

South East Texas Area Assembly

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

**Saturday and Sunday
April 14, 15, 2012**

**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 upon A.A. unity depend our
lives and the lives of those to come.***

April 2012
SETA Assembly MOTIONS

ELECTIONS –
ALTERNATE SECRETARY
GRAPEVINE CHAIRPERSON

SETA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
Area Committee Meeting
Saturday January 7, 2012

- I. **Opening** – Alt Chair, Gary S opened the meeting at 7:37 A.M.
- II. **Preamble** – Gary S asked Dennis to read the Preamble
- III. **Registrar** - Peggy M. Report: Peggy said that the Post Office held on to returned mail for about (13) months, which is odd since there is a return address stamped on the envelope; about (600) pieces were returned; approximately (280) were actual changes to group information. She noted that at January Assemblies, it's more difficult to get address changes so please have GSRs check in with her or Jennifer for any changes. She also stated to the DCMs that more Groups are listed as unknown.

Roll Call

- IV. **Area Committee Minutes** – October 2011: Secretary - Melissa R Report: Two Ad-Hoc Committees at October Assembly which presented to the Area Committee only: the 'A/C Inventory' and the 'Service Committee Protocol' Ad-Hoc Committees. At the close of the A/C meeting in October, these A/H Committees were disbanded. In an effort to save on printing costs, the reports were not included in the Minutes. I have copies of both reports in English & Spanish here. They will be online as an addendum, so available there as well.

October Area Committee Minutes: accepted as circulated.

- V. **Treasurer's Report-** 4th Quarter - 2011: Treasurer - Ron C
 - Group Contributions down in 2011 but expenses were down too.
 - Net profit in budget of about \$2000; cash flow is about \$7000 so had a positive cash flow for 2011.
 - The Archives Repository rent went up more than in the contract– they had a CPI Index & it increased about another \$19 so we're paying an additional \$103/quarter.
 - Group Contributions: there are 651 total groups in the Area with (274) contributing. Avg. contribution per group is roughly \$120.

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

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

Deborah did not read a report due to constraints of time. However she did say that she took no proposed Agenda Items to last year's GSC but this year (4) items have been brought to her attention from Area 67. She is going to ask for a sense from Area Committee and General Assembly to present them at the G.S. Conference.

(Area 67 Proposed GSC Agenda Items – See Pages 14-16)

The Area Committee signaled approval on all proposals.

DCM Sharing Session to be held at noon. She'll have the proposed Agenda Items tomorrow to take to Groups

- VII. **Alt Delegate Comments- Patrick C, Panel 61**

Patrick thanked all groups for a great Gratitude Dinner. A final

meeting will be held to review what went well and what should change. SWRAASA to be hosted by Area 46 in Albuquerque, NM, Oct 19-21. He commented on his proposed GSC Agenda item regarding stories in the Grapevine (See Pages 14-15 for full proposal)

VIII. 2013 SETA Convention Report: Chair: Melanie M. Alt Chair: Troy B
Melanie reported that a contract had been negotiated by Troy B with the Marriott Westchase. A meeting will be held Sunday after the convention so anyone interested in serving, please attend. Convention dates are January 11-13, 2013.

IX. **Ad-Hoc Committee on Special Needs** – Chair: Jackie V.
Jackie V stated that she has not received enough questionnaires back from Groups to arrive at a conclusion as to whether the Area feels that there is a need for this type committee or not. She asked for 5 minutes on Sunday to get a sense of the General Assembly. Request was granted and it will be added to the Sunday Agenda.

X. **Ad-Hoc Committee on Job Descriptions** – Chair: Tandy B.
In January 2011 the Area Chairperson appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to update existing Area Job Descriptions. Members are Tandy B. Ad Hoc Committee Chair District 82, Gene J. District 31, Katherine M. District 10, and Holly D. District 81.

We were asked to include in all the current job descriptions posted on the SETA web pages the approved motion, to turn in a budget & attend the budget meeting. This task was completed in September of last year.

The Chair also asked us to review & revise the Area Committee job descriptions the first quarter of 2012 and report a final recommendation to the Area Committee by April 2012. Specifically we were asked to include changes & corrections to aid in clarity & unity so each position would have sobriety & service requirements, as well as responsibilities. Additional changes were included, as requested by the Area Chair.

The Ad Hoc Committee suggested changes have been included in the revised job descriptions and are being presented to the Area Committee for its review. The revisions recommended are:

- 1) Consistent formatting for all the job descriptions, header, footer, font, bullet, etc.
- 2) Consistent general headings on all the job descriptions with position specific headings after that.
- 3) A Position Qualification heading added on all job descriptions with appropriate qualifications.
- 4) Primary and Alternate position job descriptions be combined

for the Registrar, Secretary and Treasurer to eliminate repetition and reduce the total number of descriptions from 25 to 22.

- 5) Delegate and Alternate Delegate position qualification changed to six years of continuous sobriety and four years of Southeast Texas Area service.
- 6) To include the Service Committee Chair position qualification statement that says "The Chairperson should have a considerable continuous period of sobriety."
- 7) To add to the Area Committee Chair and the Service Committee Chairs the protocol responsibility statement that says "It is a responsibility of the Service Committee Chair to write the committee's protocol guidelines for Participation and Voice & Vote at its Service Committee meetings. Such guidelines are to be posted on the committee's web page of the Area's website, as well as posted at site and time of meeting."

In addition to the above stated revisions the ad hoc committee further recommends:

- 1) That any suggested revisions to this work be sent to the Area Secretary, the official document keeper, for inclusion in the appropriate description with final approval by the Area Assembly in April.
- 2) That each job description reflects the appropriate approval authority **and** date in the footer.
- 3) That a job description be developed for the newly approved Area Professional Translator position to include descriptions, qualifications, duties and responsibilities and other heading as appropriate to the position.

I want to thank the members of the Ad Hoc Committee for their effort in accomplishing our task.

XI. **Unfinished Business** - Sunday's Agenda

- Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (South)
- Election of Alternate Secretary
- Election of Grapevine Chair
- Election of SCAP Chair
- Election of 2014 SETA Convention Chair (Beaumont)
- GSC Literature Proposal
- Ad-Hoc Committee on Special Needs- Sense of the Area

XII. **New Business**

- Vote on whether Service Committee Meetings are Open.

XIII. Additional Items –

1) Question to Registrar as to what is required in regards to (600) pieces of returned mail.

Answer: The DCMs will have to take the action, which is getting correct addresses for Group GSRs and Contacts.

2) Question to Tandy B regarding Proposed Revisions of Job Descriptions: the process is to make any changes we feel are needed and submit them to the Secretary?

Answer: Yes, the Secretary is the Keeper of the Job Descriptions. You'll send them to her and she will provide them to Area within the 30-day time-frame required for voting.

XIV. Items for April Agenda Items:

Anonymity in this Digital Age – Workshop Topic

Other: 2012 GSC Theme Workshop Topics

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

District 33 is host of the current Assembly;

April Host District: District 40;

October Host District: District 82;

July Host District Needed;

Hotel Search Committee needs a member from the Southern or Eastern section of Area 67.

Closed at 8:59 A.M. with the Declaration of Unity

**Area 67 Quarterly Assembly
Area Assembly Meeting
Moody Gardens Hotel, Galveston, Texas
Sunday January 8, 2012**

- I. Open: Gary S, Acting Chair, opened the meeting at 8 A.M. with the Serenity Prayer, then explained that he was acting as Chair in ZBM's absence.
- II. Preamble: Alt Chair – Gary S.
- III. Welcome Past Delegates: Mike D, Paul M, Harold P, Betsy G, Marvin W, Gus H and Beth R.
Recognize New GSRs and DCMs
- IV. **Registrar: Peggy M** Roll Call
- V. **Secretary – October 2011 Minutes Secretary: Melissa R:** Report
Since District & Service Committee Reports will not be presented at this Assembly, they won't be included in the Minutes. However, any one wishing to submit a report may do so and they'll be posted on the SETA Website; the Ad-Hoc Committee Reports on A/C Inventory and Service Committee Protocol will be posted as well.
October Minutes accepted as circulated.

VI. Treasurer Report – Ron C.

We had positive Cash Flow for 2011; also for the Gratitude Dinner and Convention Funds. Archives Repository is now down to \$16K; we spend approximately \$2000/quarter for rent, insurance.

Unrestricted funds are approximately \$7000.00

42% of Groups in Area 67 contribute.

Group Contributions were lower than budgeted but expenses were also lower than budgeted, so there was a positive cash flow.

Question about 2012 Convention "Return" on Income Line for mailings. Are we making money off of mailings now?

Answer: Post Office wouldn't accept a check so they took it from our mailing fund. This was a return of that so it was a zero sum item.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

VII. 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 and would like to welcome everyone to the South East Texas Area 67 Assembly. A big thank you to Charlie and all the members of the Convention Committee and all the volunteers who have helped put this convention together. I know these things do not come together without a lot of hard work & many people helping.

This is very exciting to be in my 2nd year and have some experience behind me. This past year has been the best of my life; my heart is filled with love and gratitude for Alcoholics Anonymous and for the fellowship. I have plenty to report to everyone.

The deadline to submit proposed agenda items is January 15, 2012. I have 4 items to talk about. I will be requesting a sense of the area for each of these.

- The first one is for the Grapevine that states: Review the AA Grapevine editorial policy, to ensure it complements the AA Grapevine statement of purpose, and the AA tradition of singleness of purpose. -- Patrick C. Alt Delegate
- The second agenda item is: Consider the request to produce the following books in soft back:
 - Pass It On
 - A.A. Comes of Age
 - Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers – Ray “Woody” Mc. GSR
- The third agenda item is: Consider the request to add the La Viña magazine purpose to the La Viña Workbook. – Angel M. La Viña committee

I brought copies of the preliminary agenda items for you to take back with you. The final agenda items will be sent to me in early February. As soon as I receive the email I will email it to you for your feedback. We will have round table discussions in April covering some of the final agenda items. The conference is the following week after our assembly.

Next, I would like to talk about ebook and iBook. The eBook versions of the Fourth Edition Big Book & Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions are available for purchase on G.S.O.'s online store in English, French and Spanish. These eBooks are readable in a free App for the iPhone and iPad: EReader Apps. Language of the Heart from the Grapevine is also available using ibooks. The A.A.W.S. books are \$6 each and the GV is \$9.99. I've loaded these on my ipad and itouch with no problems. This will be available on the Android in about a month or so. We are moving towards the technical age.

As I prepare for the 62nd General Service Conference held April 21-28, 2012, I am looking for feedback from you. The theme: Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age. The conference workshop: Safety in A.A.: Our Common Welfare.

The Long form of Tradition One states – “Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a greater whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.”

Here are a few questions to consider:

- How can we make our Home Group a welcoming and accessible place?
- How can sponsorship aid in keeping our A.A. meetings safe?
- In keeping with Traditions, how would/does my group address matters that may arise, such as:
 - a. Conduct that disrupts the meeting
 - b. Illegal activity
 - c. Inappropriate behavior towards vulnerable new members (e.g. “13 stepping”)
 - d. Emergencies (injury/accident/fire/etc.)

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

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 and 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 the conference last year.

Finance Conference Committee (which is the committee that I am on) has 2 items:

- Consider a suggestion that the amount requested from each delegate area as a conference fee be increased. The 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.

Finance

For the first nine months of 2011, contributions from A.A. groups & members of \$4,481,000 was \$95,000 under budget. Gross profit on literature sales of \$6,008,000 was \$46,000 over budget.

Area 67 contributions statement for the nine months ended 09/30/2011 are 39.47%, in 2010 the contributions statement for the nine months ended 09/30/2010 is 43.78%.

I would like to thank all of you for your support and enthusiasm for AA and the fellowship. I'm honored to serve you & look forward to my 2nd year being as fulfilling as last year. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

VIII. Alternate Delegate Comments - Patrick C

Good morning, my name is Patrick C. and I am grateful to be serving you as your Alternate Delegate, Panel 61, Area 67.

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope that you all are enjoying the 50th Anniversary Southeast Texas Area Convention.

It has been a fantastic period of rest since the 2011 Gratitude Dinner. Gus H. shared with me to take the time to reflect on the past year & relax with family & friends. You don't have to tell this Alcoholic to let go of responsibilities twice! Thank you all for a great 2011 of serving together. I look forward to 2012.

Gratitude Dinner:

I want to thank everyone, especially Jim K., Paul M. and all the group, district and area servants for the wonderful fellowship, food & fun we enjoyed at this year's Gratitude Dinner. The Gratitude Dinner Committee is going to have a final meeting next Friday, January 13th to review what went well and what we can improve upon for the 2012 Gratitude Dinner.

I will provide a full final report of the financial picture & what we discuss during the meeting next week at the April Area Assembly. District 20 will be the host district for the 2012 Gratitude Dinner. I need to confirm that we have a co-host district and will update you on that information as well in April.

Your input is valuable and desired, so if you would like to share with me over this weekend, stop me and let me know what you felt went well and what we can improve upon for 2012.

SWRAASA 2012:

Mark your calendars and 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 through 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 Southwest Region. The last event in Colorado was a completely bi-lingual event and I know that New Mexico is working to make sure this one is as well.

This service weekend is made up of many workshops that have a short presentation by assigned facilitators, then plenty of time for the workshop participants to share their experience, strength and hope or even questions about the presented topic. I remember attending the Delegate Workshop right before the beginning of my term as Alternate Delegate last year & how much information I learned about what it was like to serve as delegate & alternate delegate from AA members who had been in my shoes. It's where Deborah & I heard about the importance of supporting each other and having open communication. After this workshop, Deborah and I made the commitment to work on making that happen. When I asked the question, "How many of you here this weekend have been to a SWRAASA", many of you raised your hands.

For those who have not attended one yet, ask these members about their experiences and what they have learned by attending this wonderful service event. **I have a few of these neat "save the date" bookmarks to pass out, but I only have a limited number, so first come first receive. These were provided to me by Area 46. Just see me.**

Proposed Agenda Item: Review the AA Grapevine editorial policy, to ensure it complements the AA Grapevine statement of purpose and the AA tradition of singleness of purpose.

If you have had an opportunity to read my article in the SETA quarterly newsletter, I share my experience of asking a question at the microphone during a general sharing session at the Southwest Regional Forum this past October. The question I asked was why story after story is being printed in the AA Grapevine that refer to outside issues and which seems to contradict the A.A. Grapevine statement of purpose and the A.A. tradition of singleness of purpose. I gave several examples of specific stories in the most recent editions of the A.A. Grapevine. To be frank, I did not receive a satisfactory answer and I could not seem to let it go. That prompted me to speak with my service sponsor and other past delegates about what next steps I could take and it was suggested to write up a proposed agenda item and have it submitted. I have done that and as Deborah, our Delegate has shared, she agreed with what I had written and she submitted the proposal jointly with me. I'm excited that I'm trying to be more a part of the process and I'm thrilled that there are several other proposed agenda items from our Area that our Delegate will have

the privilege to submit. We all will see what happens next and if any of these proposed agenda items make it on the Final Agenda, each of us will have the full opportunity to weigh in and provide input to our Delegate to take to the General Service Conference with her this year.

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

IX. Convention Reports

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

Thank you all for attending our 50th Convention. I truly understand our theme for this year now: “Spiritual progress rather than spiritual perfection”.

I would like to give a special thanks to all my committee members.

Our total registration count for the Convention is (1412). It has been a great convention and I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your 2012 SETA Convention Chair. It’s been my pleasure.

I’m looking forward to our next 2012 SETA Convention Meeting so that I can give everyone our final report in April.

As a last thing for us to do today, the 2012 SETA Convention Committee would like to donate our 50th Convention banner to Area Archives.

2013 Convention – Chair: Melanie M Alt Chair: Troy B
Presented by Troy B.

A contract has been negotiated with the Marriott Westchase on Briar Park. The dates are January 11-13. Anyone interested in serving on the Convention Committee, there are slots still open. A meeting will be held in the ballroom after the Convention.

**X. Reports

Ad-Hoc Committee on Special Needs – Chair: Jackie V. Report
Jackie explained that she has not received sufficient input in order to come to a conclusion as to whether the Area thinks there’s a need for a Special Needs Committee. She asked the General Assembly for a sense as to whether the Groups are for, against or undecided on the issue. **A majority indicated the sense is in favor of this type of committee.** **

New GSR Workshop – Facilitator: Paul M. (See Pg. 16 for full report)
Paul noted that the Area Chair had designed a New GSR packet and that he’d had requests for a Spanish version so he’ll work on that.

**** NOTE: THIS VERSION IS CORRECT; THE EMAILED VERSION STATES INCORRECTLY THAT THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED MORE TIME TO GATHER INFORMATION.**

Ad-Hoc Committee on Area Inventory – Chair: Beth R - Report
Beth noted that the Committee had met at 11 AM on Saturday and that the questions used for the Inventory had been cut down from (92) to (30). Copies are available for DCMs to take with them.

Saturday night at the April Assembly has been set aside to begin the Inventory and all are highly encouraged to attend.

XI. Roll Call for Voting – **Registrar, Peggy M**

Voting Count: 101; Simple Majority: 52

XII. **Old Business**

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

Election of Liaison to Spanish Office Intergroup (South):

Two stood: Cochia and Ramses. Rules of written ballot were suspended for this election and a show of hands was used.

Concha G. was elected as Liaison.

Election of Grapevine Chair – Skipper N was unable to stand for the position, due to health reasons.

PJ L. stood to qualify himself for the position. Patrick C noted that Josette B was unable to attend the Assembly and that she had understood that Skipper would attend and stand for the job. Patrick noted that she has been performing a lot of the duties as Alternate Chair and asked if this could be tabled until April when she could attend.

Assembly voted in to table until the April Assembly.

Election of SCAP Chair – Francia C. has been serving as interim Chair since being appointed to do so in October, 2011. She noted that she had been on the Committee last year and that she worked on the Hospitality Suite at the convention this year. A motion was made & seconded to accept Francia C by acclimation.

The vote was unanimous.

Election of 2014 SETA Convention Chair (Beaumont)

Rocco M stood for the position and a motion was made and seconded. (3) Opposed.

Assembly voted in favor by a significant majority.

Motion: GSC Agenda Item- Literature Proposal – District 81

Paul M. (See Motion Background on Pg. 17)

The New Day Group, District 81, Area 67, proposes adding “Non-alcoholics may attend as observers” to our Singleness of Purpose Statement that was approved by the GSC in 2003 and is used in a number of our conference approved pamphlets.

Opposed: 4; Abstaining: 2

Motion passed by wide majority

A Minority Opinion was offered however none wished to change their vote.

Vote to approve stands.

New Business

Motion: Meetings of the Service Committees for the Southeast Texas Area shall be open for attendance by any AA member.
(See information on Pg. 17)

Opposed: 5

Motion passes by wide majority

Minority Opinion: After experience with the Finance Committee issue of closed Committee meetings, thinks people should be able to attend as observers in order to learn. Asked for an amendment to this affect.

No one wished to change their vote.

Motion Stands

April Assembly Topics

Election for Alternate Secretary Position: OPEN

Election for Grapevine Area Chair

FUTURE ASSEMBLIES:

Suggested Workshop Topics -

Anonymity in the Digital Age

GSC Workshop Topics

Announcements: Alt. Chair- Gary S.

Volunteers needed for the Hotel Search Committee;

April Assembly Host District: District 40

April 14, 15, 2012 Sheraton IAH, Houston, TX

July Assembly Host District: District 64

July 14, 15, 2012 Sheraton IAH, Houston, TX

October Assembly Host District: District 82

October 6, 7, 2012 Sheraton IAH, Houston, TX

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

2013 SETA Convention Marriott Westchase, Jan 11-13, 2013

The Assembly closed at 9:53 A .M. with Declaration of Unity.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa R, Secretary

SETA 67

2011-2012

Area 67 Quarterly Assembly
January 7, 8, 2012
Proposed GSC Agenda Items, Workshop Report

Area 67 Proposed GSC Agenda Items

I. Presented by Patrick C and Deborah D.

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 proposed agenda item has been written and jointly submitted by Patrick C, current Alternate Delegate, Panel 61, Area 67 and Deborah D., current Delegate, Panel 61, Area 67.

We hope that consideration is given to how submissions to the AA Grapevine are reviewed and approved. The purpose being to ensure that all articles printed in the monthly magazine carry the Alcoholics Anonymous message of recovery to those suffering from Alcoholism, like the Alcoholics Anonymous movement it is expected to mirror.

During the past year serving as Alternate Delegate of one of the 93 areas in the U.S. and Canada, one of the messages that we have been asked to carry to the fellowship is for Alcoholics Anonymous members to continue helping the A.A. Grapevine become fully self-supporting. In carrying the self-support message, it was surprising to find some members of our fellowship expressing a decision to no longer financially support the AA Grapevine. It is believed that the central purpose of the magazine has moved away from our singleness of purpose, through identification, in our common problem with alcohol.

As a result, I began to closely pay attention to the stories included in the recent editions of the AA Grapevine. In the September 2011 edition, several stories reference members using drugs & pills & being addicted. In the article titled "Don't ask, don't tell"; the member begins with "I started smoking pot at the age of 12. Alcohol was quickly added at 13. In a separate article in the same edition it begins "on this beautiful spring morning, after almost three months without alcohol or drugs, I am beginning to feel alive again". In the most recent December 2011 edition a submitted & printed article titled "No More Holidays from Hell", the member states; "of course I did drink, and I also used drugs. In my mind, drugs were much more high class than booze."

These are examples of the stories that are being printed in the International journal of Alcoholics Anonymous that demonstrate how easy it is to stray from our singleness of purpose. Our journal is written, edited, illustrated and read by Alcoholics Anonymous members and others interested in the AA program of recovery from alcoholism.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to be an AA member trying to uphold the traditional message that each group has but one primary purpose, to carry its message to the alcoholic who still suffers, when the AA Grapevine seems to have lost the ability to stay focused on our primary purpose. How difficult it is to share that our group meeting topics and discussions should focus on carrying the message of identification from our common problem of alcoholism when a member can easily point to articles written and printed in the AA Grapevine that mention other substances and outside issues.

The AA Grapevine is also a tool expected to be used to inform professionals and the general public about Alcoholics Anonymous and who we can help. The message should be clear and stick to our primary purpose. If the AA Grapevine mentions other addictions, drug and pill use and this is the first, and possibly only, contact that a person has about Alcoholics Anonymous, how can our fellowship expect that these individuals will know to only send people who have a problem with alcohol versus some other addiction?

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed agenda item for the 2012 General Service Conference. A hope is that this topic of discussion will be opened for our fellowship to consider the purpose of our International Journal of Alcoholics Anonymous and the message that is being carried. The AA Grapevine has a great responsibility and a wide audience and we all should carefully consider what message is being carried.

2. Proposed by Ray "Woody" M, Presented by Richard D. CFC Literature Proposal

Due to the growth of our group, The Pathfinders has shown an increased interest in reading more AA approved literature. The below listed books are only available in hardcover:

- Pass It On
- A.A Comes of Age
- Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers

The Pathfinders was blessed with a limited soft cover edition of "A.A. Comes of Age" that was made available in San Antonio earlier in the year. The demand to read this book was strong, so strong that the book has not been returned, and may have left the unit.

Many penal institutions place restrictions on hard-back books from entering the system, decreasing their chance of receiving what was so freely given to us. For the institutions that do allow hardcover books, the cost associated with hardback books may leave such a publication out of the reach of incarcerated inmates.

As the GSR for, and on behalf of the Pathfinders I would like to humbly submit this request that the above listed books be considered for softback production. We are about carrying the message and reaching the alcoholic that still suffers and offering these publications in softcover would allow the message of experience, strength and hope to reach more of the many incarcerated alcoholics.

Thank you and it is an honor for me to be of service to the Pathfinder Group and AA as a whole.

3. Presented by: J. Angel M., SETA 67 La Viña Committee Chair La Viña Proposed GSC Agenda Item

We have been working and looking for a better way to improve our La Viña magazine. This point was taken to the Convention in Virginia that the purpose of La Viña would be included in the Manual of R.L.V.

This point was discussed and by agreement of the 24 delegates and their alternates, it was agreed that it was a good idea.

At the Committee meeting of La Viña, we agreed that a letter would be written and signed by the MCD and La Viña Committees for each District and it would be given to the Area Delegate at the SETA Convention in Galveston who would continue the process with the editor of the La Viña.

The Committees stated that they were working well. They have their regular meetings, they share with their Districts and have monthly meetings with Austin, TX. and San Antonio, TX.

New GSR Workshop - Facilitator: Paul M.

Opened meeting with Serenity Prayer. There were 30 GSRs and Alternates in attendance.

Reviewed the New GSR Folder, which includes the Area P&P Manual, Area Calendar, Traditions Illustrated, an Acronym Sheet, Area Map, Area Contact Sheet, Group Change Form & Assembly Procedures.

We discussed general duties and responsibilities of a GSR at the Group, District and Area levels.

We stressed the importance of the 12 Traditions and recommended reading of the AA Group Pamphlet, the Traditions Illustrated and AA Comes of Age.

We covered some of the items to be voted on at the Sunday Assembly & encouraged the GSRs to ask questions, to become better informed.

I asked an advanced GSR and a GSR from a prison group to share some experience. The advanced GSR handed out a sheet with ideas that District 81 is using to encourage participation; the prison group GSR shared on the challenge of keeping his group informed and how does he rotate out if there is no one else to do the job.

Some questions asked were:

Is my group autonomous?

How do I vote if do not know anything about the issues?

When do we rotate?

What is a Panel number?

Proposals and Motions

1. **MOTION:** The New Day Group, District 81, Area 67, proposes adding "Non-alcoholics may attend as observers" to our Singleness of Purpose Statement that was approved by the GSC in 2003 and is used in a number of our conference approved pamphlets.

Information:

CPC/PI: Proposed changes to "Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community", "Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?", "A.A. as a Resource for the Health Care Professional", "How A.A. Members Cooperate with the Professionals", "If you are a Professional, A.A. Wants to Work with You", "Members of the Clergy Ask About Alcoholics Anonymous", "Information on Alcoholics Anonymous" and "Alcoholics as a Resource for Drug and Alcohol Court Professionals".

CFC: The Singleness of Purpose Statement is currently used in Conference approved material to carry the message to professionals through our Correctional Committees in "A Message to Correctional Professionals".

Full background copies were distributed at the October Assembly. See www.aa-seta.org home page or chairperson's page for copy.

2. **MOTION:** Meetings of the Service Committees for the Southeast Texas Area shall be open for attendance by any AA member.

Information:

The Ad-Hoc Committee on Committee Protocol recommended, and the Area Committee approved: *That the AC Chair presents to the Assembly a proposal for a straight up or down vote on whether all SC meetings in SETA should be open.*

The full report was verbally presented at the October Assembly.

SETA 67 Assembly

January 8, 2012 Final Motions

Motion for Proposed GSC Agenda Item on Literature

Motion Passed

Motion on Standing Committee Meetings Open to AA members

Motion Passed

Election Results

SCAP Area Chair: Francia C.

Liaison to Spanish Intergroup South: Concha G.

2014 SETA Convention Chair: Rocco M.

SETA COMMITTEE ROLL CALL

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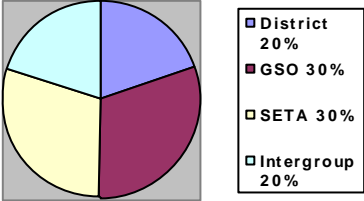
Called by Peggy M	POSITION	NAME	PRESENT		PRESENT		
			1/7/12	1/8/12	ALTERNATE	01/07/12	01/08/12
	AREA DELEGATE-Panel 61	Deborah D	x	x	Patrick C	x	x
	AREA CHAIRPERSON	ZBM			Gary S	x	x
	AREA Registrar	Peggy M	x	x	Jennifer E	x	x
	AREA Secretary	Melissa R	x	x	OPEN		
	AREA Treasurer	Ronald C	x	x	Kris H	x	x
	AREA Archives	Sherri B	x	x	OPEN		
	AREA CPC Chair	Beth Y	x	x	Katherine M		x
	AREA CFC Chair	Fritz B	x		David K		
	AREA Finance Chair	Mary M	x	x	OPEN		
	AREA Grapevine Chair	Skipper M			Josette B		x
	AREA Web-IT	Steve E	x	x	Eddie A		
	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	Francia C	x	x	OPEN		
	AREA TFC	John O			Tracy W	x	x
	DCM District 10	Dave P	x	x	Joy M		
	DCM District 20	Troy B	x	x	Stuart F		x
	DCM District 31	Barbara G	x	x	West G		
	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	x	x
	DCM District 51	Randy R			Charles H		
	DCM District 52	Barbara L	x	x	Jeff H		
	DCM District 60	Melanie M	x	x	OPEN		
	DCM District 62	Magdalena D	x	x	Francisco M		
	DCM District 63	Ricardo R	x	x	Edwin C		
	DCM District 64	Ricardo C	x	x	Adan T		
	DCM District 65	Ramiro Y			Moises L		
	DCM District 66	Carlos F	x		OPEN		
	DCM District 70	Marcial S			OPEN		
	DCM District 81	Randy B	x	x	Stevi M		x
	DCM District 82	Kim R	x	x	Rick M	x	x
	DCM District 90	Lloyd G	x	x	Ricky L		
	Liaison to Brazos Valley Intergroup	Charles R	x	x			
	Houston Intergroup	Lee G	x				
	Ninth District Intergroup	Dennis M	x				
	Oficina Intergroupal Hispano De Houston	Alejandro P.					
	Intergroupo Hispano Del South West (66)	OPEN					
	SETA 2012 Convention Chair	Charles R	x	x	Mary M	x	x
	SETA 2013 Convention Chair	Melanie M	x	x	Troy B	x	x

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.)