

SETA 67 Assembly

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Ad-Hoc Committee Report
"Conducting an Area Committee Inventory"

Chair: Bonita W.

This Ad Hoc committee was "***charged with gathering pertinent questions, selection of inventory facilitator, and time and place, to conduct the inventory session(s)***".

This Ad Hoc Committee was appointed by the Area Chair on August 9th and consisted of Jeff B., June C., Charles P., Everardo P. and myself as chairperson.

We started off by defining the AC as "Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, DCMs and liaisons – or their alternates if the chair is absent" and began email communications addressing the following items:

1. Does the Area Committee need an inventory
2. Who can participate in the Area Committee inventory
3. Where do we derive the questions for the inventory
4. Where and when will this inventory take place

We know that a group inventory helps a group to see how well they are carrying the AA message and fulfilling their primary purpose through the Twelve Steps and Traditions of recovery. I will go out on a limb here and suggest the purpose of an Area Committee Inventory is to see how well the Area Committee is doing in serving those they are "directly responsible" to serve, in essence the groups in Southeast Texas Area.

What is the basic purpose of the Area Committee? From chapter five of the service manual: "Perhaps more than any other group of people in AA. the Area Committee is responsible for the health of the Conference structure and thus for the growth and harmony in the AA fellowship." The Area Committee must be responsive to the needs of the groups within the area.

Some possible inventory questions:

- Is our Area Committee fulfilling this need?
- Do service committee meetings provide information useful for our districts or home group?
- Has our Area become the seat of perilous wealth and power?
- Is the Committee democratic in thought and action?
- Are we choosing our committees wisely or only "going through the motions" to fill positions?
- While more Districts take on the responsibility of "carrying the message" within their District boundaries, the Area Committee budget continues to increase, what is the rationale behind this increase?

And finally -

- How can this body inventory itself objectively without the input of those it serves?

With that thought in mind and after careful consideration and input from members of this committee, it is the recommendation of this Ad Hoc Committee on the Area Committee Inventory that Area 67 hold one Area Assembly Inventory, which all members of the Assembly may attend and participate.