

South East Texas Area Assembly

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

Saturday and Sunday

October 6, 7, 2012

**Sheraton North Houston
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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.

October 2012
SETA 67 Assembly
VOTING ITEMS

Workshops and Voting on Saturday:

1. **Motion:** amend 2013 IT Committee budget to add \$600 to purchase Broadband for 2013;
2. **Motion:** amend 2013 IT Committee budget to add \$2000 to purchase two laptops for 2013;
3. **Motion:** amend 2013 budget to add \$750 to purchase *TeamViewer* subscription for 2013;
4. **Motion:** amend 2013 IT Committee budget to add \$465 to purchase *GoToMeeting* subscription for 2013.

5. **AHC Spanish Interpreter** recommends that the following procedures be put into place:
 - a) Responsible committee for hiring the interpreter will be the Multi-Lingual Committee;
 - b) The responsibilities to be added to the Multi-Lingual job description;
 - c) Procedure for payment by the Treasurer be added to that position's Job Description.

6. The Archives Committee requests that SETA set aside funds in the amount of \$27,000.00 for the purpose of negotiating a new 3-year lease, to begin on October 1, 2013. In addition, it is requested that any remaining balance from the 2009 restricted funds be carried over as an addition to the 2012 request of \$27,000.

7. Funding of all Intergroup Liaisons' hotel costs for one night at/for the Assembly weekend.

ELECTIONS (SUNDAY)

1. Area nomination for Trustee-At-Large Class B
2. Chairperson for the 2015 SETA Convention, hosted by Galveston and the southern districts;
3. Panel 63 Area Trusted Servants - by Third Legacy:
Delegate & Alternate Delegate, Area Officers
4. Panel 63 Area Trusted Servants - by Majority:
Alternate Area Officers, Area Committee Chairs, Liaisons

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

- I. **Opening** – Chair, ZBM opened the meeting at 8:34 A.M.
- II. **Preamble** – Alt. Chair, Gary S read the Preamble
- III. **Registrar** - Peggy M. **Roll Call**
- IV. **Area Committee Minutes** – April 2012: Secretary - Melissa R
April Area Committee Minutes: accepted as circulated.
- V. **Treasurer's Report**- 2nd Quarter-2012, Treasurer - Ronald C
Ronald's report included the following points:
 - Gratitude Dinner: no funds received for it this quarter;
 - 2013 Convention Fund: the \$3K advance was paid this quarter;
 - Restricted Funds include \$900 set aside for the Translator, and \$12K remaining for the funding of the Archives Repository (1 year).
Budgeted Items & Expenditures: Corrections to be made next quarter-
 - Literature double-billed for hotel room, instead of Chair: no change in the bottom line, just in allocation;
 - Printing expense for Agendas was billed to the Chair rather than as an Assembly expense.Ronald noted that we'd gotten another returned check for \$42.60.
Treasurer's Report – no questions from the Area Committee.

VI. Delegate Comments- Deborah D, Panel 61

Deborah apologized for being late, saying that they moved the DCM/ Delegate Sharing Session to Saturday morning instead of Friday night and had much better participation. They may move it up to 7:15 AM.

She said they talked about self-support, but in a different way: what does it mean to you individually? It's about money, but also participation at your group, involving others, doing 12-Step work, keeping with the singleness of purpose. Those are questions she's asking of the Assembly.

GSO is asking her for feedback about this initiative for self-support. Do we understand what it takes to sustain ourselves as a Fellowship? Do we really understand where those dollars go & the significance of how much dollars we need to give– not just to GSO, but to Districts, Area and Intergroup. She asked the Committee to think about those things, saying that she'll be here to talk about it & that she hopes it comes more from the heart and from a spiritual point of view, than reaching into the pocketbook.

Contributions from our Area to GSO, thru end of March, were up 3% from last year at this time.

Deborah said that there was a lot of great stuff going on with AAWS, ebooks, the Grapevine and finances that she'll talk about tomorrow. Also the news release from the Library of Congress, naming the Big Book as one of (88) books that shaped America, influenced the nation and the way the rest of the world views America. It will be on display in Washington DC at a special exhibit of all (88) books, from June 25 thru September 29.

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

Patrick reminded DCMs:

- to send their District information such as flyers, Minutes, guidelines, etc. to the Archives Committee so as to create a good historical record of our Area;
- to make sure their District events are posted to their District page on the SETA Website.

He noted that the theme of this year's Gratitude Dinner is "Generosity Links Us Together with a Sense of Belonging"; the menu is Tex-Mex. He announced that (3) presenters at this year's SWRAASA are from our Area: Gus H, Melissa R and Jim K.

(See complete report presented on Sunday – Page 15)

* ZBM asked the Area Committees & DCMs to send their Reports to the Secretary and Archives.

VIII. **Committees Sharing – Exceptional Items**

A) TFC: Special Needs & Accessibility: Report – Chair: Jackie V

Ad-Hoc Committee: Pat N, Kathy G, John O, Tracy W and Peggy M. Jackie V gave an update of the Committee's conclusions regarding the question of whether there's a need for a *Special Needs & Accessibility* Committee in Area 67. She clarified that this has never been a free-standing committee and to remove any reference to Treatment from this type of committee. (See full Report on Pages 23-24)

B) 2013 State Convention – Paul M: No Report

C) CFC Committee - Chair: Fritz B.

For the last (4) years, the CFC Committee has used Blue Can funds to purchase all literature from Houston Intergroup exclusively. CFC has spent over \$101K over the last four years with them.

There've been problems which have been resolved; however, there's an outstanding invoice for books we have not received, almost \$1000 worth. They can't tell us who signed for them & the prison didn't get them but Intergroup refuses to sell to us unless we pay it. So we've began ordering books through AAWS, unless we're told something else from this Area. I didn't want to involved Area in this dispute but felt I needed to inform the Area about the situation.

Q&A:

Troy B: Are they not going to see to any SETA Committee or just CFC?

Fritz B: I don't know but I'll share their email. David K and I attended a meeting about it but nothing was resolved.

Tom K: Does that include the Grapevine as well?

Fritz B: AAWS is separate from Grapevine, Inc. We're still buying back issues from them, though they've tripled in cost; they're now \$1.75 per copy.

Fritz said the Committee needs to place a large bulk order: over \$500, which will have free shipping & handling. On smaller orders, freight is charged. We negotiated a favorable cost structure with Intergroup a few years ago so cost differences aren't significant; however, there's the convenience of warehousing, distribution services, etc.

Ricardo C: It's good to get material cheaper, but also important to not shut the door on another AA Service entity.

* ZBM announced that she had a call from the Interpreter informing her that she wouldn't be at the Assembly today. A notice was sent out via allseta regarding this and the Multi-Lingual Committee was informed. If the Interpreter can come Sunday, she'll let ZBM know. There's illness in her family, so please keep her & her family in your prayers.

IX. Unfinished Business

2013 Budget Chair: Mary M – Workshop presented Sunday.

62nd GSC Report Delegate: Deborah D – presented Saturday night.

Archives Repository Chair: Sherry B – presented Saturday afternoon.

Job Descriptions Chair: Tandy B. ZBM noted that packets of the *2012 Proposed Job Descriptions* are available. Later today, there'll be copies of the individual positions (2010 Version) for a Workshop presented by Betsy G.

IT/Web Guidelines (Part II) Chair: Steve E – Workshop this afternoon.

X. Items for October's Agenda

- Elections of Area Positions
- Area Inventory Report Review
- Third Legacy Workshop
- Ad-Hoc Committee on Spanish Interpreter
- Intergroup Liaisons Reimbursed for Assembly Hotel Costs:
Mary M stated that the Finance Committee had discussed this at the last Assembly & recommended sending it to the Chair to bring it to the Assembly for a vote.
- 2015 SETA Convention Chair (Galveston)

XI. New Business

- Reformatting of the October Assembly's Agenda: Hold workshops and voting on Saturday in order to devote Sunday to Elections. ZBM asked for a show of hands indicating approval & received it.
- Hotel Search Report: Gary S. said he'll present bids they received tomorrow, but they have decided to remain at the JFK Sheraton.
- SWRAASA Funding for Spanish Interpreters: Patrick C
Patrick explained this was separate & apart from interpreter for our Assemblies; it's about sending volunteers to SWRAASA to interpret. Funding is for support for travel expense & shipping of equipment, not to exceed \$1250.00.

Question: Not long ago we had to vote to hire out for an interpreter for Area Assemblies. If ours aren't good enough to translate here, why are they good enough for SWRAASA?

Patrick: I see a difference between interpreting on a business level and sharing from the heart which is what it will be at SWRAASA.

Ricardo D said that Multi Lingual selected four people. One is being funded by their Group; (3) are looking for Area support. Area 46 will cover their hotel rooms.

ZBM asked if the Area Committee was in agreement with sending this to the General Assembly. Yes (10); No (1) so it will go forward.

XII. Other Items for Discussion: None

XIII. Announcements – Alt Chair: Gary S.

Current Host District is District 64.

October Host District is District 82.

DCMs: think about hosting for next year.

ZBM: Reminder! Please send reports electronically to the Secretary.

Not many were submitted last quarter, which put an undue burden on the secretary.

Closed at 9:40 A.M. with the Responsibility Statement

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

I. Open General Assembly at 10:05 AM

Ricardo C, MCD of the Host District, District 64, officially opened the Assembly with the Serenity Prayer.

He then introduced Kris H, who presented Tradition 11.

II. ZBM welcomed New DCMs & GSRs and acknowledged Past

Delegates: Harold P, Paul M, Mike D, Betsy G, Beth R and Gus H.

III. Preamble to Policy & Procedures Manual - Alt. Chair: Gary S.

IV. **Area Assembly Inventory** – Chair: Beth R.

Beth R divided Assembly members, along with other AA members who came to participate, into multiple groups for the second session at which the last (12) inventory questions will be addressed.

Beth asked to have the answers by the end of the afternoon.

Beth R: In October, we'll get these questions & answers out on allseta, in time for GSRs to talk about with their Groups and at District.

A list of recommendations will be sent at the same time. When we come back in October, we'll vote on Actions to take to correct these things.

The Committee will be here from 10-12; any questions can be answered at that time.

The Assembly broke for lunch at 12:00 PM.

The afternoon session began at 1:00 PM.

Michelle H presented Concept 11.

ZBM resumed her place at the podium.

V. **Workshops**

2013 Proposed Budget – Chair: Mary M (Posted on SETA Website)

Mary thanked the Budget Committee for their hard work, noting that when asked to reduce their budgets, everyone cooperated. We feel that this budget is appropriate.

(The printed budgets were incorrect; luckily, the correct one was shown by projection with PowerPoint. Copies of the correct budget will be available by this evening).

Q&A

Lee G: There's no category for Intergroup Liaisons' reimbursement?

Mary M: This hadn't come to the floor prior to the Budget; hopefully it will this weekend.

Deborah D: The General Conference fee was changed from \$1200 to \$1600.00; will this be changed?

Mary M: The Assembly can vote to amend the budget; Ron can reserve an additional \$400.00 for this.

- Tandy B: On the IT Budget under Other Expenses, there's \$600 for an Answering service; what's the reason for that?
- Steve E: I submitted requests for several things that weren't accepted; my understanding was they had been removed. Ex: 1) a "Go to Meeting" type service; 2) a broadband connection, to be made available to all of SETA, so if a committee needs an internet connection, this would give us the ability to provide it. The \$600 is for the card, not for an answering service.
- Betsy G: That's not an approved expense and needs to be stricken. The Assembly has to look at it & decide if there's a need for it.
- Mike: Have you looked at Year-to-Date numbers for 2012 to see if the figures are consistent?
- Ron C: We are normally bringing in more than is going out. We're on target to bring in less than budgeted, but also on target to spend less than budgeted.

IT/Web Workshop – Chair: Steve E

Steve noted that this is part of a larger effort begun a long time ago. Last year we introduced an Email phase; this is the Web Guidelines.

Next year we'll present guidelines for the Technical side.

Steve apologized to the Spanish Districts for not having a translated version, but Deborah D is working on it and should have it soon.

Guidelines are posted on the SETA Website. (See Pg. 25 for Background)

Q&A

- Patrick C: Regarding Prohibitive Content: why are personal phone numbers not allowed? Usually they're on flyers so people have a contact for questions. Can we adjust it to allow for phone numbers & email addresses with first names?
- Steve E: People can get personal information thru reverse search engines; the committee chose to err on the side of caution.
- Patrick C: Re: Copyright (pg.4): Did the committee take same stance on (J) "no copyright material should be posted" ? However, the theme of an event can be on Flyers: does it need to include the source and page number?
- Steve E: We can tweak it to allow for that, including "one-liners", but we should attribute it to where it came from.
- ZBM: Q Meta Data: Is that properties on content?
- Steve E: Yes.
- ZBM: Can it be fixed at the origination point?
- Steve E: Yes, but we want the Webmaster to ultimately be responsible.
- Deborah D: There's (565) active Groups in the Area; would having (565) emails cause issues in the SETA Website?
- Steve E: I think it would be fine; we have a lot of email addresses now but a lot of them are personal. We have unlimited storage & unlimited emails for \$100/year. It's a pretty good service.

Steve noted that he planned to continue the workshop at 4:30, during the IT Committee time-slot, and answer more questions, if needed.

Break taken at 2:30; the Assembly then resumed at 2:45 PM.

Archives Repository Workshop – Chair: Sherry B

A power point presentation was shown with Jason on the projector & Sarah D, Archivist, as the presenter. She read the request to consider setting funds aside for Repository funding to continue. The presentation illustrated “what it was like” as when archives were stored in a storage closet rented from Houston Intergroup, “what happened” which was a move to the new place, and “what it’s like now” where photos show the new rent space with equipment, storage racks and filing cabinets.

(See Page 17 for request presented to Area).

Q&A

Q: Paul M: How many visitors does the Repository get per year?

A: Not too many; maybe a dozen.

Q: How much is insurance per year?

A: Around \$9,000 or \$1227/quarter.

Q: And the specific budget for the committee is \$2000-2500?

A: We bought projector & display equipment which is available to Area.

Q: \$9300 plus \$2000: so around \$11,300 annual budget?

A: Yes.

Q: Tom K: How many Districts have Archives Committees or a Rep?

A: We’ve tried to instill a need for Group Archivists.

Q: ZBM: Are you keeping Minutes from Groups?

A: We don’t yet have Minutes from Groups.

Q: Deborah D: Do you prefer flash drives to electronic transmissions?

A: We don’t have internet. But it would save space. However the integrity of paper documents is important.

Q: Deborah D: Is the intent to eventually have a display of SETA momentos?

A: Jason J: Part of my interest is to learn more about Houston history. I’ve obtained some of Larry J’s letters. We’re developing it from that point (1940s) and working forward.

Q: Why do we need an office if everything can be stored on a computer?

A: Tandy B: Electronic records are easy to store & transmit & we have the responsibility of keeping media up to date. Paper records are always there; we just must protect them & the Repository makes that possible.

Q: Gus H: Is there a dollar figure?

A: Ronald C: We’ve paid \$18K so far for (2) years, so about \$9K/year.

Q: Gus: Would a budgeting figure of \$10K work, considering escalation?

A: Ron: yes, for budgeting purposes, considering escalation.

Ron: The lease holder is going through bankruptcy, so that’s something to keep in mind.

Sherry B: If we can find a cheaper place where we & our things will be safe, we’d take it. But we have to have a minimum of 600 sq. ft.

ZBM: there was no dollar figure on the Motion; my understanding was that it was the principle: get permission to look and negotiate.

Q: Gus: We’ve been treating the Repository as an Off-Budget Item. In future, should we look at making it a Budget line item so we can look at it as a whole?

A: Sarah D: Yes.

ZBM: The Repository was set up on a trial basis to see how it worked.

2012 Proposed Job Descriptions Workshop Chair: Tandy B.
Tandy said he gave this report in January; the Ad-Hoc Committee was formed in January 2011 & completed in September 2011. The package was posted on the Website. (See Pages 24-25 for full report).

Q&A

Q: Katherine M: the Spanish versions are not very good.

A: These were ran thru Google Translate; we'll have them translated by Multi Lingual.

Q: Peggy M: I sent my changes in but they weren't reflected in this set.

A: ZBM: You're right; changes dribbled in thru May. The J/D Committee had been dissolved by then. I'll forward those changes on to the next Chair for the next J/D Committee to consider.

Q: Gus H: In reading through the proposed J/D, it seems that some substantive changes have been made. Is there a list of exact changes that have been made? My questions are where did the changes come from, who approved them?

A: Tandy: What specifics are you referring to?

Q: Gus: The Alternate Delegate not visiting all Districts each year.

A: Tandy: If it isn't here, then it wasn't on the previous set.

Q: Gus: It's in the 2010 package.

A: ZBM: When I came in, the J/D wasn't posted on the web. The Ad-Hoc presented one and we all thought it was the correct copy. This involved going back thru 2008, looking at the motions & coming up with a clean copy.

Q: Gus: This is a significant part of the job which is why it stuck out to me. There are other substantive changes & I just wonder where they came from.

Tandy: There was no intention to ever delete anything; it was about the formatting & adding things we were asked to put in there. If this & more have been deleted, it's a question of asking the Chair to base it on the final 2010 version and reformat as specified.

Betsy G: I want to talk about Chain of Possession. The past Alt Chair, Randee B. When I saw the wrong job description for Alt. Delegate on the website, I ask the Alt Chair, who is the custodian of them. She had a red folder, which she got from the Deborah, the past Alt Chair, which had hard copies of all the 2010 Job Descriptions. It would have been very easy for the Committee to have those if they had asked the person in possession of them. That line of Alt Delegate J/D is only (1) of (5) that was dropped. I've asked (3) times for a list of substantive changes and I have been told they wouldn't be provided. You said that we can provide you with a list: that's not our job. It's your job to provide that. I would find it impossible to approve this set of Job Descriptions.

ZBM: This will be up for vote tomorrow; a simple yay or nay will suffice. If you don't like it, vote no; if you're ok with reformatting and using the 2010 version, vote that way. But tomorrow.

A Review of Assembly Service Positions - Workshop

Chair: Betsy G; Panelist: Gus H (See Pages 26-27 for Report)

VI. Service Committees

Meetings held from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. (See Pages 32- 36)

Note: District Reports not presented this Quarter (See pages 27-32)

New GSR, Advanced GSR & RSG Workshop Reports: Pages 21-22

The Assembly broke for dinner at 6:00 PM and resumed at 7:30 PM.

VII. Delegate's General Service Conference Report

Deborah D, Delegate of Panel 61, presented her report, aided by a power point presentation. She'll be visiting the Districts with her presentation; contact your DCM for your District's date.

(The report is also posted on the Delegate's page of the SETA Website).

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

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

- I. Open: opened at 8:31 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, Gus H and Beth R.
Recognize New GSRs and DCMs
- IV. Preamble: Alternate Area Chair – Gary S.
- V. **Registrar:** Peggy M - Report: Thanks to DCMs for getting in your Group Change Forms. I email Group Listing Reports quarterly; I do this in order to save money and paper. But, if you need it printed out, let me know. I'll do it today, before you leave.

Roll Call

- VI. **Secretary**– Melissa R - Report: I've already received several reports & thank you so much. We're going to have a big push to get Minutes completed as soon as possible this quarter. Anyone able to assist with translating, please get with Multi Lingual.

April 2012 Minutes accepted as circulated.

- VII. **Treasurer Report** – Ronald C.
 - Repository: we pay quarterly in advance, so we're paid through the end of September; we've spent approximately \$9K per year.
 - Gratitude Dinner Funds: No activity this quarter, but expect a lot this quarter as the Dinner is in November.
 - Convention Funds: We had a return from the 2012 Convention & out-go for the 2013 Convention: we provide the seed money.
 - Prudent Reserve which is ½ of the current budget.
 - SCAP Funds: not our funds, but holding them for SCAP Committee.
 - Reserved for the Interpreter: \$900.
 - At the half-way point, drastically below in both income & expenses.
 - We need to increase Group Contributions.

Q&A

Q: Francia C- Has the tax issue been resolved?

A: Ron – yes and no. We got a new CPA firm and we did do our quarterly filing & you can see on the Report, it was \$500. I haven't followed up to see about a rebate yet. I did contact the CPA but haven't heard back. Penalties were about \$2200 for the first year; I've never received anything for the 2nd year.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

- VIII. **Alternate Area Chair – Gary S.** Gary complimented District 64 on a great job at hosting the Assembly. He said that elections are coming up and hopes someone stands for his position. You get to work with Groups, hotels, etc. Let me know if you have problems, suggestions, etc.

IX. Area Chair: ZBM – Report: I have not heard from the Interpreter, so she is not going to make it. If you can help, please do. In October, we have elections. We have Job Descriptions here, Betsy gave a wonderful Workshop on it. Don't let anything interrupt or get in the way of service.

Because elections are so important, I've asked the Area Committee for October, to change the format so that workshops and voting to be done on Saturday and Elections on Sunday. Can I see a show of hands? The General Assembly approved the change.

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

We're looking for Class A Trustees: includes lawyers, educators, doctors, etc. There's also a Class B opening: Trustee at Large – this is for the Past Delegates and I need to submit by January 21, 2013.

I'm very happy to be here and would like to welcome everyone to the SETA 67 Assembly, especially if this is your first time to participate in our area assembly. I also want to thank everyone for your time and attention last night for the delegate's report.

Since the Conference I have been visiting districts, new groups and committee meetings, and attended a Steps, Traditions & Concepts workshop hosted by districts 20/31 given by Conley B and Don M. It was an honor hosting our out of town presenters.

A.A.W.S. Highlights:

Over the past few months, a team of tech professionals has done an in-depth technical review of the eReader project. The initial effort focused on the issues being reported to GSO with the Apple iPhone version and fixes needed for an iPhone update. The Android reader continues to be on hold, pending further examination by the board on the short & long term effects of expanding our development, delivery and support of G.S.O. e-books.

Following recommendations of the 2012 Conference Committee on PI, the video public service announcement for the Spanish-speaking community, "Tengo Esperanza," is in post-production. Staff is working closely with the Publications Department on production of the AA 2011 Membership Survey pamphlet & the revised Anonymity Wallet Card.

The committee continued its discussion regarding a request that "a searchable A.A. meeting locator covering the entire Conference structure (United States and Canada) be created and maintained on the A.A. Web site" and took no action.

The newly elected chair of the A.A.W.S. Board is Roberta L. The committee tabled discussion of a request to revise the policy and process used for listing A.A. groups in G.S.O.'s records until its July meeting, in the interest of giving this matter the fullest consideration.

Publishing

Since December 9, 2011, a total of 6,018 e-books have been sold, including 3,192 Big Books and 2,826 copies of Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

AA GRAPEVINE Highlights:

New book/eBook; Step by Step, Emotional Sobriety I, Emotional Sobriety II, Spiritual Awakening I, Spiritual Awakening II and Young & Sober.

AAGrapevine.org is now formatted for use on your mobile device (smart phones and tablets), increasing Grapevine's usefulness.

Delivery problems: the GV & La Viña continue to monitor improvements in Central & Northern California, but if you or someone you know continues to be affected, please email or call the 800 number.

Grapevine Quote - Sign up today to receive this daily email with an inspirational quote from GV literature. Great way to stay connected to the program each day. Forward the Quote to your groups and friends. La Viña celebrates its 16th Anniversary on July 29, 2012. July presents GV's and LV's annual prison issues.

Finance

As I mentioned in the delegate's report last night; one of the main topics we talked about was Self-Support. I'm asking you to think of ideas for a self-support effort to help AA become truly self-supporting through member contributions. What does that mean to you & how can you speak from the heart to the members of your groups? Any feedback or ideas- please send them to me. I'm available to come to any district or group to talk about this very important issue.

A recent news release from the Library of Congress stated our book, Alcoholics Anonymous, has been named on its list of (88) Books that 'shaped America – books that have influenced the nation...shaped Americans' view of their world and the world's views of America." The Big Book will be on display, along with the other books on the list, as part of a special exhibition in Washington, DC, from June 25th thru September 29th.

Area 67's percentage of groups contributing for the three months ending 3/31/2012: 2012 – 27.24%; in 2011 – 24.58%.

Finally, we will have a visitor at our October Assembly, our Regional Trustee Clayton V. For the next few months, pray about your next service position since this is when we have our elections for the next two-year term.

Thank you, it's an honor and a privilege to serve Area 67 and A.A.

XI. Alternate Delegate Comments - Patrick C

Good morning to everyone and welcome to all the first-time attendees at the South East Texas Area Assembly. I hope that you have a great first experience at an Area Assembly. My own experience has taught me that with time, reading service materials, participating and asking experienced trusted servants a lot of questions, have been what has kept me on the path of general service.

The October Area Assembly is fast approaching and our area we will be holding our biennial elections. This weekend there will be a workshop on the service job descriptions. I wanted to share some experience that was passed along to me by several trusted servants of our area. I used to pick & choose the service position I thought was the "right" one for me. The main problem with that is that it was "my thought". These wise AA members shared with me about standing third legacy. What this meant was instead of me trying to figure out what the next service position I wanted to stand and serve in, that I should trust the process and simply put my name on the whiteboard and stand for and serve wherever my higher power put me. I was already willing to do service. They shared if I read and performed the job description, asked for help from those who served before & served to the best of my ability, not the least of my ability, then I was sure to learn and grow in my recovery and service to Alcoholics Anonymous. It has worked for me and I am sure it will work for you. Please consider rotating on and not rotating out of service in October.

It has been great traveling with Deborah again this quarter and meeting, working and serving with many of you since we last met in April at the SETA Assembly. I have attended the following Area/Region events: The Texas State Convention, Two Spanish Inter District Meetings, Visited a new group with the Delegate, I attended the District 31 Round Robin meeting and heard Peggy M, our Registrar share her story, District 40 Traditions Dinner, District 20 & 31 Workshop, visited Districts 20, 81 & 40 to hear the Delegate's General Service Conference Report and attended the 2012 Gratitude Dinner Committee meetings.

Gratitude Dinner Update:

District 20 is the host district for this year's gratitude dinner and District 70 is their co-host district. I would like to introduce Alisa O'L, who is the District 20 Gratitude Dinner Committee Chairperson. The committee will meet the fourth Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.

The event will be held Sunday, November 18, 2012 from 2pm to 6pm at the Jimmy Burke Activity Center, in Deerpark, Texas.

At the DCM Delegate sharing session, Alisa shared about the theme of this year's Gratitude Dinner. "Save the Date" cards are available on the flyer table, Please take enough to bring back to your groups. The DCMs will be working on getting their district commitments provided to Alisa O'L.

I'm happy to report that we're currently in great fiscal shape for this year's dinner. I'll keep the area posted if this changes for any reason. Even so, remember that the Annual Gratitude Dinner is funded by the voluntary contributions of the AA members in Area 67. Contributions can be made throughout the year. Send contributions to the Area Treasurer and make sure to include a note stating that the contribution is for the Gratitude Dinner fund.

Has any District decided they are willing to co-host the Gratitude Dinner in 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 let me know soon.

SWRAASA 2012

Mark your calendars and start saving your dollars for the upcoming Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SWRAASA). The event is hosted by Area 46 in Albuquerque, NM at the Marriott Uptown, October 19 - 21. How many of you in attendance this weekend have been to a SWRAASA? These great events 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 and then plenty of time for the workshop participants to share their experience, strength and hope or even questions about the presented topic.

Each Alternate Delegate in our region selected three workshop topics that they're responsible to ask someone to lead or co-lead at this year's SWRAASA. Gus H, Jim K and Melissa R. are our leaders for the three workshops from our area. In addition, each Delegate topic was selected by their Alternate Delegate. I want to thank them for their service to our Region.

The "Regional Events" link on our Area website has a link to the SWRAASA registration site. The link is both in English and Spanish. Please register soon.

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

XII. Standing Committee Reports (Pages 32 - 36)

Break taken at 9:46; the session resumed at 10:00.

XIII. Intergroup Liaisons - Reports (Page 22 - 23)

- Beaumont/9th District Intergroup: Dennis M - Not present
- Spanish Intergroup North: Alejandro P – Not present
- Brazos Valley Intergroup: Charlie R
- Houston Intergroup: Lee
- Spanish Intergroup Southwest – Concha G.

ZBM noted that the 2015 Convention Chair would be elected in October. Also noted was the Registrar has new maps of the Area, showing both English & Spanish Districts and how they overlap.

XIV. Convention Reports

2013 Convention – Chair: Melanie M Alt Chair: Troy B

Convention to be held at the Greenspoint Hilton January 11-13, 2013. \$94/night room-rate. Flyers are available. You can register online at www.setaconvention.org. Thanks to Jen S for setting this up. You can register here – we can swipe your credit card! Pre-registration is \$15 & \$20 at the door.

2014 SETA Convention - Chair: Rocco M

Speakers are lined up however, the hotels don't cooperate. Thanks to the 2013 Committee for updating us into the 21st century! After the next SETA Assembly, we'll start to fill positions, so it won't interfere with the elections.

XV. **Ad-Hoc Committee Reports**

Special Needs & Accessibility – Chair: Jackie V

Ad-Hoc Committee: Pat N, Kathy G, John O, Tracy W and Peggy M.

Jackie V gave an update of the Committee's conclusions regarding the question of whether there's a need for a *Special Needs & Accessibility* Committee in Area 67. (See Full Report on Pages 23-24)

Hotel Search Report – Chair: Gary S

Due to our requirements, many hotels can't accommodate us. Hotels we considered were Hilton Greenspoint, Hilton SW Freeway, Marriott Brookhollow and the Double Tree-IAH. One hotel placed the hospitality suite outside!

This hotel (JFK Sheraton) offered the same price as we now have and made another offer: a 3-year contract. Though we've always gone with a 2-year contract, we can do this with a consensus of the Assembly.

I have the contract available and the Finance Committee recommends that we accept the 3-year contract.

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

Total Vote Count: 105; Simple Majority: 53; 2/3rd Majority: 70

XVII. **Unfinished Business**

I. 2013 Proposed Budget Finance Chair: Mary M

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)

There were no questions or further discussion.

Vote - In favor: 105; Opposed: 0

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Archives Repository Archives Chair: Sherry B

Archives Committee moves to set aside funds and resources to continue the SETA Archives Repository. The current lease expires on September 30, 2013 and a new lease will need to be negotiated.

Discussion ensued around the wording of the motion: that it is asking for permission to look and negotiate, not asking for funds at this time. Mary M noted that the Finance Committee was asked to look at funds we had available, which is \$18K in unrestricted funds; *not* to restrict those funds. Randy B noted that the wording does state that the committee is looking to "set up funds and resources" to continue the Repository.

Randy B, D-81 DCM, made a Motion to table. Mike, GSR/Post Oak Group seconded. Discussion continued; an option to send back to the committee to amend the motion was considered.

A vote was taken on the Motion to Table and send back to the Archives Committee.

Vote - In Favor: 38; Opposed: 56

Motion to table was defeated.

Main Motion back on the floor.

Additional discussion ensued.

Betsy G suggested a Friendly Amendment: to remove the wording “set up funds and resources” from the Motion. The Motion would then be to “continue the SETA Repository”.

Sherry B, as Committee Chair, accepted the Friendly Amendment on behalf of the Archives Committee.

New Motion on the Floor: The Archives Committee moves to continue the SETA Archives Repository.

More discussion followed. Committee members expressed concern about the time they have to research & negotiate for lease space.

Greg, Alt GSR/Lawrence Group called the question.

Deborah D seconded.

Vote to Call the Question: In favor- 2/3rd Majority Vote.

Friendly Amendment to the Motion on the Floor

Vote - In favor: 99; Opposed: 6

Passed.

Minority Opinions

Barbara G: The motion on which we voted was not posted for 30 days.

Ronald C: Right now we have the funds. If we put it off until April, we have only a few months to approve a new contract.

Randy B: Understands importance of Archives but it's a lot of money; Area needs to look at another way to do this: maybe scan documents into a computer & store “paper” in storage unit.

Any from Majority who wish to change their vote? 3

Vote to Revote - Simple Majority

In Favor: 22; Opposed: 77

Motion to Revote: Fails

Motion Stands

3.IT/Web Guidelines Part II Steve E.

IT/Web Committee moves that Area 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)

Discussion regarding prohibition of phone numbers & personal email addresses: makes it difficult to communicate. It was noted that if a flyer isn't posted on the website, but sent out as an email attachment, it can have that information on it.

Vote: Simple Majority

In Favor: 102; Opposed: 3

Motion passed.

4. 2012 Proposed Job Descriptions Chair: Tandy B
AHC Job Description moves to accept the proposed Job Descriptions for 2012. (For complete details see www.aa-seta.org Voting Items for July 2012)

Deborah D made a motion to postponed indefinitely.
Gus H seconded.

Discussion ensued; current position-holders' suggestions weren't included in the proposed package; preference was for potential position holders to talk with current ones and then have the J/D updated by outgoing & incoming trusted servants.

Vote to postpone the motion indefinitely: Simple Majority
In favor: 104; Opposed: 1
Motion to postpone indefinitely: Passed

XVIII. **New Business**

1. Hotel Search Chair: Gary S
Committee moves to accept recommendation to approve a contract with Sheraton JFK.
Vote: In favor: Unanimous

Motion to approve a 3-year contract
Vote: Simple Majority In Favor: 103; Opposed: 2
No Minority Opinion Offered.
Motion Passed.

Gus H noted that we need to look into amending the P&P Manual, so it doesn't restrict someone negotiating a contract in the future.

2. Fund Interpreters to SWRAASA Patrick C (See Pages 25 -26)
SETA 67 fund up to three Spanish translators to 2012 SWRAASA in New Mexico. To cover travel and shipment costs, not to exceed \$1250 for attending this service event as interpreters.

Deborah D seconded the motion.
Patrick C presented the background

Discussion ensued with questions of self-support. A point was made that this would not be "fully funding"; only shipping the equipment and travel costs for (3) members of Area 67, to meet the needs of the Host Area for this service event. Ricardo D noted that the money isn't for the Multi Lingual Committee; that some are not members of the committee but are willing to volunteer at SWRAASA.

Vote: Simple Majority In Favor: 104; Opposed: 1
Motion Passed.

No Minority Opinion Given.
Motion Stands.

XIX. Other New Business: None

XX. Announcements: Alt. Chair- Gary S.

October Assembly Host District: District 82, Oct 6-7
Sheraton IAH, Houston, TX

District 51 Jeopardy Workshop, August 11

District 51 Jeopardy Workshop, See District Webpage

District 64 CFC Workshop, 1215 Aldine Bender, Houston
Aug 12, Noon

2012 SETA CFC Conference, Crowne Plaza- Houston,
Sept 14-16

District 81 Fall Symposium Sept 22, 1-5 PM

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

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

The Assembly closed at 12:24 with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Melissa R. Secretary

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New GSR Workshop - Facilitator: Kathleen T Recorder: David A
The Orientation opened at 8:30 AM. Kathleen T introduced herself & gave background information; then asked new GSRs to introduce themselves and share why they wanted to become a GSR. As we went around the room, more joined us & the meeting grew from 17 members to approx. 26 in attendance. Most were new GSRs but some were attending to find out more about the position before they stood for it; others had experience as a GSR but were just sitting in.

After introductions Kathleen showed a screen print of the GSR web page on SETA website and explained how it would be a good source of information to use. Each new GSR received a **New GSR Packet** in a yellow folder. Kathleen went through the folder and explained what the documents were for. The folder contained the following information.

- Panel 67 Roster and contact information
- Group Change Form
- Southeast Texas Area 67 Map with English & Spanish Districts
- Assembly Procedures
- Acronyms and terms commonly used in General Service
- English / Spanish words used at the Area Assembly
- SETA Calendar of Events

Kathleen gave a PowerPoint presentation on GSR responsibilities. Through this, Kathleen covered the following questions and topics.

- What does it mean to be a GSR?
- What is an AREA?
- What are DISTRICTS?
- What are District Meetings?
- What is the Service Structure?
- What is the SGR supposed to do?
- What is a service sponsor?
- What is the Right of Decision?
- Brief overview of the Twelve Traditions and Twelve Concepts;
- Explained the Districts Service Positions;
- Described Special Events like the January SETA Convention and the Gratitude Dinner;
- The AA Group.

Kathleen also explained the difference between the AA Group & a Club, how Intergroup is not part of the service structure but exists to serve AA.

In closing Kathleen shared the GSR Preamble, while it is not officially part of Conferenced Approved Literature, it was written by a group in California and appeared in an issue of the AA Grapevine.

The GSR Orientation closed at 9:30 AM with the Lord's Prayer.

Advanced GSR Workshop – Facilitator: Paul M.

Eleven GSRs from five districts were in attendance. Introductions followed by short review of important literature for GSRs & the group. Asked for problems groups might be having.

Group Inventory was number one topic, with much discussion. One person started a group inventory but the “pot stirrers” and controversy put a halt to it. A suggestion was made to use information available on www.aa-seta.org/GSR page. Also, bring someone in from outside the group; ask group members to submit questions; do one question at a time at each group conscience; pass out sheets with questions ahead of time; Are we meeting the needs of the Primary Purpose?

Q: How to approach doing a group inventory?

S: Bring up what you learned here; ask when the last one was done.

Q: When to say something when Traditions are being broken, when non-AAs are asked to share?

S: Talk to meeting leader; be respectful, best to take aside after the meeting; add info to meeting format about open or closed meeting (see AA Group pamphlet, P-16); set guidelines for format at the group conscience.

Discussed challenges that a group has being attached to a treatment center, the need to remain autonomous. Suggestion: have a tradition meeting at least once a month; they teach us how to interact with others and respect the minority voice.

Remember: don't take yourself too seriously.

RSG Workshop – Facilitator: Antonio D, D-66 Recorder: Roberto S, D-62
Twenty-one were in attendance. Meeting started at 8:30AM with the chairperson welcoming all. Ascension H was invited to talk about the Third Concept, followed by Q&A.

Q: How do you separate the traditional Right of Decision from the personal ambitions of a servant?

A: Focus on the program of recovery, let personal ambitions fall away.

Q: Can we apply the Concepts in the group?

A: Yes, some are more needed in application.

Other questions were not related to AA General Service, but specific within the Hispanic culture service structure.

Basket was passed for Seventh Tradition; Carlos, D66, gave funds of \$ 57.00 to SETA Treasurer.

Intergroup Liaisons – Reports

Brazos Valley Intergroup: Charlie R

Everything is coming along – we now have a complete committee, we're open every weekday & inventory is up. We have a new rotary phone system that rotates to members of the committee. We meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month, after District 33's meeting.

Houston Intergroup: Lee G

- Nightwatch & weekday volunteer programs are running smoothly;
- Houston Intergroup CFC committee will have its Annual Round-Up at the Champions Club on Aug. 4, 2012 from 10 AM to 4 PM;
- Budget estimates vs. expenses/contributions are again within a few percentage points (*this is in spite of the fact that only 27 % of the groups serviced by Houston Intergroup are contributing*);
- March 2013 Convention plans continue. A talent show with cash prizes is planned. SPECIAL NOTE: THE CASH PRIZES DO NOT COME FROM ANY AA CONTRIBUTION! THEY'RE DONATIONS FROM SEVERAL CARING AND GENEROUS AA MEMBERS!!!
- OPEN HOUSE on June 30, 2012 was well-attended by 350-400 members in spite of inclement weather. Good food was eaten, good fellowship shared & the bookstore had an outstanding day of sales, and many members & groups got to save a little money, Z it being a TAX FREE day! Thanks for letting me be of service.

Spanish Intergroup Southwest – Concha G.

Companions, I hope you're enjoying 24 hours of sobriety. Committee members, group representatives & members of the community, following is my report:

Our Intergroup is working with committee chairs. One of our functions is to visit the groups that belong to our area and, in the same way, assist the groups in the cycle of unity that invite us to share. We visited with 8 groups in the circle of unity.

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 the committees of our Intergroup.

We're also working on the State Forum to be held in March 2013.

I'm grateful to serve as your SETA 67 Liaison. Our meetings are held every Sunday from 10 AM to 12 PM. Thank you for your unconditional assistance.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

1. Special Needs & Accessibility AHC – Chair: Jackie V

I would like to thank my fellow Committee members, Pat N, Kathy G, John O, Tracy W & Peggy M for all of their hard work. As a Committee, we were able to personally visit all the English & Spanish Districts.

At the October 2011 Assembly, we gave a presentation at the New and Advanced GSR & RSG Workshops. These were to inform the GSRs of what a Special Needs and Accessibilities Committee could provide to each Group; the tool to utilize an assessment of such a need was a questionnaire both in English & Spanish that was handed out to all GSRs and/or Alternate GSRs of each of the Groups.

After our presentations at the District Level, most, if not all, DCMs emailed those GSRs that were not present so that their groups could be included in discussing and completing the questionnaire. There were many ways to return the questionnaire, either by emailing or snail mailing the questionnaire

to the Chair, by hand delivering it to any of the Committee members, or by bringing it to an Assembly to drop into a box that was provided.

We waited with high expectations for the completed forms to come pouring in; however, our expectations were to be squashed as we only received 30 completed questionnaires. There's a saying, "actions speak louder than words", but in this case it was the inaction of the Groups that has led us to conclude that at the Group level there is little interest in supporting an Area Special Needs and Accessibilities Committee.

Therefore, at this point in time, it is the recommendation of this Ad Hoc Committee to not proceed with any motion to establish an Area Special Needs and Accessibilities Committee either freestanding or in conjunction with an existing Area Committee; and that the Ad-Hoc Committee is now dissolved.

On the bright side, I've heard of Groups that have modified their meeting place to accommodate those AA members that need a ramp and other Groups have also had their eyes opened to the fact that there is much that as a Group they can do to help the AA with Special Needs, e.g., literature available for the blind in Braille and discs available for those that are hearing impaired.

Consequently, with the seed being planted, it is the hope of this Committee that sometime in the future this topic will be revisited and come to fruition. With this in mind, we will submit to the Secretary and Archives this Committee Report along with any pertinent data that has been gathered from our efforts. In conclusion, I, as well as the members of this Ad-Hoc Committee, thank you for being able to serve Area 67.

2. 2012 Proposed Job Description 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.

3. **IT/Web Guidelines Part II** IT Chair: Steve E.

Background:

In 2009 an ad-hoc committee was established to draft & propose guidelines that “address any & all SETA electronically posted & transferred information.” Over the course of 2009 and 2010, the committee reviewed existing SETA guidelines and GSO’s “Guidelines for Internet (MG-18)”. Recommendations have been presented to the Assembly in a workshop format on several occasions, resulting in ratification of the job description for the IT Chair and several “guidelines” recommendations which had yet to be approved.

With the election of a new Chair to the IT committee, and as the ad-hoc committee had already spent a considerable amount of time on this task, the ad-hoc committee was disbanded and their work was passed on to the IT Committee for further review and finalization. Upon review, the committee determined that the “guidelines” task should be broken down into smaller sections & addressed over the course of year 2011 with the intention of being able to provide an IT Guidelines booklet going into year 2012.

This proposal presents the Web portion of such guidelines to the Area Assembly for approval and adoption.

4. **Fund Spanish Interpreters to SWRAASA** Patrick C.

Background:

The Alternate Delegate reviewed the SETA historical motions added to the Area Website under the Archives Committee page. The following past approved motions were located:

1. In 1990 a motion was made requesting SETA send New Mexico \$300 to help with SWRAASA. Motion was seconded, voted on & passed.
2. In 2010 a motion was made to fund Two Spanish Translators to SWRAASA in Denver, not to exceed \$700.00. Motion was approved, voted on and passed.

2012 SWRAASA:

Area 46 New Mexico is hosting the 2012 SWRAASA October 19-21, 2012. There has been a request from Area 46 sent to all regional areas asking for translators to come and provide translation services to ensure that the event is completely bi-lingual. This will allow our Spanish speaking member the opportunity to participate at SWRAASA and promote unity in our region.

Area 46 has established a committee to work on translation and provide the interpreters with instructions about their service at the SWRAASA.

This committee and Area 46 have committed to supplying “funds” in support of these translators, at \$200.00 each, coming to serve at the event. This is occurring in one of two ways:

1. Pay for 2 room nights for each translator
OR
2. If translators can share a room, then they will pay for 1 room for 2 nights housing 2 translators. In addition, Area 46 would provide \$100.00 to each translator to travel expenses.

The bottom line is Area 46 is supporting each translator in the amount of \$200.00.

Reason for a motion:

As you can see from the details outlined above, there is not complete travel expense support for each translator or any monies that would be supporting any possible shipping of translation equipment from the SETA to Area 46, if needed.

Our area Multilingual Chairperson, Ricardo D has shared that (3) translators from the SETA, Area 67 are planning on attending. As of May 2012, flights from Houston to New Mexico are \$350.00.

Service Position Workshop

Facilitators: Betsy G & Gus H Recorder: Amy M

Two writings to read and think about concerning Conference and Leadership are: Bernard Smith's 1954 opening talk and Bill Wilson's Grapevine Article, "What is good leadership". Bernard states, "We may not need a General Service Conference to ensure our own recovery". "We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelve Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life". (AA Service Manual, p.20). The General Service Conference Structure is vital, ensuring our future will be provided with the information to stay sober (Concept 9).

In Bill Wilson's Grapevine article, it is said "Our leaders do not drive by mandate, they lead by example." In effect we are saying to them, "Act for us, but don't boss". We personally put principles, plans and policies in such a way that all want to back us and help us do our job. Leaders are willing to see that some one else might have a better idea.

The benefits of general service are many. Sobriety comes through example of others and service allows for opportunity to give back. Stick close to the "winners". The conference is full of "winners" whose service ensures the preservation of AA for our children and grandchildren. It preserves too, the Big Book, The 12 Steps, Sponsorship and our commitment to recovery. When considering a service position we ask ourselves if our motives are pure. Are we seeking unity and an informed group conscience, or might our decision be based on ego with the thought of fixing those things we think need to be fixed? We keep in mind our qualifications for each position offering this example: Treasurer is a position best suited for one who is familiar with computers and spread sheets. Am I qualified? Further consideration must be given to our willingness to do the job outlined in the job description. Example: Newsletter reporting with much disappointment, there were no committee reports in the past newsletter. This is outlined in the job description. Am I willing to do the job as it is outlined? Consider financial expense and personal sacrifice. Discuss time restraints with family and assess support.

In the Spirit of rotation, our service positions are two year terms. In that time we are fully qualified within our position and preparing to rotate on. This serves to protect us from ego. But let us be prepared to stand for a position & rotate on to a new, continuing to fulfill the third side of our triangle, service.

The role of alternate positions is to support persons holding service positions and to prepare for the possibility to step in. Examples: Treasurer & Alternate Treasurer – Alternate Treasurer keeps duplicate books. GSR and Alternate GSR should be performing all the same duties.

The positions to be elected in October will be Candidate for Trustee At Large (4 year term), 2014 Convention Chair (Galveston) & all other service positions. When electing, consider spiritual qualities first. Are they willing to give of themselves and do they have a history of doing as they say.

Service is a spiritual commitment. It is a dedication to serve and a willingness to do as the area asks. Look at all positions. Get a feel for them. Don't rotate "out", rotate "on". Be available and let God put you where you need to be with no position in mind.

District Reports

District 10 DCM: Dave P Alt DCM: Joy M

We held our Annual Memorial Day Sponsorship Workshop at the Men's Center on May 28th. There were 8 panelists, all from District10. Each panelist spoke for 10 - 15 minutes. We broke for a pizza lunch where we fed approximately 125 people & had another ask-it-basket session which lasted about an hour. I received verbal congratulatory reports from several and wish to thank all the District 10 participants.

Additionally:

- We're planning another District 10 event on Labor Day, Monday, 9/3 at 10 AM. We're using the same format as on Memorial Day. The theme is "We are Amazed - Living Sober with AA";
- Two Groups are sponsoring information racks;
- Last but not least, District 10 is soliciting help with chairing at a new group, Wednesday's at 6:30PM. This is at the Open Door Mission on Harrisburg. If you want to do some service work with recently sober people, here's your chance.

District 20 DCM: Troy B Alt DCM: Stuart F

District 20 along with District 31 recently hosted Don M & Conley B, who led a two day workshop on the relationship between the steps, the traditions and the concepts. The workshop was amazing; those in attendance got an incredible amount of information, history & some fresh perspectives. I want to personally thank Andie, West, Deborah and Ford for all they did to make that workshop a huge success.

Our district also recently completed their policies and procedures manual. We'd like to thank the districts that shared their manuals so that we didn't have to reinvent the wheel. We'll be posting the manual on SETA's District 20 webpage and sending it out the DCM's.

Our district is looking forward to hosting the gratitude dinner and we know that this year's event will be one to remember.

We'll be holding our district elections in September ahead of Area's in October; and as I am ending my rotation as DCM I think I finally get it. I want to thank all our GSRs & District Officers for their continued hard work and dedication to carrying the message.

District 31	DCM: Barbara G	Alt DCM: West G
District 32	DCM: Jim K	Alt DCM: Jeff H
District 33	DCM: Teresa O	Alt DCM: Karen S
District 40	DCM: Brad H	Alt DCM: Jes K
District 51	DCM: Randy R	Alt DCM: Charles H
District 52	DCM: Barbara L.	Alt DCM: Jeff H
District 60	DCM: Sylvester W	Alt DCM: OPEN

District 62 MCD: Magdalena D MCD Alt: Francisco M

Best greetings from District 62; thank you for the opportunity to serve.

We continue to work in our Area and we're filled with joy to inform you of the opening of a new group, Nuevo Destino de Stafford. This group has an RSG and is already registered with GSO. We're just waiting for the GSN. Also we continue to share every Thursday with (7) groups that comprise this District. Each group has an RSG.

We meet every two weeks on Saturday. Groups receive information on all AA events. We encourage them to send contributions to SETA and GSO as groups & individual members. Each group has a subscription to La Vina. Our committees are responsible for informing groups about their functions.

- 1) La Vina Committee: delivers the magazines to the groups;
- 2) Correctional Committee: is responsible for collecting Blue Can funds from the Groups;
- 3) Literature Committee: offers literature to the Groups in the District, to motivate members to read and purchase AA literature.

Each group:

- sends a contribution to District in order to cover expenses of the District;
- makes Area contributions;
- provides support to committees of assemblies and conventions;
- sends voluntary contributions from members of the groups to all AA events;
- attends District meetings prior to each Assembly to discuss topics that will be presented at the next Area Assembly.

The groups also have representatives in the Hispanic Intergroup Office; this is to be responsible for carrying the message throughout the Area, with the help of it's different committees.

We're working on the next Hispanic Convention held in Los Angeles, CA on August 31-Sept 2, 2012, which we're all invited to attend. We're also working on our next Hispanic Assembly of South Texas, which will be in Brownsville, Texas, November 9-11, 2012. We also support committees of the Gratitude Dinner in November.

Soon this District will have its own local meeting place, but for now, we meet at Grupo Fresno.

That's all I have to report. We sincerely thank you for the support in the Area and groups of this District.

District 63 MCD: Ricardo R MCD Alt: Edwin C

Hello from District 63; hoping that everyone is enjoying a happy 24 hours of sobriety. We're happy to present this report from District 63.

The District has meetings every Saturday from 6PM on. We have ten (10) groups of which (6) get together and submit reports to the District Communities. Every Saturday we have a 30-minute Study Meeting on the Service Manual.

Every Tuesday, our District visits the Area District groups; we also visit groups that invite us to participate in their cycle of unity meetings.

District 63 will host the next LI (51st) State Hispanic Assembly, which will be held here in Houston, May 2013.

We're also attending the XIV South Texas Hispanic Assembly this November, in Brownwood, Texas.

We have (3) active committees in the District:

Correctional Committee: this committee meets twice a month on Wednesdays, 7-8 PM, and gives a report from the members that volunteer to visit the county jail.

The committee is motivating GSRs to collect old copies of La Viná, to pass on to the inmates of TDCJ.

La Viná Committee: is working well and has 105 subscriptions. We'll be celebrating the 16th Anniversary of the La Viná Committee with District 21 in Austin, on August 15, beginning at 10AM.

Literature Committee: working well

CCP Committee: inactive at this time.

District 64 MCD: Ricardo C MCD Alt: Adan T

DISTRICT 64 IS LOCATED AT ALDINE BENDER, SUITE 110-111
HOUSTON, TX 77032 PHONE# 281-219-1894

OUR DISTRICT IS MADE UP OF (14) ACTIVE GROUPS, OUT OF WHICH BETWEEN (11) AND (13) R.S.Gs ATTEND OUR REGULAR DISTRICT MEETINGS. THESE ARE HELD EVERY SATURDAY FROM 6 PM ON. EVERY 15 DAYS WE HAVE A ONE-HOUR STUDY SESSION IN WHICH WE STUDY THE SERVICE MANUAL. AND WE SHARE EVERY WEDNESDAY WITH THE GROUPS.

OUR WEBSITE IS: AAHOUSTONDISTRITO64.ORG
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WE HAVE THREE COMMITTEES WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A) CORRECTIONAL COMMITTEE, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF (5) SERVICE MEMBERS AND (3) CONTACTS (LINKS). THEY MEET ON TUESDAYS EVERY 2 WEEKS, AND SHARE WITH GROUPS ON HE TUESDAYS WHEN THERE ARE NO COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

THEY VISIT (3) FEDERAL JAILS:

- 1) HOLLIDAY: EVERY SUNDAY FROM 1:30 P.M. TO 3:00 PM;
- 2) LAS PAREDES DE HUNSTVILLE: ONCE A MONTH ON SUNDAYS FROM 1:30 - 3 PM;
- 3) JAIL BIRD: THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 6 - 8PM.

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

- B) GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF 6 ACTIVE REPRESENTATIVES & 3 CONTACTS (LINKS); THEY MEET TUESDAY, EVERY 15 DAYS AT THE DISTRICT LOCATION FROM 8 PM ON & THEY ACCOMPANY THE DISTRICT IN ITS SHARING SESSIONS WITH THE GROUPS. THEY WORK WITH GROUPS IN A GRAPEVINE WORKSHOP AS PER REQUEST OF EACH GROUP. THEY MEET WITH THE 5 G/V COMMITTEES ROM THE HISPANIC DISTRICTS. THIS COMMITTEE CURRENTLY HAS 58 SUBSCRIPTIONS.
- C) LITERATURE COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF 3 SERVICE MEMBERS. THEY MEET ON TUESDAY EVERY 2 WEEKS AT DISTRICT 64's MEETING HALL, FROM 8 PM ON. THEY ACCOMPANY THE DISTRICT IN ITS SHARING SESSIONS WITH THE GROUPS. THEY HAVE THE GROUPS SUBSCRIBED TO BOX 459.

District 65 MCD: Ramiro Y MCD Alt: Joel B

This District consists of (14) groups of which (9) have RSGs who attend the meetings held on Saturdays from 6-8 and at our meetings from 6 on, held at our District Meeting place.

All our service positions are filled, including our Committees:

Literature Committee: continues to work at introducing literature at meetings of the groups in the Area;

La Vina Committee: meets with Groups on Wednesdays to introduce the magazine and encourage subscriptions; they have (51) this year. They attend the SETA Area Committee meetings and other La Vina Committee meetings, where held, each month.

Correctional Committee: The Committee meets Saturdays at 5PM at the District meeting place. They also take a meeting into the Harris Cty Jail at 701 San Jacinto, every Tuesday at 7:30 – 8:30 to carry the message to the inmates. They also attend the Area CFC Meetings and it's other related meetings.

Our District participates in all Hispanic State assemblies. Our next event will be the South Texas Hispanic Assembly, November 9-11 in Brownsville. We continue to work & volunteer for these events, and we encourage our groups to participate in the Area 67 Assemblies.

Also our District will have its 27th Anniversary August 19; all are invited. It will be held at our District Meeting place.

District 66 MCD: Carlos F MCD Alt: OPEN

District 66 has (20) groups with (12) to (18) groups participating, Our meetings are held Saturdays from 6-8PM. We have roll of sharing on Wednesdays, and visit with one or two other groups per week. We visit groups that aren't registered with GSO as well & visit other Areas, when invited to participate in the cycle of sharing.

District 66 is holding a Forum with Speakers and Workshops.

We hope a lot of the groups in the Area to attend, ask questions and participate. This is set for July 29th.

We have three Committees –

La Viná Committee: this committee has (7) representatives and (3) alternates. The meetings are held on Tuesdays, 8-10 PM.

They also have a roll of sharing on the magazine every Wednesday. They also attend District meetings and supports the District in the roll of magazine, which will be held on August 12 in Austin; this is the committee's 16th Anniversary.

Correctional Committee: meets every Wednesday at District 66, from 8-10 PM, visits groups in the roll of sharing and collects the Blue Can funds. They also visit the jails and the Joe Keegan Wing at 701 San Jacinto. They also attend the SETA Assemblies. In the first quarter of the year, District 66 has helped raise \$303 for the Blue Can.

District 66 is holding a corrections meeting on August 4, 2012, at the Champions Club from 10 AM-3 PM.

Literature Committee: Meets every two weeks. They encourage members to read GSO-approved literature and the Service Manual. They hold a raffle every (15) days.

District 66 participates in all Hispanic South Texas Assemblies and conventions and participates at SETA assemblies. The District contributed \$100 and worked in the Hospitality Suite at an Area Assembly. Our Group Conscience approved \$150 to buy tamales for the Gratitude Dinner on November 18, 2012.

District 70 DCM: Marciel S Alt DCM: Jason E

All is good in D-70 except we need help in getting people to come to the District Meetings. My dad & I are burned out trying to get people to attend so I'm asking for help to get GSRs & DCMs to come.

D-70 is co-hosting with D-20 for this year's Gratitude Dinner. We're in the process of making a flyer for the dinner, with the help of Alisa from District 20. We made the cards for the Assembly this quarter.

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

District 82 DCM: Kim R Alt DCM: Rick M

We have filled two new committee positions for CFC and TFC.

We have a new district meeting location: 204 South Taylor Street in Alvin, TX 775511. We meet on the first Sunday of the month except September 9 and October 14, 2012.

We held an Anonymity Workshop on June 16, 2012 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Lake Jackson. Our District PI Committee hosted this event. Over twenty persons were in attendance.

Our Alt. DCM, Rick M spoke on the Importance of Anonymity in AA. After a picnic lunch and banana splits, five groups formed to discuss the various aspects of anonymity. Exerts from AA Comes of Age, Language of the Heart, AA Guidelines for the Internet, AA Traditions: How It Developed, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions and the PI Handbook were discussed. Thanks to our PI committee & facilitators for this workshop. We all learned new aspects relating to anonymity for individuals and the Fellowship.

Our Annual Unity Day will be Saturday, August 11, 2012, 2-5 PM at the Bay City Service Center, 2105 Avenue M, Bay City, TX 77414. We'll be serving grilled hamburgers, chips & lemonade. Please bring your favorite dessert. Two speakers have been scheduled.

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

District 90 is doing very well in spite of me. We're looking forward to having Deborah and Patrick at our August District Meeting. We'll have elections in September. Marvin & Bonita have agreed to help with that. Our CONVENTION IS AUGUST 17-19. COME HAVE A GOOD TIME WITH US. Barbara C is heading up a committee with Gus H as her helper, to propose new guidelines for our officers. Come see us on the first Sunday of the month at 2PM, on the corner of Ave E & Franklin.

AREA STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives – Chair: Sherry B Alt Chair: OPEN

The Archives Committee meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am to 5pm. If you have service records, archival material to donate, or would just like to do some volunteer work please come on by.

It looks like the power point equipment will be useful to the Area. It's been used at the GSR Workshop at the last two Assemblies.

After 3 deliveries we finally received our second archival shelf. It's set up and ready for the officers and Area committees to turn over their records to the repository.

Did everyone notice that I mentioned turning over Area records to the repository twice? Recently the Area developed a Records Retention Guideline for Area officers, standing committees and districts. We need to collect and keep our records straight for the history of the Area.

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

CPC meets the first Monday of the month at 7:15 pm at the Houston Council on Alcohol and Drugs. 303 Jackson Hill Rd. Houston TX. Our meeting 7/14/12 had 15 members in attendance; (7) Districts were represented. Great participation!

Dist. 82 has just launched their PI committee. No CPC yet & they've asked the area to help them launch that committee in their district. District 82 hosts Annual Unity Day August 11, 2012. Katherine M will attend and do a short presentation on what the CPC committee does in order to carry the message.

Dist 31 gave two presentations to Grad Students at Sam Houston State University.

Dist 40 did a recent mail out to the clergy. They also placed Big Books in the libraries in their district & participated in the "MARS" conference.

Dist 90 placed several literature racks in the community & placed a case of Big Books with the Veterans in their community.

Dist 10 delivered meeting schedules to several hotels in their district. They're promoting "Adopt a Rack" program and asking one group to sponsor the rack and keep it filled with literature. GSO has specific literature packages for different targets.

Dist 33 did a presentation to a local Judge. The Judge arranged to have other judges, jailers, attorneys, local troopers/police officers & dispatchers at the presentation. Their 30 minutes of allotted time turned into a 45 minute presentation with lots of questions asked. They gave out the 44 question pamphlet and schedules.

Dist 65 was in attendance but had no report.

GSO asked Area 67 CPC committee to staff a booth at the NAACP Convention Industry Show. They provided all the literature & allowed us to keep any of the left over literature. Approximately 30-35 people a day stopped at the booth & gathered information. The Area PI committee assisted in staffing the booth and thank you to all who volunteered. We did receive one invitation to attend a local health fair for the African American Community on November 17th in Southwest Houston. Volunteers are needed.

We're also invited to the Community Health Fair at the Houston Spectrum Conference on October 19, 5:30-7pm at the Westin Houston

Memorial City Hotel. 2 or more volunteers are needed for this event.

We'll need a chairperson for the committee in 2013, as the current co-chair will not be standing for the chairperson position.

Dean from Dist 90 did a practice presentation for us in our meeting. He did an excellent job and received some helpful feedback.

Contact Beth Y @ 281-435-9514 cpc-chair@aa.seta.org

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

Fritz talked more about the disputed invoice with Intergroup, saying it was signed by an unknown person; the amount is \$811. It was discussed at the Finance meeting and a vote was taken to offer half of the invoice amount, to attempt to solve the dispute.

CFC will be present at the Intergroup Round-Up August 4, 11-4 PM. The CFC Conference is set for September 14-16 at the Crowne Plaza. District 64 is hosting a CFC Workshop “How to Take Meetings Inside the Walls”. The Committee has been asked to present a workshop at the SETA Convention in January.

Finance Committee – Chair: Mary M Alt Chair: OPEN

The committee met 7/14/12, and had one visitor. Committee agrees that there are funds available for translators to go to 2012 SWRAASA, not to exceed \$1250. The Archives Repository was discussed: there's \$18000 available for an additional two-year lease, or partially fund (3) years; such action will leave unrestricted funds at approximately \$2000 for other projects that may be considered by the assembly.

Grapevine Committee: Chair: JP L. Alt Chair: Josette B

Report presented by Debbie T, Grapevine Committee Secretary- JP wasn't able to make it but is working hard. They had the first combined GV and La Vina Meeting yesterday and are looking at what they can do to strengthen both magazines.

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

Steve reported that the website had gotten a virus, but it was fixed. Support: Mike W of the God Meeting donated a lap top, which will replace the Secretary's laptop; so that one is up for grabs. Any committee that would like to have an Area laptop, send an email. We'll draw for it from the hat in October.

They're working on the Guidelines for the Support side of things; planning to present it next July.

At the next couple of meetings, the committee will be talking about the next Committee Chair. The Chair does NOT need technical knowledge. We've tried to fill other positions in the committee with technical expertise.

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

Comrades of A.A., I hope you are enjoying another 24 hours of sobriety and if you drank without telling me, congratulations.

As Chair of the La Vina Committee of Area 67, I want to inform you I am doing the best I can to continue with my service for La Vina. Comrades, I continue to visit the committees for La Vina at different districts & assist meetings at District offices whenever possible. I attend Workshops for La Vina and meetings for (5) committees for La Vina each month.

I want to inform you that in May, 2012, we had an Area Assembly for the north in Ft Worth, Texas. It went well. I also sat in meetings of La Vina & had the pleasure of listening to speakers from District 63 & 64, expressing their best feelings for La Vina.

District 63	Subscriptions	103
District 64	Subscriptions	64
District 65	Subscriptions	48
District 66	Subscriptions	78

Literature – Chair: Tom K Alt Chair: Vernon L

Since our literature committee has been slightly attended, we've hit the road again, in a joint effort with the Grapevine Committee, trying to revive that, and we thank them for their participation. Over (90) days, we visited D-10, D-20, D-31, D-40, D-51 D-52, D-81, D-81, the PI Committee and Correctional Facilities Committee. Get a Literature rep in your Groups and in your Districts, and help distribute the Fellowship's literature.

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

Ricardo reported that he had done translating for the Delegate and for the Minutes. Also some for the State Convention. He's said that he's looking forward to attending SWRAASA.

Newsletter – Chair: Linda C Alt Chair: OPEN

Let me begin by thanking the Multi-lingual Committee for translating the recent issue of the Newsletter. I would also like to thank those that contributed. Those service committees that did not submit an article, submitted it to the wrong email address, or submitted too late to be included in the last issue, know who they are. During the service committee meetings yesterday they were properly chastised and made direct amends along with promises to submit in time for the next issue. That deadline is Sept. 1, 2012.

The following districts have been asked and have accepted the challenge to submit an article: Dist 20, Troy; Dist 33, Karen; Dist 40, Ken; Dist. 70, Jason; and Dist. 82, Kim.

As for expenses, the bulk rate permit, which is \$190, has been paid for this year. Also, mailing costs are continually dropping due to the increased number of electronic versions being sent out. Please contact Peggy, our registrar, or myself if you'd like to receive the Newsletter by either email or hard copy.

Thanks for allowing me to serve as your Newsletter Chair.

PI Committee – Chair: Debra R Alt Chair: OPEN

PI meets the 1st Saturday of the month @ 6pm at the Council, except on the months we meet at the Assembly.

District 82 hosted a workshop on Anonymity, which was well-received by all who attended.

PI collaborated with CPC & manned the GSO booth at the NAACP convention July 7-10 at the GRB. Lots of literature was dispersed. The PI committee has approved a business card in English and Spanish. The front names the PI email address and mission statement.

On the back lists the English & Spanish Intergroups' email addresses and phone numbers. These will be available to DCMs & PI chairs in October 2012. Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

SCAP – Chair: Francia C Alt Chair: OPEN

The SCAP committee last formally met at the April Assembly. A meeting is scheduled next weekend at the Brazos Club in Bryan, Texas right before the District 33 meeting.

A group of ladies and 1 man attended the State Convention in Irving in June. We handed out 500 flyers & save the date cards for the 2013 State Convention. We also handed out 300 State Convention Word Finds.

Francia C, SCAP chair, will attend the July Assembly and hand out updated flyers and save the date cards. DCM's are asked to come by the SCAP table & pick up flyers and cards to take back to their areas. At the July Assembly, Francia C. will request a check for the SCAP balance from Ron, the SETA Treasurer. As of date, SCAP has not received any money from the State Committee for the 2013 convention. If funds are available, SCAP will host a hospitality suite at the January SETA convention.

The committee will be visiting different groups in Southeast Texas between now and May, 2013 promoting the 2013 State Convention.

TFC Committee - Chair: OPEN Alt Chair: Tracy W

We had eighteen people representing eight districts in attendance: the most meeting participants we have had in over two years.

In September, the TFC will meet on the 1st Saturday of the month at the Houston Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse on Jackson Hill.

We reviewed both the FY 2013 TFC Budget as well as the TFC Chairperson Job Description.

We'll have a "Bridging the Gap" table at both the October Assembly and Gratitude Dinner in an effort to encourage attendees to register with the TFC Temporary Contacts Database.

We'll be reviewing & updating our TFC webpage on the seta website. We discussed the parameters of who on our Committee is eligible to vote on committee action items. It was decided to allow one vote per district, with that one vote ideally coming from the District TFC Member.

Of course ALL are welcome at our meetings and encouraged to participate in any discussions.

Proposals and Motions

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.

2012 Proposed Job Description AHC Chair: Tandy B

The Ad-Hoc Committee moves to accept the proposed Job Descriptions for 2012.

(For complete details, see www.aa-seta.org VOTING ITEMS FOR JULY 2012).
See Summarization of Changes sheet.

IT/Web Guidelines Part II IT Chair: Steve E.

Motion: Move that Area 67 adopt the content of Section 3 in its entirety as recommended guidelines pertaining to the Web.

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

Finance Committee Chair: Mary M.

Motion: Move to accept the 2013 Proposed Budget for SETA Area 67.

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

Fund Interpreters to SWRAASA Motion: Patrick C

I make a motion that SETA Area 67 fund up to three Spanish Translators to SWRAASA in New Mexico in 2012, not to exceed \$1250.00, to cover travel and equipment shipment costs for attending this service event as interpreters. This is to cover three potential airline tickets @ \$350.00 apiece, and \$200.00 for equipment shipment.

SETA 67 Quarterly Assembly
July 15, 2012
FINAL MOTIONS

Motion to approve 2013 Proposed Budget

Motion passed unanimously

Motion to Set Aside Funds and Resources to Continue SETA Archives Repository

Motion Failed. A Friendly Amendment was proposed.

Motion to Continue the Archives Repository

Motion passed with (99) in favor; (6) opposed.

Minority Opinions: It takes time to approve a new contract;
It's a lot of money; Area should look for another way to store archives.
Vote to Revote: (22) in favor; (77) opposed.
Motion to Revote Failed.
Motion Stands.

Motion to Adopt IT/Web Guidelines, Section 3 in Entirety

Motion Passed with (102) in favor; (3) opposed.

No Minority Opinion.

Motion Passed.

Motion to Postpone Indefinitely: 2012 Proposed Job Descriptions

Motion passed with (104) in favor; (1) opposed.

No Minority Opinion.

Motion Passed.

Motion to Approve Contract with Sheraton IAH

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Motion to Approve a 3-Year Contract with Sheraton IAH

Motion passed with (103) in favor; (2) opposed.

No Minority Opinion.

Motion Passed. (Note to look into amending P&P Manual)

Motion to Fund Interpreters to SWRAASA

Motion passed with (104) in favor; (1) opposed.

No Minority Opinion.

Motion Passed.

SETA COMMITTEE ROLL CALL

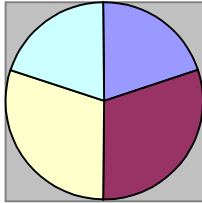
2011-2013		JULY 2012 ASSEMBLY				
Called by Peggy M		PRESENT		PRESENT		
POSITION	NAME	7/14/12	7/15/12	ALTERNATE	07/14/12	07/15/12
AREA DELEGATE-Panel 61	Deborah D	X	X	Patrick C	X	X
AREA CHAIRPERSON	Zasu M	X	X	Gary S	X	X
AREA Registrar	Peggy M	X	X	Jennifer E	X	X
AREA Secretary	Melissa R	X	X	OPEN		
AREA Treasurer	Ronald C	X	X	Kris H	X	X
AREA Archives	Sherri B	X	X	Tandy B	X	X
AREA CPC Chair	Beth Y	X	X	Katherine M	X	X
AREA CFC Chair	Fritz B	X	X	David K		
AREA Finance Chair	Mary M	X	X			
AREA Grapevine Chair	P J L			Josette B		
AREA Web-IT	Steve E	X	X	Eddie A		
AREA La Vina Chair	Angel M	X	X	Armando H		
AREA Literature	Tom K	X	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	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		X
DCM District 33	Teresa O			Karen S	X	X
DCM District 40	Brad H	X	X	Jes K		X
DCM District 51	Randy R	X	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	X	Edwin C	X	X
DCM District 64	Ricardo C	X	X	Adan T		
DCM District 65	Ramiro Y	X	X	Joel B	X	X
DCM District 66	Carlos F	X	X	Martin M		
DCM District 70	Marcial S			Jason E	X	X
DCM District 81	Randy B	X	X	Stewi M	X	X
DCM District 82	Kim R	X	X	Rick M		
DCM District 90	Lloyd G	X	X	Ricky L		
Liaison to Brazos Valley Intergroup	Charles R	X	X			
Houston Intergroup	Lee G	X	X			
Ninth District Intergroup	Dennis M					
Oficina Intergroupal Hispano De Houston_North	Alejandro P					
Intergroupo Hispano Del South West (66)	Concha G		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.



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

Groups without an active GSR are urged to elect one. Districts without an active DCM usually increase contributions to other AA entities by a % voted on by the group.

Spanish Intergroup Office Northwest
 4800 W. 34th St Suite C-5
 Houston, TX 77092, Ph/Fax: 713-683-9277
 Email: oficinaintergroupalhouston@yahoo.com

Intergroup Addresses

Houston Intergroup 4140 Directors Row Suite D-E Houston, TX 77092	Brazos Valley Intergroup 837 Harvey Mitchell Parkway Bryan, TX 77807 Bryan, TX 77807	9 th District Intergroup 6640 Eastex Fwy. 140A #149-A P.O. Box 21270 Beaumont, TX 77708	Spanish Intergroup S w 5412 Birdwood Road, B Houston, TX 77096 713-661-6833 Email: intergrupo@aaahouston hispano.org
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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.)