

South East Texas Area Assembly

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

Saturday and Sunday

July 14, 15, 2012

**Sheraton North Houston
15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77032
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***This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first
to keep our Fellowship united. For upon A.A. unity depend our
lives and the lives of those to come.***

**July 2012
SETA 67 Assembly
VOTING ITEMS**

1. **Archives Committee** moves to set up funds and resources to continue the SETA Archives Repository. Current lease expires September 30, 2013 and a new lease will need to be negotiated.

2. **IT-Web Committee** moves that SETA 67 Assembly adopt the content of **Section 3** in its entirety as recommended guidelines pertaining to the Website.

(For complete details, see www.aa-seta.org, VOTING ITEMS for JULY 2012).

Note: The appendices that appear at the end of the document are NOT part of the formal motion but are intended to be supplemental information only.

3. **Finance Committee** moves to accept the 2013 Proposed Budget for SETA Area 67.

(For complete details, see www.aa-seta.org, VOTING ITEMS for JULY 2012).

4. **AHC Job Description** moves to accept the Proposed Job Descriptions for 2012.

(For complete details, [see www.aa-seta.org](http://www.aa-seta.org), VOTING ITEMS for JULY 2012).

5. **AHC - Spanish Interpreter** recommends that the following procedures be put into place:

- 1) The responsible committee for hiring the interpreter be the Multi-Lingual Committee;
- 2) That the responsibilities be added to the Multi-Lingual job description;
- 3) Procedure for payment to the Treasurer be added to that position's Job Description

**ELECTIONS –
ALTERNATE SECRETARY
AREA TFC CHAIRPERSON**

SETA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
Area Committee Meeting
Saturday April 14, 2012

- I. **Opening** – Chair, ZBM opened the meeting at 8:35 A.M.
- II. **Preamble** – Alt. Chair, Gary S read the Preamble
- III. **Registrar** – Peggy M. Report: The Group Information Forms for updating were sent to DCMs about a month ago; the deadline is today. She's received information from (6) districts. She noted that this is for the National Directory. She'll do as much as she can by the end of April. Main interest is in the Groups listed as Unknown. These are active Groups but we have no information so we aren't communicating with them at all. (104) Groups are listed as UKN, (unknown), which is about 20% of groups in the Area.

Roll Call

ZBM noted here a correction on the Agenda – the position open for Election is for Alternate Secretary, not Secretary.

- IV. **Area Committee Minutes** – January 2012: Secretary - Melissa R
January Area Committee Minutes: No questions.

- V. **Treasurer's Report** - 1st Quarter - 2012: Treasurer - Ronald C

- Correction of error of \$.01 from the End of Year Report;
- 2012 SETA Convention returns: Committee did an excellent job: unrestricted funds have skyrocketed to \$24K;
- The Archives Repository is in the final 1.5 years of funding;
- Group Contributions are up; expenses are down;
- Reminder that we are tax exempt; forms are available.

Treasurer's Report: no questions from the Area Committee.

- VI. **Delegate Comments- Deborah D, Panel 61**

We had a great DCM/Delegate Sharing Session; we talked about visitations in the Districts, Area and the Groups. We had an increase of Groups contributing from our Area to G.S.O. of 44% to 48% over the 4th Quarter of last year, which is good. My question is what's going on with the other 52%? Madame Chair, the DCMs & Delegate would like to request that we have workshop on how to increase participation through sponsorship & enthusiasm. When I think about the 2000 meetings per week around Houston, I'm really thinking, our Assembly weekend could be full.

Next, I'm passing around a list for current contact information as I want to keep everyone informed. I have my calendar with me to help plan visits; I've been invited to many Districts, but not to so many Committee meetings. I appreciate invitations to your Groups, District and Committee meetings.

Round Tables – I am very excited to have you talk about the GSC Agenda Items. There's (10) English groups & (4) Spanish groups.

I'd rather have more groups with fewer people so your voice can be heard.

Grapevine made a profit of \$22,800. The budget was for a deficit of \$100K and it made \$22,800. It has 90K subscribers.

La Viná - the budget was for a deficit of \$115K - it was half that at \$69K. La Viná has 8,000 subscribers - Texas is second with 1100 while California is 1st with 2400 & NYC is a distant 3rd place.

When I get to the GSC, I'm going to the floor microphone and ask the other delegates, what happened to the other 90 Areas with their La Viná support. We had a great session with La Viná committee & its members. Over 30 people showed up to talk about the La Viná & what I kept hearing was it's about principles, not personalities and it touched me when one of the members said "we may not speak Spanish, but that doesn't mean we can't support a service material like La Viná." So one of my challenges to you is even if you don't have Spanish-speaking people in your meetings, talk about it & support it, because we all know Hispanics who may need to be in these rooms one day. So that's my challenge: it's about principles not personalities and when I get to GSC, I'm going to tell them that my Area is doing its part – what about yours? Thank you for allowing me to serve.

VII. Alt Delegate Comments- Patrick C, Panel 61

Patrick said that District 20 is hosting the 2012 Gratitude Dinner with District 70 as co-host and they had their first meeting. It'll be held at a great place. Committee meetings are on the 4th Saturday at 10AM; get with Patrick for details.

Patrick said there was a language barrier at last year's Dinner that went beyond translating Speakers' stories, so they will have bilingual greeters and food servers at this year's event.

A reminder about SWRAASA: hosted by Area 46 in Albuquerque, NM, the weekend of Oct 19-21, at the Marriott Uptown.

(See Sunday - Pg. 12 for full report)

ZBM asked the Area Committees & DCMs to send her their Meeting Minutes.

VIII. SETA Convention Reports

2014 SETA Convention Report - Chair: Rocco M

Rocco said that he's negotiations with 2 hotels in Beaumont are in motion and he's been approached by people wanting to serve on the committee.

2013 SETA Convention Report: Chair: Melanie M. Alt Chair: Troy B

Troy B reported that the Marriott Briar Park pulled the contract so he went back to the Hilton Greenspoint which is being very generous in allowing us bring in our own coffee. The Committee has met, a PO Box has been set up & a checking account will be set up this weekend. Troy asked the Standing Committees to get with Melanie or him about the Convention. Room rates are \$94/night & registration

online will be set up soon. Convention date is January 11-13, 2013.

IX Archives Committee Report – Chair: Sherry B

Archives Committee is forwarding a motion to the Area Chair for consideration at the July Assembly to set up funds and resources

to continue the Archives Repository. The lease will be up Oct-2013. As it takes time to negotiate a new lease, the Committee will seek the Assembly's approval to go forward.

X. Finance Committee Report – Chair: Mary M.

ZBM said that the Finance Chair asked for time on Sunday at the Assembly. She has sent an email to all budget holders to set up another meeting, date and time not yet known.

XI. I.T. Committee Report: IT Guidelines Part II - Chair: Steve E

Steve said that the Committee will be sending out the Guidelines and that they will be voted on in July. He stressed that everyone needs to read them and come to the July Workshop prepared. He asked that any questions be emailed to him ahead of time. Steve reiterated the IT Committee's decision to use its' allotted meeting time at Assemblies to hold training sessions & encouraged any to attend for assistance with SETA website & email questions.

ZBM noted that she wears the mask during IT reports to remind herself and others to practice anonymity on the Internet, as anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our Traditions.

XII. Unfinished Business - Sunday's Agenda

Election of Alternate Secretary
Election of Grapevine Chair

XIII. Items for July's Agenda

- 2013 Budget Workshop and Vote – ZBM noted that in March a good Budget Meeting was held, but questions came up;
- GSC Report – Deborah D will report on the Conference;
- Archives Repository Workshop and Vote;
- Job Descriptions Workshop and Vote – no presentation at this Assembly as they are still being worked out;
- IT/Web Guidelines Part II – Workshop and Vote;
- Area Inventory – Session II;
- Election of Area TFC Chair – ZBM reported receiving John O's resignation a week prior to this Assembly.

XIV. New Business

Ad-Hoc Committee on Spanish Interpreter – Report: Paul M.
ZBM presented the report as Paul was leading the GSR Workshop. She said that after the motion to hire a translator was approved at the October Assembly, she appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to determine how we do it, who's responsible & if there's anything we

need to look at.

Members of the Ad-Hoc Committee: Paul M, Chair; Eduardo P; Julio J; Ricardo D; Miguel O. It was noted that correct terminology is “Interpreter”, not “translator”, as Interpreters translate orally while Translators interpret written text.

The Committee checked with other Areas for their experience & learned that some budget as much as \$5K/year, that the going rate can run up to \$150/hour and sometimes (2) interpreters are required. It was noted that often volunteers can't be found because now they can be paid for the service.

It was determined that the Multi Lingual Committee would seek out & hire the interpreter(s). **(See complete report on Page 21)**

Q&A

Ricardo C: What was the conscience of the Area when they voted on it at the prior Assembly?

ZBM: The intent was to get some procedures written & in place so in future there won't be questions about who's hiring.

Ricardo C: Who appointed this Committee?

ZBM: I appointed the Committee to work out some procedures. What I'm asking if the Area Committee feel that the Multi Lingual Committee should be the responsible party and is this recommendation worth forwarding to the Area Assembly?

Rocco M: Will those reports be available?

ZBM: Yes, after lunch.

ZBM asked the Area Committee if they wanted to forward the report to the General Assembly and placed on the July Agenda.

The vote was (25) in favor with none opposed.

Intergroup Liaisons Reimbursed for Assembly Hotel Costs – Lee G.

As SETA Liaison for Houston Intergroup, I was surprised to learn that there's no budget to reimburse Intergroup Liaisons for Assembly hotel costs. It seems to be the only position that has a duty & a responsibility to show up and give a report but doesn't get a room night reimbursed. I'd like to have this issue brought up to the Finance Committee.

I understand from previous members of the Finance Committee that this is an oversight and that it should have always been included.

ZBM asked that the request be put in writing so she could submit it to the Finance Committee.

Area Inventory Committee Report – Chair: Beth R.

We'll be covering the first (18) of (35) questions today & the last (12) at the July Assembly. The Committee feels it would be better to file a final report in October without giving interim updates.

The Area Committee agreed; ZBM asked the Committee to submit something-"at least a feel" - to the Newsletter in the interim.

XV. Announcements – Alt. (Acting) Chair: Gary S.

District 40 is host of the current Assembly;

July Assembly Host: District 64 – First Spanish District to host!

October Host District: District 82;

XVI. Other Items for Discussion

Patrick C suggested using Office Max for making copies. This weekend he saw full service priced at 4¢/copy while Self-service was 6¢/copy – there are huge discounts at Office Max. Don't forget to use the SETA tax exempt number for purchases.

ZBM asked that anyone requesting items to be added to the July Agenda to send them to her no later than May 1.

Closed at 9:35 A.M. with the Responsibility Statement

**SETA 67 Quarterly Assembly
Area Assembly Meeting
Sheraton IAH
Saturday, April 14, 2012**

I. Open General Assembly at 10:00 AM

ZBM welcomed all then turned the meeting over to Jes K, Alt DCM of the Assembly's Host District, District 40, who officially opened the Assembly and then presented Tradition 10.

II. District Reports

Presented at various times over the weekend (**See pages 22 - 27**)

III. Area Assembly Inventory – Chair: Beth R.

Beth R divided Assembly members, along with other Area AA members who came to participate, into multiple groups for the initial Area Inventory Session at which the first (18) inventory questions will be addressed. Assigned facilitators presented the inventory questions designated for each group and problem areas were identified, complaints aired & solutions sought.

The Assembly broke for lunch at 12:00 PM.

The afternoon session began at 1:15 PM.

Brad H, DCM of District 40, presented Concept 10, then returned the meeting to the Area Chair.

IV. District Reports (See pages 22 - 27)

Break taken at 1:55; the Assembly resumed at 2:00 PM.

V. GSC Round Tables: Deborah D - Delegate, Panel 61

The Delegate divided the Assembly members into (10) English Tables & (4) Spanish Tables, each with designated Facilitators & Recorders. The groups were dispersed to various meeting rooms to discuss assigned GSC Agenda Items with the intent to provide our Delegate with a sense of the Area on these issues.

Break taken at 4:20; the Assembly then resumed at 4:30 PM.

VI. Service Committees

Meetings held from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. (See Reports, Pages 28-32)

The Assembly broke for dinner at 6:00 PM.

- VII. **Speaker Meeting** at 7:30 PM. Beth Y, SETA 67 CPC Chair, shared her story of experience, strength and hope.

The session closed at 9:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

**Area 67 Quarterly Assembly
Area Assembly Meeting
JFK Sheraton
Sunday April 15, 2012**

I. Open: opened at 8:33 A.M. with the Serenity Prayer

II. Preamble: Alt Chair – Gary S.

III. Welcome to Past Delegates: Mike D, Paul M, Harold P, Betsy G, Rodney R and Beth R.

Recognize New GSRs and DCMs

IV. **Area Chair - Report: ZBM**

ZBM said that due to family circumstance, she was unable to attend January's Assembly and Convention though she heard it was great. There are still family issues but she is persevering. If anyone has issues in her absence, contact any Area Officer. Go to the SETA Webpage for contact information. Anything that is desired to bring before the Assembly, either give it to her or email it so it can be presented (30) days prior to the Assembly and it can be addressed.

V. **Alternate Area Chair – Report: Gary S.**

Gary reported that he was still working on the Hotel Search for next year's Assemblies. If anyone is not receiving information from him, let him know; the same for anyone is experiencing issues with their hotel stay. Get with him for any announcements.

VI. **Registrar: Peggy M** Roll Call

I sent out the Group Information forms to all the DCMs for updating about a month ago. I extended the deadline to the end of the month so if you can get them to me by the end of the month, it will be very helpful. We have (104) groups listed as UKN, which means that we're not communicating with them at all. Also, no need to send the Group Change Forms in to GSO as we can enter all information in to their system as well as to SETA's.

VII. **Secretary–January 2012 Minutes Secretary: Melissa R:** Report

Melissa noted there was confusion regarding the Ad-Hoc Committee on Special Needs. In the English printed version, Jackie had asked for a sense of whether the groups are for, against or undecided that there was a need for this type Committee in Area 67. The majority vote was that they did see a need. The emailed English version & the Spanish versions are not correct as they indicate that more time was needed to gather information. So the actual correct version is

that a majority of the Assembly indicated that they see a need for a Special Needs Committee. We're working on getting the costs down so please send your chatty articles to Linda for the Newsletter.

January Minutes accepted with noted corrections.

VIII. Treasurer Report – Ron C.

Ron noted that he was off by \$.01 on the End of Year closing figures and made the correction in this report.

Ron reported that income has been very good this quarter because the SETA Convention made over \$16K, bringing unrestricted funds

to \$24K. Other points Ron made in explaining the report are:

- Gratitude Dinner Funds are funds Area holds for the dinner and is currently at \$2600.00;
- The Convention Fund – at the time of this report, Ron said he had to give an advance to the 2013 Convention so next quarter's report will reflect that;
- SCAP Fund- this is not Area's money but we hold it for SCAP;
- Funds set aside for the Spanish Interpreter- \$900 for the year;
- Archives Repository- was funded for (3) years; \$14K remaining.

Q & A

Question: Betsy G asked why Area was holding SCAP funds.

Answer: SCAP Committee voted to hold reserves in the Area account.

It came as a recommendation from the Finance Committee.

Question: Betsy G asked why Area is holding Gratitude Dinner funds.

Answer: Patrick C said that they didn't move the funds because the Host District didn't want to hold it in their account. He said that he can talk to District 20 to see if they want to move funds this year.

Betsy G: Annual Reminder- those are not Area funds. Host District should turn the fund over to next year's Host District.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

IX. Delegate's Report: Deborah D – Panel 61

Good Morning and Greetings to Everyone,

It is great to be with you this weekend. I'm very happy to be here & would like to welcome everyone to the South East Texas Area 67 Assembly. I've been looking forward to this assembly for months.

Since this is my 2nd year serving as your delegate I now have some experience behind me.

Since the Convention in January, I have been visiting districts, new groups, a few committee meetings and attended district workshops.

I've been reviewing background material for the final agenda items and hearing from you concerning the agenda items. Thank you for your input.

Before getting started I'd like to report on the agenda items that did and didn't make it to the conference that came from our Area.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) Committee

Consider adding the phrase “non-alcoholics may attend as observers” to the “Singleness of Purpose” statement in CPC literature.

Final agenda item that we will be discussing today.

La Viná – include the purpose in the RLV workbook; will be included beginning in the next printing.

Literature/Publications - Pathfinder Group – request to publish Pass it on, AA Comes of Age, & Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers be printed in soft cover.

This didn't make the 2012 Publication budget, but AA Comes of Age was a souvenir at 2010 International Convention and is still for sale.

Grapevine - Review the AA Grapevine editorial policy, to ensure it complements the AA Grapevine statement of purpose, and the AA tradition of singleness of purpose. This didn't make it on the agenda; we'll continue to pursue this agenda item through the Group, District and then the Area.

Later on this afternoon, we will all be on a journey to talk about Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, discussing this year's agenda items for many of the committees. I've selected the topics that I feel will have the most interesting comments. I will take all of your inputs and thoughts with me to New York next week. I have some materials with me to lend to anyone who needs a reference. We'll break into 14 tables (10 English and 4 Spanish). Every table will have background information & suggested guidelines. My hope will be for you to get a sense of what it may be like to belong to a conference committee and experience the potential discussions.

Finance Conference Committee (which is the committee that I'm on) has 6 items: 2 of them are:

- Consider a suggestion that amount requested from each delegate area, as a conference fee, be increased. Last increase was in 2006 from \$800 to \$1200 which is approximately 26% of the direct costs.
- Review the current dollar limits on contributions received from individuals and as one-time bequests.

Now I'd like to report on the happenings at the General Service Office (G.S.O.), Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. (A.A.W.S.) & Grapevine (GV)

The e-book Web site and the instructions for use on the app are now available in Spanish and French. An updated app for the iPhone was deployed in mid-February and final testing has been completed on the Android app. The iPad version will follow the Android version.

With the move of the Grapevine from the 10th Floor in the building to

smaller offices on the 12th Floor, GSO has begun handling on-site shipping, mailroom and sales functions. This reduces costs by just over \$74,000 per year.

The committee reviewed a report on the viability of using e-delivery, similar to current e-Newsletters, for *Daily Reflections*, and asked that the staff also explores resources for mass e-mail delivery being developed by the A.A. Grapevine.

The General Service Board (GSB) started their inventory process, looking at 23 questions. This will be ongoing.

The AAGV-AAWS are looking at what efficiencies & objectives can be accomplished by combining services and sharing resources, including reviewing Concept XI, while still maintaining editorial and corporate independence. This is a result of the action of last year's conference.

Area 67 percentage of groups contributing for the twelve months ended 12/31/2011: 2011 -- 48.84%, in 2010 -- 44.88%.

It is an honor & privilege to serve Area 67 and Alcoholics Anonymous.

X. Alternate Delegate Comments - Patrick C

Good morning to everyone and welcome to all first-time attendees at the South East Texas Area Assembly. I hope you have a great first experience at an Area Assembly and that you watch listen and learn.

My own experience has taught me that with time, reading service materials, participating and asking experienced trusted servants a lot of questions, continues to be how I stay on the path of general service. My name is Patrick C. and I am grateful to be serving you as your Alternate Delegate, Panel 61, Area 67.

Make Amends:

I want to make amends to the Area Committee/Area Assembly for an inappropriate action I took at the last Area Business meeting in January. It has to do with the vote & discussion that was taking place in regards to a member wanting to stand for the open Area Standing Committee Grapevine Chairperson. I was wrong to go to the microphone, right after the willing member provided service credentials & share that I wanted to table the vote. I later learned that I asked to table the vote based on incorrect information.

I realized afterwards what I had done to circumvent this member's willingness to serve. I will continue to work on holding my tongue & not requesting an action unless I'm fully informed.

It has been great traveling with Deborah again this year and meeting,

working & serving with many of you since we last met in January at the SETA Convention. I have attended the following Area/Region events:

D- 33 Unity Conference, D-31's 1502 Group Anniversary, a D- 90 and a D-40 Committee meeting, Workshop Discussion with D-63 members, Southwest Region Delegates Assembly, the 2013 Budget Committee Meeting & the first 2012 Gratitude Dinner Committee meeting.

Gratitude Dinner Update:

District 20 is the host district for this year's gratitude dinner.

District 70 is the co-host district. Thank you to the districts for stepping into these important roles to plan this year's dinner, held in November. Alisa O'L is the Chairperson of District 20's Gratitude Dinner Committee. The committee will meet the fourth Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

Also regarding the Gratitude Dinner, this year's Committee is satisfied with how the funds were held at the Area level.

We need to line up a District willing to co-host the Gratitude Dinner for 2013 with District 70. I do not want this to fall off the radar for next year, so District Committee Members please take this request to co-host the 2013 Gratitude Dinner back to your groups. Any interested District should be ready to let me know by the July Assembly.

As promised, I want to provide an update on the financial picture for this year's dinner. The Annual Gratitude Dinner is funded by voluntary contributions of AA members in Area 67. Contributions can be made throughout the year. Simply send contributions to the Area Treasurer, being sure to include a note stating that the contribution is for the Area Gratitude Dinner fund.

I'm happy to report that we're currently in great fiscal shape for this year's dinner. AA members, groups & districts contributed a total of \$2,581.00 last year. The result of these 7th Tradition contributions is that we have a balance of \$2,657.79 to fund this year's gratitude dinner. As a comparison, we started last year with a balance of \$1,722.35.

We received good feedback from participants on how to improve in some areas, like translation, and some are now members on this year's committee. DCMs will be working on getting their district commitment information to Alisa O'L. Site selection is underway; I will have more to report on that at the next Area Assembly in July, 2012.

SWRAASA 2012:

Mark your calendars & start saving your dollars for the upcoming Southwest Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly aka SWRAASA. The event is being hosted by Area 46, New Mexico, in Albuquerque at the Marriott Uptown, October 19-21, 2012. How many of you here this weekend have been to a SWRAASA?

These are great events that are hosted on a rotating basis by the Areas within the SW Region. The last event in Colorado was a completely bi-lingual event; I know New Mexico is working to make this one as well.

In an effort to gain more participation from our Spanish members, Area 46 has created invitations to the event, in Spanish, for MCDs to take to Groups & pass out to each Spanish group in Area 67. I've given some of these to each MCD.

I have a few of these neat "save the date" bookmarks to pass out, but only have a limited number, so first come first receive. This is a great way for English groups to get their members interested in attending.

This service weekend is made up of many workshops that have a short presentation by facilitators & plenty of time for the workshop attendees to share their experience, strength & hope and answer questions.

Every Alternate Delegate in our region selected three workshop topics that each is responsible for asking someone to lead or co-lead at this year's SWRAASA. Also, each Delegate topic was selected by the Alt. Delegate. Deborah has hers, so come hear her presentation with each of the other Panel 61 and Panel 62 Delegates from our region.

Please let me know how I can be of service to you, your groups, districts, and committees. Thank you for allowing me to serve & grow in our Area!

Motion: Beth R made a motion to send the Delegate to the General Service Conference informed, but not instructed. Betsy G seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

XI. Convention Reports

2012 Convention – FINAL Chair: Charlie R Alt Chair: Mary M

Mary M presented the final report, saying the convention was a great success and thanking the committee for doing a great job.

Pre-registrations: 370 AA	Scholarship Donations	\$ 1140
48 AI Anon	Coffee Tags	\$ 1080
9 Alateens		

Registration @ door: 900 AA	Scholarship Donations	\$ 1800
20 AI Anon	Coffee Tags	\$ 2085

Our Treasurer gave a check in the amount of \$16,346.47 to SETA. We met monthly at the Conroe Club and we donated the banner to the Archives Repository.

Sherry B asked for hard copy of the Final Report for Archives.

2013 Convention – Chair: Melanie M Alt Chair: Troy B
Melanie said that the Convention is back to being held at the Hilton Greenspoint since Westchase Hyatt ditched us. Committee meetings are held the 4th Sunday of the month, from 2-4 PM at Grace Lutheran Church on Waugh. Next meeting is April 22. Convention is January 11-13, 2013. They'll allow us to bring in our own coffee. PO Box is set up; the checking account will be set up next week after we get the seed money from SETA; we'll have online registration set up soon.

XII. **2013 Budget Committee Report** – Finance Chair: Mary M

The Budget-holders' meeting was held at the Champions Club on March 31. Budgets were reviewed & adjusted at times during the meeting. After reviewing the figures & calculations that the 2013 Proposed Budget was based on, I've asked for the budget holders to meet again to adjust budgets to insure that we're not presenting an over-inflated proposed budget. I'll contact everyone when I have a date & place to meet.

We will be presenting the Proposed 2013 Budget for a vote at July's Assembly; we'll post it on the website for review prior to the July assembly so that you can take it back to your groups.

XIII. **Intergroup Liaison Reports**

Spanish Intergroup North – Liaison: Alejandro P - Not Present

Houston Intergroup - Liaison: Lee G

Greetings – Your Houston Intergroup is alive and doing very well!

Financial goals are within a few percentage points of projections;

New phone system has been installed;

50th Year Anniversary Convention plans for March 2013 nearing completion;

Plans are underway for the annual CFC Roundup to be held at the Champions Group in August;

Two Open Board Member positions are to be filled via vote at the meeting scheduled for April 17th;

There are currently (6) AA members interested in serving.

Brazos Valley Intergroup - Liaison: Charlie R – Not Present

Ninth District Intergroup – Liaison: Dennis M – Not Present

Spanish Intergroup Southwest – Liaison: Conchia G

Companions, I hope you're enjoying 24 hours of sobriety.

Committee members, group representatives & members of the community, the following is my report.

Our Intergroup is working with committee chairs; we meet every Sunday & in these meetings we work with RSGs from 10AM-12PM.

One of our functions is to visit the groups that belong to our area and assist the groups in the cycle of unity that invite us to share.

We meet with the Hispanic Intergroup Office North once a month and assist the Committee in charge of organizing the State Convention; we have a meeting once a month with committees of our Intergroup.

We are working on putting on a workshop on R.I. & an inventory of our Office in order to develop and provide the best possible service, in gratitude to God and to you who support us. This is working. Our area is composed of 22 groups of which 14 to 18 are represented in our meetings, for which we're grateful, for supporting this Office and keeping the doors open. so that we can carry this message of truth.

Officers of Hispanic Intergroup Southwest:

ALT Chair: Carlos A.	Nueva Alianza
Secretary: Conchia G.	Unidos Vencenemos
ALT Secretary: Aurora	South West
Treasurer: Esteban	Paz y Sobriedad
ALT Treasurer: Ivan	Grupo Accion

XIV. Workshop Reports

New GSR Workshop – Facilitator: Paul M. Recorder: Evelyn C.

(See Page 20 for report)

Advanced GSR Workshop – Facilitator: Jes K. Recorder: Cheryl B

(See Page 20 for Report)

RSG Workshop - No Report Submitted

XV. Area Standing Committee Reports (See pages 28 - 32)

XVI. 2013 Proposed Budget: Report – Finance Chair: Mary M.

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The 2013 SETA Convention Committee must submit a proposed contract to the Finance Committee.

**** It was noted that the committee did submit a contract, but the hotel backed out. They are finalizing the new contract with the Hilton.***

Question: Ruthie S asked if Archives Committee was looking for a less expensive space for the Repository, as contract expires soon.

Answer: Sherry B replied that they're always looking for a cheaper place and are ever mindful of SETA funds.

-- Break taken at 10 AM; the Assembly reconvened at 10:10 --

XVII. Area Standing Committee Reports (See pages 28 – 32)

Questions regarding the Ad-Hoc Committee on Spanish Interpreter came up during the course of the Multi-Lingual Committee's Report-Katherine M translating. Eventually ZBM ended the discourse, and moved the issue to New Business on the Agenda. (See Item 3)

Roll Call for Voting – Registrar, Peggy M
Voting Count: 99; Simple Majority: 50

XVIII. Old Business

Election of Alternate Secretary: None stood; **OPEN**

Election of Area Grapevine Chair: PJ L qualified himself for the position. Paul M made a motion to accept PJ by acclimation; it was seconded. ZBM asked to dispense with written ballot rule; all agreed. PJ L was voted in by acclimation

XIV. **New Business**

1. **Election of TFC Chair:** Chair appointed Tracy W Interim Chair.
This was a committee recommendation. Vote will be in July.

2. **Other items for vote in July include:**

- IT/Web Guidelines, Part II;
- 2013 Proposed Budget;
- Archives Repository funding;
- New Standing Committee: Special Needs;
- Intergroup Liaisons – proposal to reimburse for hotel costs incurred at Area Assemblies – (5) Liaisons.

All items will be posted (30) days prior to the July Assembly

3. **Spanish Interpreter – Ad Hoc Committee
(Committee Report on Page 21)**

The initial question asked after the report was given was whether we had voted last October to hire a translator. The answer to that is YES - the purpose of this committee was to determine protocol and arrive at a policy, to be added to the Area Policy & Procedures Manual. Many fine details weren't covered in the Motion which was made, voted on & passed last October. such as who would be in charge of hiring the translator.

The following question was why Blanca, the translator, was not present at this Assembly. ZBM asked Paul M to speak at this point; Paul said he had spoken to Blanca by phone on Friday, which is when she first indicated she wasn't going to be here, saying she thought it was last weekend & she had a sick family member.

Katherine M said that she first learned that she wouldn't be here on Friday; that her mother was going back to Mexico. Katherine said she understood that Blanca would like to do it and will do it for \$300/assembly & she's confused as to what happened.

she had sent her resume; she was a translator and an AA member.

When he spoke to her on Friday to find out what the problem was, she said that she was ill. He said that they had emailed back & forth and he thought it was all set. He emphasized that he would never tell anyone not to come.

Miguel said he was confused as to why anyone got involved other than those who approved, asking if anyone had the ability to cancel her appearance. Others said that they felt this was a violation of the Second Tradition; that in the interest of Unity, the assembly should not proceed with the motion to hold the workshop, but proceed with what has already been decided. The DCM of District 64 requested that the motion be withdrawn & the matter be handled between the Treasurer and the Multi Lingual Committee.

ZBM outlined areas not covered in the motion passed in Oct-11:

- Who is responsible for hiring the translator;
- What are the qualifications/requirements necessary, other than they be an AA member;
- Procedures for payment;
- Any other issues not addressed in original motion.

ZBM said that she too, was considering those yet to come, in this attempt to develop the protocol for this completely new situation, to have a policy in place for the future.

Paul M spoke again, saying that he had sent Blanca copies of the Service Manual, the Policy & Procedures Manual, and a list of common terms, all in Spanish. He sent all this to her, expecting her to be here.

After more discussion, ZBM stated that there will be no workshop on the findings of the Ad Hoc Committee; that Blanca will be here in July; and that this will be handled between her, those who came before me and the Spanish Districts. ZBM also stated that she will assume responsibility to see that a translator is present in July.

XV. Round Table Summary

Reports were given as to the responses to GSC Agenda Items, made by members of the Round Tables, to provide the Delegate with a sense of the Area.

Chairs and recorders for the English Tables are as follows:

Table 1: Steve E;	Ron C
Table 2: Barbara C;	Betsy G
Table 3: Cory H;	Michelle H
Table 4: Jim K;	Gus H
Table 5: Jes K;	Beth R
Table 6: Stevi M	Peggy M
Table 7: Marciel S;	Rick M

Table 8: Kris H; Barbara G
Table 9: Brian D; Ford S
Table10: Fritz B; Tom K

Chairs and recorders for the Spanish Tables:

Table 1: Edwin C; Magdalena D
Table 2: Miguel O; Juan Carlos B
Table 3: Roberto V; Ricardo C
Table 4: Moises L; Jesus, aka Chui

XVI. **Open Mike on GSC Agenda Items – Group Input:** NONE

XVII. **Other July Assembly Topics:**

Election for Alternate Secretary Position: OPEN

XVIII. **Announcements: Alt. Chair- Gary S.**

Willis Group – 24th Anniversary, May 5

July Assembly Host District: District 64 July 14-15, 2012

Sheraton IAH, Houston, TX

District 40's 26th Annual Traditions Dinner: July 15, 2012

October Assembly Host District: District 82, Oct 6-7

Sheraton IAH, Houston, TX

2012 SETA CFC Conference, Crowne Plaza- Houston,

Sept 14-16

SWRAASA Albuquerque, N.M. October 19-21, 2012

2013 SETA Convention Hilton Greenspoint, Jan 11-13, 2013

If additional tables are needed for flyers or displays or registrations, inform Gary S by Friday night of the Assembly.

The Assembly closed at 1:35 with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Melissa R. Secretary
SETA 67
2011-2012

**Area 67 Quarterly Assembly
April 14, 15, 2012
Workshop Reports, District Reports, Area Standing Committee
Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**

New GSR Workshop - Facilitator: Paul M Recorder: Evelyn C.
Opened meeting with Serenity Prayer. A total of (21) attended.

The first half of the meeting was the Power Point Presentation for new GSRs, covering all major points of “How to” & “What do I need to know”. The new GSRs were told that GSO would be sending all a “New GSR Packet”.

The second half dealt with questions and comments such as:

Housekeeping: “Group Change Forms” to inform all entities of the Group’s new GSR. It was suggested that the form be sent to Area, GSO and District, unless otherwise instructed.

Current Events: The DCM is usually the best source of information.

Also AA-SETA.org and AA.org are both a wealth of information.

Opportunities: Joining a SETA Committee, like PI, CFC, etc. for fun, fellowship & more learning. Service Sponsors were suggested.

Problems: Biggest was lack of Group interest; suggested solutions were 1-2 bullet announcements per week or month; say what you’ll do, before you’re elected. The meeting adjourned in the usual manner.

Advanced GSR Workshop

Facilitator: Jes K Recorder: Cheryl B

Jes opened the meeting by stating that the purpose of the meeting was to provide an opportunity for GSR’s to discuss group issues or concerns & ask questions. Jes provided the 12 Traditions Checklist and encouraged GSRs to use the checklist as part a checks & balance process to determine if their groups are following the Traditions. The topic for discussion was Tradition 7.

Jes specifically asked the GSRs to share how their groups split the money collected, in order to carry the message.

In general the discussion helped to define the difference between AA groups & clubs. Many of the attendees' groups met in AA clubs, so they were able to share experience on how contributions were split between the two.

Many GSRs stated they contributed money to the club so the facility was able to maintain operations as well as provide amenities to group members. Many groups are giving significant portions of 7th Tradition collections to the club, but are also able to keep money to contribute to the various AA service entities like District, Area, Intergroup and GSO.

The major takeaways from today's meeting were:

**AA clubs are separate entities which are allowed to manage their finances & accept donations from outside entities. They don't have to follow AA Traditions.
**AA groups can only accept funds from AA members. The group should be self-supporting & be able to decide how the money is spent. (the club should not govern the group's conscience).

**Encouraged the GSRs to remind their groups' members that the cost of carrying the message keeps increasing but the group donations don't provide adequate support. One member stated that her group has meetings on the Traditions occasionally, especially on Tradition 7, to explain where the money goes.

The meeting closed with the Responsibility Statement.

RSG Workshop – No Report Submitted

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

I. Hiring an Interpreter – Chair: Paul M

Other members of the committee were Ricardo D, Everado P, Julio J, and Miguel O.

The committee was charged with forming some guidelines as to who would be responsible for hiring an interpreter, how that process would work, what requirements the interpreter might need, and to address any other procedures not considered in the motion.

Motion passed at October 2011 Area Assembly:

- Professional translator to provide oral translation & written summary;
- Maximum \$300.00 per weekend. (\$50/hour) \$1200/year – 4 Assemblies;
- Translation to begin in April 2012 (if budget permits) or Jan 2013 (as budgeted);
- Area Treasurer to pay translator directly.
- Translator is a member of A.A.

After research and discussion with professional Interpreting companies, GSO and numerous Areas throughout the US, we discovered the following:

The going rate per Interpreter runs up to \$150/hr. Some companies want a commitment for two Interpreters because of the workload. We discussed the cost, time commitment and payment details with several other Areas.

Some Areas budget up to \$5,000/ year. All used two interpreters.

Most used professional interpreters who were members of AA & the cost was at a reduced rate, in the \$70/hr. range per interpreter. All were being paid as

independent contractors; no 1099 forms were being filed & no contracts signed. None had written guidelines. In most Areas, the area chairperson did the hiring. All sent agendas to the interpreter in advance, with items marked, denoting where an interpreter was needed. Also lists of commonly used acronyms, terms and definitions were supplied in advance.

After discussion, this ad-hoc committee recommends that the following procedures be put into place:

- 1) The responsible entity for hiring the interpreter be the Multi-Lingual Committee;
- 2) That the responsibilities be added to the Multi-Lingual Job Description;
- 3) Procedure for payment to the Treasurer be added to that position's Job Description & include that a written invoice be submitted;
- 4) The expense to not be a part of the Multi-Lingual budget.

In addition, we found that it's important for the interpreter to have varied experiences in the professional field and be familiar or be willing to become familiar with Area Service language.

Finally some of the challenges we could encounter that were not addressed before the motion was passed:

- 1) Volunteers interpreters will not volunteer because they can get paid for the job;
- 2) Inability to procure a PAID professional volunteer (AA Member) will have an impact on the Area's expenses and budget.

District Reports

District 10 DCM: Dave P Alt DCM: Joy M

District 10 started a P.I. project which was voluntary at the Group level. The information effort centers around a group purchasing & stocking an information rack for AA Pamphlets. So far, three groups have approved the project.

On May 28th, District 10 will host our annual Sponsorship Seminar. The venue is not set but it'll be near the downtown rail or otherwise Metro-accessible. The time is 10 – 2 and a light lunch will be served.

District 20 DCM: Troy B Alt DCM: Stuart F

District 20 has been hard at work spreading the message & pulling others into the middle. We hosted our somewhat annual "How to stay sober through the Holidays" workshop in October. It was well-attended and everyone shared their experience, strength and hope on how to navigate what is a slippery time for lots of alcoholics.

Our new year kicked off with a sub-committee charged with creating a set of policies and procedure guidelines for the district. This four - member committee (Mark, Lucky, Alisa and Charity) took existing guidelines from other districts & used them as a template for our own.

We appreciate all their hard work.

We've also kicked off our duties as host for the 2012 Gratitude Dinner. We have had our first meeting and we look forward to working

with all the districts to make this year's event one to remember.
Can't wait till November!

Finally, District 20 is partnering with District 31 to bring back Conley. After a much successful and talked about workshop this summer, we have asked the former Southwest Regional Trustee to return to SETA and do a full workshop. Details are in the works but we believe the event will be June 23rd and 24th. Pencil it into your calendars!

District 31 DCM: Barbara G Alt DCM: West G

District 31 continues to meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 2-4 pm at the Kingwood Club. Attendance increases as new GSRs enter the service structure.

The next Round Robin is scheduled for April 21 at the Sahara Group in Cleveland. From there we travel to Goodrich/Shepherd on May 19th & the groups of Huntsville will host on June 16. Food, fellowship & great fun are always the highlights of these monthly rotations.

In conjunction with District 20, we're planning a workshop to be held June 23 & 24. Conley B., Past Regional Trustee, and Don M., General Service Trustee for the Grapevine Board will be speaking on the Steps, Traditions & Concepts as they align & complement one another. This should prove an enlightening & fun-filled opportunity to share recovery together.

I'm excited to announce that the Grapevine Rep for our District, Debbie T, has formed a D-31 Grapevine Committee that meets

monthly. She has been so persistent & diligent in her search for Group GV reps & has at least 10 names on her roster. Meetings rotate from place to place but Debbie always sends out notice & an agenda each month. She's a little spitfire & offers to attend any Group function, activity or group conscience meeting to spread the word about our meeting in print. Once again, the District budget allotted two free GV subscriptions at each District-funded Workshop and Old Timers Day.

District 32 DCM: Jim K Alt DCM: Jeff H

District 32 has had a service-filled year so far & we have no plans to slack off today or in the future. We had the experience of draining our checking account in January due to an abundance of service in the form of supplying the food for a hospitality suite at the January SETA Convention in Galveston. Our drained account had the effect of creating our first District 32 Prudent Reserve in the amount of \$300 in the hope that sober mistakes by this committee won't be repeated in the future.

We're trying to create a humorous skit based on the 12 Concepts to present at SWRAASA in New Mexico, and I hope that a contingent of trusted servant-actors from District 32 will be able to come. D-32 will meet here at Basil's restaurant tomorrow at 7:30 AM; please join us.

District 33 DCM: Teresa O Alt DCM: Karen S

Karen, Alternate DCM presented the Districts report, saying that they have six active GSRs and an active CFC Committee.

District 40 DCM: Brad H Alt DCM: Jes K

District 40 has been active preparing to host the April Assembly for the last few months. Thanks to Jes K, our alternate DCM, for chairing our hosting committee. Thanks to the volunteers at Registration, at the literature table and around the Assembly.

We have open positions for Archives and Grapevine chairs.

We've continued to invite Area Committees to our district. Recently we had the CFC Committee & Houston Intergroup. We've also had visits from the Delegate & Alternate Delegate. They're now members of District 40 since they've been visiting us so much! We'd like to invite other committees to our district meeting for presentations as well.

In June we'll have the 26th Annual Traditions Dinner on Saturday, June 16th at Chapelwood United Methodist Church, from 5 to 8 pm.

Beth R. will be the Presenter. District 40 meets the second Tuesday of the month at Bear Creek Community Center.

District 51 DCM: Randy R Alt DCM: Charles H

Randy reported that the District holds meetings at the Delta Club on at 11AM on the last Saturday of the month. They just got an Alt DCM so all positions are now filled. They plan to hold a 2nd Jeopardy Workshop in July or August.

District 52 DCM: Barbara L. Alt DCM: Jeff H

I'm happy to report our district has seen increased participation. Servants stepped up immediately: two to head our District Gratitude Picnic, to be held May 5th; and two to head up a workshop (TBA) on "The Home Group: Where Everybody Knows Your Name". From the looks of it, the picnic will be one of the best ever.

We also have enjoyed some almost-heated conversations on how the district spends money. It's been agreed we need to look at being self-supporting for parties & more focused on spending contributed funds on carrying the message. The consensus of the groups is to begin to explore & perhaps form policies & procedures for D-52. We realize this will take time & needs to be approached with care & prayer.

The last two meetings, we've spent at least half the time discussing the Gratitude Picnic. Richard S from Intergroup will come & share with us. We invite everyone to come: Dusasek Park, 17034 Old Richmond, in Sugar Land. We'll be there from 11-5, celebrating a hotdog-eating contest, chili cook-off, a silent auction & a Gratitude Meeting at 4 PM. Families are welcome.

District 60 DCM: Sylvester W Alt DCM: OPEN

District 60 is doing okay. We're planning a fund raiser & trying to get groups within the District to participate.

We're inviting all the groups to come to District Meetings also, held at the Rockhill Group, 7807 Bellfort, Houston, Texas 77087.

We had an Open House on March 25, which went fairly well. We discussed the connection between the Groups, the District & the Area.

District 62 MCD: Magdalena D MCD Alt: Francisco M

Greetings from District 62. On February 12, 2012 we celebrated our first District Anniversary with (4) speakers; special thanks to our Delegate for being present at our event.

District 62 meets every two weeks on Saturdays from 6 to 8 PM.

On the last Saturday of the month we have a study session on the General Service Manual at the Fresno Group in Fresno, Texas.

Our District currently consists of (6) groups with active GSRs; we have 5-6 GSRs present at our meetings. We have a sharing roll with the groups every week on Thursdays & we attend each other's Groups when we're invited on a rotation.

Our District has (2) committees:

- Correctional Committee (CFC): Two active representatives;
- La Viná Committee: One representative.

We meet every two weeks. D- 62 participates in all events, conventions and Hispanic assemblies, as well as SETA Assemblies & Conventions.

District 63 MCD: Ricardo R MCD Alt: Edwin C

The district has ten (10) groups of which (6) groups have RSGs who attend & participate at District. The meetings are Saturdays at 6 PM. We have a meeting every Saturday, of which 30 minutes is spent on studying the Service Manual and share with Groups every Tuesday to motivate them to contribute to the Area and to GSO

We have (3) committees in the District:

Corrections Committee is working well;

La Viná Committee is promoting the magazine well;

Literature is working well;

CCP is inactive.

Thank you for all 24 hours of happy sobriety.

District 64 MCD: Ricardo C MCD Alt: Adan T

OUR DISTRICT IS MADE UP OF 14 ACTIVE GROUPS OF WHICH 11- 13 RSGs ATTEND OUR REGULAR SATURDAY DISTRICT MEETINGS. THEY ARE HELD AT THE PREVIOUSLY STATED LOCATION FROM 6:00 PM ON. EVERY 15 DAYS WE HAVE A ONE HOUR STUDY SESSION IN WHICH WE STUDY THE SERVICE MANUAL & WE SHARE EVERY WEDNESDAY OF WITH THE GROUPS.

WEBSITE: AAHOUSTONDISTRITO64.ORG

EMAIL: AAHOUSTONDISTRITO64@HOTMAIL.COM

WE HAVE THREE COMMITTEES:

A) CORRECTIONAL COMMITTEE, COMPRISED OF 5 SERVICE MEMBERS AND 3 CONTACTS (LINKS); THEY MEET ON TUESDAY

EVERY 2 WEEKS & SHARE WITH GROUPS ON THE TUESDAYS WHEN THERE'S NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS; THEY VISIT 3 FEDERAL JAILS:

1) HOLLIDAY: EVERY SUNDAY FROM 1:30 TO 3 P.M.

2) LAS PAREDES DE HUNTSVILLE: ONCE A MONTH ON SUNDAY FROM 1:30 TO 3 P.M.

3) JAIL BIRD: THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 6 TO 8 P.M.

THIS COMMITTEE ALSO HAS SHARING SESSIONS AT THE COUNTY JAIL FROM 7 TO 8 P.M. AND ACCOMPANY THE DISTRICT ON ITS SHARING SESSIONS WITH THE GROUPS. THEY CONTRIBUTED \$100 TO SETA & ATTEND THE AREA 67 CFC MEETINGS EVERY THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

B) GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE, COMPRISED OF 6 ACTIVE REPS AND 3 CONTACTS (LINKS); THEY MEET ON TUESDAY EVERY 15 DAYS AT THE DISTRICT LOCATION FROM 8:00 P.M. ONWARD & THEY ACCOMPANY THE DISTRICT IN IT'S SHARING SESSIONS WITH THE GROUPS. THEY WORK WITH GROUPS IN A GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP AS PER REQUEST OF EACH GROUP. THEY MEET WITH THE 5 GRAPEVINE COMMITTEES FROM THE HISPANIC DISTRICTS; NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 26, 2012 AT THE DISTRICT 64 LOCATION FROM 8:00 PM ONWARD. THIS COMMITTEE CURRENTLY HAS 37 SUBSCRIPTIONS.

C) LITERATURE COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF 3 SERVICE MEMBERS. THEY MEET ON TUESDAY EVERY 2 WEEKS AT DISCTICT 64 FROM 8:00 P.M. ONWARD AND THEY ACCOMPANY THE DISTRICT IN ITS SHARING SESSIONS WITH THE GROUPS. THIS COMMITTEE HAS THE GROUPS SUBSCRIBE TO BOX 459.

District 65 MCD: Ramiro Y MCD Alt: Moises L
No Report Submitted.

District 66 MCD: Carlos F MCD Alt: OPEN

District 66 has (18) groups with (12) groups participating, Our meetings are held every Saturday from 6-8PM. We have a roll of sharing on Wednesdays and also visit with other groups in the cycle of sharing when we are invited.

We have three Committees – Corrections, La Viná and Literature. Correctional Committee meets on Thursdays at the District meeting place from 8-10 PM & also meets each month with all (5) committees and attends the Area CFC meetings every third Wednesday, held at the Delta Club. The committee shares with the Groups on Tuesdays, to motivate and raise money for the Blue Can, which goes to the Area CFC Committee to buy books to take in the prisons. On Tuesdays, they visit the Kegan Joe Unit & every third Friday they visit the Wells Unit in Huntsville. The third Saturdays of the month they visit the Ramsey Unit. This committee has (5) representatives and (4) volunteers & is active in all areas.

La Viná Committee meets at District from 8-10PM and has a roll of sharing every Wednesday; they also visit the groups. They have (48) subscriptions so far this year; in 2011, they sold (200) subscriptions.

They attend monthly meetings and meet with the (5) committees to give information on La Viná, They also participate in the monthly Area meetings. They have literature to provide to groups, when requested. This committee also maintains all their subscriptions on the computer on the La Viná Committee's page of the SETA website.

Literature Committee is always active with an assortment of books & holds a drawing for books twice a month. District 66 & its committees are holding an inventory to see how we can make it work better. We plan to have (10) areas for analysis and presentation when complete.

District 70 DCM: Marciel S Alt DCM: OPEN

We're in the process of completing our District's inventory in order to see where we can improve in reaching out to the people we serve. One of the ideas is to move our monthly meeting from the 3rd to the 1st Sunday of the month.

We're also co-hosting the Gratitude Dinner this year along with D-20. We met last month for the first time and will meet again on April 28th. More volunteers are always needed and are welcome to attend. We meet every 3rd Sunday at 2:30 PM at the West Baytown Club.

District 81 DCM: Randy B Alt DCM: Stevi M.

The District is having a workshop on April 28, from 1pm to 4 pm. Held at the Bay Area Club, the theme is "Growing Up in AA".

We hosted a hospitality suite at the SETA Convention in January and we decided to have a sign-in sheet to see how many people visited.

Approximately 1200 people came by the District 81 Hospitality Suite!

We've been experiencing a decline in group participation so we've formed an ad-hoc committee charged with devising a way to visit all the groups in the District, in order to encourage group participation within the District, as well as at the District level. We hope to have visited all the Groups by the end of June.

Open positions include CFC Chair, TFC Chair & Literature Chair.

District 82 DCM: Kim R Alt DCM: Rick M

Three groups in the district held anniversary celebrations in February: February 11, the Beginners Group celebrated 22 years with a Bar-B-Q feast & a great speaker meeting. About 75-80 people attended and a great time was had by all. Then the Plantation Group celebrated 25 years on Feb 18th with a chili cook-off and AA & AI Anon speakers. About 130 people attended, including clients from a local treatment facility. On February 25, the Sweeny Group celebrated 44 years with Bar-B-Q & speakers from AI Anon & AA. Attendance was about 150.

The District PI committee continues to be very active & will hold an Anonymity Workshop on June 16th. The theme will be an indoor picnic with a potluck meal & fixings for banana splits will be supplied by the District. The flyer is on the Events page of the SETA website. Please join us.

The TFC Committee has a new chairperson & new committee members who are working with the local treatment facilities to restart the Bridge the Gap program.

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

We have all our committee positions filled. The District 90 Website is up & running. David O and Ruthie S are doing a good job with it.

We'd like to thank Deborah & Patrick for their presentation on the use of digital technology in AA today.

We've formed a committee to gather information on filing for Non-Profit status.

Come visit our District Meetings - 1st Sunday of each month, at the Central City Baptist Church on Avenue E at Franklin St. in Beaumont (unless there's a conflicting event).

AREA STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives – Chair: Sherry B Alt Chair: OPEN

The SETA Assembly Motions are now on the SETA website and are updated through 2011. They're on the SETA Archives webpage.

The committee has recently developed a Committee Protocol.

I'm sure you'll be glad to hear that everyone in the Fellowship is welcome to sit in on any of our meetings.

Our treasurer stepped down at the first of the year; Tandy B is our new treasurer. The committee is developing an emergency plan. We have a new member, who is the Archivist for the Post Oak Group.

As Committee Chair, I attended the 2013 Budget meeting in March. The Committee purchased a projector, screen, work table, 4 chairs & an archival shelf, paid with the one-time purchase request, approved at the October 2011 Assembly.

We had a wonderful surprise from a member of the Fellowship last month. We've been gifted with a new combination printer/scanner/copier and a case of copy paper. This member who's asked to remain anonymous, also donated \$300 to help pay for the shelving. We're extremely grateful for the gift.

The Archives Committee will be forwarding a motion to the Area Chair for consideration in July by the Area Committee, to set up funds and resources to continue the SETA Repository. The lease ends September 30, 2013 and it takes time to negotiate a new lease. We're asking for Area's approval to go forward.

CPC Committee – Chair: Beth Y Alt Chair: Katherine M

Area 67 CPC Committee meets the first Monday of the month (except on assembly months) at 7:15 pm at the Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs at 303 Jackson Hill St., Houston, Texas 77007.

Items of Interest are:

- The new correct email for the Chair of the Committee is:
cpc-chair@aa.seta.org;
- Mary A. is the new secretary for the remainder of 2012;
- District 40 has a combined PI/CPC committee. They recently placed several Big Books at local libraries. They're currently targeting ISD coordinators and did a recent mail out in their community;
- District 90 maintains many literature racks throughout their area;
- District 10 has a combined PI/CPC committee. They keep several racks stocked with literature.

Through the facilitation with one of the professors at U of H, student athletes are invited to attend open AA meetings. Also, nurses often sit in on open AA meetings. AA members in these meetings do CPC

work by speaking with these guests before and after the meetings. They educate these guests on what AA does and does not do.

- District 33 discovered that although their local libraries list the AA Big Book in their inventory; they do not actually have any. The Big Book is one of the most absconded books in any library. They plan to get a few books to the libraries. District 33 is also working on scheduling a presentation to a group of judges.
- A new PI/CPC committee was formed at the Early Bird Group of Kingwood in District 31.

Our meeting on 4-14-12 included training on "How to do a presentation to professionals". We've compiled a copy of these notes & will gladly share them with anyone interested in learning how to do a proper CPC presentation.

March 7, we did two presentations: 1) to 15 graduate students studying "Marriage and Family Counseling" at Sam Houston State Univ., 2) 15 Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor students at Memorial Hermann Institute of Chemical Dependency Studies.

A second presentation will be given to ROSC (Recovery Oriented System of Care) on May 7, by request.

GSO has requested that we staff a booth at the NAACP convention, July 7-10. Volunteers are needed; we'll train on how to represent AA to professionals. Contact Beth Y @ 281-435-9514 cpc-chair@aa.seta.org

CFC Committee – Chair: Fritz B Alt Chair: David K

Fritz said the Committee meets every 3rd Wednesday at the Delta Club but they had their monthly meeting here yesterday. CFC Conference is set for September 14-16 at the Crowne Plaza & they're already holding Planning Committee meetings. The Intergroup CFC Round-Up is set for August 4 from 11-4. Volunteers needed to take meetings inside; there's 175K inmates in TDCJ alone & statistics show that 90% incarcerated is due to drugs, alcohol or both.

Next meeting is May 16; Delegate, Deborah D will attend.

Finance Committee – Chair: Mary M Alt Chair: OPEN

The Committee met yesterday. We had several visitors beginning with Alt Delegate who presented a request to dispense a \$200 contribution and consider adding an annual budgeted line item of \$200 for Spanish translators' financial support to attend SWRAASA.

After much Q&A, we asked Patrick to provide more information & we'll review it in July.

We reviewed the Proposed 2013 Budget. All agreed we needed to hold another Budget Committee meeting before presenting a proposal to the Assembly.

Brief discussion was held on the Archives Repository Funds & future funding after October 2013.

Lee G, SETA Liaison to Houston Intergroup, requested that the hotel room expense of Intergroup Liaisons attending the Assembly be paid by SETA. The request was forwarded to the Chair.

We discussed the payment of the IRS penalty and it was noted that we haven't received the bill for the 2009 IRS penalty yet.

Grapevine Committee: Chair: OPEN Alt Chair: Josette B

Report presented by Debbie T, Grapevine Committee Secretary-

As most of you know, Area 67 has been without a GV Chair for quite a while now. We had 3 members in attendance yesterday but one ran away.

The lack of a GV Chair has not stopped us from spreading the word about the Grapevine to our groups through the support of our respective Districts

In my District, the goal is to have a Grapevine Representative at every group, sharing GV history, encouraging GV subscriptions & after yesterday's Round Table meetings, we'll be stressing & encouraging all to submit articles and our own stories to the GV for possible publishing. We'll also announce the need for and encourage support for both the La Viná & the Grapevine.

Last year, District 31 gave away a total of (10) 1-year subscriptions

during workshops that were sponsored by the District. That being said, D-31 challenges all other Districts in Area 67 to match that this year. Give away a 1-year Grapevine subscription during any District-sponsored function this year.

Web/IT Committee – Chair: Steve E Alt Chair: Eddy A

I'm really happy to report that the IT Committee is now fully staffed! We have a Webmaster, a Postmaster, Tech Support, a Secretary and an Alternate Chair! Cheryl is the Postmaster.

We did a presentation for District 31 & we're available to do presentations for any who ask.

We're currently working on the second set of Guidelines & we'll be sending them out soon, so be on the look-out for it – it's a 12-page document and I'll send it out on "allseta". Take it to your groups; if you have questions, email me prior to the Assembly. We'll have a workshop and vote on it in July.

Website - DCMs, Committee Chairs, Officers, etc.: Review your web pages. There's old items and information on many of them. Let the Webmaster know what to do, to update your page.

Email - We did training on SETA email yesterday; since so few folks came, I will assume its' all working fine. We're still streamlining the process with the Registrar in sending out Minutes & Newsletters. If you're having issues, contact Cheryl at postmaster@aa-seta.org.

Support – We've received a laptop as a donation; a member of AA gave us his old laptop. Currently the Secretary's laptop is dead & I'm trying to repair it; but if not, then I'll see if the donated one will work. Otherwise we'll see if a Standing Committee may need one.

La Viná – Chair: J Angel M Alt Chair: Armando H

Comrades of A.A., I hope you are enjoying another 24 hours of sobriety. This is my report as Committee Chair of La Viña in Area 67.

I continue to visit the committees of La Viña in the Hispanic Districts with the best intentions and at the same time try to repair errors that the comrades are having with the mailing department of La Viña.

I would also like to inform you that our Delegate of Area, Deborah D was present at the committee meeting for La Viña where we talked about La Viña, where by suggestion of those present, we were asked to have an emergency meeting. On 4-12-12 we had that meeting with representatives and liaisons of La Viña, everyone gave their opinion about La Viña & that it should continue; we gave 3 suggestions to the Delegate to take to the Conference in New York.

I was present at the committee meeting for organizing the Convention on 2/11/12 in Conroe only to see if any errors in the functions of the Convention were being made. According to the committee's report, everything was fine. I was also informed that they were happy with the Speaker from Mexico.

I attended the committee meeting at Champions Club on March 31, 2012 where they discussed the adjustment to the proposal for the committees. The meeting lasted from 11:00am to 4:20pm.

I try to do my functions and do the best I can whenever possible. Thank you to the committees of La Viña, for your motivation & subscriptions to La Viná. District 66 47 Subscriptions

District 65 26 Subscriptions
District 64 27 Subscriptions
District 63 35 Subscriptions
District 62 Has no committee for la Viña

Literature – Chair: Tom K Alt Chair: Vernon L

The SETA Literature Committee meets the last Saturday of the month in the small room at the Delta Club at noon, following D- 51's meeting.

The Committee also visits District & other Service Committee meetings at times, providing samples of AA Literature for each specific function.

The Committee also recruits messengers for similar purposes in each District, such as District Literature Reps & Group Literature Reps. Willingness and availability are the only job requirements, so if you are sponsoring a candidate for this kind of rewarding service work, call us.

We could also use a Committee Secretary & a few "outside salesmen" for carrying the message which supposedly guides our efforts of Unity, Service and Recovery. You can also support the Fellowship by purchasing literature and other material for someone else.

WE'VE COME UP WITH A PAMPHLET RACK THAT IS PORTABLE, FUNCTIONAL AND VERY ECONOMICAL: a 24-pocket clear plastic shoe bag available from Wal-Mart for less than \$6.00! It can double as an apron at cook-outs, or a cape on inclement days! Don't forget to fill it up with LITERATURE!

Multi-Lingual Committee – Chair: Ricardo D Alt Chair: OPEN

The committee is doing well. We worked on translating various documents and reports for the Area and for the Districts. We helped with vocal translations as well, at the April Assembly and also did a verbal translation for the CFC committee.

If you have the skills to translate and want to participate in the Area service structure, please join the Multi-Lingual committee -- we need you. Please call us!

Newsletter – Chair: Linda C Alt Chair: OPEN

After such wonderful response to the call for articles in December for the January issue, I must say that I was disappointed by the lack of submissions for the April issue. My thanks go out to Districts 20 and 90 for their articles. Out of 18 districts, they were the only ones that sent me anything. The good news is several have already committed to writing articles for the July newsletter.

In an effort to balance out the number of articles, and after talking to several others, the committee is going to try something different and we'll see if it works! When the call goes out for articles, it will still include officers and committee chairs. However, for the next (3) issues, I'll also contact six districts for articles – different districts each time. Announcements from other districts are welcome as well.

Another change is we'll use the Multi-lingual Committee for translation of the Newsletter. As articles are submitted, if they haven't already been translated into Spanish, they will be forwarded to the Multi-lingual Committee.

I'm happy to announce printing & mailing costs are down. As more of Area opts to receive the Newsletter electronically, costs will continue to decrease.

PI Committee – Chair: Debra R Alt Chair: OPEN

Debra said that the committee met on the first Saturday of the month at the Houston Council on Alcohol & Drugs. Email for her to visit your Group or District; or if you're having a Work Fair & would like to have a PI Table there. They'll be at a Health Fair coming up in La Porte. Area PI is your resource – let her know if she can help.

SCAP – Chair: Francia C Alt Chair: OPEN

First of all, thanks to Denise for all the help she's been giving to the committee; she's been visiting a lot of Districts to promote the State Convention. Dates are June 8-10 at the Westin Hotel in Irving; we have registration forms at the Registration Table. We spend most of our money in January but we have \$883 left. This year we're doing something different – we'll be at the State Convention & you'll know who we are. In the meantime, we're trying to get the word out.

TFC Committee - Chair: OPEN Alt Chair: Tracy W

Tracy reported that John O has stepped down as of last Wednesday. He noted that this is the second time in two years that the TFC Chair has resigned. He said that the Committee has asked him to stand as Chair; Lisa F of District 90 has agreed to stand as secretary. Tracy said they want to hold a Bridge the Gap Workshop at the Assembly to educate members on how to set up BTG in their Groups.

Proposals and Motions

Motions

1) Beth R made a motion to send the Delegate to the General Service Conference informed, but not instructed.
Betsy G seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2) SETA Liaisons to Intergroup – Lee G.
Motion to create a budget for the SETA 67 Liaisons to Intergroup to reimburse for hotel expenses incurred on attending Area Assemblies.
Tabled.

Proposal

Archives Committee – Chair: Sherry B.

The Archives Committee is forwarding a motion to the Area Chair for

consideration in July by Area Assembly to set up funds and resources to continue the SETA Repository. The lease on the Repository will end September 30, 2013 and it takes time to negotiate a new lease. We're asking Area's approval to go forward.

**SETA 67 Quarterly Assembly
April 15, 2012
FINAL MOTIONS**

Motion

Motion to send the Delegate to the General Service Conference informed, but not instructed.

The motion passed unanimously.

Election Results:

PJ L was elected by acclamation to the position of Grapevine Chair.

SETA COMMITTEE ROLL CALL

2011-2013

April 2012

Called by Peggy M	POSITION	NAME	PRESENT		PRESENT		
			7/14/12	7/15/12	ALTERNATE	07/14/12	07/15/12
	AREA DELEGATE-Panel 61	Deborah D	X	X	Patrick C	X	X
	AREA CHAIRPERSON	ZBM	X	X	Gary S	X	X
	AREA Registrar	Peggy M	X	X	Jennifer E	X	X
	AREA Secretary	Melissa R	X	X	OPEN		
	AREA Treasurer	Ronald C	X	X	Kris H	X	X
	AREA Archives	Sherri B	X	X			
	AREA CPC Chair	Beth Y			Katherine M	X	X
	AREA CFC Chair	Fritz B	X	X	David K		
	AREA Finance Chair	Mary M	X	X			
	AREA Grapevine Chair	P J L		X	Josette B		
	AREA Web-IT	Steve E	X	X	Eddie A		
	AREA La Vina Chair	Angel M	X	X	Carlos U		
	AREA Literature	Tom K		X	Vernon L		
	AREA Multilingual	Ricardo D	X	X			
	AREA Newsletter	Linda C	X	X			
	AREA PI Chair	Debra R	X	X			
	AREA SCAP	Francia C	X	X			
	AREA TFC	Tracy W	X	X			
	DCM District 10	Dave P	X	X	Joy M		X
	DCM District 20	Troy B	X	X	Ford S		X
	DCM District 31	Barbara G	X	X	West G	X	X
	DCM District 32	Jim K	X	X	Jeff H		
	DCM District 33	Teresa O			Karen S		
	DCM District 40	Brad H	X	X	Jes K		
	DCM District 51	Randy R		X	Amy E		
	DCM District 52	Barbara L	X	X	Jeff H		
	DCM District 60	Sylvester W	X	X			
	DCM District 62	Magdalena D	X	X	Francisco M		
	DCM District 63	Ricardo R	X		Edwin C		X
	DCM District 64	Ricardo C	X	X	Adan T		
	DCM District 65	Ramiro Y	X	X	Moises L		
	DCM District 66	Carlos F		X	Martin M		
	DCM District 70	Marcial S	X	X	Jason E	X	X
	DCM District 81	Randy B	X	X	Stewi M	X	X
	DCM District 82	Kim R			Rick M	X	X
	DCM District 90	Lloyd G	X	X	Ricky L	X	X
	Liaison to Brazos Valley Intergroup	Charles R					
	Houston Intergroup	Lee G	X	X			
	Ninth District Intergroup	Dennis M					
	Oficina Intergroupal Hispano De Houston	Alejandro P					
	Intergroupo Hispano Del South West (66)	Concha G		X			
	SETA 2013 Convention Chair	Malanie M		X	Troy B	X	X
	SETA 2014 Convention Chair	Rocco M	X				

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FROM: SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY

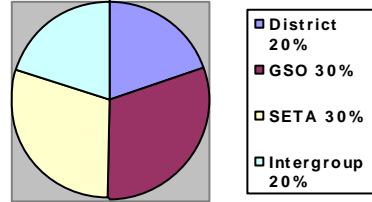
To: GROUP TREASURER

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.

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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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 and go to the District's page for address information.)