south East Texas Area Assembly

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April Assembly

Saturday and Sunday April 9, 10, 2011

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This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.

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.

67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLIES Area Committee Meeting Minutes Saturday January 15, 2011

- I. Opening- Chair, ZBM opened the meeting at 7:30 AM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer.
- II. Preamble Alternate Chair, Randee B
- III. Roll Call- Registrar, Peggy M Peggy announced that we would try a new method of Roll Call this Assembly- by number, and see how it works.
- IV. Minutes -October Area Committee Minutes- Secretary, Melissa R – Approved as circulated.
- V. Treasurer's Report- Ron C Ron asked that all with SETA-funded rooms to let him know the room number as he would be paying the bills: room and tax, expenses are your own. He also noted that detailed budgets would be going out next week.

VI. Delegate Comments- Deborah D, Panel 61 Area 67

It is great to be here! I want to thank everyone for the notes and emails; thank you for your thoughts and encouragement. It's made trying to learn everything a lot easier, so thank you.

I want to welcome the Murray St Group which came to us from Area 65 North East TX. Also, District 66 is splitting into a new District; it may be called District 67. They plan to ask support in starting the new District tomorrow. They already have a DCM, an Alternate DCM and six GSRs. Please welcome them into our area.

Delegate/DCM training session will be held today at noon for one hour. I have copies of the preliminary GSC Agenda Items in English and Spanish. I will scan and email out, but please, DO NOT post on any websites.

So I got two boxes on December 24, and you know me...its Christmas Eve & I'm thinking "Somebody sent me something!" I opened it up and it was the beginnings of the GSC material. In one way, disappointing, but in another way it was exciting. I opened the really big box, and it was stuff for the CPC Committee! Anyway, I'm here, I'm ready. When you need me, just call me. Thank you.

VII. Alt Delegate Comments-Patrick C, Panel 61 Area 67 Good morning, my name is Patrick C and I am serving you as the Alternate Delegate of Area 67, Panel 61. I want to welcome everyone and hope you are enjoying the SETA Convention! I want to extend a special welcome to all incoming Group, District and Area members who are beginning to serve in their new trusted service positions.

I have several responsibilities to fulfill for our Area and I want to tell you about a few of them.

- Be ready to serve as Delegate or as I like to say, follow Deborah D. wherever she is asked to go.
- Purchase a supply of Vitamin C and make sure our Delegate is taking them daily.
- Read all the conference materials the Delegate is receiving.
- Be ready to work with all District Committee Members and General Service Representatives, as requested.
- Prepare for the 2011 Gratitude Dinner in November of this year working closely with the Host & Co-Hosting District.
- Help Deborah when she is visiting all the districts providing her General Service Conference Report.

I am willing to help our Area, Districts and Groups in any way I can. This weekend my number one goal is to obtain a willing Host and Co-Host District for the 2011 Gratitude Dinner so we can work on the site selection and obtain a location prior to the April Assembly.

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VIII. Finance- Budget Meeting- Finance Chair: Mary M. I don't have anything to report at this time. I'm trying to schedule a meeting for either late February or early March for the Budget Committee meeting. The budget for 2011 is in place so it's a matter of getting the Committee together and put a budget together for 2012.

IX. 2012 SETA Convention Report-Chair: Charlie R. Area Chair gave an update in Charlie's absence: No contract has been signed yet for 2012. The Finance Committee had

has been signed yet for 2012. The Finance Committee had recommended that he go back to the hotel and negotiate last

October. That didn't work out, so Charlie is looking at other hotels from approximately the Beltway north. There's one tentative in The Woodlands. Stay tuned for more.

X. 2011 SETA Convention Report – Chair: Randee B. (See Sunday's Report)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (To be handled on Sunday) Election for Liaison: Spanish Office Intergroup North Election for Liaison: Spanish Office Intergroup South Election for Liaison: Ninth District Intergroup Reimbursement for Incoming Chair SWRAASA expenses Amendment to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual -

April (see page 2 of Minutes: District 10)

Ad Hoc Committee on SETA Postal Mailings – April IT- Web Workshop - April

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Proposal to reimburse the incoming Area Chair for the travel expenses to the 2010 SWRAASA in Denver, CO for a total not to exceed \$450 - comes out of the past term. Motion made by Bonita W. and seconded. After discussion, motion sent to the Assembly for vote.
- 2) Proposal that money for the Newsletter exceed the budgeted amount in order to purchase an additional Bulk Rate permit for the Huntsville area for the next two years, while the Newsletter Chair resides in the Huntsville Area. Cost is a one-time fee of \$185 plus \$185 per year. Motion to send to the Area Assembly failed. Recommended: gather more information and present a proposal to the April Assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Alternate Chair: Randee B

PI Committee will meet at the Display on the 2nd floor at 4 PM District 90 "There is a Solution" 30th Annual Conference--August 19-21. Flyers are on the Flyer table: Sign in for Sunday voting:

April Assembly Host District 70.

CHAIR: We'll be closing with the Declaration of Unity.

Close at 8:35 A.M.

Area 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Area Assembly Meeting Sheraton IAH Sunday January 16, 2011

- Open: ZBM opened the meeting at 8:30 AM with the Serenity Prayer. She defined Area Assembly and explained that it is open to all to attend and for all to speak, by Area Inventory.
- II. Area Preamble- Randee B
- III. Recognize New GSR's and DCM's
- IV. Welcome to past Delegates: Gus H., Beth R., Rodney R., Marvin W. Mike D. Paul M. Harold P. and Betsy G.
- V. Roll Call-Peggy M
- VI. Minutes- Melissa R- stand approved no corrections.
- VIII. Treasurer Report Ron C- (See Saturday Report)
 If you have a SETA-covered room, see Kris.
 Report was accepted as given.
- IX. Delegate's Report: Deborah D. Panel 61 Area 67
 Good Morning, my name is Deborah D, serving as your Panel
 61 Delegate. I'm very happy to be here and would like to
 welcome everyone to the South East Texas Area 67 Assembly.
 Thank you to Randee B. and Beth R., all the members of
 the Convention Committee and all the volunteers who have
 helped put this convention together. I know these things do not
 come together without a whole lot of hard work and many people.

It's wonderful to see familiar faces and to see some new faces. I wanted to say thank you to all of you who called and sent me notes of encouragement. Your love and support will make me better and will strengthen the area. I will probably take your offer to help, I'm grateful to all of you. I'm sure I'll be overwhelmed as I start getting mail from GSO.

For all of you, if this is your first exposure to a service Assembly hold on, you are in for a great ride. Make the best of your current service position and learn what you can and pass it on. It has only been a short time being Delegate and I have gotten lots of emails about this great ride. I believe it. Service can be exciting, fun, humbling and a wonderful growing experience!

I would like to welcome the Murray St Group which came to us from Area 65 North East TX and the new Spanish District; please welcome them into our area. Delegate/DCM training session was held yesterday and Patrick and I are looking forward to our District visits later this year.

Now to some business: Follow-up to my Newsletter article: some highlights from A. A. W. S. - G.S.O. General Manager, Phyllis H., reported that the **Interoffice GSO E-Tech Team** met mid-October and agreed on the A.A.W.S. December 2010 Board meeting as the target date for submitting a project proposal and recommendation for e-publishing of our A.A. literature in 2011. The proposal will be based on A.A.W.S.'s full support of developing our own A.A. application with digital rights.

Fellowship responses to our e-tech questionnaire are being tabulated and results will be reported in December as well as included in the project planning. For those of you who filled out the survey, this is still in the works and it may end up on the agenda. I will report results as soon as I can.

AAWS will make our literature available electronically; it's a matter of how not when.

General Service Conference - I love this year's theme "We are responsible for AA's future – Let it begin with us". We have it and it's important to learn and then pass it on. I received the preliminary Conference Agenda items on the 24th of December; what a gift that was! I should receive the final Conference Agenda items in February.

We will have our annual Agenda Items Workshop in April on Saturday; our time may be extended to 3 hours. Please pick up a Preliminary Agenda Item. I will scan this and email to the committee. I ask for your input from your District and Groups. Please, when I email this do not post on any web-site. Feel free to call me or email any questions or concerns. I will be getting the background information shortly. As soon as I do, some of you will be getting a call from me asking to help with the Round Table discussions or Committee input. I've received my Conference Committee assignment, and I have been assigned to the Finance Committee. Finance has always been near and dear o me. I'm no accountant; I do have an appreciation for the dollar. I'm happy with this assignment, my higher power will not give me

more than I can handle. The packet of information I have already received is detailed. Here's what I would like to talk about in April about ways to communicate about self-support:

- Birthday plan
- 7th tradition pamphlet
- Box459 or Grapevine articles
- Effects of inflation
- Add additional financial information to the web site

In the Finance committee an ad-hoc committee was formed to look oversee remedial activities that will bring an end to the negative cash balance and consequence reserve fund drawdowns as soon as possible. We will keep everyone updated as time moves on.

General Service Board meeting — Ward Ewing reported the establishment of an ad hoc committee that will identify area of efficiencies for AAWS and AA Grapevine. This is probably plenty for now; I'm amazed at how God works in my life and through others. I have a strong faith and reliance on my Higher Power, I know I won't get more than I can handle and as long as I'm open and honest, everything will be okay.

I am looking forward to the next two years with a warm heart and open mind. I am also looking forward to traveling around the Area with the new Alternate Delegate, Patrick C and lending a helping hand where possible.

I want to wish ZBM and Randee B. all the best as they begin their terms as Chairperson and Alt. Chairperson. I've pledged to be of service to them as they become familiar with their new positions. I know they'll serve our Area well. Finally, I ask for your prayers and support during the next two years. I know I'll make mistakes.

I hope we have fun and continue to strengthen Alcoholic Anonymous and SETA. It will be an honor and privilege to serve the Area and Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for your time & attention & let's have a great weekend.

SETA Group numbers for nine months ended 9/30/10-Total active groups reported: 511

Total groups contributing: 199, compared to 232 in 2009; Percent of groups contributing: 39.11% compared to 43.23% in 2009.

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I am willing to help our Area, Districts and Groups in any way I can. This weekend my number one goal is to obtain a willing Host and Co-Host District for the 2011 Gratitude Dinner so we can work on the site selection and obtain a location prior to the April Assembly. The current budget for the 2011 Gratitude Dinner is \$1,622.35. Our past Alternate Delegate, Bonita W. and the Host District did a great job to pass on a healthy budget for this year's event, thank you!

One goal I would like to come to fruition is to work towards getting great participation from all the SETA Districts & Groups. I am going to try to say this correctly. <u>Especialmente a todos nuestros grupos de Hispanico y los distritos.</u>
(Especially all of our Spanish groups and districts).

Thank you all for sending me to the South West Regional AA Service Assembly. It was a great learning experience.

Alternate Delegates serve as a member of the Alternate Delegates Committee which is responsible for updating the SWRAASA General Guidelines. I participated in many of the workshops. The one I learned the most from was the Delegates workshop. It was great to meet and listen to the great love of

Alcoholics Anonymous and our General Service Structure and Conference process from those with experience. I'll attend the SWRDA Training Assembly in March with Deborah and many of our past delegates.

As Alternate Delegate I will be writing a quarterly newsletter article that will be printed in the SWRDA Newsletter. The article is a great opportunity to share what is going on in the SETA and reading the newsletter is a way to learn about all the other Areas in our Region.

I will keep all abreast of different Regional Events as they approach. The main one to mark on your 2011 Planning Calendars is the Regional Forum in Kansas City, October 7-9, 2011.

Thank you for allowing me to serve and grow in our Area!

XI. 2011 SETA Convention Report- Randee B

Randee reported a total of 1511 registered at the Convention; the breakdown as follows:

AA -1401 (74 scholarships);

AlAnon – 95;

Alateen – 13;

Friends – 2. A total of 609 room-nights are recorded.

XII. Report from New GSR Workshop (See page 5) XIII. Roll Call for Voting – Registrar: Peggy M

Final vote count: 125

Rules for Voting and discussion prior to voting

XIV. Unfinished Business

Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (North): OPEN Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (South): OPEN Election of Liaison to Beaumont (9th District) Intergroup:

Dennis M of the TLC Group stood for the position. He had filled the position for a partial term and stated that he would like to continue in the position. Paul M made a motion to accept by acclimation. Motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

XV. April Assembly Topics:

Ad Hoc Committee on SETA Mailings Change to P&P Manual – Notification & Information 2012 Area Budget Proposal GSC Agenda Items Workshop IT- Web Workshop – Email and Webmail Final Report – 2011 SETA Convention SWRRASA Reports

XVI. 2012 SETA Convention Report- Chair: Charlie R

Hilton-College Station said no to our counteroffer. I am now working on the Marriott/Woodlands and I'm looking for a proposal from them. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 26 at 1:00 at the District 33 Unity Conference. This will be our 50th Year Convention.

Any suggestions are welcome.

XVII. New Business from Floor

Reimbursement of Incoming Chair SWRAASA Expenses:
I propose that Area 67 reimburse the incoming Area Chair for the travel expenses to the 2010 SWRAASA in Denver, CO for a total not to exceed \$ 450.00.

Submitted by Bonita W and Tandy B. Bonita made a motion to accept proposal, Jack M seconded.

After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

ZBM recommends to the Finance Committee that they review the policy as to whom Area will fund to attend SWRAASA, in order that certain officers will be properly trained to serve in their positions.

<u>Proposal for Bulk Rate Permit for Huntsville Area: Area Newsletter Chair– Linda C.</u>

Proposal that money for the Newsletter exceed the budgeted amount in order to purchase an additional Bulk Rate permit for the Huntsville area for the next two years, while the Newsletter Chair resides in the Huntsville Area. Cost is a one-time fee of \$185 plus \$185 per year.

The motion was submitted by Linda C and seconded.

A vote was taken and failed.

Minority Opinion: we can't let where people live prevent them from being able to serve.

A vote to revote was taken and passed.

Due to time constraints, the Area Chair recommended that more information be gathered to present at the April Assembly and the motion was tabled until then.

XVIII. Suggestions for Future Assembly Agenda Items None presented.

XIX. Announcements- Alt Chair: Randee B

<u>April 9 & 10, 2011</u> April Assembly – Host District: Dist. 70

JFK Sheraton Hotel

<u>February 25-27, 2011</u> District 33 Unity Conference VFW Hall in Brazos County
<u>February 12, 2011</u> Beginner's Group's 23rd Anniversary Celebration, District 82

<u>August 19-21, 2011</u> There is a Solution – District 90's Annual Convention, Beaumont

October 7-9, 2011 Southwest Regional Forum Wichita, KS

Meeting closed at 9:45 AM with the Declaration of Unity.

Respectively submitted, Melissa R Area Secretary

Area 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Workshop Reports, District Reports, Area Standing Committee and Intergroup Liaison Reports

New GSR Workshop Report- Leaders: Paul M & Tom B. (Presented Sunday A.M.)

There were 35 GSRs and Alternates in attendance at this Workshop. We reviewed hand-outs: Acronyms/Terms used at Assembly; Conference procedures used by the Area Assembly (Roberts Rules of Order), the Area Calendar, Group Change Forms and the Area map. Also reviewed was the pamphlet-GSR may be the most Important Job in AA.

We read "Why we have a General Service Conference" by Bernard Smith and touched on the Service Manual. Next we reviewed the pamphlet "The AA Group" and discussed the topics of "What is an AA Group", "The Difference between Open and Closed Meetings", "The Home Group", "The Seventh Tradition" and "AA Group Inventory"

We distributed the pamphlets: "12 Traditions Illustrated", "12 Traditions: How they Developed", "Concepts Illustrated", and the Area Policy & Procedure Manual.

The Alternate Area Registrar gave a presentation & discussed the importance of using the aa-seta.org for communication purposes.

The <u>Q&A Session</u> touched on how to do a Group Inventory, how to clear up the Group records with Area, what we do at Assembly, what we do at District meetings and how we find out about the finances of the Area.

IT-Web Report – IT Chair: Steve E (presented Saturday AM) Hi, I'm Steve E, serving as IT Committee Chair. Please get a hand-out; this has been emailed to everyone's SETA email address.

The committee has been very busy--over the last couple of weeks, we've created some 100-odd email accounts and 20 or so distribution lists. I've sent out emails to everyone's personal email address with credentials, with the intention of

turning everyone on to this new system. The idea is to get everyone on to this SETA email system.

Anonymity is one of the biggest issues; with position-based email addresses, a lot of the anonymity issues will be handled. Also with Distribution Groups, you can only post to those Groups if you are a member. So this also has the affect of creating a closed system.

Another benefit of using the webmail system is that it preserves the historical correspondence between that position and others corresponded with. So when that person rotates out of the position and someone new rotates in, they'll have access to all the information contained in that correspondence. Just as when I took this position, it would have been nice if I'd had access to a lot of the information and figured out who had computers where and what passwords were, etc.

I think that the benefits of trying to stay exclusively within the web system outweighs the comfort of using your personal email or pulling out your phone and pulling up your email.

Hopefully, some of you have logged in, the majority haven't. I would like it if everyone would at least log in, change your password and shoot me an email. Instructions are in these documents: how to get help, how to perform simple tasks such as changing your password, etc.

Some are confused about the Website and Webmail; the differences are that the Website is where we have the District pages, the Officers and Committees have their pages and the address is www.aa-seta.org.

The Webmail system is completely separate. That address is webmail.aa-seta.org. You can get to it through any browser in the world—so no excuses. There is a bit of a SPAM problem, particularly with those who have older email addresses, who have gotten on hackers' lists. Over time, the SPAM should reduce due to certain actions we're taking, and the Webmaster and I are working on the SPAM filter.

Some changes have been made with respect to some of the addresses. Phasing the Alternate addresses out, and making them "Chair" Alt instead. There's been confusion with allseta; making them SETA Roster instead.

For flyers and other random information that's going one way, we've created SETA Announce. You can opt in or out and will be open to anybody to subscribe to.

Past Delegates have addresses; so do DCMs and Alternates; also Committee Chairs, who can also create addresses for their alternates and secretaries as well.

Also created a Distribution Group for each District; Districts can communicate within themselves.

One of the big issues is addressing the anonymity issues; I think this will address a lot of them. As far as signatures go, I created a couple of samples: the anonymous example, which has your position name, SE Texas Area of AA, the position's email address.

If you want a less anonymous address, you can have your full name. I think the only caveat is from GSO: if you put your full name on an email, put "not for publication" beside it, which is intended to make it clear that anonymity is expected.

My position on this is from looking at the work from the Ad Hoc Committee last year and some of my own thinking and talking with the IT Committee, I think that what my intention is to present a formal proposal in April and we can make this policy in April.

For the time being, from now until April, it's going to be practice, and work out the kinks and see what kind of issues come up.

So if anyone has any questions, we need your feedback. Send emails to <u>it@aa-seta.org</u> and let us know what issues you're having. Thank you.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 10 DCM: Dave P Alt DCM: Joy M

District 20 DCM: Troy B Alt DCM: Ford S

District 20 is off to a great start for the new year. We thank Rick L. for his service as DCM for the past eighteen months; he's been a great DCM and his willingness to serve is appreciated. The District filled the Officer positions and I'm pleased to announce Stuart F- Alt DCM, Mark C- Treasurer, Jennifer H- Secretary and Bryan B. as the 1st Saturday Night Speaker Chair.

As a Committee, we've decided to dedicate this first Quarter to recruiting or re-recruiting meetings that aren't being represented at District. Our efforts have already produced two meetings with new representation.

To further extend our efforts, we've approached the Lambda Center Inc. about hosting a Workshop encouraging service outside of the clubhouse. We look forward to expanding District participation and creating a larger presence at Area.

District 31 DCM: Barbara G Alt DCM: Stephanie F I'm honored to serve with a full slate of District 31 Trusted Servants willing to participate in their personal recovery, as well as the health and growth of their Home Groups.

I'm sure there will be mistakes and many opportunities to learn. Four new GSRs and one Alternate were welcomed to our first District meeting of 2011. One new GSR announced a new Group in Conroe, the "Gratitude Group", which meets in the ISD Room at the Conroe Courthouse, Monday through Friday at noon.

They welcome your support. Deborah D. and Patrick C. are attending our February District Meeting to discuss hosting the annual Gratitude Dinner. District 31 holds meetings at 2:00 P.M. on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Kingwood Club, 810 Russell Palmer Road, Kingwood, TX. 77339.

District 32 DCM: Jim K Alt DCM: Jeff H

District 32's 2011 Trusted Servants met for the first time at the SETA Convention in Galveston. Attendance was good, considering we met at 7 AM Sunday morning.

New GSRs were Stacey M., "Safe Harbor" (Woodlands); George S, "We are Not Saints"; George H, "Northwest Unity" and Paul M. from "Tomball Acceptance Group".

We're starting the year with a new District <u>Policies and</u> <u>Procedures Manual</u>. A motion to spend \$100.00 on printing for our Trusted Servants was approved. Also approved was a motion for District 32 to host the 2011 Gratitude Dinner.

Since that time Patrick C, Alt Delegate, has called to confirm that we were chosen to be the Host District for this event.

District 32 meets at the Duncan Road Group, on the 2nd Sunday of the month, at noon.

District 33 DCM: Teresa O Alt DCM: Karen S

District 40 DCM: Brad H Alt DCM: Jes K

District 40 participated in the Gratitude Dinner and we were pleased at the large attendance. We're exploring new methods to carry the message in effective, fun ways, and we've formed a committee to come up with proposals & planning ideas for this year's service events.

Last year, we held a "Family Afterward" Workshop, and we've hosted a Fellowship Fest for a few years now.

Our CPC/PI District Committee is working hard carrying the message through Public Information and to the professional communities. They've created mail-outs for those likely to come into contact with the alcoholic and are searching for answers, and to give presentations when asked.

A <u>Service Manual Workshop</u> focusing on studying the <u>AA Service Manual</u> is starting on 2/13/11. Contact Betsy G. for details. We're grateful to have such dedicated members, experienced in service, attending our monthly meetings and guiding us.

District 51 DCM: Randy R Alt DCM: Charles H

District 52 DCM: Barbara L Alt DCM: OPEN District 52 co-hosted a Hospitality Suite at the SETA Convention with District 51. Kudos to our volunteers for their

service, and the planned offerings for the Suite were ample. It was a great success, the only disappointment being that some money was taken from the contribution jar.

We're asking Groups in the District for their opinions and suggestions on how to increase participation at the District level. We're also discussing ways to fill our District's Committee positions as all positions are currently open. We're planning a District 52 picnic - date TBA, possibly held at Alief-Amity Park. We plan to offer prizes for winners of the barbeque contest.

District 60 DCM: Melanie M Alt DCM: OPEN

District 63 DCM: Ricardo R Alt. DCM: Edwin C District 63 meets every Saturday at 6 P.M. There are eight Groups in the District, of which six have active GSRs.

Active Committees are La Vina and Literature. We study the Service Manual each Saturday and share with a Group in the District every Tuesday. We also visit other Groups that don't have a GSR in place, to take them information we receive from Area. We attend Area Assemblies and Conventions as well.

District 64 DCM: Ricardo C Alt. DCM: OPEN

Our District has (14) active Groups: between nine and eleven GSRs from these Groups attend the District Meeting at 6 PM on Saturdays. Every two weeks, we hold a study session on the Service Manual and every Wednesday, we visit Groups.

We purchased a computer and plan to get internet service.

We have (3) active Committees: CFC Committee, which has six active members and one on the Link; La Vina Committee, which has five active GSRs and three Links: and Literature which has three members. The CFC Committee meets every two weeks on Tuesday, and attends meetings in two Federal prisons: Holliday, every Sunday at 1:30 P.M. and The Walls

in Huntsville once a month on Sunday at 1:30 P.M.

The <u>La Viná Committee</u> meets on Tuesdays at 8 PM, visits Groups every Thursday, attends the monthly meeting of the four Districts of La Vina, and attends the monthly meeting on the first Sunday, of the Grapevine in South Texas.

<u>The Literature Committee</u> meets every two weeks on Tuesdays at 8 PM. They encourage the Groups to subscribe to Box 459, and stock literature and pamphlets.

District 65 DCM: Ramiro Y Alt DCM: Moises L On Saturday, January 8th, District 65 kicked off this service period with a Training/Orientation session for the newly elected

GSRs. We are currently made up of 14 Groups, of which 10 have active GSRs.

We continue to visit one Group in our District each week. We hare with them any relevant information and also our own experience in service in order to encourage them to be part of our District and Committees.

As of today, our District has an active Correctional Committee that holds AA Meetings in the Harris County Jail every Tuesday, a Literature Committee that visits the Groups with us every week and encourages the members to read our literature. Our recently elected La Viná Chair had a change in his work schedule and is no longer able to serve, so we're working on getting those AA members in our Groups with the time and willingness to serve, to be a part of our La Vina Committee.

District 66 DCM: Carlos F Alt DCM: Martin M

District 70 DCM: Jeff S Alt DCM: OPEN

Our District Committee still has a few openings and these positions are announced at every meeting. We have three new Local Committee Members; I've spoken to two so far, about meeting in addition to the District Meeting.

Anyone with experience with LCM's, please get with me as I could use some input. We are the Host District for the April Assembly and I'm looking for past Trusted Servants of District 70 to chair GSR Workshops and present the Tradition and Concept

for the Assembly. In December, we considered holding a quarterly Workshop; more on this later.

Our District Meetings are held on the 3rd Sunday of the month and all are welcome. Please keep us in your prayers.

District 81 DCM: Randy B Alt DCM: Stevvi M

District 82 DCM: Kim R Alt DCM: Rick M
Greetings and thank you for allowing District 82 to serve the
Area as host District of the October Assembly. Hosting
the Assembly helped our Groups and District learn more
about service and the functions of the Assembly.

District elections were held in October and we filled several positions. Our Policy and Procedures Manual was updated and approved in January, 2011 and we have several events within the District already scheduled for this year.

See our District Events page on the SETA website for more information. District Meetings are held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 3 PM at 1242 ½ E. Mulberry, Angleton, TX.

District 90 DCM: Lloyd (Junior) G Alt DCM: Ricky LDistrict 90 has been busy this year. All Committees are hard at work. We will have an Ad Hoc Committee report from Gus H on Convention Guidelines in February and we'll have a New GSR Workshop, facilitated by Charlie A, in March.

Our Archives are also hard at work. There were 41 people in attendance at our last District meeting. Everything is going smoothly due to the hard work and dedication of our members.

We have also started having monthly meetings for our District Convention. Julian L. has put together a fine committee and we expect our Convention to be a great success, as usual. There will be fliers shortly.

Our District Gratitude Dinner is on track, with the Fellowship Group as host. We hope to get a co-host at our next meeting on February 7, 2011.

Intergroup Liaison Reports

Liaison: Houston Intergroup: Lee G - no report Liaison: Hispanic Intergroup (Dist 63, 64, 65): Open Liaison to Hispanic Intergroup (Dist 66, 67): Open

Liaison to 9th District Intergroup: Dennis M – no report Liaison to Brazosport Intergroup: Charles R - no report

Area Standing Committee Reports

SCAP Committee (State Convention Attendance Promotion) Area SCAP Chair: Robin C

The committee met on October 2, 2010. We discussed sending out an Area-wide request for donations in the form of money, food and help, from the District DCMs for the Hospitality Suite for the SETA Convention in January.

Also discussed were the SCAP utensils help by SETA Assembly and ways to get them back to our District; also where to store them; the purchase of a coffee maker, State Convention Fliers and what to put on the menu for the SETA Convention hospitality suite. Additional meetings dealt further with the budget for the hospitality suite.

District 31 offered to contribute the amount of one room-night, \$ 345.00 to the Suite, and we accepted gratefully. The Suite was a huge success: committee members worked together in unity to serve the fellowship through hard work, food and conversation.

We will be promoting the State Convention to be held in San Antonio, in June of 2011.

Information Technology (IT) - Area Chair: Steve E Alt Chair: Open

The IT Committee has been quite busy over the last quarter with a variety of tasks ranging from the routine tasks of keeping the website up-to-date and resolving various technical issues to continuing with the policy and guidelines effort initiated by the former ad-hoc ET Committee and the establishment of the new SETA position-based e-mail addresses and distribution lists.

We've begun holding monthly meetings which are currently occurring on the 3rd Saturday of every month from 4:00 to 6:00

at the West Houston Community Center. This may change in the future, to the Delta Club; we'll keep you informed on that.

We've been evaluating recommendations forwarded to us from the Ad-Hoc ET Committee as well as policy and guidance from a variety of other sources. Since this is such a big task, we have decided to break it down and to present our recommendations to the Assembly in three phases. As mentioned, we intend to present a proposal addressing <u>E-mail Policy and Guidance</u> at the April Assembly. We hope to present <u>General and Web Policy Proposals</u> at the July and October Area Assemblies.

To expedite the Workshop process, we've posted our agenda for the year as well as our current draft and revision history on the IT page of the SETA website. We want to encourage EVERYONE to visit the "IT Policies, Guidelines & Procedures" link on our page, to keep abreast of the current draft proposal, and to submit questions and feedback to it@aa-seta.org.

We've also created a large number of SETA position-based webmail accounts and plan to use the first quarter of 2011 as a sort of "pilot" period for the new system. Again, IT strongly encourages everyone to try out the new webmail system at http://webmail.aa-seta.org and to familiarize themselves with the new addressing scheme.

We do recognize, though, that there will be a few bumps in the road and we ask for everyone's patience as we go forward. Again, please contact us with your questions and feedback. On a less interesting note, the hard drive has crashed on the Webmaster's laptop and we'll likely be asking for funding in April with which to repair or replace the hard disk.

Some interesting website statistics:

- we have had 1852 unique visitors since the December assembly
- on average, visitors are viewing 5.5 pages per visit
- we seem to receive the most hits on Tuesdays
- in general, we receive most hits around 10 pm
- average duration 5:15 minutes

The IT Committee needs assistance. If you, or someone you know, are technically inclined, please point them in our direction. Open positions are: Alternate Chair, Webmaster and Support.

Archives- Area Archives Chair: Sherry B

Your Archives Committee has been very busy with moving into our new repository at 521 N. Sam Houston Parkway, Suite 215, Houston. Right now, we have books and boxes stacked on the floor, since we don't yet have the shelving and other furnishings needed to store them as we would like to.

The Archives Committee has been busy also with setting up guidelines that we'll use for accountability to the Area. Our new Treasurer, Greda G. has been a vital part in keeping track of any contributions and disbursements made to the Committee.

This report to the Assembly reflects that accountability. We've received contributions of furniture and have borrowed tables for committee meetings, until we have our own. Also, Groups have made contributions of money to help with the things needed for the committee to function. Sarah D. has sent the Webmaster the Assembly motions to be placed on the Area website; she also designed the bookmarks that we gave to the AA members who visited the Area Archives Display Room.

Other activities include placing the Area's records into banker boxes, working on the inventory, working on the 2012 budget, and making plans to attend the next National AA Archives Workshop (NAAAW). Lee G., who attended the last workshop, learned the fundamentals of restoration, so he will be in charge of the archives restoration.

Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) – Area CFC Chair: Fritz B Alt CFC Chair: David K

The CFC Committee held elections in November 2010 and all Committee positions were filled. The CFC Conference will be held September 9-11, 2011, at the Crown Plaza Suites Hotel. Conference Chair, Jason E., has scheduled a meeting of the planning committee in February.

Stay tuned for more information as undoubtedly your help will be needed for a successful Conference. In April, on a date and at a location TBA, our Committee will host a <u>TDCJ Orientation Training</u> for new volunteers to take meetings into prisons. We ask that each District in Area 67 elect an active CFC Rep to our Committee. If you've already elected one, please urge them to attend the Area CFC meetings regularly.

Jim M, guest speaker at the January SETA Convention in Galveston, urged Districts to report the name and address of their CFC Rep to the Corrections Desk at GSO/New York. Jim, who mans the desk, said that when notified, his office will provide each new CFC Rep a "Correctional Facilities Manual" published by GSO.

Except for Area Assembly months, the CFC Committee meets on the 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 PM at the Delta Club, 6400 Westpark, Houston, Texas. In Area Assembly months, the Committee meets at the Assembly, around 4:30 PM at a location posted in the Assembly Agenda.

La Viná - Area Chair: J Angel M Alt. Chair: Carlos U
As Area Chair of the Grapevine directed towards the Spanish
Districts in Area 67, I was present at District 64 during their
election for new officers for the Organizing Committee for the
Grapevine. I have the reports from each Committee and now
that I'm aware that they meet on Tuesdays, I will attend and
make myself available at these meetings in help inspire and
motivate new volunteers.

The Committees of the Grapevine are aware that I'm the Committee Chair but that we are still in need of volunteers. I will make it my mission to visit the committees, take notes and notify the Area as to how the committees are functioning, where they meet and how many subscriptions they each have.

Literature Committee- Area Chair: Tom K Alt Chair: Open Our AA literature is a vital tool to carry the message to the still-suffering alcoholic, as well as most of our 3rd Legacy Service Committees. Big Book prices are going up as sales decline. Pamphlets, which are great resource material-especially for newcomers, could be better utilized.

We're struggling to re-form the Committee, as currently we have no Secretary or Alternate Chair. We're seeking any and all participation to help get our literature out there where it counts.

We're visiting the Districts and certain Service Committees this quarter to urge District Chairs and GSRs to visit Groups and suggest Pamphlet Meetings, custom-made Newcomer packets and distribute samples of specific information to strengthen our Unity and Service-awareness. Literature Reps are needed in every Group.

The Area Literature Committee meets on the last Saturday of the month around noon at the Delta Club, at 640 Westpark, Suite 355, Room C.

Multilingual Committee- Area Chair: Ricardo D. Public Information (PI) Committee- PI Area Chair: Debra R

The PI committee had an impromptu meeting at the January Convention in Galveston. Along with David A., I met with several interested members to discuss holding the Area PI meeting on a monthly basis again, the PI phone number and goals for the upcoming year.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC) – Area Chair: Beth Y Alt Chair: Open

I served as Co-Chair of the CPC Committee during the previous term and I want to thank Kris G for doing a great job as Committee Chair for the previous two years.

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the <u>Houston Council on Alcoholism</u> (unless there is an Assembly; then it's held on Saturday, 4 PM at the Assembly). We have a presentation scheduled for Tuesday, January 8 at <u>HCC, Coleman Campus</u>, at which we'll give a presentation to students studying to be counselors, explaining to them what AA is and isn't. We invite anyone interested to join us in order to better serve Area 67.

Dave and Kathleen did a mini-presentation for the <u>Continental Flight Attendants</u> at their December Union Meeting. Despite the fact that the Attendants were preoccupied with the merger of Continental & United Airlines, Dave & Kathleen did a great job adapting to the situation, by keeping the presentation short and answering questions. Thank you to Dave and Kathleen! We've been invited for another presentation in the future. Thank you to Lisa F for the effort to arrange this opportunity.

Finance Committee- Area Finance Chair: Mary M

The Finance Committee will hold the annual budget meeting on Saturday, March 5 at 1:30, at the Post Oak Club. Please come prepared with a budget and 19 copies of it.

Newsletter- Area Chair: Linda C – No Report Grapevine- Area Chair: Sam C – No Report

January 15 16, 2011 Area Assembly Final Motions

Motion to reimburse the incoming Area Chair for trip to SWRAASA

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Increase Newsletter Budget for Bulk Rate Permit for Huntsville Area

The vote failed, then the Minority opinion was presented.

A vote to revote was taken and passed.

Due to time constraints the motion was tabled until the April Assembly.

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AREA Secretary	Melissa R			Holly D		
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TO: GROUP TREASURER

FROM: SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY

The 7th Tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous suggests "Every AA group ought to be fully selfsupporting, 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.

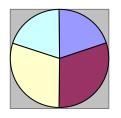
Please support each of these group services with Contributions from your group treasury after all Group expenses have been met. As a guide to deciding how to distribute group funds, SETA, with its knowledge of local activities and costs of these services suggests the percentages in the chart to the right. 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.

Intergroup Addresses



District 20% ■GSO 30% SETA 309 □ Inter g r o up 20%

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Email: oficinaintergrupalhouston@yahoo.com

9th District Intergroup Houston Intergroup Brazos Valley Intergroup Spanish Intergroup S.W. 4140 Directors Row 837 Harvey Mitchell 6640 Eastex Fwy. 5412 Birdwood Road, #B Suite D-E #149-A Houston, TX 77096 Parkway Houston, TX 77092 Bryan, TX 77807 Beaumont, TX 77708 713-661-6833 intergrupo @ aahouston hispano.org

The forms below are for your convenience. Please cut the forms apart, sending one form with a

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District's page for address information.)