers years to reflect any additions or necessary changes and noted in the footer of each position. The sense of the area committee was to proceed updating the job description and send this information to the IT chair and to the area Secretary.

October Assembly Agenda Items:

Third Legacy Workshop – Dorothy H from General Service Office, New York

Elections 2009-2010 SETA Committee

Finance committee – possible increase gas mileage for the Delegate and Alt Delegate

District 33 will Decline from hosting October 2008 assembly

Elect 2011 SETA Convention Chair Galveston

XI. Announcements – Tandy B

THANKS to District 31 for hosting this assembly at this Hotel

2008 SETA Assembly dates: 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.

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

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

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:

Check with the registrar to update our SETA database at registrar@aa-seta.org. All committee and district reports need to be given to the area secretary. Please email the report to trvldeb98@aol.com.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah D
Secretary