

# **South East Texas Area Assembly**

**of Alcoholics Anonymous  
P. O. Box 130433  
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## **July Assembly**

**Saturday and Sunday  
July 9, 10, 2011**

Sheraton North Houston  
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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.***

**67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY**  
**Area Committee Meeting**  
**Saturday April 9, 2011**

- I. Opening- Chair, ZBM opened the meeting at 8:30 AM with a moment of silence and the Serenity Prayer. She noted name tags marked "Bilingual" and encouraged communication, to improve relations between English and Spanish members of Area 67.
- II. Preamble – Alternate Chair, Randee B
- III. Roll Call- Registrar, Peggy M
- IV. Minutes -January Area Committee Minutes- Secretary, Melissa R:  
Approved as presented. She asked DCMs & Committee Chairs to see her about email addresses in order to improve communication. She asked for all reports by May 15.
- V. Treasurer's Report- Ron C  
Ron prefers receipts emailed to him; he told how to get forms for reimbursements. Data required: name, position, receipt date, vendor, amount, budget category and total amount.  
A Bulk Mailing Balance of \$131.32 is in the Operating Balance.  
Contributions lower than usual in the first quarter.

**VI. Delegate Comments- Deborah D. Panel 61 Area 67**  
(See Sunday's Report, Pg. 7)

**VII. Alternate Delegate Comments - Patrick C. Panel 61 Area 67 -**  
Good morning my name is Patrick C. and I am grateful to be serving you as the Alternate Delegate of Panel 61, Area 67. I want to welcome everyone and look forward to the next two days of service and fellowship as we perform our general service positions together.

I have been reading and discussing the 2011 General Service Conference Agenda Items and Background Materials with our Delegate and my service sponsor & several other members in the meetings I attend.

Thank you for sending me to attend the 2011 Southwest Region Delegates Assembly in Oklahoma City, Ok. It was a privilege to attend and be able to listen to the experienced servants who have and continue to serve our Areas and AA.

Update 2011 Gratitude Dinner: District 32 is hosting the Gratitude Dinner; District 20 is co-hosting and is willing to step into the Host position in 2012. District 70 has agreed to co-host with District 20 in 2012. Site selection will be completed and flyers will be available at the July Assembly. I feel we are in good shape so far in the planning of the 2011 Gratitude Dinner. We have a speaker lined up: Nora Bromley, Past Delegate from Arkansas, Panel 57, Area 4. She has family in Houston, so we may be able to save a little money on hotel room nights.

At SWRDA I reached out to a Past Delegate in Colorado to discuss the fact of the 2011 SWRAASA being a completely bi-lingual event. I'm in discussions with our Multilingual Chair, Ricardo D and District 65 Alternate DCM, Moises L about making our Gratitude Dinner a completely bilingual event. We're also working to have a thirty-minute Spanish member tell their story. **(Estoy en discusión con nuestro Coordinador del Comité multilingüe, Ricardo D. y distrito 65 DCM alterno, Moises L. para hacer nuestra cena de gratitud un evento completamente bilingüe. También estamos trabajando para tener un miembro en español por treinta minutos para contar su historia.)**

Another thing we participated in this quarter was the 2011 Budget Committee Meeting which lasted the usual 4 to 5 hours. Plenty of snacks were on hand. One of the things I thought about was how we really do not have any definition of approved expense & income categories for the Budget Committee--at least none of which we could point to on paper. This weekend I plan on talking to the Finance Committee Chair to see if we can improve the process we have each year to set a budget. The meeting ended up with us laughing so loudly that we were disturbing the A. A. meeting that was going on in the next room. That to me was a great sign we had not lost our ability to have fun while performing service.

**Upcoming Regional Events** include the Texas State Convention 2011- See Flyer Table; and the Southwest Regional Forum 2011 – See Flyer Table. Please let me know how I can be of service. I have enjoyed getting out to several Area events and meetings this past quarter.

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

**VIII. 2011 SETA Convention Final Report: Chair, Randee B.**

Final Income and Registration figures are as follows:

Total Income:	30,008.00	<u>Registration Figures</u>	
Total Expenses:	<u>&lt;11,197.67&gt;</u>	AA	1,259
Excess:	18,810.33	AIAnon	97
Less SETA Advance:	<u>&lt;3,000.00&gt;</u>	AIAten	14
<b>Income:</b>	<b>15,810.33</b>	Scholarships	<u>85</u>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,455</b>

All materials (minutes, notes, etc.) have been put on a disk & transferred to the next Convention Chair. We felt that it would be easier to transfer all the materials digitally though we still maintained hard copies.

\* Note: For Treasurer's Final Convention Report, see SETA Webpage.

## **IX. 2012 SETA Convention Update: Chair, Charlie R. Report -**

Regarding the hotel contract, with the Finance Committee's approval, we'll hold the 2012 Convention at Moody Gardens in Galveston.

I know SETA P&P Manual states that the convention should rotate; however, I've found it difficult to get hotels in my area to work with me. Moody Gardens has honored our 2011 Convention Contract for the 2012 year: 500-room block with an 80% occupancy level. If we go below, we're obligated to pay \$300 for every (25) rooms under. Room-rate is \$113/night for the Thurs- Mon block. A liability insurance coverage is required; I'm working to have that waived as it hasn't been required previously.

It's the 50th Convention, and I want to have the first SETA Convention Chair, Max B. with 53 years, attend. The Convention Committee meets at the 1502 Group on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—please attend if interested.

Chair, ZBM asked DCMs, Committee Chairs to notify in advance of any exceptional items, problems and/ or solutions, to be placed on the Agenda.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup North (Sunday)  
Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup South (Sunday)  
Amendment to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual (District 10)  
Ad Hoc Committee on SETA Postal Mailings  
IT- Web Workshop: Presentation of Suggested E.T. Policies & Guidelines  
Newsletter 2011 Budget Increase

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Division of District 66**

Motion presented by current DCM of District 66, Carlos F in agreement of newly elected DCM of District 62, Magdalena D, with substantial unanimity of existing Groups in District 66, voted on 3/19/11.

Motion was approved unanimously and sent to the Assembly for vote.

#### **Job Descriptions Ad Hoc Committee Report: Tandy B.**

In January the Area Chairperson appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to update existing SETA Job Descriptions currently posted on the SETA Web pages with all approved-to-date motions. The members are Tandy B, Ad Hoc Committee Chair; Gene J, D-31, Katherine M, D-10; and Holly D., D-81. The committee members completed the task as requested in March. The IT Committee has posted the updates on the SETA Web Pages.

The same committee has also been asked by the Chairperson to follow up with a review and update the SETA job descriptions in 2012. In addition, the

Ad Hoc Committee will review existing SETA Job Descriptions and recommend any corrections to aid in clarity and unity so all will include sobriety requirements, service requirements, responsibilities and authority of each position.

Note: Chair suggests informing Tandy or her of anything that should be added or changed in the job descriptions.

**2011 Budget Increases:**

IT Committee requests \$190 (\$90 rent- meetings; \$100: replace hard drive);  
Chair requests \$225 (\$100 supplies; \$100 printing; \$25 phone-just in case).  
Motion sent to the Assembly for vote.

**Announcements: Randee B.**

Host Districts needed for Assemblies-

District 33 is tentatively set for July;

District 10 hosts October, 2011.

Regional Forum- October 7-9, Wichita, Kansas

Texas State Convention- June 24-26, Crowne Plaza, San Antonio, TX.

**Patrick C, Alt Delegate:** questioned the 2012 SETA Convention being held in Galveston again, saying the P&P Manual (Pg.10, #2) states the convention shall rotate between Houston, Beaumont, Bryan/College Station, Galveston and/or their general vicinities. He asked what the procedure would be to stray from this. Charlie R. stated he could not locate a hotel within the Bryan area, so it's a choice of holding it in Galveston or cancelling.

**Randee B, Alt. Chair:** Everyone please ***keep & bring*** your copy of the Manual; wastes the budget to continually print them. Also available on the Website.

Close with Declaration of Unity @ 9:40 A.M.

**Area 67 Quarterly Assembly  
Area Assembly Meeting  
Sheraton IAH  
Sunday April 10, 2011**

I. Open: Chair, ZBM, opened the meeting at 8:30 AM with the Serenity Prayer. She defined Area Assembly, explaining that is open to all to attend and for all to speak, by Area Inventory.

II. Recognize New GSRs and DCMs

III. Welcome to past Delegates: Gus H, Mike D, Paul M, Harold P & Betsy G.

**Chair's Report:**

More work than I thought & thanks to Tandy for painting a nice picture! I visited 4 Districts: D-33 & joint Spanish inter-district meeting in District 65 in March; shared with District 81 about service to and for the Area and Assembly. I gave a presentation to District 31 in Kingwood on the importance of attending and participating in the Area Assemblies: how the drunk, Group, District & Area all inter-relate & interact, so we can reach the still-suffering alcoholic. I had the pleasure to meet with District 66 in March – setting boundaries and District acceptance to split.

I ask all Districts & standing Committees to send me your Minutes, as well as to the Area Secretary AND to the SW Region staff member at GSO, currently Mary D.

As Elder always said, BE ON A COMMITTEE. Area helps coordinate information & resources so the Districts and Groups are better able to do 12<sup>th</sup> Step service. Go to [aa-seta.org](http://aa-seta.org) CHAIR page, download a calendar. Suit up, show up. I apologize to the Assembly & the Standing Committees for asking you NOT to meet so we can give more time to the General Service Conference Agenda items. IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

Also, there is a pending liability of about \$2200 (+/-) for late filing of the taxes during my term as Treasurer. It started with an oversight on my part, coupled with problems in pulling reports, resulting in late filings in 2010 for both 2008 and 2009. The past finance chair was made aware of the situation when it occurred. When returns were submitted, a POA was signed over to the CPA in case of problems.

I made the incoming Treasurer aware of the situation. Well, the new Treasurer did receive a notice of delinquency sometime in February, 2011. Both the Treasurer and I notified the CPA. I was told to let him handle it. As this is a result of my inaction and is still unresolved, I am bringing it to the attention of the Assembly.

I do not know how the Treasurer will reflect it in the report. I do not know what the Assembly will do. You have been made aware, I screwed up. There is also a possible delinquency for 2009, but not known at this time.

Thank you for letting me serve and learn how to do it more humbly.

**IV. Alternate Chair: Randee B. Report:**

The Host District is 70. July's host will be District 33 and October is District 10. If you have any issues with the hotel, come to me.

Please keep your Policy & Procedures Manual so I don't have to keep re-printing them.

On another note, it's my belly-button birthday, so you may wish me Happy Birthday!

**V. Registrar: Peggy M Report:**

I participated in the District Sharing Session and all but one District has received their Group Update Forms. If you are a secretary or an Alternate, I know the DCM will appreciate assistance in getting these forms updated. Thank you.

**Roll Call**

**VI. Secretary: Melissa R Report:**

I understand that there's some confusion about reports. I felt the same when I was DCM. This applies to Area Committee Chairs too. If you have District (or Area) meetings monthly or quarterly, send the Minutes to [secretary@aa-seta.org](mailto:secretary@aa-seta.org). Next: there's the quarterly report given at the Assembly; I'd like hard copy this weekend, & also an electronic copy, if possible. Now there's *also* a Newsletter – but those are articles; Linda will go over that. I've been working with Ricardo on Spanish translations & I'm looking forward to distributing the Spanish Minutes in a timely manner.

**No corrections -January Minutes stand approved.**

**VII. Treasurer Report – Ron C- (See Saturday's Report)**

If you have a SETA-covered room, see Kris.  
Report was approved as given.

**VIII. Delegate's Report: Deborah D. Panel 61, Area 67**

Warm greetings to all of you of SETA. I'm both grateful and humbled to be here today. Now I know why Betsy and other past delegates get so emotional at times. This is quite an experience.

I want to thank the area for sending me to SWRDA (the Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly) in March. There were almost 80 currently serving delegates, alternate delegates and past delegates present. Our Region is a strong region, and it is because of events

such as this that we are as unified as we are. Everyone was so loving, patient and generous with their time. I had and still have many questions that they answered with as much detail as I can stand. I'm coming to realize that I have plenty to learn & that I have experiences to share. That assembly is a wonderful foundation in preparing me for the conference.

I hope you enjoyed the round table discussions yesterday. I would like to thank you for participating and letting me hear your voice. Also, thank you to the facilitators and recorders, I'm very grateful.

One of the "hot topics" on the agenda is the matter of using full faces of actors depicting members of AA in our videos. This Area submitted a proposed Conference Agenda item on this in 2009. As a follow-up to the agenda items Betsy G. and Gus H. were following, we will be discussing them today.

**Public Information Item C:** Consider approval of the General Service Board "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates."

**Agenda Item E:** Consider a request that the trustees' Conference Committee meet annually with the Conference Committee on Agenda and the Conference Committee on Policy/Admissions to address matters concerning the Conference Agenda and Conference Policy.

**Finance Item C:** Consider two alternative suggestions of ways to revise the pamphlet F-3 "Self-Support: Where Money and Spiritually Mix".

Here are a few updates.

The GSB (General Service Board) has agreed to develop a comprehensive public information media plan for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos: The committee recommended that the following policy be adopted by the General Service Board, and that the policy be forwarded to the 2011 Conference Committee on Public Information for approval by the General Service Conference:

Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates

It was the intention of the General Service Board to forward to the General Service Conference the names of seven Directors to serve on the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. and to leave two Director Positions vacant. This action was passed with substantial unanimity of the General Service Board.

The committee agreed to forward to the 2011 Conference Committee on Literature a progress report on the pamphlet, "A.A. and the



Armed Services” for consideration. The committee also agreed to extend the story **solicitations deadline until July 15, 2011** to encourage more submissions.

The committee agreed to forward to the trustees’ Public Information Committee a letter requesting updates to the language in Tradition Eleven.

The A.A Grapevine Board carefully considered agenda item requests and agreed to forward six to the 2011 General Service Conference for consideration:

“Permit A.A. Grapevine and La Viná to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies such as but not limited to smart phones, tablets, and e-reader applications and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazine, books and products of Grapevine and La Viná.”

**New Opportunities for the Area:**

I get a notice from the Grapevine once a month. NEWS FLASH: Grapevine is not a sinking ship! In fact, if 4, 500 print subscriptions were added in addition to current print subscription projections Grapevine would close the budget gap and become fully self-supporting this year. That’s only 48 extra print subscriptions per area. March also marks the official launch of Grapevine’s Digital magazine in addition to the exiting print and audio formats to Grapevine and La Viná. At \$19.97/year about 65 new digital subscriptions per area will close the budget gap. SUPPORT YOUR GRAPEVINE! Given this report, how about the area having a Grapevine challenge? Goal for 2011 is 100 GV subscriptions. Suggested breakdown: 45 hard copy and 65 online. If the 17 districts along with the GSRs and all the committees decided to participate we could make our goal. Ideas to consider:

- Give 1 year subscription to sponsees
- Ask your home group to subscribe
- Ask your district to subscribe
- Give away at your next workshop
- Donate to your doctor, lawyer, dentist

We also have a request from Jim M. the Corrections Coordinator at GSO asking for outside AA members to write to incarcerated AA members on an individual basis. If this is something you would like to investigate, write to Corrections@aa.org. Finally, since I’m on the Finance committee here goes the numbers:

**SETA numbers for twelve months ended 12/31/10:**

**Total active groups reported: 525**

**Total groups contributing money: 237**

**Percent of groups: 44.74% in 2010**

**Percent of groups: 47.37% in 2009**

**Total contributions: \$77188.72**

I'm leaving at the end of April to go to the Conference, this year it will be in New York City, last year Betsy went to Rye Brook. We'll be visiting the General Service Office this year. There'll be a Delegates' Only meeting on Saturday. My committee will meet on Sunday, Monday & Tuesday. Please keep me in your prayers; if I can I'll send updates via email. Thank you.

**Alt. Delegate Comments- Patrick C.** (See Saturday, pg. 2)

**2011 SETA Convention Final Report** (See Pg 3)

**GSR/RSG Workshop Reports\_** (See page 14)

**Amend SETA Policies and Procedures Manual- District 10 - Report**

(See pg. 14) Note: A full, detailed presentation was circulated at Workshop; contact Secretary for copies or view in Minutes posted on SETA Website).

**Re-Districting of D-66 – Report** (See pg. 15)

**Ad Hoc Committee on SETA Mailings –Report** (See pg.15)

The Committee decided that rather than bring a motion to the floor for a vote at this Assembly, to offer a proposal for Area 67 GSRs to take to their Groups for review. The Committee will make a formal Motion to be voted on at the July Assembly, so please come ready to vote in July. Ricardo D, Multi-Lingual Chair, will translate the Committee's Report & it will be distributed it to the Spanish MCDs, allowing for an informed Group Conscience.

**IT/Web ET Policies & Guidelines - Report** (See pg.16)

The IT Committee has decided not to put the motion to a vote today due to a lack of an informed Group Conscience. I'll be posting the Guidelines and sending them to DCMs to send to their GSRs, & conduct ongoing workshops. I'll bring it to the floor for a vote at the July Assembly.

**Newsletter 2011 Budget Increase –Report** (See pg. 17)

**SETA 2012 Convention Committee Report: Chair- Charlie R.**

The Finance Committee approved the hotel contract with Moody Gardens; same contract as the 2011 Convention. Regarding the Policy & Procedures Manual policy, it is meant to be held in the spirit of rotation; however, if a deal cannot be made, it isn't binding.

Area approved Moody Gardens as location for 2012 SETA Convention.

**2012 Budget Proposal – Finance Chair: Mary M.** (See Pg 21)

Please take the 2012 Proposed Budget to your Groups. The Area will consider the Budget for approval at the July-11 Assembly. Gus Henry noted that last year we voted to expand the Budget for the Archives Repository (another year is covered). In future it's up to the Groups to step up & fund it. Tandy Booth - clarification: it comes from the Archives Office Reserves.

## **Roll Call for Voting – Registrar: Peggy M.**

Final vote count: 117 Rules for Voting and Discussion prior to voting.

### **Old Business**

**Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (North): OPEN**

**Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (South): OPEN**

**Motion to Amend SETA Policies and Procedures Manual:**

Proposal to 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 Chair 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.

Dave P made a motion to amend as stated; Matt seconded the motion.

Discussion: handling of emergency issues & potential result of "tying Chairperson's hands". Response: Amendment does not prohibit Floor Actions; it addresses only Agenda Items.

Motion went to a vote: (81) in favor, (27) opposed out of (108) total votes.

(72) constitutes  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority.

**Motion passed with Substantial Unanimity.**

Minority Opinion: Deborah D: doesn't like the word "mandate".

Fritz B: too over-governed; seems that Floor Actions are now prohibited.

None wished to change their vote. Vote stood.

**ZBM noted that this Assembly is running under existing rules. At the close of this Assembly, new procedure(s) will take effect.**

### **Motion for Redistricting of District 66**

The Groups of District 66, located in the Southwest sector of Area 67, move to re-district into two Districts with the common boundary between them being: From corner of Hwy 71 and Hwy 59 N. in El Campo; Hwy 59 N to Spur 529; Spur 529 to Hwy 90 E.; Hwy 90 E to Beltway 8; Beltway 8 SE to Hwy 288 thus dividing the western and eastern borders at end points, and the new District, to be known as District 62, retains the southern border of Area 67.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Motion for Newsletter 2011 Budget Increase:**

I. Motion to allow a second Bulk Mailing Permit to be purchased in Huntsville, TX at the cost of \$185 annually, plus additional application fee, for the 2011-2012 term.

II. Motion to increase Newsletter Budget by \$100 annually to cover shipping of newsletters from Shiloh Printing to Lovelady. Estimated cost is \$20-22 each quarter, for the 2011 – 2012 term. Total of \$470 increase.

Motion seconded by Gary Smith. Ron C, Treasurer: we'll have funds when Convention Funds are capped & moved: \$6583.77 unrestricted funds.

**Motion passed with (2) opposed of (108) total votes.**

No Minority Opinion offered.

## **New Business**

### **2011 Budget Increases:**

I. Information Technology Committee Rent Expense: The IT Committee has been conducting monthly meetings at the W Houston Community Center. As we have no line item in the budget to pay for rent because the Committee did not have a Chair to represent them at the 2010 Budget Committee meeting, we have been passing the hat to pay a \$10/month rent for the first (3) months of 2011. Therefore I respectfully move for an increase to our 2011 Budget in the amount of \$90 to pay \$10/month rent for the remaining 9 months of 2011. Betsy G seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### II. Information Technology Committee Budget Increase for Hard Drive:

In December 2010, the hard drive for the Webmaster's SETA-owned laptop crashed and a new hard drive is required for the computer to be operational; the warranty expired November 2010. As Webmaster & IT Chair have access to computers of their own, they've been able to continue to carry out their work. However, it would be best to conduct this work on the laptop that was purchased for that purpose. Additionally, storage is required for the back-ups of the SETA Website. And in keeping with the IT Chair job description, we intend to use this computer to make the SETA Website available for review at the Area Assemblies. Therefore, I respectfully move for funding not to exceed \$100 for the purchase of a 500 MB internal laptop hard drive to be purchased as soon as funding is approved. Linda C. seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

III. Area Chair Budget Increase: The Chair of SETA Assembly requests increase to the 2011 Budget in the amount of \$225, increasing SUPPLIES by \$200 to \$231 & adding a new category of PHONE, up to \$25.

Increased supplies will cover a new format for the (3) GSR Workshops.

We would like to have folders with certain Area information available. The Chair and Alt Chair forms to be included are: Monthly Calendar, Assembly Protocol for Motions, Policy & Procedure Manual. Other material will be included and covered under other positions. We tried this in January and received favorable feedback from new GSRs. We believe this is something to help new Trusted Servants to be better informed.

The Phone is IN CASE, as I am on a limited plan and in case SETA business requires me to use or run over my allotted minutes, there is some coverage. This increase is to allow for the unexpected override. \$225 is requested.

**\*\* Request was sent to the Finance Committee for review.**

### **IRS Filings Penalty – 4-Part Proposal - Area Finance Chair: Mary M**

I. I move that this Area authorize the Treasurer to immediately pay the assessed penalty, with accrued interest, for non-filing of the 2008 Report to the IRS.

II. I further move that this Area authorize the Treasurer to pay the assessed penalty for non-filing of the 2009 Report to the IRS, if one is assessed.

III. I move that this Area authorize the Treasurer to work with the CPA to file a request for abatement of the penalty and possible refund; and to pay any fee charged for his work.

IV. Finally, I move that this Area authorize the Treasurer and/or Finance Chair to seek another CPA or other council.

Motion was seconded by Ila. Discussion: Ron C said he first received notice on 2/18/11; he signed POA to CPA, but CPA is unreachable. Ron noted we have funds: 2008 penalties is approx \$2229. If 2009 is assessed, amount will be less because interest is less. Gus H. noted that the 2010 Return is due 5/15/11; if a new CPA is needed, action must be taken.

**Motion passed**, with (2) opposed.

Minority Opinion:

1. Mike D said that he wasn't opposed to paying it; he thinks we should.  
But we need to understand that we only have \$6500 in unrestricted funds.
2. Miguel said he wasn't opposed to paying the penalty either.  
But the responsibility of the Treasurer should have put more action on it.

**Request : Ad-Hoc Committee- “Special Needs Committee” Jackie V**

As I mentioned in my SWRAASA presentation yesterday, attending the Special Needs Workshop was an eye-opener for me. I would like to ask the Chair to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to look into this avenue to see if a need does exist in our Area (Area 67) to form a Special Needs Committee. ZBM agreed, naming Jackie V. the Chair of this Ad Hoc Committee.

**Motion to Return Access to Area Roster – Betsy G.**

I move the Area Roster which is circulated via email to the Area Committee & Past Delegates be returned to its prior format by including mailing addresses. Fritz B. seconded and the motion went to a simple majority vote.

**Passed with (2) opposed.**

No Minority Opinion Offered.

**Motion: Delegate to GSC – Betsy G.**

I move that we send our Delegate to the Conference, informed but not instructed, in keeping with Concept 3. Gus H. seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion: Open Finance Committee Meetings – Fritz B.**

I move the Finance Committee be open to any AA member who chooses to attend. Participation is limited to members of the Finance Committee.

Linda C. seconded.

Motion passed - (36) for, (33) against. ZBM noted it was a very close vote.

**Minority Opinion:**

- I. Gus H. said he sees Area as very divided; it needs looking into. He encouraged someone in the majority to reconsider.
- II. Mike D.: we just had an example of why it doesn't work: when we get to certain issues, we'd never get down to what needs to be taken care of.

Fritz B of the majority, voted to reconsider; Gus seconded.

Motion to reconsider vote:

**Passed with (2) opposed** (substantial unanimity).

ZBM restated the motion. Gus H. suggested defeating the motion to open up meetings & instead ask Finance Committee to present a Scope in Charter to be presented at July or October Assembly. Don B. noted its pretty much set out in the P&P Manual. A set of guidelines to address the trust issues was suggested, either Ad-Hoc or Finance Committee.

Randy B made a motion to table the motion; Jr. G. seconded.

Motion to table passed unanimously.

### **Round Table Input Session - Delegate**

In interest of time, the Delegate opted to close Assembly & meet afterwards with anyone with input on GSC Agenda Items.

### **July Assembly Topics**

Delegate's Report

I T Workshop

2012 Budget

SETA Mailings

"Contributions to Archives" Workshop

Suggestions for Future Workshops: Anonymity in the Digital Age –Betsy G

### **Announcements: Randee B.**

Randee announced that she may be moving to New York (!)

District 33 will host July Assembly (July 9-10, 2011)

District 10 will host in October (October 1-2, 2011)

District 40's 25th Annual Traditions Dinner, Chapelwood Church

Grupo Central's Anniversary, April 16, 4PM, Sokol Ballroom, Houston

2011 Southwest Regional Forum, Oct 7-9, Wichita, Kansas

Texas State Convention, June 24-26, San Antonio, TX

District 52's Sober Service Gratitude Picnic, April 30, 10-3, Alief Amity Park

District 90's 30<sup>th</sup> Convention: There is a Solution, August 19-21, Beaumont

D-32 TFC/CFC Bridge the Gap Workshop, May 28, 12-2PM, Champions

D-81's Living Sober, April 30, 1-4 PM, Bay Area Club, League City, Tx

South Texas Hispanic Assembly, Nov 4-6, Corpus Christi, Tx

31<sup>st</sup> Hispanic State Assembly, May 27-29, Embassy Suites, San Marcos, TX

**The Assembly closed at 1:20 P.M. with the Declaration of Unity.**

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa R, Secretary

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**Area 67 Quarterly Assembly  
Workshop Reports, District Reports, Area Standing Committee  
and Intergroup Liaison Reports**

**New GSR Workshop:** Report was provided by Jimmy: approximately (20) new GSRs attended & lots of information was provided to them.

**Advanced GSR Workshop - Chair and Recorder: Debra R.**

Approximately 25 active AA members and GSRs attended. The pamphlets 12 Traditions Illustrated and the 12 Concepts Illustrated were made available. Utilizing pg. 9 of the PI workbook, Working Within the Traditions, Concept 1, page 6-9 of the A.A. Service Manual and the First & Second Traditions' information on how the Traditions and the Concepts mirror each other and can be used to explain to Groups the purpose of GSO, the Area & the GSR. By learning the history of AA through the Traditions, and Bill W & Dr. Bob's decision to turn the reins of AA over to the Fellowship, GSRs can help their Groups understand the service legacy of A.A.

**RSG Workshop - Chair and Recorder: Miguel**

The meeting began at 8:50 AM, with the Preamble and the Serenity Prayer. We read Concept 2 and the Responsibility Statement. We answered a questionnaire about service and responsibilities of an RSG. There were (29) RSGs in the meeting, (16) of them new! A lot of suggestions and information for new RSGs was given by current and past RSGs of the Area. Contributions of \$56 was collected & the meeting closed at 10:08 AM. Hopefully, there will be more RSGs in July because we have more than 60 Groups in Houston. Thank you for the opportunity.

**SWRAASA Reports:**

I. Jackie V said she attended many good workshops; however, the Special Needs Workshop made the biggest impression. Blind, deaf & non-ambulatory needs were addressed, including issues like opening Closed Meetings so that "Special Needs" AAs' caretakers could attend with them. Area 25 in Kansas formed a new committee to assist with their "Special Needs" AAs. Jackie expressed interest in seeing what we can do to assist our own Special Needs members.

II. Ricardo D translated in (6) different Workshops, covering a lot of topics & information. He met people from all over the Region & members from New Mexico were there and taking notes.

III. John O attended a Registrar Workshop & learned that some Areas are using FMV to send out Minutes & Newsletters; others let their Registrar and News Chairs keep & maintain separate mailing lists. At a TFC Workshop, he learned about a national Bridge the Gap database.

All thanked SETA for the opportunity to attend SWRAASA.

## **Policy & Procedures Manual Amendment – District 10 Report**

\* Presentation circulated at Workshop; contact Secretary for copies.

(Workshop participants: Peggy M, Dave P, Katherine M, Valerie F) Peggy M. read the proposal to those in attendance. She then gave the history of how the proposal came to fruition. She reviewed four years of SETA minutes looking for motions that did and did not pass and what supporting documentation was provided to GSRs.

Out of thirty-eight motions, 33 of which passed, NO previous supporting documentation was provided to GSRs prior to the vote. Peggy then reiterated that the primary purpose of the proposal was to ensure an informed group conscience with respect to Tradition Two.

Katherine M. explained the importance of Tradition Two and how it's reflected in the District 10 proposal. Dave P explained how the Twelve Concepts for World Service are also reflected in our proposal focusing on Concept Three and the "right of decision" and Concept Four, the "right of participation" .

Valerie F. explained how the District Ten proposal will foster and encourage unity within A.A. as reflected in Tradition One. She also emphasized that we must continually strive to place "principles before personalities and how the proposed amendment would foster discussion and participation not only at the SETA Assembly, but at the Group Conscience level as well. An informed Group Conscience should start with the groups, NOT at the SETA Assembly.

Discussion: Gus H, Betsy G & Patrick C., asked pertinent questions & received appropriate answers during the Q&A period of the workshop. Of special note is the response given to Patrick C's question: "How would this proposal affect emergency situations that may arise." The committee agreed to review & provide an answer at the Sunday Assembly. The response is: the D-10 proposal addresses agenda items. Any member still retains the right to bring an issue to the floor of the Assembly.

## **Re-Districting of District 66 – Report: Moises L.**

Presentation was made by Carlos F and Magdalena D.

District 66 is a large District to cover and many members lived far from the District Office. The District, led by MCD Carlos F, held an election on March 19, 2011 in which the Groups of District 66 voted, by substantial unanimity, to divide District 66 in order to provide greater coverage to the southern side of the original district. Carlos F. is presenting a motion for approval to Area 67 to re-district into two with the new District to be known as District 62 & Magdalena D. serving as MCD. Magdalena is happy & it's all great!

## **Ad-Hoc on SETA Mailings Procedures – Report: John O**

\* Note: Full report was circulated at Workshop; contact Area Secretary for copies.

The Ad Hoc Committee on SETA Mailings proposes that the preferred method for Area Minutes distribution is via email and SETA Website postings, with the following guidelines:



- Last names removed from Minutes that are emailed, as in the Website postings;
- Persons without email access will still receive by mail;
- Ability to “opt in” or unsubscribe at any time.

The Ad Hoc Committee on SETA Mailings further proposes that the preferred method for Area Newsletter distribution is via Email and the SETA Website postings with the following guidelines:

- Phone numbers removed from the Contact Page of the Newsletter, leaving first names, last initials and the SETA position-based Email addresses;
- Those without email access will still receive by mail;
- Ability to “opt in” or unsubscribe at any time.

Discussion: Original recommendation suggested deleting Contact Page of the Newsletter; Linda C asked that it be amended to include contact page with last initials, less phone numbers. This was incorporated.

Betsy G questioned why \$13.00 for labels for State Convention flyers was in report if SETA does not pay it. Noted and corrected.

### **2012 Budget – Presentation Area Chair: Mary M.**

The 2012 SETA Budget Committee met on March 5, 2011 to prepare the Budget for the 2012 fiscal year. In accordance with the SETA Policies & Procedures Manual, the Budget Committee is charged with projecting income and budgeting for all Assembly-approved expenses.

The Committee utilized past history of income & expenses, coupled with anticipated future needs of Budget-Holders in arriving at figures contained in the 2012 Proposed Budget.

The receipts in most cases were determined based on actual receipts for 2010. The Group contributions were calculated based on 102% of last year's Budget received in 2010.

Criteria used to determine & approve proposed expenditures was to try to insure that SETA monies would be used in the most efficient & effective manner in accomplishing the goal of carrying the message to the still-suffering alcoholic. This was done within the parameters of the authorization promulgated by the Area.

### **IT-Web ET Policies & Guidelines Workshop Report - Eddie A, Alt IT Chair**

\* Note: IT Committee Recommended Email Procedures is posted on SETA Website.

The Workshop began around 1:20, presented by Area IT Chair, Steve E. The original intent was to go through recommended IT Committee Email procedures developed by the IT Committee, with input from the previous Ad Hoc Committee. Steve canvassed Area members & by a show of hands, it was revealed that approx. only 25% of those present had logged onto the SETA Email interface. It was also revealed that approx 25% of those present have read/received the proposal document emailed & posted on the SETA

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Website (members were asked to review the document prior to workshop).

After attending the DCM Sharing Session Friday night, Steve felt that the Assembly may benefit more from a run-through of the webmail interface. Steve began by showing the aa-seta.org webpage & how to access the system from there. Also the FAQ links and step-by-step log-in instructions on the IT page on the SETA Website. Various webmail examples were explained, such as composing, sending, read & delete email. Folders were explained and other features, such as contact lists & calendars were demonstrated. The ease of use and anonymity protection that this system provides was also demonstrated. The benefits of “position-based” email addresses, which provide continuity and access to records, improving transitional processes, were also touted.

Feedback from this workshop is encouraged; issues should be reported to the SETA Postmaster. Please review Email Guidelines so we can go forward with implementation & training.

### **Newsletter 2011 Budget Increase –Report - Dusty**

Linda C presented (2) proposals to increase the Newsletter Budget: first to purchase a second bulk-rate mailing permit in the Huntsville area; second, to pay Shiloh Printing for shipping from Channelview to Lovelady. Both of these proposals would be for the remainder of her term in office.

Linda shared the expense, distance and time involved in picking up the newsletters in Channelview & preparing them for mailing from the downtown Post Office.

Charles P, past Delegate from Beaumont area, shared his experience as Newsletter Chair, in which he compared the downtown Houston Post Office to the ease of working with a smaller, local one.

The mailing permit is \$185 annually, with a one-time application fee. The shipping would be at the Fed Ex rate: \$ 20-25 quarterly.

Thanks to Peggy M, Registrar for all her help and hospitality in preparing to mail; and for handling the first mailing of the Newsletter.

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### **District 10 DCM: Dave P Alt DCM: Joy M**

We meet at St Joseph Hospital the second Tuesday every month at 7:00 p.m. The most recent topics and activities follow: Should the District change venue & time to accommodate more participation at District?

The presentation of proposed change to the P&P Manual at the April Assembly: thanks to Peggy M, Katherine M. & Valerie F. for input, planning and presentation at the April Assembly.

We're planning our annual workshop on Sponsorship to be held at the Cathedral Group in the Dunn Center, 1<sup>st</sup> floor across from Christ Church Cathedral on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Times are not fixed as yet. We plan a light lunch along with a panel discussion, and a Q&A period afterward. Our TFC Committee is very active with monthly & bi-monthly presentations at the VA Hospital.

Bridge the Gap is in full swing with a number of new participants; Kudos to Tracy W for heading up TFC in our District. There are plans in the works for PI, but nothing solid to report. La Branch Street Group celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March. District 10 will host the October Assembly. We welcome Matt G., new GSR, Spearheads Group, and thank him for his commitment to serve.

### **District 20 DCM: Troy B Alt DCM: Ford S**

Our district has been busy in our GSR Roundup. This initiative is focusing our efforts early in the year to visiting groups that don't have representation at the district level. Our roundup members have visited about 15 meetings so far. Best news is we actually have some Groups discussing getting GSRs.

In other news the district has committed to serving one of its largest groups and its largest clubhouse with workshops. The first will be at the Primary Purpose on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This Traditions and Service Workshop will hopefully assist the group in understanding importance of getting involved in AA as a whole & how the traditions protect us. We're excited to report that for the first time in a really long time we have active liaisons to some of the Area's standing committees.

As we grow, we're certain to become more active with these committees we see as the backbone of the Area. Finally, we're thrilled to co-host the 2011 Gratitude Dinner with D-32. and to host it in 2012!

### **District 31 DCM: Barbara G. Alt DCM: West G**

The first quarter of 2011 has been very rewarding for District 31. We've gathered a wealth of knowledge from personal visits by our Area Delegate and Alt Delegate plus the Area Chair. Our next meeting has scheduled a presentation from the SETA Archives Committee. Thank you SETA 67.

The Atascocita Group hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Workshop of the year choosing the Twelve Traditions as their topic. Four panelists with 112 years of combined sobriety and experience were well prepared to share a brief talk before answering questions from the Ask It Basket. We heard about AA history, principles behind Traditions, and examples of breaks as well as solutions.

All references and material came from our conference approved literature and pamphlets. There were over 30 in attendance, and the District made the pamphlets "*Twelve Traditions Illustrated*" and "*AA's Legacy of Service*" available to all.

District 31 continues to have monthly Round Robins where we visit other groups to enjoy great speakers, food and the spirit of the Fellowship. It is on a rotating basis covering Cleveland, Humble, Huntsville, Kingwood, Porter, Livingston, New Waverly & Goodrich Serenity Groups. This provides a great opportunity to save gas by carpooling & having meetings to & from events. Two groups have closed due to economic hardships but three new ones have appeared. Guess it is true about doors closing and windows opening.

D- 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**

The monthly meeting is tomorrow morning at 7:30 here at the JFK Sheraton. We'll consider a motion to make a donation to the Archives Committee Fund. The monthly meeting is usually held on the second Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm at the Duncan Rd. Group.

Our Newsletter is available here at the Assembly & groups throughout the district. District 32 is hosting a workshop on TFC/CFC Bridging the Gap (Pre-release Correspondence) Saturday, May 28, 12:00-2:00 PM at the Champions Group. We're also co-hosting the Area Gratitude Dinner in November. The Spanish Districts are co-hosting & it will include Latin food & music along with traditional barbecue. District is also seeking dishes from other districts. District 32 has recently approved a Policies and Procedures Manual. Welcome to: Matt M., Heights Group GSR; Christy R., Safe Harbor Group Alt GSR; Kathy M, Pinewood Group GSR; Roy E., West Spring Group Alt. GSR & Bob M., White Oak Group Alt GSR.

**District 33 DCM: Teresa O Alt DCM: Karen S**

We have a good start to the New Year: only PI/CPC remains unfilled--all other positions have been filled! We're seeing more participation from our GSRs and others within the groups and district. We've put some policy and procedure guidelines in place for our GSR Committee. I'm sure we'll make changes as things unfold, but they're based on GSO guidelines & information received from other Districts in our area. We had a GSR workshop which Paul and the Chair led. They did a great job & we had good attendance.

Many came & seemed excited about the opportunity.

The D-33 Unity Conference, held in late February, had a good turn out with lots of fellowship, including a dessert contest, grilled burgers, a pot luck dinner & a little dancing to end the event.

Many speakers shared their E, S & H. We were happy to have Betsy G, Deborah D & Patrick C. We have our first Round Robin scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> hosted by the Rockdale Peace Seekers group. They will be celebrating their anniversary. Intergroup is off to a great start with many more individuals coming forward to help keep the shelves stocked. Many thanks to all who are helping!

**District 40 DCM: Brad H Alt DCM: Jes K**

District 40 is currently planning for our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Traditions Dinner on June 11<sup>th</sup> at Chapelwood United Methodist Church. (5pm – 9pm) Speaker will be Jimmy B. from Dallas. Our CPC / PI committee used their budget to post a service billboard on Gessner, about 5 blocks South of the Parc, facing north. It will display for about 6 weeks starting around April 11, 2011.

We have also created a calendar of district events, available at the SETA website (D40 page). Most of our positions have been filled and we are fortunate to have a multitude of continuing service to use for our resources.

**District 51 DCM: Randy R Alt DCM: Charles H**

District 51 currently has four groups actively participating at the District level. Welcome to our new GSRs, Coach, Jaqui, Kathy and Steve. Our most recent past DCM, Tom K, has made visits to several groups to encourage participation at the District level, for which we are grateful.

All of our trusted servant positions are filled, with Charles H. as our Alternate DCM, Lee H as our secretary, and Leo R. as our treasurer. Along with District 52, District 51 hosted a hospitality suite at the SETA Convention. We are working on our annual workshop, to be held sometime in July. This event is being chaired by Steve G. and will be a pamphlet challenge formatted like the Jeopardy TV show. We've scheduled the SETA Treatment Facilities and Literature Committees to make presentations at our monthly meeting which is held at 11:00 AM on the last Saturday of the month at the Delta Club.

**District 52 DCM: Barbara L Alt DCM: OPEN**

District 52 has had four monthly meetings this year. Turn-out has been somewhat low but we forge ahead & remain hopeful of gaining more participation. We started the year with a letter composed & approved by the prior Committee with the idea of polling Group members on ways to improve involvement at District level. GSRs and other members were encouraged to present the letter to their Groups & ask for input to help improve participation from our outlying areas. We're waiting for responses. D-52 website is more up-to-date with time & location information, including a map to Fort Bend Regional Council, where we hold District meetings. Our hospitality suite at the Convention was a success though we went over budget; we'll research & discuss ways to do it within budget next time. In April we had two people

stand for (3) committee chairs. Kris G will chair CPC and Robert O will cover Literature and Intergroup Liaison. April 30 is our big event: the Annual D-52 Gratitude Picnic, Amity-Alief Park, 10-3, with the District providing hamburgers, hot dogs & drinks. Lots of contests, games & prizes—Join us!

**District 60 DCM: Melanie M Alt DCM: OPEN**

District 60 has doubled the number of committee members that actively serve our district. For us that means we've gone from 2 members to 4 -- LOL. Nonetheless, we've decided to meet monthly again as we put forth our best effort to keep the district in the light.

Our meetings are held the first Monday of every month at the Rockhill Group from 6:30 – 7:30pm. There are 13 groups in the district, 8 or so which are active; and 4 that have active GSRs. No active committees at this time. During our district meetings, we share with the group on one of the Concepts. We visit each other's groups & continue to carry the message of importance of service.

Our goals for the next 3 months are to fill the OPEN Alternate DCM position. We also plan an Open House & Secretary Workshop later this year. We'll continue to work diligently encouraging groups in the district to participate in and contribute to SETA. We have a long road to trudge in filling ALL of our service positions. The Third Tradition Group will host the annual Intergroup CFC Workshop April 30.

This group is planning a Group Inventory to be facilitated by Past Delegate Paul M., SETA Treasurer Ron C and possibly Delegate Deborah D. on 6/11 & 6/18. The Industrial Group will be holding its 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

**District 62 DCM: Magdalena D. Alt DCM: Francisco M**

As the incoming MCD for the new District 62 of SETA 67, I'm excited to serve! We're happy to report that members of this new District are encouraged to work hard. There are (6) Groups: Fuente de Vida, Fresno, Fe de Angleton, Hispano, Latino and 19 de Enero. Active Committees are La Vina, Literature and Correctional. The District meets twice a month on Saturdays, 6-8 PM at the Fresno Group. Our next meeting is set for 4/16/11.

**District 63 DCM: Ricardo R Alt. DCM: Edwin C**

This District has meetings every Saturday, beginning at 6 PM; we have 9 Groups & five out of nine get together and give reports, along with the District Committees, which are: Correctional, Literature, La Vina and CPC.

Every Tuesday the District visits the Area District Groups; we also visit Groups that invite us to their Cycle of Unity.

The District holds workshops for the Groups on topics like 12 Traditions Illustrated, 12 Concepts, and Chapter 2 of the Service Manual. The next one will be held at Hay Una Solucion Group Wed, 4/20, 8-10 PM.

We're ready to attend the XLIX Texas Hispanic State Assembly, May 27-29, in San Marcos too. We have (2) volunteers from the Area Multi-Lingual Committee. The Correctional Committee meets every Friday at 7 PM; members give a report on volunteering in Corrections. Ten members volunteered at the workshop.

We attended the TDCJ Wallace Park Unit for their 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We're asking GSRs to collect old La Vina magazines to give to inmates & we contribute to the CFC Area Committee. The CFC District Committee has collected \$772 for literature. The La Vina Committee has sold 75 subscriptions and the Literature Committee is doing well also. Our CPC Committee is inactive at this time.

**District 64 DCM: Ricardo C. Alt. DCM: OPEN**

Our District has 14 active groups with between 9 and 13 active GSRs. Saturdays at regular District meetings, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and every 15 days, we have a study session from the General Service Manual, and we take a roll of share every Wednesday to Groups. We now have internet service and are working on opening our own web page for District 64.

We have three committees:

A. CORRECTIONAL COMMITTEE (6 active servers & 1 link) meets on Tuesdays every 2 weeks & has a roll share with groups on Tuesday. When they don't have a meeting for the committee, they attend two Federal prisons: Hollyday every Sunday from 1:30- 3, and The Walls of Huntsville every month on Sunday 1:30-3:00; & share with County every Wednesday from 7- 8 p.m. and accompany the District to roll of share to groups. This Committee contributes \$50.00 to Area 67 CFC who provide literature. It also contributes \$10.00 to the District every 15 days.

B. LA VINA COMMITTEE- (5 E.L.V. actives and 3 links groups) meets on Tuesdays each week in District 64 at 8:00 p.m. & holds internal raffles every 15 days and drawings every 15 days; visits groups every Thursday & goes on the last Thursdays of the month to the monthly meeting of the (4 ) Districts of the La Vina. This Committee contributes \$10:00 to the District every 15 days.

C. LITERATURE COMMITTEE- (has 3 members) meets on Tuesdays every 15 days in District 64 from 8:00 P.M. on; share with the District with the roll of sharing and by letter. Has the groups subscribe to Box 459 and makes an internal drawing in the District 64; has literature and brochures of service and contributes \$10:00 every 15 days.

District 64 is located at 1215 ALDINE BENDER, # 110-111; Houston, TX 77032; Phone: 281-219-1894.

**District 65 DCM: Ramiro Y Alt DCM: Moises L**

WE'RE CURRENTLY MADE UP OF 14 GROUPS; 10 HAVE AN ACTIVE GSR. WE CONTINUE TO VISIT ONE GROUP IN OUR DISTRICT EACH WEEK. WE SHARE WITH THEM ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION & OUR OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE IN SERVICE WORK TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE PART OF OUR DISTRICT & COMMITTEES.

AS OF TODAY, OUR DISTRICT HAS AN ACTIVE CORRECTIONAL COMMITTEE THAT HOLDS AA MEETINGS IN THE HARRIS COUNTY JAIL ON TUESDAYS & A LITERATURE COMMITTEE THAT VISITS THE GROUPS WITH US EACH WEEK & ENCOURAGES MEMBERS TO READ OUR LITERATURE.

OUR NEWLY ELECTED LA VINÁ CHAIR WILL BE VISITING GROUPS WITH US EVERY WEEK, ENCOURAGING SUBSCRIPTIONS & A LA VINA REP FOR EACH GROUP. WE'LL ALSO WORK WITH THE AREA LA VINÁ CHAIR & THE OTHER FOUR HISPANIC DISTRICTS IN THE NEXT VINÁ WORKSHOP.

**District 70 DCM: Jeff S. Alt DCM: OPEN**

District 70 has volunteered to co-host the 2012 Gratitude Dinner & we look forward to that. I've been visiting the Clear Lake City Group, encouraging them to send a GSR to District. They planned a G.C. meeting to elect one; the Group meets at the Up the Street Club, Fridays at 8 PM.

We've had a few Uh-Oh moments, but everyone seems to be settling into their new service positions very well; I serve a District that isn't afraid to hold each other accountable. I haven't yet set up a meeting with our LCMs—we've aimed for last Monday of the month- but hopefully we'll get together soon.

**District 81 DCM: Randy B Alt DCM: Stevvi M**

We had a great time in Galveston at the SETA Convention in January; it was lots of fun and good to see so many of our fellowship in attendance.

D-81 sponsored a hospitality suite & thanks to the Chair, Scott W, and his committee for their hard work, as well as all the groups in & out of our district who helped with food or funds. Also thanks to D-81 members for stepping up and helping make the convention a success. Thanks to Randy B & Committee for a job well done. Stevvi M., Diane M., Craig B., Brandi F., and Matt G, helped to entertain us with their skit, thanks for your hard work.

We had our "Fun in Service" workshop at BACODA on March 26. This is an annual event for GSR training as well as an introduction to the AA service structure. Our Spring Workshop "Living Sober" will be at the Bay Area Club, 211 Webster St., League City on April 30<sup>th</sup> 1 – 4 PM. Flyers available on the SETA website D- 81 page. The theme is adapted from the book Living Sober & presented by several groups in our district. Please attend: food and refreshments will be provided.

District service positions are currently full and everyone has been doing a great job District meetings have been held at an alternate venue the past few months due to construction, but we'll be at our usual location in May. Attendance has been pretty good lately at our monthly meetings. All are welcome-see SETA website, D-81page for time & location.



## **District 90 DCM: Lloyd (Jr.) G. Alt DCM: Ricky L.**

Everything is going fine in District 90: even when I mess it up, they pull me out and tell me I did just fine. Gus H had a committee on the convention to update and improve; they did a fine job. Charlie A had a Committee for a GSR WORKSHOP and 7<sup>th</sup> TRADITION & did a good job. We have all our positions filled except Alt TFC. Come see us!

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> District Intergroup: Dennis M – no report

Liaison to Brazosport Intergroup: Charles R - no report

### **Area Standing Committee Reports**

#### **SCAP Committee (State Convention Attendance Promotion)- Chair: Robin C.**

A SCAP Table was set up at Unity Conference in February where we got several paid registrations for the State Convention to be held in June. The State Convention will be in San Antonio June 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011. We hope to see fellow Area 67 Members present there.

#### **Information Technology (IT)- Area Chair: Steve E. Alt Chair: Eddie A**

The IT Committee meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at the West Houston Community Center at 4:00 P.M. We elected Eddie A. (former Webmaster) as Alternate Chair of the committee. The following IT positions are open:

- support (provides technical support for SETA owned IT resources)
- webmaster (maintains SETA website)
- postmaster (maintains SETA e-mail system)

Issues we face include the crash of the hard disk in the webmaster's laptop; we plan to present a budget increase request at this Assembly to replace it. Anyone with support **issues concerning SETA-owned IT resources**, please contact [support@aa-seta.org](mailto:support@aa-seta.org).

Web activities include routine posting of minutes, fliers, meeting times, etc.

Statistics for first quarter 2011:

- i. Total visits: 3694
- ii. Unique visits: 2118
- iii. Most visits on Tuesdays
- iv. Most visits in the evening around 10 pm

For **website issues** please contact [webmaster@aa-seta.org](mailto:webmaster@aa-seta.org).

The SETA Webmail system is set up and ready to go: all SETA position-based addresses have been created and all GSRs have been added into the system and associated with their various districts' distribution groups.

A draft of **E-Mail Guidelines** has been completed & except for a few amendments that became clear at the April Assembly, is ready to be distributed & voted on at the July Assembly.

Our goals for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 2011 will be to resolve spam issues and to enable email access via phone and outlook. For **e-mail-related issues** please contact [postmaster@aa-seta.org](mailto:postmaster@aa-seta.org). Be on the lookout for final draft of SETA E-Mail Guidelines. to be reviewed prior to July Assembly.

### **Archives- Area Archives Chair: Sherry B.**

We've been busy putting together a working Repository. We moved in October, and we've been working hard. I'm happy to say that since we've been opened, we've started to receive records from Districts and Standing Committees and Area Officers.

At our last business & work session, our committee secretary and records manager, Kathy M. transferred all the data from new PC to our new external back-up system so the data won't be lost, which is a real security issue.

The weekend of the July Assembly. there will be an Open House at the Repository; we'll have all the information at the Assembly. Also we're going to have a workshop at the July Assembly about contributions to the Archives Committee. April 23, 10-5 is our next meeting; it will be a business and work session.

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

On March 19, 2011, at the Spring Branch Club, the CFC Committee hosted its Spring TDCJ Orientation Training. Approximately (70) people attended of which approx (50) were new volunteers. TDCJ is undergoing severe budget cuts & may have difficulty providing trainers in the future. The Byrd Unit had its anniversary April 28; approx. 25 volunteers and 70 inmates attended. The Luther Unit in Navasota began having its first AA meeting in years Wednesday, April 30. Only one inmate attended the first meeting. Now the group has grown to eight inmate members.

Upcoming events include the Third Tradition Group hosting an Intergroup CFC Workshop on Saturday, 4/30, at which the Area Committee will participate & support; in June the Last Man Standing Group at the Wynne Unit will have its Anniversary, date TBA; Intergroup Roundup will be held first weekend in August; the Area Committee will participate & support.

The Area 67 CFC Conference will take place at the Crowne Plaza Suites Hotel, 9090 SW Frwy, in Houston on September 9-11. Please plan to attend; there will be great speakers, professional workshops & volunteer workshops, and hopefully TDCJ Orientation Training.

The CFC Conference Planning Committee meets 5/14, at the Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs. We meet regularly on third Wednesdays, 7:30pm at the Delta Club, 6400 Westpark in Houston. Please attend & bring a friend.

## **Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC)**

**Area Chair: Beth Y. Alt CPC Chair: Open**

CPC Committee members have agreed to meet quarterly at each Area Assembly. CPC Committee will meet April 9, 2011, 12 pm – 1 P.M. at the JFK Sheraton. The first quarter of 2011, we gave one presentation for the students (studying to be counselors) at HCC. We have a current request to speak to a graduate class in psychology in their addiction class at HBU. We welcome anyone that would like to participate in our committee. We focus on carrying the message to professionals in our local communities.

## **Finance Committee Report- Area Finance Chair: Mary M**

The Finance Committee met yesterday and discussed fully funding the Delegate; we reviewed the 2012 Proposed Budget & we moved unrestricted funds, which will be on the next Treasurer's Report; we approved the 2012 Convention Budget and Hotel Contract; and we discussed the IRS penalty for the late filing of the 2008 Tax Return and possibility of the same for 2009. We need to find a solution & pay this immediately.

We also drew two names out of the Area Committees to go to the Forum: the PI Chair and IT Chair will go to the Forum.

## **La Viná - Área Chair: J. Angel M. Alt. Chair: Carlos U.**

As Chair of this Committee, I want to inform you of what I do.

At the SETA Convention in Galveston, the La Vina Committee handed over their materials to me. I'm present at all Inter-District meetings. I attend all meetings for La Vina in the Districts and all reunions for the 4 committees for La Vina.

District 63 meets on Thursdays at 8 PM; they work with 5 committee chair people from the groups. They attend monthly meetings for South Area: Austin, San Antonio, Corpus and Laredo.

They're working with 75 subscriptions.

District 64 meets on Tuesdays; they have 6 committee chair people.

During this year, they have had 32 subscriptions. They get together with the District to visit the groups. This committee does workshops at the groups and motivates them to submit their experiences to La Vina. They attend the meetings of the Vina Committees and also the inter-district meetings.

District 65 has informed me that they've just formed their committee.

More information to come.

District 66 Committee La Vina meets on Tuesdays; they work with 6 RLV and 2 Alt. They have 39 subscriptions.

They support District 66 in visiting other groups and decisions. They also attend meetings for the 4 committees La Vina and Inter-district meetings. On March 19, a special meeting was held; Area Chair & Registrar, ZBM & Peggy M were present so District 66 would manifest support for District 62 of Fort Bend.

As Area Chair of La Vina, I attended to inform them I would be available to help when they form their committee. Thank you.

### **Multi-Lingual Committee- Area Chair: Ricardo D. Alt Chair: Open**

The Multi-Lingual Committee is working to the best of our abilities. We have worked on translating various documents for the Alternate Delegate and have helped CFC Committee with translating an Orientation held at the Spring Branch Clubs. Also we were helping the Area Chair and Registrar to assist in the District 66 re-districting. We've helped the Alternate Delegate translate his report for this Assembly. District 63 has told us that they have some members willing to participate in the Committee. We meet at the next Assembly & hope to better serve the Area.

### **Public Information (PI) Committee-PI Area Chair: Debra R.**

On March 18, 2011 members of the Area 67 PI Committee met at Up the Street Club at 7 PM. We discussed the following Goals for 2011: Each District to identify cities and places of business &/or services that would and could use AA Literature; Update GSO about new PI Chairpersons and get service numbers; PSA tags; Meeting schedules & format.

The PI phone number is an item of interest. Very little is known of the origin of the #. It is costing the Area \$654.00/year. Since December there have been two requests via this phone number: One for a Health Fair, which I attended with 2 of my sponsees (it was great) and one for a speaker for a group of counselor students (which was passed on to CPC). My goal is to get a sense as to whether this phone number is a necessary expense; what can be done otherwise, and how to use the number more efficiently, if kept.

Although a small group we agreed to try to meet monthly, to get the committee up and running again. The meeting should allow for PI Reps of Districts to share ideas.

### **Grapevine- Area Chair: Area Chair: Sam C. Alt Chair: Open**

Josette gave the report in the Area Chair's absence. The Grapevine Committee had a meeting made up of District Reps; (10) people met. Our Chairperson was absent so our Delegate and Alt Delegate stepped in and facilitated the meeting. We've had no meetings yet but we're looking forward to some organization so that we can meet at the same place at the same time. Currently our Alt Chair position is open. All Group and District Grapevine Reps can register at [AAGrapevine.org](http://AAGrapevine.org). We discussed ways in which the Grapevine can carry the message. Thank you

### **Treatment Facility Committee – Area Chair: John O**

The Committee met last night. The missing literature from the previous Chair has been turned over, along with a display. We plan a presentation for D-51 at the Delta Club 4/30. D-32 will have a TFC/CFC "Bridge the Gap" Workshop at Champions Group on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, we studied the GSC Agenda Items & decided to take no action except on the Full-Face Video issue. We feel full faces add personality to videos where someone might be able to relate. All interested in getting involved with TFC, contact me!

## Area 67 SETA April 9, 10, 2011 Final Motions

**Motion to 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.  
Motion passed with substantial unanimity.

### **Motion for Redistricting of District 66.**

Passed unanimously.

### **Motion to approve Moody Gardens Hotel in Galveston as local for 2012 SETA Convention.**

Motion passed.

### **Motion for Newsletter 2011 Budget Increase**

for second Bulk Mailing Permit for Huntsville for \$185 annually + application fee, for the 2011-2012 term, & increase of \$100/year shipping costs.

Total \$470 increase.

Motion passed with 2 opposed.

### **2011 Budget Increase - IT Committee rent expense in the amount of \$90.**

Passed unanimously.

### **2011 Budget Increase: IT Committee to replace hard-drive, \$100 max.**

Passed unanimously.

### **2011 Budget Increase for Area Chair**

in the amount of \$225 for supplies, copies and phone costs.

Motion was sent to Finance Committee for review.

### **Motion to authorize Treasurer to pay assessed penalty, with accrued interest, for non-filing of the 2008 Report to the IRS.**

Proposal to authorize Treasurer to pay the assessed penalty for non-filing of the 2009 Report to the IRS, if assessed.

Proposal to authorize Treasurer to work with CPA to file request for abatement of the penalty & pay any fee charged for his work.

Proposal to authorize Treasurer and/or Finance Chair to seek new CPA or other council.

Passed with (2) opposed

### **Motion to return Area Roster to prior format, adding mailing addresses.**

Passed with (2) opposed.

**Motion to send Area 67 Delegate to the General Service Conference,** informed but not instructed, in keeping with Concept 3.  
Passed unanimously.

**Motion to open Finance Committee meetings to all AA members** wishing to attend, keeping participation limited to members of the Finance Committee.  
Motion to table was approved unanimously.

SETA ASSEMBLY ROLL CALL

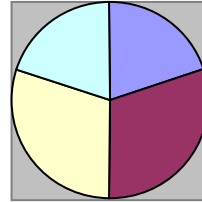
POSITION	NAME	PRESENT		ALTERNATE	PRESENT	
		4/10/11	4/11/11		04/10/11	04/11/11
Called by Peggy M.						
AREA DELEGATE-Panel 61	Deborah D	X	X	Patrick C	X	X
AREA CHAIRPERSON	ZBM	X	X	Randee B	X	X
AREA Registrar	Peggy M	X	X	Jennifer E	X	X
AREA Secretary	Melissa R	X	X	Holly D		
AREA Treasurer	Ronald C	X	X	Kris H	X	X
AREA Archives	Sherri B	X	X	OPEN		
AREA CFC Chair	Beth Y	X	X	Katherine M	X	X
AREA CFC Chair	Fritz B	X	X	David K		
AREA Finance Chair	Mary M	X	X	OPEN		
AREA Grapevine Chair	Sam C			OPEN		
AREA Web-IT	Steve E	X	X	OPEN		
AREA La Vina Chair	J. Angel M			Carlos U		
AREA Literature	Tom K	X	X	OPEN		
AREA Multilingual	Ricardo D	X	X	OPEN		
AREA Newsletter	Linda C	X	X	OPEN		
AREA PI Chair	Debra R	X	X	OPEN		
AREA SCAP	Robin C		X	OPEN		
AREA TFC	John O	X	X	Tracy W	X	X
DOM District 10	Dave P	X	X	Joy M	X	X
DOM District 20	Troy B	X	X	Stuart F		
DOM District 31	Barbara G	X	X	OPEN		
DOM District 32	Jim K	X	X	Jeff H		X
DOM District 33	Teresa O	X	X	Karen S		
DOM District 40	Brad H		X	Jes K	X	
DOM District 51	Randy R	X	X	Charles H		
DOM District 52	Barbara L	X	X	OPEN		
DOM District 60	Melanie M	X	X	OPEN		
DOM District 63	Ricardo R			Edwin C	X	X
DOM District 64	Ricardo C	X	X	Adan T		
DOM District 65	Ramiro Y			Moises L	X	X
DOM District 66	Carlos F	X	X	OPEN		
DOM District 70	Jeff S	X	X	OPEN		
DOM District 81	Randy B	X	X	Stevi M		
DOM District 82	Kim R	X		Rick M		
DOM District 90	Lloyd G	X	X	Ricky L	X	X
Liaison to Brazos Valley Intergroup	Charles R	X	X	OPEN		
Houston Intergroup	Lee G			OPEN		
Ninth District Intergroup	Dennis M		X	OPEN		
Oficina Intergroupal Hispano De Houston (8)				OPEN		
Intergroupo Hispano Del South West (66)				OPEN		
SETA 2012 Convention Chair	Charles R	X	X	OPEN		
SETA 2013 Convention Chair	Melanie M	X	X	OPEN		

FROM: SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY  
 To: GROUP TREASURER

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.



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

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.

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**Intergroup Addresses**

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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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TO: INTERGROUP (addresses listed above)

FROM: Group \_\_\_\_\_ Service No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 TO: 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 # \_\_\_\_\_ (See SETA Website: [www.aa-seta.org/district](http://www.aa-seta.org/district) and go to the District's page for address information.)