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January Assembly

Saturday and Sunday January 15, 16 2011

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I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

NOTICE

OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

TO

SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL

District 10 proposes the following amendment to the Southeast Texas Area Policies and Procedures Manual and that the item be included on the agenda of the July 10-11, 2010 Quarterly Meeting of the Southeast Texas Area Assembly.

Amend the *Third Edition* of the "South East Texas Area (SETA) Policies and Procedures Manual" to mandate that each Agenda topic requiring approval of eligible voting members be submitted in writing to the Area Chairperson at least 45 days before the date of the next Assembly; and,

That each Agenda topic, and pertinent background, be distributed to all eligible voting members at least 30 days before the next Assembly to assure that the Agenda topic is afforded the benefit of a fully informed group conscience, in accord with Tradition Two.

AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Area Committee Meeting Minutes Saturday October 2, 2010

- Open Tandy B. opened the meeting with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.
- II. Preamble Deborah D.
- III. Roll Call- John O'.
- IV. Minutes July Area Committee Minutes- Secretary Debra R.
- V. Treasurer's Report- ZBM

Delegate Comments- Betsy G. – Good morning!

Thank you, Conley, for being with us this weekend.

Friday night, he participated in our New DCM workshop, and will be presenting a Third Legacy Workshop this afternoon and giving his Trustee's Report tonight. Because this will be a very full day,

I want to cover just a few points this morning:

- 1. During 2009, the Public Information Desk had four different staff persons on that desk. Because of the confusion that caused, the Conference agenda item to review and accept the membership survey was overlooked. The matter will be placed on 61st Conference agenda, and we should have a survey to complete during 2011.
- 2. I have not received the report on group contributions through September 30th, obviously. Contributions for our Area through June were down from last year a little over 4% to 34.39%. Contributions reported for the U.S. and Canada were up about 3% for the first 6 months of this year, so Area 67 has lost some ground as compared to the U.S. and Canada... It will be interesting to see how the Area's contributions through September compare to the same period for all of the U.S. and Canada.
 - 3. Sale of literature has declined, as expected, because of the large volume of non-AA orders sold to entities such as Hazelton, which sells our literature. The good news is that contributions were up over last year, as I mentioned.
 - VI. Alt. Delegate Comments- Bonita W.- see Sunday's report
 VII.2011 SETA Convention Report- Randee B. January 14-16,
 2011 Moody Gardens Hotel Seven Hope Blvd. Galveston,
 Texas 77554 (888) 388-8484. (see flyer at www.aa-seta.org)

Ad Hoc Committee Updates:

Ad Hoc Committee on SETA Archives Repository-

521 Sam Houston Pkwy #215 Houston 36mo lease 1 year \$7,600 Liability \$800 =\$8,400year

Workshops:

Workshop- Third Legacy Election Procedure

Workshop- SETA Electronically Transferred (ET) Information

Workshop- What is the National AA Archives workshop

Southwest Regional Trustee's Report: Conley B.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (to be handled on Sunday)
Amendment to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

(See page 2 of minutes)

SETA Electronically Transferred (ET) Information Guidelines

TFC Interim Chair Tracy W. - appointed by Tandy B, Area Chair

NEW BUSINESS (to be voted on Sunday October 3, 2010)

Southwest Regional Trustee Nominee.

Election of 2011-2012 SETA Committee

Election of 2013 SETA Convention Chair- Houston

Workshop Reports, District Reports, Area Standing Committee and Intergroup Liaison Reports Saturday October 2, 2010

New GSR Workshop: Leader: Kim R Recorder: Angela K
The AA Group Where it all begins and GSR pamphlets were distributed.
Right of Decision and Service Sponsors were discussed. Abbreviations for positions as to their meanings discussed. Special Events: Gratitude Dinner and Conventions; District positions and chairs explained

Advanced GSR Workshop: Leader: Charlie R Recorder: Sandra D. There were 19 in attendance. Questions and Answers: GSR role, GSO, the pie chart, Group Conscious, primary purpose and court attendees.

Hispanic GSR Meeting: Coordinador: Juan C.: Secretario Jose O: Expocitor: Erguin C. Expocitor: Ricardo C.

Se le ko la palabra al companero Erwing primer expositor con el tema: "El RSG y sus funcines: (cap 2 manual de Servicio)

GSR Sharing Session/Ask It Basket
Panel: Marvin W. Bonita W., ZBM, Kris H.
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Third Legacy Election Procedure- Conley B. A review of the procedure from the Service Manual. Stressed how A.A.'s Concepts and Traditions work in our election process. Conley gave a brief over view of his service history

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 10 Peggy M. DCM: Joe B. Alternate DCM

District 20 DCM Rick L.

District 20 meets monthly at the Council on Alcohol and Drugs on 303 Jackson Hill off Memorial Drive. Our District meeting is the first Saturday of the month followed by the first Saturday Speaker Meeting. This is a chance for all groups in the district to get together as a district host group brings a meeting to the hall with a speaker picked from the host group. We have fellowship and food before the meeting. We hope you can schedule a visit with us in the future. We raffle off 2 Grapevine Subscriptions monthly. We voted to fund 3 District members to SWRAASA. Betsy G. conducted our elections: DCM Troy; Alt DCM Ford; Treasurer Mark; Secretary Jennifer.

District 31 DCM Melissa R. Alt DCM Jim R.

We had a great time hosting the July Assembly; we all learned a lot. Thanks for the experience! We've been busy in District 31 since with Round Robins, Group Anniversaries and Workshops. We held our first District 31 TFC Workshop, planned, produced and facilitated by our TFC Rep, Maury G. The topic was "Emotional Sobriety" and it was held at the Good Shepherd Mission in Huntsville, with a panel made up of AA members in District 31. It was well-attended and there was good sharing by the panelists with a lively Q&A session. The Willis Fellowship Group celebrated a 21-Year Anniversary in July. Emceed by GSR, Leo S, there was good attendance, good food & interesting Speakers. The Open Door Group hosted the August Round Robin, and my own home group, the Good News Group in Humble, celebrated its 19th Anniversary and Round Robin in September, with 67 in attendance! District 31 held Elections for Trusted Servants last month and I'm thrilled, proud and humbled (if you can be proud and humble at the same time!) to report that not only are all our positions filled, we even have Alternates for some positions and our TFC Committee has Co-Alternates! Our incoming DCM, Barbara G, and Alternate DCM, Stephanie F, have both been funded, and are flying to Denver for SWRAASA next weekend. District 31 has an excellent team in place with lots of energy and enthusiasm for service. I'm confident in turning over a healthy and lively "Recovery Machine" to the incoming Servants, whom I urge to handle it with loving care. The Shadydale Group is celebrating a 23-Year Anniversary on Saturday, October 23—all day and most of the night! A workshop on "How to Work the Steps", great food, meetings, a fashion show and a dance are on the Agenda. Flyers are available. District 31 is

holding a Workshop on <u>"The Difference between Groups and Clubs"</u> on Sunday, October 24, 1-4 P.M. at the Kingwood Club. Among the panelists will be our own Betsy G and Kris H. In November, we will vote on our District Budgets for 2011; host our <u>"Old Timers Day"</u> Event on November 6 (flyers available); and be ready to serve coffee, tea and pink lemonade at the Gratitude Dinner on November 13. This has been the experience of a life time. I've learned more in the last two years than in any other service position I've held, formed lasting friendships with wonderful people, and I got to contribute to my own recovery. I thank you for the love, patience and wisdom that have been so freely given. Thank you for my sobriety.

District 32

District 40

District 51 DCM: Tom K. Alt DCM: Randee B.

Concept 9 - Ronald C - next month - Randy R. Tradition 8 - Michael Q - next month - Lee H. Secretary's Report - Michael Q - Minutes were accepted as corrected. Treasurers Report - Randy R - Beginning balance \$1489.40, Expenses \$0.00, Contributions \$5.00, Current balance \$1494.40 - Report was accepted as presented. District 51 Elections - No one in attendance is either qualified or willing to stand for area officer positions. There was a suggestion that areas 51 and 52 merge since both are in danger of going dark. Neither one has new officers for the next term. If a district goes dark then GSR's can still go to the Area Quarterly Assembly or to another district monthly meeting to get information normally distributed at their district meeting. Michael moved that we have a group conscience next month to decide what to do with the district status. After discussion, Ronald seconded and it was accepted by acclamation.

The balance of the business was tabled until the next district meeting.

District 52

District 63 DCM: Elias L. Alt. DCM: OPEN

4800 W34th St. C-50 suite K Houston, TX. 77092 District 63 meets every Saturday starting at 6pm. We have 8 groups in our district, of which, 6 have a GSR and 3 committees: CFC, La Viná, and Literature. On September 18, elections were held for DCM and Alternate DCM. Ricardo R. was elected DCM and Edwin C. was elected Alternate DCM for the next 2 year period. Activities- Our district has thirty-minute study

session on the Service Manual every Saturday. Every Tuesday we visit a group in our district and also visit groups from other districts when they invite us to their Unity Week. We participate in SETA Assemblies and Hispanic Assemblies. We focus on the groups that don't have a GSR and visit them to bring them all the information that we receive from GSO, Area 67 and encourage them to elect a GSR, attend SETA and Hispanic assemblies and conventions. Thank you. In Loving Service.DCM: Elias L 281-745-3193

District 64 DCM: P. Angel M. District 64 meets every Saturday at 6 pm. We study the Service Manual. We are currently working with 14 groups. We have an attendance of 10 GSRs each week. We have three active committees: Literature committee and Correctional Facilities have meetings every two weeks, and La Vina Committee meets every Tuesday. We visit a group each week and any other group's invitations along with members of each active committee. We'd like to thank our Delegate for her visits to District 64, and also to the CPC members for being with us at our 4-District's meeting. Yours in Service J. Ángel Moya

O. Antonio P

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Alt. DCM (281) 650-1272

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District 65 DCM: MARIANO T. ALT DCM: RAMIRO Y. 1721 SOUTH HOUSTON RD. PASADENA, TX. 77506 TEL 713-580-1900 PO BOX 5527 HOUSTON TX, 77262-5527

DISTRICT 65 CURRENTLY HAS 14 GROUPS OF WHICH 10 HAVE ACTIVE RSGs. WE ALSO HAVE THREE ACTIVE COMMITTEES, LA VINA, LITERATURE AND CORRECTIONALS. OUR MEETINGS ARE EVERY SATURDAY STARTING AT 6:00 PM AND ON THURSDAYS AT 8PM IN THE CASE OF A WEEKEND ASEMBLY OR CONVENTION. WE ALSO HAVE A STUDY SESION ON THE SERVICE MANUAL ON THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.WE HAVE A NEW GROUP IN OUR DISTRICT, GRUPO 20 DE JUNIO, WHICH IS LOCATED ON 1710 TEXAS AVENUE, TEXAS CITY 77590 AND HAS MEETINGS EVERYDAY FROM 8 TO 10PM: TEL. # 409-497-7629.

WE HELD OUR DISTRICT ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 18TH AND ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR DCM FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS WILL BE OUR CURRENT ALTERNATE, RAMIRO Y, AND OUR ALTERNATE DCM WILL BE OUR CURRENT AREA MULTILINGUAL CHAIR, MOISES L. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WE'D LIKE TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE CPC FOR VISITING US AT THE FOUR SPANISH DISTRICTS'

MEETING AND INVITING US TO BE PART OF THE COMMITTEE; A SPECIAL THANKS TO GARY FOR HIS GREAT PARTICIPATION IN SPANISH. YOU WILL HEAR FROM US SOON, CPC.

District 66 DCM: Ricardo D. ricardomcd77@yahoo.com

We are 22 groups; our meetings are every Saturday from 6pm to 8pm. We visit two groups per week and attend to another group when they invite us. This district has three committees: La Vina, Correctional and Literature. We are working to assist the SETA Convention.

District 70 DCM: Tom C. Alt DCM: Jeff S.

I am happy to report that District 70 is moving forward. We have had our elections and there are some changes that are very positive in District 70's direction to be helpful to the suffering alcoholic and I congratulate all who has stood up for the positions. I would like to mention a few: Jeff S. incoming DCM, Marcial S. incoming Alt. DCM. Larry C. incoming treasurer, Joan M. secretary and to the three incoming LCM's: Zone 1- Kim C., Zone 2- Paula Q., & Zone 3-District 70 is also participating in the Gratitude Dinner-Courtney. providing desserts with District 20. O our chairperson is Romie D. I want to thank the area for all the support you all have given me as I have had the privilege to go through this experience from Alt DCM to DCM. There are so many things that I have been humbled by and I would have not missed it for the world. For me I wondered who would have thought that I would be on a policies and procedures committee or a budget committee much less be servant to District 70. This has taught me patience and tolerance along with a sense of unity beyond my imagination and I owe it to the patience and tolerance of all who have been around me in Area and District and you all know who you are. I can't thank you all enough. I am looking forward to watching District 70 grow with its new servants in place in January They have helped me so much and I am grateful to know them. Thanks again for all the support you have shown me and I am honored to have served.

District 81 DCM: Tom B.; Alt DCM: Randy B. We had our Fall Workshop on Saturday Sept. 25th at the Bay Area Club. We started at 1:00 pm with Fred S. leading off talking about the illness of alcoholism and how AA members and groups maintain their spiritual health to provide an environment of recovery. Paul M & ZBM followed Fred by talking about tools and insights to maintain their own spiritual health so that AA members can demonstrate spiritual unity in meetings, decision-making and in nurturing an environment of recovery. We broke up into

groups of 7 or 8 members and each group had two questions from the group inventory as it is stated in the AA pamphlet "The Home Group". Each group had a facilitator and a recorder. When we finished discussing the questions, each group voted on if they needed to make changes and how. The facilitator and recorder informed the rest of the members the results of their inventory process. We learned a lot from this procedure. Mitch O. spoke on the role of trusted servants. She made comments and shared experience on what all various trusted servants do and what is expected of them. She also answered questions from the membership about responsibilities of everything from coffee makers, GSRs, committee chairs, DCMs, etc.

Last, but not least was Bonita W who shared her experience on chairing meetings. She stressed that meeting chairs focus on the solution of alcoholism and gave various suggestions how to accomplish this. She also answered questions from the audience. I want to thank Fred S, Paul M, ZBM, Mitch O. and Bonita for a job well done. I also want to thank Alison H. for chairing the event, Stevvi and Mel for handling the food detail, Randy B. for handling registration and Larry Y. for literature duty.

We had our elections for the next term of 2011, 2012. They were as follows: DCM: Randy B. Alternate DCM: Stevvi M. Secretary: Alison H. Treasurer: Al P. Registrar: Dana H. Archives Chair: Bill H. CPC-PI Chair: Craig B. Grapevine Chair: Shawn B. Alternate Grapevine Chair: Judy M. Budget and Finance Chair: Tom B, Treatment Facilities Chair: Eddie O. Spring Service Workshop Chair: Linda C.

District 82 DCM: Michael J. Alt DCM: Kim R.

Hello from district 82. We have had a busy 3rd quarter with Unity day on Aug.14th 2010. Betsy G came and gave her report from conference; Mike D. came down and gave his story which was a very good one. We celebrated with much food and fellowship, with 77 people who showed up from all over District 82. I think everything went well and a lot of fun and fellowship, with people we don't get to see very often. We are also busy planning to host the October assembly and getting people and things together for that. The leader for that is Kim R. of the Bay City group, with some help from his friends. For myself I've been planning to see everyone in Denver for SWRAASA. Tandy B. is driving.

The Alvin Taylor St. Group is having its 44th anniversary celebration on Oct. 16th, at Taylor St. Club. The Sweeny group is having its world renowned fish fry in Old Ocean on Oct 30th from 12:00 to 4:00p.m.

The Sargent Serenity group is having its 2 Ann. on Nov.6th, 2010 from 2:00-6 PM. at the First Baptist Church FM 457 Sargent, TX.

District 90 DCM: Tony D. Alt DCM: Lloyd G.

We had our District elections at our last District meeting. Junior G. will be our DCM and Big Ricky L. will be our Alt. DCM starting January 1, 2011. All positions were filled. Our Standing Committees are active & busy. Our current committee chairs are in the process of orienting the newly elected so that the transition in the New Year should be smooth. We have a Traditions Workshop on October 30, 2010 at the Nederland City Hall from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. There will be a 12 person panel presenting.

Also our annual District Gratitude Dinner will be November 6, 2010 at the St. Andrews Church on Gladys Street in Beaumont. Tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased at the door. All proceeds will be sent to GSO. I have been blessed to serve as DCM for the best AA District in the world. I want to thank the people of District 90 for their support and faith in me.

I would also like to thank Area 67 for their help and support. It has been a joy to serve this fine fellowship and it is somewhat sad to know that this is my last Area Assembly as DCM. I know that the task we have as trusted servants is daunting but from my experience the people of all of the Districts of Area 67 and the people of Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole are up to the task. As long as we continue to work within the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts and remembering to place principles before personalities, we shall continue to grow and prosper.

Intergroup Liaison Reports

Liaison to Houston Intergroup: Katie G. Liaison to Hispanic Intergroup: Luis R. Liaison to Hispanic Speaking Intergroup Liaison to 9th District Intergroup: Dennis Mc.

Liaison to Brazosport Intergroup

Area Standing Committee Reports

SCAP Committee- State Convention Attendance Promotion Robin C. - Area SCAP Chair

IT- Information Technology Duane P - Area IT Chair; Eddy A- Web Administer; Jerald L-Postmaster; Carmen M, Secretary.

Archives – Chair: Lee G.

We have continued these last three month tweaking the new forms developed by Kathy M. and the recording of boxes of SETA records.

We will continue this work for quite some time until everything has been inventoried, then we will commence to sort and categorize all the records. We are very excited about the future of the work of this committee in our new repository.

The annual National AA Archives workshop was held in Macon, GA September 23-26. Sarah D., our Archivist, Sherry B., our Archives committee chair, and I attended.

CFC- Correctional Facilities Committee Area CFC Chair: Holly D. Alt CFC Chair: Fritz B

I am happy to report that the CFC Conference was a huge success. We had over 300 who attended the conference and around 80 volunteers who became TDCJ approved volunteers.

As a reference, if anyone from your group or district attended the volunteer orientation, they will not receive a notice from TDCJ that they have been approved. The new volunteers must contact TDCJ to see if they have been added to the approved list.

For the Blue Can the committee has distributed \$29,796 worth of literature into the facilities within our area... the CFC committee has voted and will be recommending that Fritz B, the current Alt. Chair be the incoming Committee Chair.

We will also be having our committee elections at the November meeting, which is the 3rd Wed (next Nov 17th) at 7:30 pm held at the Delta Club.

La Viná Committee - Chair: Jose P. Alt. Chair: Carlos U.

Currently meeting two times a month in District 66. We work with the Display at each Assembly and participate with the 4 committees on meeting each month the last Thursday of the month

Multilingual Committee

Moises L. Humberto M. Everardo P. Chairperson Secretary Treasurer

The Multilingual Committee continues to work on the Area 67 activities. In the last three months we translated the July Assembly minutes. We visited the Spanish Districts 64 & 65 to translate for our Delegate on her Conference Report. We also received our new equipment and were able to use it for the first time at the CFC Conference, which, like last year, was a great event. In the weekend after this Assembly, two of our members will be joining the Translation team at the SWRAASA in Denver, Colorado. This is my last report as Area 67Multilingual Committee Chair and I want to thank all of you for allowing me to serve in AA. I will still be a servant on this committee, so if you have any questions, suggestions, and/or comments, please let us know.

PI- Public Information - Area PI Chair: Jim B.

Meets at the Quarterly for now. Encouraging the Districts to be active with their PI Committees. Debra R. has agreed to stand for the 2011 PI Chair position

CPC-Cooperation with the Professional Committee - Chair: Kris G.

Finance Committee - Chair: Don B

The Finance Committee reviewed the Treasurer's Report & the overall financial condition of the Area and determined it to be in good condition at present. Discussion was had concerning the method of paying the monthly rent (electronically or manually) for the Archives Committee as required by their lease. It was recommended that the Treasurer continue to pay the rent manually on a quarterly basis.

The Hotel proposal for the 2012 Convention was presented and after discussion it was decided that the rate quoted for meeting space was excessive.

The Committee asked the Convention Chair to go back to the Hotel and try to negotiate a better rate. The Committee considered further the question of potential losses from the State Convention and how they should be handled. It was recommended that initially the Treasurer hold \$1000.00 in reserve and that the SCAP Committee develop guidelines regarding SCAP funds and submits them to the Finance Committee for review.

Newsletter - Chair: Barbara M.

The SETA Newsletter committee has had an uneventful quarter. The October newsletter got out on time despite having to issue a last minute appeal to SETA's trusted servants for their reports. Thanks to all who responded. Once again the post office changed the form required for the mailing; they do that regularly. However, I had already crunched the numbers so it was just a matter of transferring data from the old to the new form. The actual mailing process has been the most challenging part of this job for me simply because postal regulations are so rigid. But even that can be accomplished if one takes the time to learn all the requirements.

Grapevine - Chair: Jackie V.

The Grapevine attended quite a few events in the 3rd quarter whereupon we were able to educate the attendees on the fact that the Grapevine <u>is</u> more than a magazine by being able to talk to them about the Grapevine website, Digital Archives and that they can now download the Grapevine magazine onto I-Pods or MP3 players and listen while either jogging, gardening, driving, etc.

For the 4th quarter, in order to help the Grapevine to become selfsupporting, and with the holiday's right around the corner, we will be making members aware of various items available from the website and catalog by readily making available a flyer depicting some of the items members can purchase (flyers on registration desk). District Grapevine Reps will disperse them at their monthly meetings and Grapevine reps will do the same at the Group level. Also, in the 4th quarter we are gearing up for the 2011 Convention being held at Moody Gardens, Galveston, TX and will be giving GV items away which will include free 1 year subscription to the Grapevine magazine, various books, cassettes, and the 75th Year Anniversary magazine that was made available at the International Convention in San Antonio. It's been a pleasure serving you and I thank all the District Grapevine Reps and Group Grapevine Reps - for without them we wouldn't have been able to accomplish what we have done so far; and I thank each and every one of you for all of your support.

SETA Electronically Transferred (ET) Information.

General IT Guidelines

- All members sending emails dealing with Area business should use the <u>BCC</u> address block for all recipients, and refrain from using the <u>TO</u> or <u>CC</u> address blocks.
- Electronic transfer of Area information including: financials, Area minutes, newsletters, flyers, etc. should follow current established Area practice of not using last names or personal contact information
- 3) Prior to each Assembly, the Area Registrar will email a current roster of all Area officers, Committee Chairs and Alternates, DCMs and Alternates, Intergroup Liaisons, Convention Chairs, and Past Delegates to all persons on this roster. The body of the email should contain the following statement:

Confidential - Full Names Used

This report is a confidential AA document, for members only, since it contains member's full names and addresses. Please treat this information with care to protect the anonymity of the persons listed.

- 4) The AA-SETA.org website will provide links to other AA service entity websites provided they comply with GSO Internet Guidelines and AA Traditions. Specifically these websites cannot include advertising or affiliation with non-AA entities. Websites having links to mapping programs which may include imbedded advertising do not imply affiliation.
- The AA-SETA.org website will continue to provide links to hotels or other facilities where Area service events are being hosted.
- 6) The AA-SETA.org website will associate the following exit statement with all external links:

ATTENTION – You are now leaving the AA-SETA.org website – We have provided this link to facilitate information about local AA activities. Our links do not constitute or indicate review, endorsement, or approval. Thank you for visiting the AA-SETA.org website. We appreciate your interest and hope that you have found the information you were seeking.

7) The <u>allseta@aa-seta.org</u> email address will be used for broad communication of Group, District, or Area business. Any member of the Southeast Texas Area wishing to opt in or out will communicate this request to <u>postmaster@aa-seta.org</u>. Members of the Area Committee and their Alternates, as well as Past Delegates, will be automatically included in the <u>allseta@aa-seta.org</u> email database. The following protocol for the use of this email address will be sent as an automatic response whenever anyone chooses to opt in.

This email address has been created and is maintained by Area 67, the Southeast Texas Area Assembly, to facilitate communications by the membership of the Area of relevant Group, District, or Area activities and information.

Please refrain from using any objectionable material, and adhere to the Traditions, Concepts, and our guidelines when sending or forwarding email to this address.

GUIDELINES FOR WEBSITE SUBMITTAL

- All posted material <u>must</u> adhere strictly to our 12 Traditions, our 12 Concepts, guidance provided by the AA Service Manual, SETA Policies and Procedures Manual, and AA Guidelines – Internet (MG-18 published by GSO)
- SETA website posting requests should be sent as email attachments to webadmin@aa-seta.org. Only submissions from Area Committee members will be accepted.
- Remove all last names before sending information. Remove individual's phone numbers and any email
 addresses with an identifiable name. The internet is public at the level of press, radio, and films.
 Complete anonymity at the public level is our website standard.
- · Please remember to include the actual street address of any event
- · Only electronic files are accepted.
- · If you know how to zip files, do that so the email server will like you
- MS Word (.doc) and Adobe (.pdf) are the preferred formats for website posting submittals. If you are
 having trouble getting your document into one of these formats, leave it as it is. We will try to work with
 you on it.
- · Send it as soon as you create it. Once a file is linked on the site it is fairly easy to replace or update it.
- Don't expect your file to get on the website in less than a week
- The website search page only searches web pages on the SETA website. MS Word (.doc) and Adobe (.pdf)
 formats are viewable on the site but not searchable
- . Don't be afraid to ask questions. We are here to help. Contact us at webmaster@aa-seta.org.



Area 67 Archives Ad Hoc Committee Confidential Memo

Archives Ad Hoc Committee Report To Area 67 Assembly October 3, 2010

Project Status:

One year ago the Area Committee and Area Assembly unanimously agreed to support the Area Archives request to search for working space. This Archives Ad Hoc (special purpose) Committee was appointed, by the Assembly Chair, after the October 2009 Assembly. In the April 2010 Area Assembly you approved a spending limit of \$10,000 per year for 3 years and challenged the committee to get it done. Here we are again in October after one year's work and today this committee is pleased to report that we have successfully contracted a very suitable location to preserve, store and display the historical material of Area 67. Effective October 1, 2010 Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous became a rent paying, law abiding tenant in Suite 215 of the property located 521 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Houston, TX 77060. It is in a good business location with easy access from Beltway 8.

The lease term is for 36 months as directed. The first year rent is \$7,638.48 and Liability Insurance is \$839.27 per year which is under your approved \$10,000 annual limit. There may be minor, one time buildout expenses prior to move in, such as name plates, ceiling fans and window protection for hurricanes. We have controls in the contract for cost escalation containment and our calculated cost for the 3 year term, including COLA, is \$24,065 plus an estimated \$2,700 for Insurance premiums.

I wish to bring to your attention the dedication and commitment of this Ad Hoc Committee whose only intent was to get the best for SETA and AA. These are the best examples of Bill's description of "Alcoholics in Action" I have ever worked with. My sincere thanks and congratulations go to Marcia, Sherry and Patrick for a job well done. This project would not have succeeded without each individual's time, attention and valuable input. We had great support from Don B., Zaz M. and our Assembly leader Tandy B.

Our Ad Hoc Committee wishes to thank the Area Committee for putting forth the proposal to the Assembly and then we thank and congratulate this Area Assembly for having the courage and faith to step out and support our Area Archives Committee.

Finally, we wish the Archives Committee all the best in their new home. Any further information on this project will come from the Archives Committee. Now with all our loose ends neatly tied up this Ad Hoc Committee is disbanded.

Respectfully submitted,

The members of the Archives Ad Hoc Committee

CC: Tandy B. Area Committee Chair Assembly Secretary

Archives Ad Hoc Committee 1 Repoi

Area 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Area Assembly Meeting Sheraton IAH Sunday October 3, 2010

- I. Open 9:14am- Tandy B.
- II. Welcome to past Delegates: Gus H., Beth R., Rodney R., Marvin W. Mike D. Paul M. Harold P. and guest Conley B.
- III. Area Preamble- Deborah D.
- IV. Recognize New GSRs and DCMs
- V.Roll Call-John O'.
- VI. Tradition Eight Presentation- Kim
- VII. Minutes- Debra R. stand approved no corrections.
- VIII. Treasurer Report- ZBM See Saturday

IX. Delegate's Report: Betsy G. Panel 59 Area 67

Good morning! Thank you, Conley, for taking time away from your commitments and family to be with us this weekend. I've received many comments from our members about your love of service to our fellowship which is so visible. You have certainly inspired me, and I'll bet others feel the same way. If you weren't here yesterday, Conley presented our Third Legacy Workshop and also gave his Trustee's report last evening. Friday night, he participated in our New DCM workshop.

Hopefully by now most of you have completed the two surveys I've been discussing and passing out as I visited each district for my conference report. There are copies here on the front desk, and there will be a box at the podium for you to turn in your completed surveys. You may also hand them to me directly.

I am a little surprised that I have only received 146 completed Grapevine surveys back. PLEASE, if you have not completed the survey, do so TODAY and turn it in. The final deadline for getting them to me is November 1st, but you can get it done this weekend.

Because this is our election assembly and it will be a very full day, I want to cover just a few points this morning: During 2009, the Public Information Desk had four different staff persons on that desk.

Because of the confusion that caused, the Conference agenda item to review and accept the membership survey was overlooked. The matter will be placed on 61st Conference agenda, and we should have a survey to complete during 2011. There will be a Conference Agenda item next year regarding the La Vigne, the French Canadian version of our Grapevine, requesting that it be recognized by the General Service Conference as the International French journal of A.A.

- 1. 90 stories were gathered for the new version of "It Sure Beats Sitting in a Cell" and a subcommittee has been appointed to begin reviewing the stories.
- If you are a person who utilizes the Guideline for Corrections Committees (yellow sheet) you should know that it was recently revised with the changes approved by this year's Conference. Please get an updated copy and review it.
- 3. I have not received the report on group contributions through September 30th, obviously. Contributions for our Area through June were down from last year a little over 4% to 34.39%. Contributions reported for the U.S. and Canada were up about 3% for the first 6 months of this year, so Area 67 has lost some ground as compared to the U.S. and Canada... It will be interesting to see how the Area's contributions through September compare to the same period for all of the U.S. and Canada.
- 4. Sale of literature has declined, as expected, because of the large volume of non-AA orders sold to entities such as Hazelton, which sells our literature. The good news is that contributions were up over last year, as I mentioned.
- 5 Beginning September 1st, the distribution center for the La Viña and Grapevine magazines has changed. We have had many problems with non-receipt of the magazines, especially the La Viña. Things should improve substantially. If they do not, please let me know.
- Yesterday, I met with representatives from the two Spanish Intergroup offices. They are interested in applying for a local forum to be held in the Houston area as soon as 2012.
 More will be revealed about this in the future.

Today we will elect our new trusted servants to serve us for the next two years. Please, search your hearts and see if you are WILLING and ABLE to serve. If you are, then God will provide the knowledge. We will not get out of here by noon.

I ask that you stay until all elections are completed. Every position is important, and deserves your full attention. Remember, this election is THE MOST IMPORTANT job you will do during your term. This Assembly represents my completion of 20 years of active service to this Area, which includes attending 80 straight assemblies. It can be done, IF you are willing. These past two years have been unbelievable. You guys are the best! I did not enter into this level of service willingly, but was "lovingly encouraged" by my sponsor to stand under 3rd Legacy to serve in whatever capacity God had for me. At each level leading up to delegate. I felt unprepared and unsure of whether or not I would be able to live up to your expectations. Only you can be the judge of that. I trust I have not let you down. Now I have a few people to thank for all their hard work in helping me serve as your delegate for the last two years. My husband, Marty, has traveled to every district with me this year, and most districts last year, even being willing to use vacation days to have the time available, since he normally works on the weekends. He was a huge help in passing out the materials I brought with me, including the two surveys, and helped set up and take down the equipment for my power point. He even was able to help answer questions when the GSRs had questions after the presentations were finished. Our immediate past delegate, Gus, and my sponsor, Beth, served as my advisors and mentors, always willing to answer all my questions. I will be forever grateful for all of your help. Gus and I have become very good friends through our 6 year association, beginning when I was Area Chair and visited the districts with him and Charles. Then, there is Moises. Moises translated all of my written reports and power points. He attended the four Spanish districts with me and translated my oral reports also. This year, he was so familiar with my report that he knew what I wanted to say and just said it when asked. I was amazed. A final thank you goes to the GSRs, DCMs, Area Officers, Committee chairs and Past Delegates for your service during this rotation. I hope that each of you has felt the grace of a loving God lifting you up as you performed your duties. I have truly enjoyed every minute of my time serving with you. God bless, and Happy 24 Hours!

X. Alternate Delegate's Report: Bonita W. Panel 60 Area 67 My name is Bonita and I am an alcoholic currently serving as alternate delegate, panel 59.

My day of surrender is July 23rd 1993, my home group is the Bacliff 11th street group, and we meet Tuesday night at 7:00 PM at the Bacliff Community Center on 11th street. SWRAASA is next weekend and I hope to see many of you there. Area 10 has worked hard hosting this event and just a few weeks ago made their room block of over 400 rooms. I would like to thank Gus, Troy and Marvin for accepting the request to chair the three workshop topics assigned to this Area on AA History 1950 to present, Traditions 7 & 8, and The Area Assembly.

The Gratitude Dinner is November 13th at St Helen's Catholic Church, 2209 Old Alvin Rd. Pearland Hosted by district 81 and supported by all 17 districts in Area 67. Our speaker this year is Jimmy S. of The Waterfront group in District 70. Charlie from District 33 has graciously agreed to help with the cooking and will be cooking up brisket, chicken and "pork butt". We would like to try something a little different this year and ask that not only our speaker be permitted to go to the front of the food line but our older members and members with special needs or health problems be permitted to line up first for the meal.

It is hard to believe that another two years has passed and we are at that place again when we elect our new officers. Most of you remember two years ago when we scrambled to put together a one-day assembly when Hurricane Ike damaged this hotel. It was amazing how our Area pulled together facing the challenges of that storm and its aftermath. It was pointed out to me recently my failings, the things I did not do as your alternate delegate. These items were listed for me, which made it kind of nice because I needed to do an inventory and here I had it done for me! This list got me to thinking because I am an alcoholic and have come a long way from the woman who came to you seventeen years ago beaten down by alcohol. I was what is lovingly referred to as a low bottom drunk, the kind of person who has devalued themselves to the point that it took me years before I could look at myself in the mirror. When I read that list I became the woman who walked into these rooms - not good enough. Through prayer, sponsorship and many close friends who love me unconditionally, I was able to be objective. I can stand before you today and say, yes there were things I could have done better. For those of you here today - thank you. Service is what we do and we do this to continue to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. we do this so that we can stay sober another day and we do it for

fun and for free. What I would like to say to you, all of you who are in service to your groups, your districts, this Area and most importantly to the alcoholic who still suffers - thank you.

Being of service does not come without sacrifice and there is not one of you here today that has not given back to this fellowship. I want you to know it was enough and you are good enough. It has been an honor to serve with each of you and an honor to serve Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you.

IX. **2011 SETA Convention Report**- Randee B.

The SETA 2011 Convention will be held January 14-16 at the Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston.

Hotel rooms will be \$113/night, and pre-registration will be \$15 with a \$5 coffee tag. All chair positions have been filled; however, if you would like to volunteer, please let Randee B. know through email- booksmylife@gmail.com.

X.Concept Eight Presentation- Gary S.

ELECTIONS

XI. Roll Call for Voting - Registrar John O'. – 125 present Rules for Voting and discussion prior to voting-

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Ad Hoc Committee on SETA Archives Repository- Marvin W/ Has completed their task and submitted their report (see reports) and now disbanded

Ad Hoc Committee to Study SETA Mailing Process- John O. Will meet again on November 6 and bring report to April 2011 Assembly

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Amendment to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual-Peggy M. Tabled to the April 2011 Assembly

SETA Electronically Transferred (ET) Information Guidelines-Tandy B - See the Guidelines to be brought as a workshop in April 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

Southwest Regional Trustee Nominee: Harold P, Paul M, Gus H. stood for the position. **Paul M. was elected**

Betsy Gerber motioned that the Area Delegate Elect and Area Alternate Delegate Elect's expenses to the SWRAASA in Denver on October 8,9,10, 2010 are paid by the Area Assembly. The amount not to exceed \$700. Motion was to cover airfare only since both were slated to stay in others' rooms. **Motion Passed**

Election of 2011 – 2012 SETA Committee

AREA OFFICERS

Delegate: the vote went to the HAT: Bonita W & Deborah D.

The new Area 67 Delegate is Deborah D.

Alternate Delegate: Patrick C.

Area Chair: ZBM

Area Alternate Chair: Randee B.

Area Secretary: Melissa R.

Area Alternate Secretary: Holly D.

Area Treasurer: Ronald C.

Area Alternate Treasurer: Kris H.

Area Registrar: Peggy M.

Area Alternate Registrar: Jennifer E.

AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Archives- Sherry B.

IT- Steve E.

Finance - Mary M.

CPC (Cooperation with Professionals) Beth Y.

CFC (Correctional Facilities) - Fritz B.

Literature-Tom K.

Grapevine Chair- Sam C.

La Viná Chair - J Angel M.

SCAP- Robin C.

TFC - John O.

Multilingual – Ricardo D.

Liaison to Brazos Valley Intergroup- Charlie R.

Liaison to Houston Intergroup-Lee G.

Liaison to 9th District Intergroup - OPEN

Liaison to Spanish Intergroup (65 & 66) - OPEN

Liaison to Spanish Speaking Intergroup (63 &64)-OPEN

Election of 2013 SETA Convention Chair- Houston- Melanie M.

Suggestions for April 2011 Agenda Items

Workshop on Amendment to SETA P&P Manual Workshop on SETA Electronically Transferred (ET) Information Guidelines Workshop on Revision of the SETA Convention Guidelines GSO Round Tables for Agenda Items

Announcements- Deborah D. November 6, 2010 1:30pm to 4pm The New Day Group 33rd and Ave P, Galveston, TX The Twelve Traditions

October 23, 2010 10AM till? Shadydale Group North Wayside Club 4609 Laura Koppe Road, Houston, TX 23rd Anniversary

November 6, 2010 10am to 4pm District 31 Old timers' Day Lamb of God Lutheran Church 1400 East FM 1960, Humble, TX

November 13, 2010 230pm to 6pm SETA Gratitude Dinner St Helens' Catholic Church 2209 Old Alvin Road, Pearland, TX

October 30, 2010 9am- 12pm District 20 A Holiday Workshop Don't Play Around with your Sobriety 303 Jackson Hill St, Houston, TX

November 6, 2010 2-6pm 2nd Anniversary Serenity Group First Baptist Church FM 457, Sargent, TX

October 2, 3 2010 Area Assembly Motions

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Motion Passed

POSITION	NAME	10/2	10/3	ALTERNATE	10/2	10/3
AREA DELEGATE-Panel 59	Betsy G.	Х	Х	Bonita W.	Χ	Х
AREA CHAIRPERSON	Tandy B.	Х	Х	Deborah D.	Х	Х
AREA Secretary	Debra R.	X	X	Samantha		
AREA Treasurer	ZBM.	Х	Х	Ronald C.	Х	х
AREA Registrar	John O'.	X	X	Gary L S.	X	X
AREA SCAP	Robin C.		X	OPEN		
AREA Information	Steve E.			OPEN		
AREA Literature				Rick M.		Х
AREA Archives	Lee G.	Х	Х	Sherry B.		X
AREA CFC Chair	Holly D.	X	X	Fritz B.		
AREA CPC Chair	Kris G.	X	X	Beth Y.	Х	Х
AREA Finance Chair	Don B.	X	X	OPEN		^
AREA Grapevine Chair	Jackie V.	X	X	Sam C.		
AREA La Vina Chair	Jose P.	X	^	Narda H. T.		
AREA Newsletter	Barbara M.	X	Х	OPEN		
AREA PI Chair	Jim B.	X	X	David P.	х	
AREA TFC Chair	Tracy.	X	X	Bavia i .	^	
AREA Multi-Lingual	Moises L.	X	X	OPEN		
DCM District 10	Peggy M.	X	X	Joe B.		
DCM District 20	Rick L.			Troy B.		
DCM District 31	Melissa R.	X	v	James H.	X	X_
DCM District 32	Lynn G.		X	David R.		X_
DCM District 32	Charles R.	X	X	Teresa O'.	· ·	<u> </u>
DCM District 40	Kris H.	X	X	Brad H.	X	X_
DCM District 51	Tom K.	X	X	Randee B.	X	<u> </u>
DCM District 52	Ashley W.	X	X	Nanuee D.	Х	
DCM District 60	Melanie M.	X	X	Keith C		
DCM District 63	Elias L.		X	Jorge I.		
DCIVI DISTRICT 03	Ellas L.		X	P. Antonio		
DCM District 64	P. Angel M.	X	Х	M. AIROIRO		
DCM District 65	Mariano T.		Х	Ramiro Y.		
DCM District 66	Ricardo D.		Х	Martin M.		
DCM District 70	Tom C.	Х	Х	Jeff S.	Х	х
DCM District 81	Tom B.	X	Х	Randy B.	Х	Х
DCM District 82	Michael J.	Х	Х	Kim R.		Х
DCM District 90	Tony D.	X	X	Lloyd G.	Х	X
Liaison to Houston	Katie G.			•		
Liaison to 9th District	Dennis Mc.					
Liaison Spanish Speaking Intergroup						
(Dist.63&64)	Ricardo					
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				Ronald C.	Х	

TO: GROUP TREASURER

FROM: SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY

The 7th Tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous suggests "Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. "Self-support includes financial support of AA entities that support the group.

These entities are: (1) General Service Office, (2) Southeast Texas Area Assembly, (3) District, and (4) Intergroup. Each entity supports your group in important ways: carrying the message around the world, answering telephones and taking 12-step calls, and keeping you informed about AA. Please support each of these group services with Contributions from your group treasury after all Group expenses have been met. As a guide to deciding how to distribute group funds, SETA, with its knowledge of local activities and costs of these services suggests the percentages in the

chart to the right. All group contributions should be made in accordance with your informed group conscience. Groups without an active GSR are urged to elect one. Districts without an active DCM usually Increase contributions to other AA entities by a % voted on by the group.

□ District
20%
□ GSO 30%
□ SETA 30%
□ Intergroup
20%

Officinal Intergrupal Hispania de AA 4800 W. 34th St Suite C-5

Houston, TX 77092 Tele/Fax: 713-683-9277

Intergroup Addresses

Houston Intergroup	Brazos Valley Intergroup	9 th District Intergroup	Intergrupal
4140 Directors Row	837 Harvey Mitchell Pkwy	6640 Eastex Freeway	1713 Huge Oaks
Suite D-E	Bryan, TX 77807	#149-A	Houston, TX 77055
Houston, TX 77092		Beaumont, TX 77708	713-488-7481
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The forms below are for your convenience. Please cut the forms apart, sending one form with a contribution to each of the entities the group wishes to support

FROM: Group \$		Service No	Amount			
	INTERGROUP (addresses listed above)					
		Service No.				
	GSO, P. O. Box 459, Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163					
FROM: Group \$		Service No	Amount			
TO:	SETA, P. O. Box 130433, Houston, Texas 77219					
FROM: Group \$		Service No	Amount			
TO:	District # (se	e SETA Area Committee list for DCM	1)			