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January Assembly

Saturday and Sunday

January 12, 13, 2013

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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.

January 2013 SETA 67 ASSEMBLY VOTING ITEMS

Joint Recommendation from Archives and Finance Committees

1) **Motion**: The Archives Repository becomes a Budget Line Item in the 2013 Archives Budget and thereafter.

2) **Motion:** The Archives Repository Line Item will be budgeted for \$10,000 in 2013.

ELECTIONS:

Open Positions of Panel 63 Area Trusted Servants - by Majority Vote: Area Committee Chairs, Liaisons

OPEN POSITIONS

Archives Area Chair Finance Area Chair Literature Area Chair Spanish Intergroup North Spanish Intergroup South

SETA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Area Committee Meeting Saturday October 6, 2012

- I. Opening Chair, ZBM opened the meeting at 8:32 A.M.
- II. Preamble Alt. Chair, Gary S read the Preamble
- III. Registrar Peggy M. Roll Call for Area Committee
- IV. Area Committee Minutes July 2012: Secretary Melissa R Request that DCMs & Committee Chairs resend Minutes from their monthly meetings as they were lost when Smart Mail went down. July Area Committee Minutes: accepted as circulated.
- V. **Treasurer's Report** 3rd Quarter -2012, Treasurer Ronald C Ronald's report included the following points:
 - This was the best quarter for Group Contributions;
 - Expenses are less than monies brought in; however expenses are also less than budgeted

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

VI. Delegate Comments- Deborah D, Panel 61

Deborah apologized for being late, saying that the DCM/ Delegate Sharing Session ran long & that it was a good meeting. She said they talked about how to get new members involved and how we carry the message. Deborah noted that she will have GSC Conference Reports to distribute; also she wants to set time to discuss feedback on the (3) questions she asked regarding the initiative for self-support:

- Do we understand what it takes to sustain ourselves as a fellowship;
- Do we really understand where those dollars go; and
- the significance of how much we need to give, not just to GSO, but also to Districts, Area and Intergroup.

It's also time for the Membership Survey and she wants feedback from the entire Area.

There are GSO openings for PI & Corrections and retirements for which replacements will need to be hired.

Deborah has found an interpreter, Nancy, who will be at the Assembly from 1:30 - 4:30 on Saturday and from 10 AM to 1 PM on Sunday. She is coming in from Austin and has a lot of experience. Deborah said that we'll see how it works out this weekend & have professional interpreters lined up for the future.

VII. Alt Delegate Comments- Patrick C, Panel 61

Patrick noted that Alyssa O has a Gratitude Dinner table here with flyers which are also posted on the SETA Website. Please announce it to your Groups. This is the 30th Anniversary & the theme is "Generosity Links Us Together with a Sense of Belonging". There's also an article about the history of it. The menu is Tex-Mex; be sure District Members know

what their Districts are responsible for bringing. It's from 2 - 6 PM. The doors are open from 12 - 7 PM for set-up and clean up. There will be a panel of (4) speakers: (2) English & (2) Spanish; typed transcripts of translations will be available and each will have 10-12 minutes to talk about the theme of the Dinner.

Patrick noted that the Dinner is funded by the members of Area 67 and that we will collect donations. He said that he will have a report on the Dinner's funds on Sunday.

Patrick reported that 2012 SWRAASA is in 2 weeks; he said the hotel extended the room-rate deadline to October 12. The rate is \$99/night. Three presenters at this year's SWRAASA are from Area 67: Gus H, Melissa R and Jim K.

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

VIII. Committees Sharing – Exceptional Items

A) CFC – Postponed - Fritz B was not present at this time.

B) 2013 SETA Convention – Alt Chair: Troy B

Troy said a booth was set up with flyers for Districts & Groups. You can also register today: cash, check & credit cards. Please visit the website where you can also register for the convention though you must reserve hotel rooms directly with the hotel: please get a room! \$94/night rate. They are negotiating with the hotel about showing the "Bill W." movie on Friday night: \$10 at the door; the convention is not paying for the movie.

Correction: the convention is paying for the movie.

IX. Unfinished Business

These have been presented at a prior Assembly and are up for vote; Workshops will be held Saturday afternoon.

Archives Repository Chair: Sherry B

In October 2009, the Area Assembly unanimously voted to support the Area Archives Committee in its search for an Area Archives Repository with a spending limit of \$10K/year for seven (7) (3) years. A 600 sq ft. space at 521 N. Sam Houston Parkway, # 215 was found. The quantity of archival material has grown and a larger space would be desirable. Based on amounts spent for the last 2 years, the Archives Committee proposes a motion that Area set aside \$27K for the Repository for (3) years, beginning October 1, 2013. (See Page 31)

AHC Spanish Interpreter Job Description: Paul M presented the guidelines recommended by the Ad-Hoc Committee. (See Page **31**)

IT/WEB Motions for Budget Increases: Steve E said that he would be

making (4) proposals of which each item would consist of (2) motions:

1) Motion to add a line item to the IT Budget;

2) Motion to ask for money for the line item. (See Page 31)

Note: Subscriptions & Broad Band Connections would be SETA-owned.

Intergroup Liaison - Funding for One Room-Night at Assemblies

Lee G: This was brought up on behalf of the (5) Liaisons last April.

<u>Third Legacy Workshop</u> to be held Saturday evening. Elections to be held on Sunday Morning.

<u>Area Inventory Report</u> – Gary S: To be presented from 10AM - 12PM by Mike D, in Beth R's absence. The (30) questions will be reviewed and discussed, along with proposals & recommendations made by the Committee.

<u>Election for the 2015 SETA Convention Chair (Galveston)</u>: ZBM said David A had expressed an interest in standing for the position. <u>Election for Trustee-at-Large</u>

Elections for Area Trusted Servants: to be held on Sunday morning.

X. New Business

<u>GSC Proposed Agenda Item- CPC Change</u>: Betsy G Betsy introduced the proposed changes to language in 2 pamphlets. (See Page 24 for proposal)

Ad Hoc Committee on Area Inventory - Report: Mike D (See page 24)

<u>Proposed Motion to Policy & Procedure Manual</u>: Recommendation from the Ad-Hoc Committee on Area Inventory - Charlie R

The Groups of District 33 support the Ad-Hoc Committee's request to place their proposed amendment to the <u>Policy & Procedure Manual</u> on the Agenda for vote, prior to the elections tomorrow. The Motion was presented to the Chair two days prior to the (45) day deadline; however it didn't get added to the Agenda.

The change would eliminate the polling which has been done in the past. Potential nominees would give sobriety date & service history. We asked the ad-hoc committee to work on this; this is one of their proposals. We need to vote on this prior to the elections tomorrow.

Here, Charlie R read the current voting procedure as stated in the P&P Manual then followed it with the new proposed procedure. (See Page 24, Item 8 for proposal).

Discussion Session

<u>ZBM</u> noted that she has had issues with opening attachments and said it's true that it was submitted to the Chair on time. However, this is new to the Area; no recommendations or reports were made by the Ad-Hoc Committee. She noted that she was under the impression that it was to be presented as New Business and presented to the Assembly.

ZBM told the Area Committee that they have the right to decide now, if they want the opportunity to vote on it before the elections or leave it as New Business.

<u>Gary S</u>: One of Beth's intentions was to ascertain what the Area wanted to do; her intent was to review all questions & recommendations coming out of Committee as a Motion and a second, to be voted on prior to the Elections. If not, then there is no time in January to do it. New GSRs will be coming in so a new workshop would have to be held in April & a vote wouldn't happen until July. This was the reason Beth tried to get it done during this term.

Q: Regarding Inventory recommendations, are we accepting or rejecting? A: Out of all the Inventory Questions, this is what was selected to change.

<u>Charlie R</u>: I make a motion to vote on it this weekend before elections, as an Ad-Hoc Committee Motion.

Steve M Alt. DCM, D-81 seconded the motion.

Motion on the floor is to Vote on the Amendment prior to Elections.

Discussion

Q: Was this the only proposal to come out of this inventory?

A: No.

- Q: So this is to be done piecemeal?
- A: There'll be a workshop from 10-12 today to review recommendations.
- Q: When was this decided?
- A: August 11th
- Q: When was it submitted to the Chair?
- A: August 19th.
- Q: So it was decided on the 11th, yet not submitted until the 19th? This Assembly does not seem to want to abide by the 30/45 day policy; it should be taken out of the P&P Manual.
- Q: How are we voting on something now that's going to be decided two hours later?
- <u>ZBM</u>: Betsy G is not a member of the Area Committee; however, she was involved with the Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee, so she can speak.
- <u>Betsy G</u>: I drafted the motion on the Committee's behalf. Gary submitted it. All we're asking is to add it to the Agenda to vote on it. It's been in your hands to review. I guarantee it will save time if we implement it tomorrow.
- <u>Mike D</u>: We used this process previously. We've done this process for the past (5) elections & it doesn't work for Area 67. We're asking for this now instead of later because how we do it now takes hours. We should have an opportunity, as an Assembly, to vote on it.
- <u>Peggy M</u>: To address the point that the info was given to the Chair within the (45) day period but unfortunately it didn't get to the GSRs within the timeframe. District 10 made this proposal; we had to go through an 18 month process before it was voted on and approved.
- <u>Katherine M:</u> This procedure is of concern to me; groups have not had time to learn what's being proposed & further cements the impression that SETA is separated from the Groups. We should move slowly enough to give the Groups time to participate in decisions.

<u>Deborah D:</u> This is an Area Inventory on how we handle our business at Area. <u>Junior G:</u> Call the Question.

Vote: 2/3rds Majority (27) in Favor; (2) Opposed.

Motion passed to vote on the Amendment before Elections.

ZBM restated the **Motion to Amend** the P&P Manual and that it was currently slated under New Business. The vote is whether to move it to the Agenda for vote on Sunday morning.

Vote: In Favor: (16); Opposed: (13) Motion passed to move it to the Agenda.

XI. Other Items for Discussion:

Deborah D: GSO asks if our Area may be interested in hosting the 2025 International Convention – I'll get a consensus tomorrow.

XII. Exceptional Items

CFC Report: CFC Chair - Fritz B.

- The CFC Conference had been very well attended & brought in good money;
- There were (70) attendees at the TDCJ Orientation, many of whom were renewing;
- Regarding the Intergroup invoice dispute of \$840: Intergroup has rejected the offer to settle.
- The CFC Committee nominated Jim K for Area CFC Committee Chair.

XIII. Announcements – Alt Chair: Gary S.

Current Assembly Host is District 82. DCMs: think about hosting for next year.

ZBM: Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Area Chair.

Reminder! Please send reports electronically to the Secretary.

Closed at 10:00 A.M. with the Responsibility Statement

SETA 67 Quarterly Assembly Area Assembly Meeting Sheraton IAH Saturday, October 6, 2012

- I. ZBM opened General Assembly at 10:10 AM with Serenity Prayer Dennis, GSR of the Beginners Group in Clute, Host District 82, presented Tradition 12.
- II. ZBM welcomed New DCMs & GSRs; acknowledged Past Delegates Harold P, Paul M, Mike D, Betsy G, and Gus H. She also welcomed Regional Trustee, Clayton V, who will present a workshop on Third Legacy voting process.
- III. Preamble to Policy & Procedures Manual presented by ZBM. ZBM turned the floor over to Mike D for the Area Inventory Report.

IV. Area Assembly Inventory Report – Mike D. (See Page 24)

ZBM announced that the <u>Proposed Amendment to the P&P Manual</u> on <u>Voting Procedures</u> is to be added as Item 8 to the Motions for Voting. Voting will be on Sunday.

The Assembly broke for lunch at 11:37 AM. The afternoon session began at 1:00 PM. Sherry B of the Surfside Group presented Concept 12.

ZBM: We're going to hold all workshops today and vote on them today, leaving tomorrow open for elections.

V. Workshops

<u>Archives Repository</u> – Sherry B (Motion on Page 31)

Sherry B presented the Archives Motion then held a discussion session. <u>Discussion:</u>

Q: Are you digitizing?

A: Yes, in pieces. We have two scanners so it will take years. We started with Area Minutes since 1973.

Q: How many visitors have you had to the Repository?

A: About a dozen. It's not a showroom, it's storage for files. Area asked us to preserve their records.

Q: Have you looked at climate-controlled storage as far as location and price? A: We could find a place to store records but we need a place to work; we have computers & other equipment. If we could find climate-controlled space with office attached, but we haven't yet. The price would be about the same.

Q: Archives is asking to set aside \$27K; the Treasurer's Report says we only have \$25K. We rely on contributions so there's no guarantee that we'd have the full amount of funds needed. What do we do if the IT Committee wants money to buy equipment and for their budget?

<u>Ron C:</u> That would mean we'd go into the hole. The good news is we haven't spent all the money set aside for the Interpreter or SWRAASA. I can suggest lowering the amount. Also Convention Funds of \$19K can be released.

Q: We have a total budget of \$45K & you want to spend \$9K; that's 1/5th of the total budget. Either we want a Repository or not; that's what it's about. Q: Last time we heard that the building owner is in bankruptcy; what if we go for a (1) year lease instead of (3) year?

A: We spoke to the Lessor – they won't talk about it until (3) months before the lease expires, which is 9/30/12.

<u>Sarah D</u>: This boils down to a concern over money. Repository is available to anyone who wants to visit; contact us & we'll make arrangements. There seems to be misinformation: after (3) workshops, we're getting the same questions & you're getting the same answers. We look forward to a resolution.

Intergroup Liaison Funding – Lee G (See Page 31 for Motion) SETA Liaisons to Intergroup responsibilities include attending (12) Intergroup meetings & (4) SETA Assemblies per year. We have a principal of Self-Support and funding your Trusted Servants is part of that. If funds aren't made available, it's saying "you can't afford to hold this position." My request is to fund (5) room-nights per Assembly.

Discussion

- Q: Where are the Liaisons coming from?
- A: They're scattered out.
- Q: Why isn't Intergroup funding?
- A: The Liaisons are SETA positions.

Ron C: Amount would be \$565/Liaison per year; a total of \$2825/year.

<u>IT/Web Workshop</u> – Chair: Steve E (See Page 31 for Motions) Steve presented his requests with the explanation that each item will actually be 2 motions: 1) to add a line item to the Committee's budget, and then 2) to fund that line item.

A-1) Hardware Renewal

Purchase (2) computers per year (total of 18). Amount to be \$1000 per computer, plus software & extended warranty; not to exceed \$2K.

Discussion - Part I: Hardware Renewal

Q: I'm not in favor of buying a computer every year; we do budgets one year in advance so we can include it when it's actually needed.

<u>ZBM</u>: By adding the line item, it will be there.

<u>Steve E</u>: We're in a digital age; what if next delegate doesn't have a desktop? This is the same principal Lee G referred to: does someone not get to serve if they can't afford a computer?

Q: We have a budget in place; it would have to come out of unrestricted funds, correct? I want to be sure everyone understands where we are before we make decisions.

<u>Steve E:</u> I think it's more important to set the policy & get the line item added. I've been trying for (2) years to get equipment but every year at the Budget Committee Meeting, they say "there's no line item". We have only (2) operable computers now and those are old & about dead.

Q: Maybe some committees don't have a need. What would be the procedure? This is a 9-Year Plan, so who would get one first?

<u>Steve E:</u> The ones whose computers are dead now. The Secretary would be first. The Registrar's computer is dying and the Treasurer needs a new one. After that, we'd draw out of the hat.

<u>Ron C:</u> Note that when you do a Budget Item, it affects Unrestricted Funds by one-half the amount (we restrict the budget by $\frac{1}{2}$). If it's an Assembly Item, we restrict the entire amount.

Q: If we get good computers for the Secretary, Registrar & Treasurer, could we have one to be kept at the Repository & made available to SETA members? A: They don't have an Internet Connection at the Repository.

Q: With what we're discussing, we have \$15,500 to add to the budget which is at \$41K now. That's 1/3rd again of the current budget. Where is the money going to come from?

B-1) Broad Band/Internet Connection

In the spirit of self-support, we should have our own broadband card rather than using someone's private one like here at assemblies. Cost: \$600.00.

C-1) "Go to Meeting" Subscription

Cost would be \$465 for a yearly subscription. It would enable many more to participate on committees because they could join remotely, rather than have to travel one or two hours to attend a meeting.

D-1) Team Viewer (Remote Support Service)

This would enable IT to work on computers remotely. This is lowest priority. The cost would be \$750.00 and it's a one-shot deal.

<u>Ad-Hoc Committee on Spanish Interpreter: Policy</u> – Paul M. "This was first submitted in April and again in July, so all should be familiar with it." There were no questions. (See Page 31 for Motion)

Break taken at 2:48; the Assembly resumed at 3:05 PM.

Roll Call for Vote: Peggy M

Total Count: <u>84</u> 2/3rd Majority: <u>56</u> Simple Majority: <u>43</u>

VI. OLD BUSINESS

<u>IT/Web Committee's Equipment and Services Purchase Proposal</u> **1A)** Hardware Renewal: Add Line Item to IT/Web Budget - (3) Laptops at \$1K each; plus software & extended warranty, with a cap of \$ 2000.

Vote: In Favor: 50 Opposed: 30

<u>Minority Opinions</u>: This commits us because of how the motion reads. We should buy them as they're needed.

I agree with the service function but uncomfortable with the amount. Suggest a budget amount at \$1000 and move it to January's agenda.

IT Chair, Steve E agreed to a <u>Friendly Amendment</u> as follows: Add a line item to the IT Budget for Hardware Expense, as needed, not to exceed \$2000/year.

ZBM asked if anyone wanted to change their vote. Yes: <u>3</u> Vote to Reconsider the Original Motion: In favor: <u>76</u> Opposed: <u>8</u> "Friendly Amendment" Motion is on the Floor. Discussion:

We can't take items to the Finance Committee unless it's a line item. If we can't take it to Finance before a vote, we won't know if we have the money.

Vote on <u>Friendly Amendment to Motion</u>: In Favor: <u>74</u> Opposed: <u>10</u> No Minority Opinion offered. Vote stands. Motion passed.

A-2) Amend 2013 IT Committee Budget to purchase Hardware, as needed, in the amount of \$2000.

Discussion

If Budget passes for \$2K, it could be for 2 or 3 laptops, not to exceed \$2K.

Vote: In Favor: <u>61</u> Opposed: <u>23</u> No Minority Opinion Offered. Motion passed.

B-1) Team Viewer: Add line item to 2013 IT/Web Budget to purchase, in the amount of \$750. This is a one-time capital expenditure. Discussion:

Q: Is this for one year?

A: It's a life-time license.

Q: Whose name will it be purchased in?

A: It will be in SETA's name and associated with <u>itchair@aa-seta.org</u>. It will be associated with the service position.

Vote: In Favor: <u>5</u> Opposed: <u>79</u> Motion Failed

C-1) "Go to Meeting" - Add line item to IT Budget (yearly subscription) in the amount of \$ 465/year.

Discussion

Note: Those with smartphones can join the meeting too.

Vote: In Favor: 57 Opposed: 27

Minority Opinion: I'm concerned that it may become too easy and no one will continue to attend Area; this is minimizing service.

Aren't we looking for an easier, softer way to do our service work?

ZBM asked if anyone wanted to change their vote: <u>No.</u> Motion passed to add a line item to the IT Budget.

C-2) Motion to Amend the 2013 IT Budget at add \$465 for a yearly subscription of "Go to Meeting".

Discussion

I don't think it limits service work; rather it expands it as many who could not otherwise participate on service committees due to being 1-2 hours away, can. It isn't taking the place of Assemblies; instead it's more for committee meetings. The software allows 25-26 persons max to sign on at one time; it would be sufficient for our purposes.

Vote: In Favor: <u>59</u> Opposed: <u>25</u> No Minority Opinion given. Motion passes. **D-1)** Broadband – Add line item to 2013 IT Budget for card & service, in the amount of \$600. <u>Discussion</u>: None

Vote: In Favor: <u>84</u> Opposed: <u>0</u> Motion passed unanimously.

D-2) Motion to Amend 2013 IT Budget to purchase Broadband. <u>Discussion</u>: None

Vote: In Favor: <u>76</u> Opposed: <u>6</u> Minority Opinion: Technology moves so fast and already the Broadband card isn't the latest technology; I think we should defer.

ZBM asked if anyone wished to change their vote: Yes: <u>3.</u> Vote to Revote: In Favor: <u>6</u> Opposed: <u>76</u> Vote stands. Motion passed.

<u>Archives Repository – Motion to set aside Funds</u> (See Motion on Pg. 31) Total count: <u>74;</u> Simple Majority: <u>39</u>

Vote: In Favor: 31 Opposed: 44

<u>Minority Opinion:</u> If we don't approve, how do we move the material? That will be an expense too & we're not taking it into account.

If this isn't the solution, what is? We don't have a lot of time; we need direction to go in.

Archives can't negotiate rent or a lease unless they know the money is there. They won't use it for a year, but they need to know it's available.

ZBM: Does anyone wish to change their vote? <u>None</u> Motion Failed.

The following Motions were moved to Sunday for voting:

1. Spanish Interpreter – Adopt Procedures

Patrick C: Multi-Lingual is the responsible party; it's about hiring but it could also be about firing. Is there a consensus as to whether to take the items as a total package or address them individually? As a package: Unanimous.

2. <u>Funding of SETA Intergroup Liaisons for Hotel Room-Night at Assemblies</u> (See Motion on Page 31)

VII. **Service Committee Meetings** – (See Pages 28-30 for Reports) Meetings held from 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM. Reports presented Saturday evening from 8:30 – 9PM following the Third Legacy Workshop.

Note: District Reports werenot presented this Quarter.Intergroup Liaison Reports(See Pages 22-23)GSR Workshop Reports(See Page 22)

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

VIII. Clayton V, Regional Trustee – Third Legacy Workshop Clayton spoke about the process of Third Legacy voting procedures and his own experience with service. He noted that many of those he began serving with all continued on to be Delegates & Trustees; that much of the attraction and rewards derived from service can be the relationships and friendships made during the course of it.

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

Area 67 Quarterly Assembly Area Assembly Meeting JFK Sheraton Sunday October 7, 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 and Gus H

Recognize New GSRs and DCMs

- IV. Preamble: Alternate Area Chair Gary S.
- V. Registrar: Peggy M Report: Thanks for the opportunity to serve. Roll Call
- VI. Secretary– Melissa R: Report: Thanks for the opportunity to serve. July 2012 Minutes accepted as circulated.
- VII. Treasurer Report Ronald C.
- > Group contributions are up, though still not at budgeted amount;
- Spending is still less than budgeted.

Ron said that it had been a pleasure to serve as Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.

VIII. Alternate Area Chair – Gary S.

Gary reminded all to let him know of problems they may have at the hotel. He expressed gratitude for opportunity to serve as Alt. Chair & encouraged all to continue to serve.

IX. Area Chair: ZBM – Report:

Thanks for the opportunity to serve. It's been trying but rewarding. I wouldn't have traded the last two years for anything in the world. We brought in the GSR Packets, which have been wonderful! It used to take 2 years to understand what was going on; the packets have made that easier. Just because you're rotating out doesn't mean you have to leave. That's what they told me when I was a GSR. Whether you liked it or not, I kept coming back for 20 years and I'm a better person for it.

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

Deborah said they're looking for a Host Area for the 2025 International Convention and asked for a consensus of whether Area 67 would be willing to host. There was a resounding 'Yes!' Her report followed. Good Morning and Greetings to Everyone,

I'm very happy to be here and would like to welcome everyone to the South East Texas Area 67 Assembly, if you have been newly elected to a trusted servant position we extend a warm welcome to you.

Since the last assembly I've been visiting districts giving the General Service Conference report, participating in feedback sessions regarding the report, new groups and district anniversaries. Keep the invitations coming; it's a wonderful way to see the area being active and busy.

I've been forwarding the Grapevine weekly announcement, I've asked around and most members are happy to get this email. Please pass it on. Page 14 of 36

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

These next few points have only limited news, I will report further when I get more information.

In response to the Advisory Action of the 62nd General Service Conference stating that the GSB develop a plan to restructure the current corporate and governance structures of A.A.W.S. and GV Inc.: during the planning meeting the trustees explored possible structures & during the process of addressing this recommendation, identified additional background needs and persons to interview.

The trustees also discussed questions raised in the GSB sharing session regarding listing groups that alter the Twelve Steps and asked the general manager to have the GSO staff expand the concern by reflecting on the broader issues of listing groups.

A few Sub-committees have been formed:

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC); Treatment/Special Needs Accessibility, to explore options for providing information about A.A. to professionals.

Corrections – Engagement Strategy in order to take a strategic look at all available resources for carrying the A.A. message into correctional facilities.

From the General Sharing Session: "GSO's Group Listing Challenges": A GSO staff member shares: We have received some guidance from the Conference that seems, at first glance, relatively easy to follow. When it comes to practical application however, are we to follow the *letter* of the recommendation and, for example, only <u>not</u> list groups with the words "alcohol and pill" in their name? Or do we follow the *spirit* of the recommendation by not listing a group whose purpose is recovery from both drugs and alcohol?

AAGRAPEVINE Highlights:

June YTD sales are 310,000 ahead of projections. GV Online was ahead by 18,000 and other publishing products ahead by 60,000. It has not been necessary to take any drawdowns during the 1^{st} and 2^{nd} quarter of this year.

A net loss for La Vina was higher than budgeted by \$2861.

At the June 2012 meeting the GV Board recommended three non-Trustee Directors total, but recommended seeking two non-Trustee directors to sit on the AAGVB for 2013, leaving one vacancy.

Next, the GSO has a few requests for us to think about and I am requesting your input before the end of the year.

How do we feel about hosting the 2025 International Convention? The GSO is looking for areas willing to be host and to put a bid in for consideration. I will need to submit an application by November 30, 2012.

Finance

G.S.O.	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2011 Actual
Contributions from A.A. groups and members	\$3,110,840	\$3,105,695	\$2,985,249
Sales less cost of production, royalties and shipping	4,018,327	4,065,288	4.098,743
Interest Income	406	238	355
Total Income	7,129,573	1,171,221	7,084,347
Total G.S.O. expenses:	6,981,717	6,981,666	6,659,635
Net Operating Income (loss)	147,856	189,555	424,712
A.A. GRAPEVINE, INC.			
Sales less cost of products	\$ 909,165	\$ 958,188	\$ 870,298
nterest earned — regular	-	-	
- Reserve Fund	13,000	8,700	13,200
Total Income	922,165	966,888	883,498
Expenses	923,007	828,768	906,061
ncome (loss) from operations	(842)	138,120	(22,563
_A VIÑA magazine	(54,409)	(57,270)	(34,137
Net Income (Loss)	(55,251)	80,850	(56,700

Finally, as I write my last report as your delegate I am filled with some sadness and deep gratitude for the opportunity I've had to serve with love & compassion for our Area and Alcoholic Anonymous. I know that God wants me to continue to rotate on to something else. I will serve on the Multi-lingual committee.

Please know that each of you have a special place in my heart. I look forward to continuing to serve however my Higher Power wants me to serve. I will make myself available to the next delegate and help in any way I can. It is an honor and privilege to serve the Area 67 and Alcoholics Anonymous.

XI. Alternate Delegate Comments - Patrick C

My name is Patrick C. and I am grateful to be serving you as your Alternate Delegate, Panel 61, Area 67. Just because this is an election weekend doesn't mean my trusted servant responsibilities are over as Alternate Delegate. After tomorrow, the next few months will be filled with time spent with the incoming Alternate Delegate, Panel 63. My goal will be to provide the individual with as much of my experience as they can handle to make the transition go smoothly as possible.

Gratitude Dinner Update:

The chairperson, Alisa O & the 2012 Gratitude Dinner Committee decided to have a gratitude dinner information table at this Area Assembly. The table is manned by gratitude dinner committee volunteers during this weekend. We have coordinated the times the table will be manned to be mindful of the Area Assembly business that is being conducted this weekend.

The point is to have information & answer questions to anyone attending the assembly this weekend. The gratitude committee will have the following items at the table:

- 1. 2012 Gratitude Dinner Flyers in English and Spanish
- 2. Article about the history of the gratitude dinner in English & Spanish
- 3. A map with instructions to the Jimmy Burke Activity Center
- 4. A master list of the District Commitments

Please stop by the table. We've made some copies, but to save on expenses Page 16 of 36

we have not made a large number of copies of each item, except for the Flyer. You can at least read, ask questions and get the information about this year's gratitude dinner.

The date it will be held is Sunday, November 18, 2012. The main event begins at 2:00 pm and end at 6:00 pm.

This year we will have a panel of four speakers. The translation will be typed transcripts of the speaker's remarks projected on screens on the podium. We won't have translation equipment at the event. We've planned to have a committee of hosts who will be onsite to help with questions during the event. The hosts will be English and Spanish speaking volunteers.

We would like to have a table for every single Area Standing Committee to man during the first part of the event. Committee Chairpersons, please plan on attending and having volunteers from your committee's man these tables. That way you can discuss the service work that your committee does to help the still suffering alcoholic or preserve our Area history!

We'll be passing the basket at this year's dinner. The proceeds will go into the Gratitude Dinner fund. Remember that the Annual Gratitude Dinner is funded by voluntary contributions from A.A. members of Area 67. Contributions can be made throughout the year by simply sending contributions to the Treasurer. Be sure to include a note stating contribution is for the Gratitude Dinner fund.

The theme for the dinner this year is "A Sense of Belonging". Thanks to District 20 and District 70 Gratitude Dinner Committee members for all your hard work!

As we're always planning ahead, I want to ask if any District has decided if they're willing to co-host the Gratitude Dinner in 2013 with District 70. Any interested District should let me know this weekend. Come, bring friends to this open A.A. meeting and participate in the sharing of gratitude for sobriety, one day at a time.

SWRAASA 2012:

The event is being hosted by Area 46, New Mexico, in Albuquerque at the Marriott Uptown, October 19 through 21, 2012

This service weekend is made up of many workshops that put on a short presentation by assigned facilitators, then plenty of time for workshop attendees to participate and share their experience, strength & hope, or ask questions about the presented topic.

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 or on-site at the event.

Please consider rotating on- not just rotating out of service in October. I say this again this morning because I want everyone to experience the blessings that come with serving the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Deborah & I have continued visiting the various Districts that need to be informed about the out

come of our 2012 General Service Conference advisory actions and any additional considerations.

I can say that serving as the Alternate Delegate has been a wonderful

experience of learning and growing. Recently I was asked to put together an A.A. History presentation, from 1934 to 1955. It was wonderful reviewing our literature, putting it together in a presentation & sharing it with the members of the North shore Group. It gave me the chance to dig a little deeper & see that our history is filled with so many wonderful AA members & friends of AA who served before us. But, a new perspective I have gained is how many people today continue to fill the shoes of those who have gone before us. The time I have been able to serve as Alternate Delegate the past year & some change has simply been my turn to fill this position of responsibility for SETA Area 67. Tomorrow someone else will stand like I did & continue the legacy of service.

Deborah and I have shared an experience I will never forget. The meetings in her or my car, to and from the events you have invited us, gave us so many opportunities to share, learn, discuss & love the fellowship & our great South East Texas Area 67 A.A. members.

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. Trustee Report – Clayton V.

Clayton spoke about serving on a Self-Support Committee, which is a sub-committee of the Finance Committee. He said that if everyone in the U.S. and Canada participated in the Birthday Plan, they could raise about \$13 million dollars. He said that both AA Corporations are healthy and neither will have "take-down" from the Reserve Fund. He also noted that the GSC would be different as the Conference will be in the process of doing an inventory; there will be no workshops and limited presentations.

There's also a prospective reorganization of the General Service Board. The process and the steps that may, or may not be taken, are complex. As a result, a plan may not be in place by the next GSC.

Next year, Class A Trustees & a Regional Trustee will be rotating out. He noted that they need up-to-date people with savvy and current input to fill the slots.

Roll Call for Voting – Registrar: Peggy M

Total Vote Count: 100; Simple Majority: 51; 2/3rd Majority: 66

XIII. Unfinished Business

<u>Spanish Interpreter – Adopt Procedures for the P&P Manual</u> Correction: Adopt policy and procedures for hiring Spanish Interpreters.

Multi-Lingual is the responsible party; it's about hiring but also possibly about firing. Is there a consensus whether to take the items as a total package, or address them individually? As a package: Unanimous.

Vote: In Favor: <u>84</u> Opposed: <u>0</u> Motion Passes Unanimously.

Intergroup Liaison Funding

Funding would be (1) room-night each, for (3) Assemblies, for five Liaisons, totaling \$2825 per year. (Motion on Pg. 31)

Discussion

- Q: Which committees are funded for room-nights?
- A: All Standing Committees.
- Q: Can Liaisons give reports on Sundays or Saturdays only? Is it necessary that they stay overnight?
- A: Reports are scheduled at different times at different Assemblies.
- Q: Opposed; I think funds could be better used in carrying the message.
- A: Funding came about so those who couldn't afford to pay for a hotel would not be prohibited from serving. Those who don't need reimbursement can pay their own way.

Vote - In Favor: 69 Opposed: 13

<u>Minority Opinion</u>: Uncertain whether this position serves any purpose to SETA plus many of them never attend.

<u>Magda D:</u> I'm not against supporting any service position in principle; however there is also a principle of sacrifice and participation in service. I come from a District that doesn't have the money to support my service work.

ZBM asked if anyone wanted to change their vote.

Gus H: Motion to reconsider the vote. A majority voted in favor of reconsidering.

The Motion returned to the floor.

Discussion

-These are elected positions by SETA & part of the Committee. Why are we discriminating? We're supposed to be self-supporting; if we aren't paying for them then why are we paying for y'all?

-These are not standing committees – they're one person. Other options are that they can stay with someone who has a funded room.

-Is the position necessary? It isn't part of the service structure.

Vote – In Favor: <u>45</u> Opposed: <u>42</u> The vote stands. Motion passed.

A break was taken at 10:20 AM; the Assembly resumed at 10:30 AM.

IX. New Business

Motion to Amend Policy & Procedures Manual: Voting Procedures Mike D presented in Beth R's absence.

Mike noted that this motion came about as a result of the recent Area Inventory. Point of order: the Area Inventory Committee wishes to to amend their Motion. The Amended Motion is to amend Paragraph (2) only, of the Voting Procedure.

Motion: following revisions, Motion was changed to Paragraph 2 only. <u>Discussion</u>

- The proposed change in text would mean two things: 1) you must nominate yourself; and 2) there's a requirement to be present.
- First-time GSRs don't have the information or past experience with previous method of voting and so they aren't informed enough to vote on this change.

Vote: Amended Motion Failed. The original Motion returned to the floor. More discussion ensued.

New Vote Count – Total: <u>82;</u> **2/3^{rds}** Majority: <u>54</u> Page 19 of 36 Vote: In Favor: <u>34</u> Opposed: <u>48</u> Motion Failed.

<u>Minority Opinion</u>: Why have committees to find what's best if we won't listen? At the last election, we were here until 4:00; if unable to come up and stand, then they aren't ready for the position.

<u>Allison:</u> I want to make amends for the committee. When we ended committee meeting we thought we were done. The negativity is because it's been sloppy but go back to the intent – which was to save time.

ZBM asked if anyone wanted to change their vote – Yes: 1 Vote to Revote - A majority was opposed to a revote. Vote stands. Motion Failed.

New Vote Count – Total: 102; Simple Majority: 52; 2/3rd Majority: 68

X. Elections

2015 SETA Convention Chair (Galveston): David A Area Nomination - Trustee At Large: Harold P by acclimation Area Trusted Servants Elections (Results on Pg. 32)

XI. Additional New Business

<u>2013 Proposed GSC Agenda Item</u>: Betsy G. (See Pg. 24 for Proposal) Betsy presented her proposal and asked for a sense of the Assembly to have our Delegate submit the issue for consideration at the 2013 General Service Conference.

The proposal was unanimously approved.

Joint Recommendation from the Archives and Finance Committees

- 1. The Archives Repository to become a Budget Line Item in the 2013 Archives Budget and thereafter.
- 2. The Archives Repository Line Item will be budgeted for \$10,000 in 2013.

Discussion

- -There is no explanation of how the \$10K will be used.
- <u>Kris H</u>: The Finance Committee has been concerned for the past 2 years. Three years ago there were (5) votes against funding the Repository. We should have talked with Archives sooner instead of letting them put the \$27K figure out there. We can make it a line item and we only restrict ½ the amount.

This is a good way for the Archives Committee to go out & have the support of the Area and find a new place, whether it's multi-purpose or what. The \$10,000 we're talking about: it's going to be moved from the Repository Fund, which has \$9000 in it on this quarter's Treasurer's Report – that would be moved to the General Fund.

I think it would be a good idea to broaden the Area in which Archives can look for a space. They were given a very confined area in which to look for space.

It would allow the Archives Committee to go forward and negotiate. <u>Gus H</u>: In July we voted to continue looking for a new option for our Archives Repository but we didn't want to step up & fund it. At some point we have to do that. The \$27,000 figure, funding it off budget, we've all had a problem with that. So we came up with a way yesterday in the Finance Committee Meeting that we could put it back on as a line item in the Budget & continue the Archive Repository. In the past we've said we want an Archives Repository. It comes with a price tag. So now it's time to step up to the plate.

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<u>Mike, GSR for Post Oak Group</u>: My concern is that there's a threshold of questions, but I think the main threshold question is, are we willing to support Archives at that level - and it seems to me that we're not. Maybe that needs to be addressed. There isn't even an Archives Chair, so maybe the Committee needs to get itself organized. I don't think there's a rush and I make a motion to put it off to the next Assembly.

ZBM asked if there was a second to the Motion to Table. There was a second to the Motion to Table until January.

Discussion

Gus: I can support tabling until January, mostly because we've got such low participation. This is an Area group conscience decision so I encourage every one to show up in January and determine if we're going to have a Repository. Vote to postpone Main Motion until January 2013 Assembly A Majority was in Favor to postpone.

The Motion was tabled until January 2013.

XI. Other New Business: None

XII. Announcements: Alt. Chair- Gary S.

<u>SWRAASA</u> Marriott, Albuquerque, NM, October19-21, 2012 2013 SETA Convention Hilton Greenspoint, Jan 11-13, 2013 2013 Texas State Convention June 7-9, 2013

The Assembly closed at 3:10 with The Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted: Melissa R, Secretary SETA 67 2011-2012

Area 67 Quarterly Assembly October 6, 7, 2012

Workshop Reports, District Reports, Area Standing Committee Intergroup Liaison Reports, Ad-Hoc Committee Reports

New GSR Workshop - No Report Submitted.

Advanced GSR Workshop – Facilitator: Jes K; Recorder: Heather B There were (14) in attendance. General questions were asked & answered such as GSR participation and what an outgoing GSR can do to help the new incoming GSR. Answers included "I shadowed my GSR as an Alternate" and "encourage participation at District"; "as an Alternate, I went to every district & Area Assembly."

Other topics covered difficulty in getting group members to step up for service; younger members aren't interested in service. Suggestions included showing them how it can be fun. It was also noted that there isn't as much identification with a single home group: they get mad if you ask if this is their home group at Group Conscience, because they vote wherever. This affects AA as a whole & principles of humility and honesty are compromised.

It was noted how important it is for a current GSR to groom their alternate or incoming GSR for the position.

The Home Group and the AA Group pamphlets were also discussed.

RSG Workshop - Facilitator: Dimas S; Recorder: Mariano T

The Workshop opened at 8:38 AM with the Serenity Prayer. There were (18) in attendance.

The first speaker was Roberto who spoke on the functions of a delegate al cons. The second speaker was Rodolfo who spoke about the functions of a delegate al directorio. The Chair called for questions; there were none for Roberto, but there were (6) questions for Rodolfo, who responded.

The Chair and the Recorder both are members of Grupo Serenidad. The meeting closed at 10 AM with the Responsibility Statement.

Intergroup Liaisons – Reports

Brazos Valley Intergroup: Charlie R

Everything is hopping right along. BVIG stocks a full inventory of books and literature in our Intergroup office. We're open at every meeting now, either before or after, & we try to accommodate people around the area coming in from out of town & needing material. Intergroup has been taking & filling a lot of orders.

BVIG is also getting a lot of other stuff in time for holiday shopping. Special thanks to the people who worked so hard to get BVIG back on its feet and up to par: Bob & Carol F, and Les & Becky R: Thanks for all the hard work and dedication you've put forth to Intergroup in the Brazos Valley. It has been my pleasure to serve as your BVIG Liaison.

Spanish Intergroup North – Alejandro P 9th District/Beaumont – Dennis M

Not present Not present

Houston Intergroup: Lee G

Houston Intergroup continues to improve in all areas

- The new, greatly improved website is up & fully functional, including a contribution area.
- The 50th Anniversary Convention scheduled for March 2013, continues with planning. VOLUNTEERS ARE AND WILL BE NEEDED!!
- The financial situation met budget expectations within a few percentage points once again; however of the groups which use & depend on Houston Intergroup, only 27% are contributing.

The Intergroup CFC Committee is always looking for more volunteers to help carry the message behind the walls. The August 4th Round-Up was a great success, netting \$3600 for literature, after expenses.

Spanish Intergroup South: Concha G

Friends, I hope you are enjoying a happy 24 hours of sobriety. Our Intergroup is comprised of 22 groups with 14-18 who attend our meetings and work every Sunday from 10-12 PM.

Function of Intergroup is to meet with the Hispanic Intergroup Office North once a month and assist the committee in charge of organizing the State convention. The service committees visit the groups of our area in our roll of compartment and we visit the groups who invite us to share in their roll of sharing.

Our Intergroup has formed 5 committees: 12 Step telephone number is 832-620-8280; Public Information Committee, Archives Committee, Literature Committee, Events and Conventions Committee, and the Table of Service of the Intergroup Representatives.

The Events and Conventions Committee is working along with the RI to have its next quarterly meeting on October 7 at the meeting hall of Grupo Hispano.

This Sunday we'll work with committee chairs and others to develop and provide the best possible service of our Intergroup. Thank you for your attention.

<u>2013 SETA Convention Report</u> – Chair: Melanie M Alt Chair: Troy B The 2013 51st Annual SETA Convention Committee continues to meet monthly and most of our goals for next year are set. We're an enthusiastic bunch and we're excited about our Diversity theme.

We're aware that elections are scheduled to take place on Sunday & that many of you will move into new positions at the Area level. We hope that those who have been serving on the committee thus far, will remain. And any newly elected officers will join us.

To date, we are a bit low on registrations; however, we plan to resolve that issue by registering at least 80% of you who are here this weekend.

This year the options vary on ways to register. One is the traditional "fill-outthe-form-and-mail-it-in-with-your-check" way. Another is with your smart phone (and app) or via computer. You'll be redirected to our wonderful website that Jenn created at: www.setaconvention.org and scan the bar code to make your payment online with PayPal. Or we can take your cash, check or even credit card right now by swiping it with this little "doohickey"!

Finally, please reserve or book your hotel room. Room rates are only \$94/night. We will have the pleasure of holding our Convention at the exquisite Hilton North Hotel, located just minutes from here.

The 2013 SETA Convention Committee looks forward to seeing you next January! And I still love all things Troy!

Ad Hoc Committee - Report

<u>Ad-Hoc on Area Inventory</u> Chair: Beth R; Presented by Mike D After reviewing the SETA Assembly's responses to the thirty inventory questions, the Inventory Committee is presenting these recommendations as a motion and a second, to be voted on by the Assembly.

- 1. Have visual displays: flow charts, handouts of the process, power-point presentations of conference procedure, to guide the Assembly through motions.
- 2. Add a service sponsor workshop as part of the GSR education process. (The Alt Chair will be in charge of a list of volunteer service sponsors.)
- 3. The Area Chairperson to ask for sense of the Assembly to form ad-hoc committees.
- 4. Amend Policy & Procedure Manual to include having an Area inventory every five years.
- 5. Add: Insure that tax filing is done in a timely manner to the Finance Committee's duties.
- 6. Assembly workshops should include basic principles, standing committee presentations and elements & leadership qualities of trusted servants.
- 7. The Archives Committee look into climate-controlled storage & workspace as a viable alternative to commercial space for the Archives Repository.
- 8. To simplify the voting procedure for SETA elections by:
 - a.Persons who wish to stand for Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Alternate Chair, express interest, and qualify.
 - b. That name will be put on the board.
 - c. Voting would be by Third Legacy Procedure.
 - d.Other positions would be by simple majority
 - (This item has been sent to the Chair to put on the Agenda prior to the elections.)

Additional Considerations:

- 1) That Spanish & English DCMs in overlapping districts work together to bring about more inclusiveness and report back to the Assembly on the progress.
- 2) That individuals, districts, and standing committees review the inventory questions and answers and find ways to utilize the suggestions.
- * Note: The Final Results of the Area Inventory are posted on the SETA Website.

Proposed GSC Agenda Item for the 63rd GSC – Betsy G

Betsy's proposal entails revising paragraphs in Pamphlet P-40 to better define who speaks at open meetings. Paragraph on pg.15 - the proposed change consists of changing the description of who may speak from "almost always AAs" to "always AAs". The other paragraph is on pg. 22; the change is "the speakers at open AA meetings are <u>always</u> AA members" from "<u>with rare</u> <u>exceptions</u>, the speakers at open AA meetings AA members".

Betsy noted in closing that she believes its important for our literature to be consistent and carry the same message.

District Reports

District 10	DCM: Katherine M	Alt DCM: Joy M
District 20	DCM: Troy B	Alt DCM: Stuart F
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: Magdelena D MCD Alt: Francisco M

Greetings from District 62! We're hoping everyone is enjoying a happy 24 hours of sobriety.

This district has a meeting every two weeks on Saturday from 6:00 PM onward. Our district has (7) groups: Fe de Angleton, Fresno, Fluent de Vida, Hispano, Latino, 19 de Enero, and our new group, Nuevo Destino de Stafford. Six to seven GSRs attend District meetings & participate.

And a roll of share to our groups every Thursday, we share with our groups any relevant information and our own experience in service and we share with other groups on a cycle of unity.

We have three Committees:

- 1) La Vina Committee: all is going well;
- 2) Correctional Committee: committee is doing well;
- 3) Literature Committee: doing well.

District 62 collaborates and participates in all events, Texas State Spanish Assemblies, conventions, assemblies of South Texas & Area 67 assemblies. We are also ready to participate at this year's Gratitude Dinner. Thanks for your cooperation.

District 63 MCD: Ricardo R MCD Alt: Edwin C

Our District 10 active groups, of which 6 groups attend every Saturday from 6 PM onwards.

The District has a compartment roll every Tuesday to Groups and also visit groups that do not have general service representatives. Groups contribute to the area and GSO in New York.

The District has 4 committees:

- Corrections meets on Wednesdays every two weeks and shares with the District and Area Groups to encourage links.
- La Viná Committee meets every Thursday and also shares with the

groups to continue to motivate the magazine.

- Literature Committee is working well and making out the books approved by the conference.
- CCP Committee is inactive at this time.

On September 22, this District held elections for the 2013-2014 term. The Incoming MCD is Daniel F and the Alternate MCD is Jose Luis D There is a solution! Thank you very much & happy 24 hours of sobriety.

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 EMAIL: AAHOUSTONDISTRITO64@HOTMAIL.COM

OUR DISTRICT IS MADE UP OF (13) ACTIVE GROUPS, AND 2 GROUPS WHICH ARE PARTIALLY OPERATIONAL BECAUSE THEY'RE WAITING FOR OFFICIAL REGISTRATION. THE 2 PARTIALLY OPERATIONAL GROUPS ARE LOCATED AT HUNTSVILLE, TX, WHICH CURRENTLY OPENS 3 TIMES PER WEEK; AND FM 249, WHICH CURRENTLY OPENS 2 TIMES PER WEEK. WE HAVE ABOUT 11-13 GSRS WHO MEET ON SATURDAYS FROM 6 PM ONWARDS, FOR THE REGULAR DISTRICT SESSIONS, AT THE DISTRICT 64 LOCATION MENTIONED ABOVE. EVERY OTHER WEEK WE HAVE A 1-1/2 HOUR STUDY SESSION TO REVIEW THE SERVICE MANUAL SINCE WE'VE STUDIED THE POLICY & PROCEDURE MANUAL FOR AREA 67. DISTRICT 64 HAS SHARING SESSIONS WITH THE DIFFERENT GROUPS EVERY WEDNESDAY. WE ARE WORKING WITH AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE HISPANIC ASSEMBLIES.

WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING THREE COMMITTEES:

- A) CORRECTIONALS: THIS COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY UNDERGOING RESTRUCTURING. IT MEETS ON TUESDAY EVERY OTHER WEEK AND SHARES WITH THE GROUPS ON THE TUESDAYS WHEN THEY ARE HAVING A REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING. THEY ATTEND TO THREE FEDERAL PRISIONS AND THE COUNTY JAILS ON WEDNESDAYS EVERY WEEK FROM 7 PM TO 8 PM. THEY ACCOMPANY THE DISTRICT IN IT'S SHARING SESSIONS TO THE GROUPS. THEY CONTRIBUTE MONTHLY TO THE AREA AND THEY WERE PRESENTAT THE AREA 67 CORRECTIONAL CONFERENCE AT WHICH MANY OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPLIED TO BE ABLE TO GO INTO FEDERAL PRISONS AND THEY UNDERWENT THE ORIENTATION.
- B), GRAPEVINE COMMITTEE: THIS COMMITTEE CURRENTLY HAS 109 SUBSCRIPTIONS. THEY WORK WITH 7 GRAPEVINE LIAISONS AND SHARE WITH THE GROUPS EVERY TUES-DAY THAT THEY DON'T HAVE THE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING. THEY ACCOMPANY THE DISTRICT IN ITS SHARING SESSIONS, IN WHICH THEY GIVE AWAY GRAPEVINE ISSUES TO NEW MEMBERS WITH LESS THAN 6 MONTHS IN THE PROGRAM. THEY PROMOTE THE GRAPEVINE MATERIALS, SUBSCRIPTIONS AND WORKSHOPS IN WHICH MEMBER'S STORIES ARE WRITTEN. THEY ATTEND THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE 5 GRAPEVINE HISPANIC COMMITTEES. THIS MONTH THEY WILL ATTEND THE SOUTH TEXAS MEETING HELD AT THE NEW DISTRICT IN AUSTIN, TX THIS UPCOMING SUNDAY, OCT. 7 AT 10 AM. THIS COMMITTEE IS BEING RESTRUCTURED FOR THE COMING 2013-2014 TERM.
- C) LITERATURE COMMITTEE: THIS COMMITTEE MEETS ON TUESDAYS EVERY OTHER WEEK AT THE DISTRICT 64 LOCATION. THEY CURRENTLY HAVE SERVICE LITERATURE AND PAMPHLETS. THEY HAVE THE GROUPS SUBSCRIBED TO BOX 459 AND ACCOMPANY THE GROUP IN ITS SHARING SESSION WITH THE GROUPS. THE COMMITTEE IS BEING RESTRUCTURED FOR THE COMING 2013-2014 TERM.

DISTRICT 64 HELD ELECTIONS FOR DCM AND OTHER VARIOUS SERVICE POSITIONS FOR THE COMING TERM 2013-2014 AND THE OUTCOMES WERE AS FOLLOWS: DCM: OCTAVIO G GRUPO SENDERO DE VIDA ALT DCM: JOSE H GRUPO TRES LEGADOS

ON OCTOBER 13TH WE WILL BE WORKING ON RESTRUCTURING THE COMMITTEES MENTIONED.

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.

We held District Elections and Trusted Servants for the 2013-2014 term are MCD: Joel B for Grupo Doce

Table of Service Chair: Bernardino T of Fuente de Fortalesa Chair: Dimas S of Grupo Serenidad

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.

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.

<u>Correctional Committee:</u> 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.

<u>Literature Committee</u>: 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 & 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: Jason E Alt DCM: Open

I'm the incoming DCM for District 70 and I have just a little to report. We had District Elections. All the Officers were put in place, but a lot of positions were not filled. The outgoing DCM & I have been involved with the SETA Gratitude Dinner. My District stepped up and met the duties for this year's Dinner. We will be the host district next year & I hope that District 70 & the co-host District can give everybody much enjoyment.

District 81 DCM: Randy B Alt DCM: Stevi M. District 82 DCM: Kim R Alt DCM: Rick M

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

Our convention went fine; we all had a good time. Thanks to all the Districts for coming. We held District Elections in September and we still need a few to step up in October. Ricky L will be the NEW DCM. He will do a good job. THANK YAWL FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS! Jr.

AREA STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Archives – Chair: Sherry B Alt Chair: OPEN

Your Archives Committee is editing the final draft of the Emergency Plan. The committee has been looking at several options for a new Repository search. Expect to hear from us in the near future. The committee has started the Area Archives Records Scanning Project. This will be an ongoing project over many years. The Committee was able to record, copy and distribute the recent District 10 & 20 workshop on the relationship of the steps, traditions, and concepts. If you would like a copy see the archives chair.

The archives committee meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 521 North Sam Houston Parkway Suite 215. We meet from 10 - 5pm. Everyone is welcome and we will keep a chair open for you.

CPC Committee – Chair: Beth Y Alt Chair: Katherine M Thank you for allowing me to serve as CPC Chair & Secretary of the committee. I didn't do a bang up job but I kept the committee rolling. I specifically want to thank Michelle H & Kate E for being loyal committee members from District 40. Lack of participation from the area in this committee was discouraging to me, Michelle & Kate helped me keep

focus on the still suffering alcoholic & the importance of our committee to educate the professional in hope of reaching the suffering alcoholic. District 40 has been the most active district in CPC work. They're researching PSA spots on radio & cable in English & Spanish. Debra, our PI Chair, did a presentation Sept 11 to the church members of United Methodist Church.

We're planning a CPC/PI training workshop March 9, 2013, 3- 7pm in Alvin, Texas. District 82 will host. Mark Your Calendars!! The whole area is invited to come learn how to do this important volunteer work. Details to come soon.

GSO has asked our committee for feedback regarding the pamphlet "AA Membership Survey". Questions to consider were How is pamphlet being used?, How would we like to use Membership Survey?, Do you ever think, "If only it said…"?, who do we use the pamphlet with – professionals, general public, newcomers?

Katherine of District 10 felt that it did not represent their district at all. She said they are not "old & white"; she felt it was of no benefit - only harm because alcoholics in her district will use it as an excuse to not be a part of AA.

It's based on a sampling of areas (groups which were selected & who responded), and represents national statistics. Katherine asked if it helped attract people and what is its' usefulness? She did not think it helpful to the newcomer. Kim R and Daniel S felt that it was useful for professionals and have used it in their presentations. Harold felt that it had good information regarding length of sobriety, meeting attendance and sponsorship that could help sponsors with their sponsees. Beth had not used the pamphlet. The information shows that 63% of our membership had received some type of treatment or counseling, such as medical, psychological, spiritual, etc., prior to AA, which is important to note for our particular committee work. The least helpful information the committee felt was the age, race and marital status.

Two volunteers are still needed October 9, 2012 for the Spectrum Health Fair, 5-7pm. Contact Beth if you can volunteer. 281-435-9514

CFC Committee – Chair: Fritz B Alt Chair: David K (See report on Pg 6-7)

Finance Committee – Chair: Mary M.

Grapevine Committee: Chair: JP L. Alt Chair: Josette B. Not Present

IT/Web Committee - IT Chair: Steve E

Steve noted that the Internet Web Service had crashed and all was lost. He said that the IT Committee worked hard to get everyone's email addresses set up and working again.

La Vina: Chair J Angel M. Not Present Literature – Chair: Tom K Not Present Multi Lingual – Chair: Ricardo D

Finance Committee - Chair: Mary M: Not present

Presented by Gus H

Archives was the biggest thing on the Finance Committee's agenda today. We ironed out what looks like a pretty good solution. We're going to make the Repository a budget line item.

We'll have two proposals and it will be a joint proposal between the

Finance and Archives Committees.

- 1) the Repository becomes a Budget line item;
- 2) Amend the 2024 Archives Budget to fund the \$10,000 line item.

Betsy noted that the rationale is we have a 3-year contract with this hotel and we don't set aside funds for all 3-years' worth of funds for that; so we shouldn't do it for the Repository either.

PI Committee – Chair: Debra R Alt Chair: OPEN

David A. was the only attendee at the Oct 6th PI meeting at the Assembly. On Sunday I discussed with David about nominating Tom K as the next PI Chair (currently the Literature Chair). We agreed it would be a very good choice.

The PI business cards in English and Spanish are available. Thanks again for the privilege of serving.

Multi Lingual Committee - Chair: Ricardo D

Ricardo reported that he had served as an Interpreter at the CFC Conference in September. He also worked with Patrick on Reports. He worked on the Newsletter with Linda C and prepared some docs for the secretary. He's excited about going to Albuquerque and translating for that service event.

Newsletter - Chair: Linda C

Linda reported that several people had promised to submit articles but then didn't. One did but Smart Mail locked up & the document was lost. Linda noted that several Area members were attending SWRAASA and she asked that they j ot done thoughts and send it to her for the December issue. Linda also said that regular mail had not yet delivered the Newsletter though they had been mailed in time to get there.

SCAP – Chair: Francia C

She's waiting to hear from the hotel as to whether they can participate at the convention. The hotel says no outside food or drinks. The SCAP Committee has a bank account now. Also "Save the Date" cards are available; please take some back to your Groups.

TFC Committee - Tracy W

The Bridget the Gap program has a table at the assembly. See them if you'd like to be a contact. TFC will have a table at Gratitude Dinner and the assemblies. The committee has asked him to stand as Chair. <u>Motion to Amend Policy and Procedures Manual</u> – Policy for Spanish Interpreter -- Paul M. Correction: adopt policy and procedures for Hiring Spanish Interpreter.

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

Archives Committee Chair: Sherry B.

The Archives Committee requests the Area Assembly to set aside funds in the amount of \$27,000 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 \$27.000.00.

IT Chair: Steve E.

Motion: Add Line Item to IT Budget for Hardware Replacement, to purchase laptops as needed, with software and warranties, not to exceed \$2000/year. **Motion:** Amend 2013 IT Budget to fund purchase of laptops, not to exceed \$2K.

Motion: Add Line Item to IT Budget to purchase Broadband Card for 2013, at \$600.00.

Motion: Amend 2013 IT Budget to fund purchase of Broadband Card at \$600.

Motion: Add Line Item to 2013 IT Budget to purchase Team Viewer for \$750.

Motion: Amend 2013 IT Budget to fund purchase of Team Viewer at \$750.

Motion: Add Line Item to IT Budget to purchase "Go to Meeting" subscription for 2013, in the amount of \$465.

Motion: Amend 2013 IT Budget to in the amount of \$465 to purchase "Go to Meeting" subscription for 2013.

Motion to Fund all Intergroup Liaisons' hotel costs for one night at/for the Assembly Weekend at \$2825/year. Houston Intergroup Liaison: Lee G

Motion to Amend Policy and Procedures Manual – Voting Procedures Beth R, Presented by Mike D

As the result of the recent Area Inventory, held during the April and July Assemblies, 2012, the Ad Hoc Committee on Area Inventory recommends that the following revisions to the Policies & Procedures Manual, Section on Voting, Paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5 be placed on the October 2012 Assembly Agenda for discussion and vote.

Motion for Archives Repository - Finance and Archives Committee

- 1) The Archives Repository becomes a Budget Line Item in the 2013 Archives Budget and hereafter.
- 2) The Archives Repository line item will be budgeted for \$10,000 in 2013

Motion - Amend Motion on P&PM – Section on Voting Procedures Amend Paragraph 2 only, of the Voting Procedure.

Election of 2012 - 2013 - 2014 SETA Committee

AREA OFFICERS Delegate: Patrick C.

Alternate Delegate: Melissa R. Area Chair: Ronald C. Area Alternate Chair: Troy B. Area Secretary: Melanie M. Area Alternate Secretary: Corrie H. Area Treasurer: Kris H. Area Alternate Treasurer: Dave P. Area Registrar: Linda C. Area Alternate Registrar: Debra R.

Area Committee Chairpersons

Archives -CPC (Cooperation with Professionals) - Daniel S. CFC (Correctional Facilities) – Jim K. Finance – Grapevine – Barbara G. IT/Web – Mike W. La Vina – Fernando R. Literature – Multi- Lingual – Andie H. Newsletter – Brad H. P.I. (Public Information) – Tom K. SCAP – Francia C. TFC – Tracy W.

Liaison to Brazos Valley Intergroup – Becky R. Liaison to Houston Intergroup – Belinda H. Liaison to 9th District Intergroup – Lisa F. Liaison to Spanish Intergroup South – Liaison to Spanish Intergroup North –

Election of 2015 SETA Convention Chair - David A Nominee for Trustee at Large – Harold P

SETA 67 Quarterly Assembly October 6, 7, 2012 FINAL MOTIONS

Motion - Add Line Item to the IT/Web Budget for Hardware Renewal Motion passed with <u>50</u> in favor and <u>30</u> opposed.

Minority Opinions: This commits us because of how the motion reads. We should buy them as they're needed. Agree with the service function but uncomfortable with the amount. Suggest budget amount of \$1000 and move it to January's agenda.

Friendly Amendment: Add line item to IT/Web Budget for Hardware Expense, as needed not to exceed \$2,000 per year. Reconsider the Vote – 76 In favor; 8 opposed.

Motion - Friendly Amendment

Motion passed with 74 in favor and 10 opposed. No minority opinion Motion passed

Motion - Amend 2013 IT Committee to purchase Hardware as needed, not to exceed \$2000. Motion passed. In Favor: 61 Opposed: 23

Motion – Add line item to IT/Web Budget to purchase Team Viewer. Motion Fails. In Favor: 5; Opposed: 79

Motion – Add line item to IT/Web Budget to purchase "Go to Meeting". Motion passed. In Favor: 57 Opposed: 27

Motion – Amend IT Budget to purchase "Go to Meeting" subscription. Motion passes. In Favor: 59 Opposed: 25

Motion – Add line item to IT/Web Budget to purchase Broadband card. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion – Amend 2013 IT/Web Budget to purchase Broadband card. Motion passes. In Favor: 76 Opposed: 6

Motion – Amend P&PM for policy on Spanish Interpreter. Motion passes unanimously. Correction: Adopt policy and procedures for hiring Spanish Interpreters.

Motion - Fund Intergroup Liaisons. Motion passes In Favor: 69 Opposed: 13 Minority Opinions: Service work entails sacrifice. Uncertain if it's a necessary position.

Motion to Reconsider the Vote – Majority in Favor Motion passed. In Favor: 45 Opposed: 42 **Motion** – Fund Archives Repository Motion Failed. In Favor: 31 Opposed: 44

Minority Opinion: Archives can't negotiate lease without Area support. None wished to change their vote. Vote Stands. Motion Failed.

Amended Motion – To Amend P&PM Section on Voting Procedures-Amend Paragraph 2 only.

Amended Motion Failed. Original Motion returned to Floor.

Motion Failed. In Favor: 34 Opposed: 48

Minority Opinion: At last election we were here until 4PM.

One to change their vote. Vote to revote: Majority opposed. Vote stands. Motion Failed.

Motion – Joint Recommendation from Archives and Finance Committees. **Motion to Table.**

Vote to postpone until January 2013 Assembly. Majority is in favor of tabling. Motion passed.

SETA	COMMITTEE ROLL	CALL			
	2011-2013		October 6, 7		
Called by Peggy EMoore		PRESENT			SENT
POSITION	NAME		ALTERNATE	10/06/12	10/07/12
AREA DELEGATE-Panel 61	Deborah D		Patrick C	X	
AREA CHAIRPERSON	Zasu M		Gary S	X	X
AREA Registrar	Peggy M	X X	Jennifer E		
AREA Secretary	Melissa R	XX	OPEN		
AREA Treasurer	Ronald C	XX	Kris H	X	X
AREA Archives	Sherri B	X X	Tandy B	X	X
AREA Convention Chair	Melanie M	XX	Troy B	X	X
AREA OPC Chair	Beth Y	XX	Katherine M	X	X
AREA OFC Chair	Fritz B	X X	David K		
AREA Finance Chair	Mary M				
AREA Grapevine Chair	PJĹ		Josette B		
AREA Web-IT	Steve E	x x	EddieA		
AREA La Vina Chair	Angel M		Armando H.		
AREA Literature	Tom K	XX			
AREA Miltilingual	Ricardo De H	XX			
AREA Newsletter	Linda C	XX			
AREA PI Chair	Debra Radomski	x x			
AREA SCAP	Francia C				
AREA TFC		X X X X			
	Tracy W				
DOMDistrict 10	Katherine M		Joy M Ford S	X	<u> </u>
DOMDistrict 20	Troy B	X X			
DOMDistrict 31	Barbara G		West G	X	X
DOMDistrict 32	Jim K		JeffH		
DOMDistrict 33	Teresa O		Karen S		
DOMDistrict 40	Brad H	XX	Jes K		
DOMDistrict 51	Randy R		Amy E		
DOMDistrict 52	Barbara L		Jeff H		
DOMDistrict 60	Sylvester W	XX			
DOMDistrict 62	Magdalena D		Francisco M	X	X
DOMDistrict 63	Ricardo R	XX	Edwin C		
DOMDistrict 64	Ricardo C	XX	Adan T		
DOMDistrict 65	Ramiro Y		Joel B	X	X
DOM District 66	Carlos F	X	Miguel O	X	
DOMDistrict 70	Marcial S		Jason E	X	X
DOMDistrict 81	Randy B		Stewi M	X	X
DOMDistrict 82	KimŔ	X X			
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Houston Intergroup	LæG	x	1		
Ninth District Intergroup	Dennis M		1		
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SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY

To: GROUP TREASUR

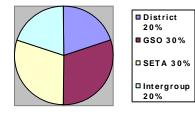
The 7th Tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous suggests "Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions. "Self-support includes financial support of AA entities that support the group.

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.



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

Intergroup Addresses

intergroup Add	10303		
Houston Intergroup	Brazos Valley Intergroup	9 th District Intergroup	Spanish Intergroup S w
4140 Directors Row	837 Harvey Mitchell	6640 Eastex Fwy.	5412 Birdwood Road, B
Suite D-E	Parkway	1лод #149-А	Houston, TX 77096
Houston, TX 77092	Bryan TX 77807 Bryan, TX 77807	PO Roy 21270 Beaumont, TX 77708	713-661-6833 Email: intergrupo@aahouston
			hispano.org

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

TO:	INTERGROUP (addresses listed a	Service No bove)	
FROM: Group Amount \$		_Service No	_
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TO:	SETA, P. O. Box 130433, Houstor	n, Texas 77219	
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