AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY Sheraton North Houston 15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Houston, Texas 77032 Area Committee Meeting Saturday October 3rd, 2015

- **I. Open Troy B** opened the meeting with at 8:37am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- II. Preamble Kris H read the preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual
- **III. Minutes Jim K** Jim presented the April 2015 minutes. Jim mentions that he sorry for not sending the minutes out electronically before today's meeting and also apologizes for the "google translate" version of the minutes in Spanish. Troy mentions that approval of the minutes must be delayed until everyone has a chance to read them.
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- **V. Delegate's Report Melissa R.--** Good morning to all the members of the South East Texas Area Committee/Area Assembly. My name is Melissa R. and I am serving as your Panel 65 Delegate, for Area 67. I want to offer a special welcome to new trusted servants. We're very happy you're here. I also want to thank our Alternate Delegate, Ron C, who's serving our Area and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, very well.

My main role is to inform you about what is going on in Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole and to be your voice; to express your ideas and experiences, and the collective group conscience of our Area at the General Service Conference. Here are a few highlights of the 3rd quarter of 2015.

Our Trustee/Delegate Telecom was held last Wednesday. Our trustee, Yolanda F told us that the main focus of the August Board Meeting was about determining who would be the new General Manager of GSO. According to Yolanda, it came down to (3) final candidates – each of whom would have been a. great choice. Greg Tobin, who has been the publishing director of AAWS since 2013, was chosen and he assumed the position on October 1st. He has a strong background in book publishing and prior to A.A.W.S., he served on the Grapevine Editorial Advisory Board, and as both Director and Chair on the Grapevine Corporate Board. If you haven't met Greg, he'll be at the SW Regional Forum.

Other than selecting the GM, little else was accomplished during the August Board Weekend —reports and decisions were all tabled until the October Board Meeting. However, a couple of items came up that Yolanda shared with us and that I would like to make you aware of. Discussion is going on among the Trustees Corrections Committee about the viability of a National Corrections Workshop, similar to the Archives Workshop, which also started from a Trustees Committee.

GSO believes that a lot of Corrections Committees work outside the "arena", without a connection to GSO; therefore GSO has the idea that Corrections Committees aren't working very well. Because it's so disconnected, GSO doesn't know how effective these committees actually are and so they want to hold a national workshop.

The idea is that the Trustees Committee would start the Workshop: provide tools; GSO would send a representative and provide their contact list – but the Areas would host it (on a "traveling" basis) and all Areas could participate.

This created a lot of discussion during our telecom, which produced three main points:

Correctional Facilities have such differing standards, rules and requirements, not only between states but between counties; therefore its questionable how effective sharing among (93) Areas can be; Question as to why only Corrections? Why not P.I.? Or CPC? Or all of the Committees? A note that this could create a kind of "super-committee" which gets very large and where rotation ceases to take place; There is already so much travel eating up Area funds, which could be used for local 12th Step work.

Yolanda agreed to take these points back to the Board for further discussion.

Yolanda also shared that the Trustees CPC/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities Committee has decided to go forward with renaming a pamphlet – dropping "Special Needs" from the title. Later they will look at changing language in the pamphlet. These steps will be taken first; then later they will consider making the same change in the name of the committee.

General Service Conference Inventory Reports are still being reviewed; new estimated ship date is mid-November... And I had an idea I'd like your feedback on. Don Miller, who was the "architect" of the Inventory, will be attending the SETA Convention in January. Instead of telling his story, what do you think about asking him to speak on the results of the inventory?

The 2015 General Service Conference Final Reports are here! Your DCM will have copies by the end of the weekend. There's a very interesting report that shows a break-out of the unit quantity of books and other items sold; it's also broken out by language: English, Spanish and French.

Finally, I want to mention the 2016 Proposed Agenda Item on the Agenda Selection Process. I brought copies of the Background Material in English and Spanish. If you haven't had an opportunity to review it and you would like to, please take a copy, read it and then return it to the Delegate Table so that others can review it.

Thank you.

VI. Alternate Delegate's Report – Ron C— Good Morning My Name is Ron C. and I am an Alcoholic. I also have the honor of serving as Alternate Delegate Panel 65 Area 67.

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V!!. Roll Call -Brad H.- Brad takes the roll call of area committee members in attendance.

VIII. Unfinished Business

- **A.** Open Positions Alt. Secretary / SCAP / Alt. Treasurer Troy B. Troy mentions that the Alt. Secretary position is still open and asks the area committee if anyone is willing to stand. Troy, seeing no one volunteer, tables the request until the Assembly meeting on Sunday. The same procedure is followed for the SCAP Chair, and for the Alternate Treasurer position.
- **B.** Convention Updates 2016 SETA Convention Teresa mentions that the 2016 Seta Convention has been meeting regularly, and they have some good speakers lined up. The editor of La Vina will be giving a workshop, and on Friday night there is a Spanish speaker from Mexico City. There is live entertainment at night and a ice cream social planned. The schedule will be on the website soon.
- **C. Cooperation vs. Affiliation Proposal. Troy B. –** Gives a brief history of the proposal, and mentions the proposal is available on the table in the room.. The vote on the proposal had been delayed until this assembly. He asks if there are any questions concerning the proposal, and if Gus H. would like to speak on it. There are no questions, and Gus defers on speaking. The proposal will be voted on tomorrow.

IX. New Business

A. Finance Committee Motion – SWRAASA Pool Motion – Troy asks Gary to come up and speak on this motion coming out of the Finance Committee. Because the SWRAASA Pool was overlooked in preparing the SETA Budget for 2016, and because the category should have been funded when the budget was prepared, the Finance Committee recommends that, in addition to the Delegate, Alt. Delegate, and Area Chairperson (whom are already funded), we provide sufficient funds to pay for four additional current Area Officers, pr Committee Chairpersons, to attend the 2016 SWRAASA in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00, which is \$600.00 per person. This motion is made in order to satisfy the motion previously approved on April 8, 2001, that the Area fund a pool of four persons (in addition to the Delegate, Alt, Delegate, and Area Chairperson) to attend SWRAASA in even numbered years.

Following a brief discussion, Troy thanks Gary, and mentions this motion will be voted on tomorrow.

- **B.** Troy asks the floor if there is any more new business from the floor? Hearing no new business from the floor, the Alt. Chair is asked to come up for announcements.
- **X.** <u>Announcements</u> **Kris H.**—Kris mentions that he needs a district or two to volunteer to host the April 2016 Assembly. He mentions that D90 has been doing a great job on this Assembly. Kris mentions that hosting the assembly comes with the responsibility of gathering and storing all the SETA hospitality gear until April.

Gus H. asks Troy if he can read the motion for the ad hoc committee proposal on affiliation versus cooperation and Troy gives him permission. Gus reads the motion. Some discussion follows and a consensus vote is taken in favor of the motion. The motion will go in front of the assembly with the area committee's recommendation to vote in favor of the motion. The same procedure is followed to get "a sense of the committee" vote on the Assembly Weekend Scheduling Motion which is read by Patrick C.

XI. Close – Troy B – Troy closes the Area Committee meeting with the Responsibility Statement at 9:30am.

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Saturday October 3rd, 2015

- **I. Open Troy B –** Opened the meeting at 9:45am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer, then asks Art to come up and present Tradition 1.
- **II. Tradition 1 Art GSR "The Orange Group" D90 & D52-** Art gives us a brief history of the Traditions and how we got them. He then reads the long form of Tradition #1. He then reads the short form of Tradition #1. He mentions that our whole A.A. program is securely founded upon the principle of humility, and that we each see ourselves how we are as members: A small part of a great whole. "We suggest, we don't discipline." Any matter or individual member deeply effecting the whole group is controlled by group conscious. "Our common welfare comes first." "Without substantial unity there could be no A.A., and without A.A. there could be little life ia a program for anyone."

III. District Committee Member Reports (Please see section titled **REPORTS**)

- **IV. Concepts Workshop Part 1.—Troy B.—**Troy mentions his excitement about this workshop that will be done using the "speed dating" workshop method. Troy explains the workshop will be split into two parts, covering half the concepts before lunch, and the other half after lunch. The assembly splits into 6 groups and the workshop takes place.
- V. Concept 1 Diana S. D90 & D52 Diana gives a brief presentation about Concept 1. "The final responsibility and ultimate authority for A.A. world services should reside in the collective conscience of our whole fellowship." She mentions our upside down triangle, and how the power is at the top of it. The Groups. Speaks about an informed group conscience. She asks the question: Does your group have a GSR? Does your group know what's going on in Area 67, in A.A. world services? She continues with a brief history of how concept 1 began. She closes by saying, "The groups have the authority in A.A."
- **VI. Concepts Workshop Part 2 –Troy B.**—Troy gathers the 6 workshop leaders back together and Concepts 6-12 are discussed in this second part of the workshop.
- **VII. Ad Hoc Committee Final Report on 3**rd **Legacy Voting—Deborah D.—**Deborah thanks the committee for serving all this year. She mentions that they met seven times. The members are Paul M., Kate E., Troy B., Ron K. and Cecil L. Deborah gives a brief history of this committee, and how it is a continuation of the original ad hoc committee that disbanded in 2014. The committee learned a lot from the previous one, and reformed as a result of

the Area 67 inventory. She says that there was a lot of different opinions about the subject, there was total agreement about how the area's voting procedure could be improved. She mentions that they recommend some changes in the policy and procedures manual so the changes they are putting forward are in the area 67 p&p book. She goes on to say that the committee recommends that their 5 motions are put on the agenda for voting tomorrow as "floor action". Deborah reads the 5 motions for voting written by the ad hoc committee:

- 1. The committee makes a motion to change the first three sentences of the first paragraph of the section on voting (Pg. 9) of the SETA Policy & Procedure Manual.
- 2. The committee makes a motion to move all area business to Saturday, and only hold elections on Sunday Assembly.
- 3. The committee makes a motion to change the fourth sentence of the first paragraph of the section on voting (Pg. 9) of the SETA Policy & Procedure Manual. In addition, this change will need to be made to section 2 of the voting procedures on the same (Pg. 9) of the manual.
- 4. The committee makes a motion to begin using the electronic spreadsheet created by the IT Committee for the October 2016 election and to discontinue the use of the white board: this change will need to be made to section 2 of the voting procedures on the same (Pg. 9) of the manual.
- 5. The committee makes the motion to encourage the Area Chair to have a 30 minute elections workshop in April 2017. The workshop will discuss the results of the survey conducted following the 2016 elections. If the Assembly is not satisfied with the timing of the 2016 elections, then a vote to rent the electronic voting system for the October 2018 Assembly would be proposed.

Deborah then goes on to read all the specific changes the committee is recommending in the above motions. How the original sentences are written in the Area 67 P&P Manual, and the new wording the ad hoc committee is recommending in the motions.

The reading is followed by several questions from Zaz M., and Deborah answers the questions. Gus H. asks for some clarification on the motions, and Deborah explains. There is a question and answer session between Betsy G. and Deborah D. Deborah then gives some further explanation of motion #5. Deborah then asks the assembly for a show of hands if they would rather have motion #5 be a recommendation rather than a motion. Troy B. talks to Deborah away from the microphone, and she informs the assembly that the 5 motions above can't be voted on tomorrow as a "floor action". The 5 motions will have to be tabled until January 2016.

VIII. Proposed Agenda Item for the 66th GSC—Melissa R.—Our area delegate begins by mentioning that the proposed agenda item has been out on the table, and she hopes that everyone has had a chance to read it. She then goes on to read the proposal:

"The General Service Board to develop an outline, framework, or a detailed plan for the submission, vetting and selection of proposed General Service Conference Agenda Items, which involves meaningful input and participation by Delegate members of the Conference throughout the process, and present this plan to the 2016 General Service Conference for review."

Melissa thanks Gus H. for his help in providing background material and input on this proposal, and she thanks Area 10 for their help as well. She goes on to give a brief history of the agenda item process, and what brought about this agenda item proposal. She explains the process that agenda items have to go through to get on the GSC agenda. She explains that the area delegates, and therefore the groups, have been taken out of the selection process for agenda items for GSC, and that this goes against the original intent of the conference agenda item committee. She is asking for our Area 67 input on this matter.

IX. Ad Hoc—Assembly Weekend Scheduling Final Report—Patrick C.—Patrick thanks the committee members, and that they have only one proposal, and that proposal is a recommended change to the Area 67 Policy and Procedure Manual. He then recognizes the Ad Hoc Committee members: Betsy G., Michelle H., Corrie H., and Brad H.. Patrick also mentions the help of several trusted servants in the committee's process. He thanks Deborah D. for being their recorder. They did outreach to the Spanish districts. He goes on to explain the process they used to sort through many ideas. The ideas were taken from various workshops, forms of format, concerns taken to the assembly, and the use of Saturday evening sessions. He goes on and gives a description of the ad hoc committee's process, and their purpose. The best use of our time and service. Patrick tells use that the committee has recommended several changes to the Area 67 Chair, and he goes on gives a description of background, history, and reasons for their recommendations. He speaks about the importance of a Friday night session at the Assembly to help make the rest of the weekend more efficient, and that the Friday night session is the reason behind the motion their ad hoc committee has written and put forward.

X. SETA Standing Service Committee Reports (Please see section titled REPORTS)

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- **I. Open Troy B –** opened the meeting at 8:30am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.
- II. Preamble Kris H read the preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual
- **III. Roll Call Brad H** –takes the roll call of the area 67 committee who are present at the assembly.
- **IV. Minutes Jim K** Jim presented the July 2015 minutes. Jim talks about the printed minutes left out on the table and offers an apology to the Spanish speaking districts for the "googled" translation he provided. Jim asked that all area committee members and standing chairs please submit their reports by email to secretary@aa-seta.org. Troy asks for any corrections to the July Minutes, and offers his own correction, Troy mentions that on page 14 of 28 sec. 3. in the July 2015 minutes ",,,Troy has asked Kyle B..." should be changed to "...Troy will ask Kyle B..." Troy then mentions that the minutes for the July Assembly will be tabled for approval at the January 2016 assembly because Deborah D. of the Multi Lingual committee asks to do a proper translation into Spanish.
- **V. Treasurer's Report Dave P –** Dave mentions that we had a operating beginning balance of **\$79,729.29.** Deposits were made totaling \$34,123.89. Checks were written totaling \$41,971.97, giving a net change of -\$7,848.08. Leaving a total bank balance of **\$71,881.21.** Dave asks if there are any questions from the floor, and he answers several questions, mainly about group deposits. He mentions that the books are open on his computer in the back of the room, and anyone is welcome to come look and ask questions.

VI. Delegate's Report - Melissa R- Financial Highlights:

Unaudited GSO Financial Update, for the six months ending June 30, 2015: Net Sales \$6,446,929 (8.5% below budgeted amount)

Gross Profit (Literature) \$4,235,549

Contributions * \$3,208.531 (\$59,000 less than budgeted; \$11,000 less than first six months of

2014)

Total Operating Expenses \$7,748,047

(* Contribution Reports are off: Contributions made by some Groups have not been recorded, so I find this figure to be uncertain.)

GSRs, please get with your DCMs and check on your Group's contribution report to see if it is correct. I've heard from some Groups that their checks have not been cashed. In some cases, the checks have gotten so outdated that new checks have had to be issued. I spoke to our Trustee about this and she said to call and continue to call if your Group's contributions are not recorded on the GSO Contribution lists and/or if your checks are going uncashed.

For the six months ending June 30, 2015, AA Grapevine realized a net income of \$92,322, which is \$134,000 over budget. Expenses were less than budgeted

A donation of \$240,000 to the Reserve Fund was made in March and the cash balance as of June 30th is \$548,908.

Carry the Message Project All of the requests that GSO had for Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions have been met! Congratulations and thank you to Area 67 and Ron for helping to make that happen!

New GSO Staff Assignments There's a list of the new GSO Staff Assignments on the Delegate Table so please take one. The Spanish versions are not available yet; I spoke to Eva Sanchez about it two weeks ago and they are still working on it.

2016 Agenda Items - Deadline

The deadline for submitting proposed agenda items is December 15th; if your Group or District has an item they would like to submit, please contact me by December 1st so that we can get it in by the deadline.

2017 GSC Theme Ideas - Deadline

GSO is asking for your ideas for the 2017 GSC Theme and ideas for presentations and workshop topics. Your DCMs have a list of past conference themes and they will be asking for your ideas over the next two months. I've asked for any ideas by December 1st, so that we can get it in by the deadline of December 15th.

75th Commemorative Big Book - Update

Update from SW Regional Trustee - August General Service Board Meeting:

Not as many Big Books were sold at International as hoped for and inventory remains high.

As of this meeting (August), the plan is to keep them until all are sold.

However, our Trustee noted that as this inventory is taking up a lot of warehouse space, the issue will doubtless come up again.

When discussing methods of moving the inventory and the suggestion of offering them to other GSOs (in other countries), the response was negative.

No other suggestions were forthcoming and no further action has been taken at this time.

When visiting some of the Districts, I had questions about whether they could still purchase these books. Yes. This inventory is definitely for sale!

I had sent out the order form with pricing breakdowns for multiple case quantities to the DCMs and MCDs. Ask your DCM for a copy or go to the aa.org website.

Thank you for your service and for all you do in your Groups, Districts, Committees, for Area 67 and AA as a whole!

Love and service, Melissa R Delegate, Panel 65 SE Texas Area 67 delegate-65@aa-seta.org

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VIII. Roll Call for Voting – Brad H. – Using our voting members number system, Brad takes the roll call of all the voting members of the assembly that are present. 90 voting members are present at the assembly.

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Open Positions

SCAP Chair—Zaz M. stands and gives her qualifications to be the SCAP Chair person. Troy asks if anyone else is willing to stand for this position? No one stands. Troy then asks for a showing of hands in favor of Zaz M., then if anyone is opposed. There is no opposition and Zaz M. is our new SCAP Chair.

Alternate Treasurer—Debbie R. stands and gives her qualifications to be Alt. Treasurer. Then Troy asks for a showing of hands in favor of Debbie. There is no one opposed, and Debbie is our new Alt Treasurer.

2. Convention Updaytes

2016 SETA Convention – Francia C. – She mentions that the SETA 2016 Convention Committee has been meeting regularly. They have a registration table set up outside this assembly room. "We take credit cards, fast and easy". She mentions that Moody Gardens in Galveston is a lot of fun. The SETA website has been updated, and you can pay with Paypal.

2017 SETA Convention –Dana—Gives a brief report on the progress of the 2017 SETA Convention Committee. She says they are going to start their meetings in February.

3. Cooperation vs Affiliation –Troy—He reads the proposal as submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee:

"The proposed revision, that would be added to the Area Policies & Procedures Manual and monitored by the SETA Area Alternate Chairperson, reads as follows:

- 1. Verbal announcements, flyers, or displays shall be allowed at all SETA Assemblies and Conventions if the events are sponsored by any one or more of the following entities:
 - a. SETA Assembly sponsored events, including, SETA Conventions and SETA service committees.
 - b. Events sponsored by SETA districts and/or groups.
 - c. General Service Structure of AA events sponsored by the General Service Board or General Service Office of Alcoholics Anonymous, including General Service Conferences, International Conventions, SWARAASA, Regional Forums, Special Forums, and other similar events.
 - d. Texas State Convention, including when held in cities outside of the SETA Area 67 Area; and
 - e. Intergroups/Central Offices events, such as workshops, sponsored by Intergroup/Central Offices and their service committees located within the boundaries of SETA Area 67.
- 2. If approved, this motion shall be added to the SETA Policies & Procedures Manual under the section titled <u>AREA</u> ASSEMBLY MEETINGS and monitored by the SETA Alternate Area Chairperson."

Troy mentions that this motion will require a 2/3rds majority for approval because the motion calls for a change in the Area 67 P&P Manual. So he asks each voter to count off their votes in favor of, or opposed to. Troy allows some more discussion at the microphone before the vote is taken. There is much discussion that follows both pro and con. Troy calls for those in favor of the motion to raise their hand. The vote is 56 for, and 8 opposed. Zaz M. stands to give a minority opinion, and Troy asks if anyone changed their vote based on the minority opinion. No one changed their vote, so Troy announces that the 2015 REVISED COOPERATION NOT AFFILIATION PROPOSAL has passed.

- **4. Assembly Weekend Scheduling Final Report—Anna**—She says the area has been given a well detailed handout on the ideas that the ad hoc committee explored, and what could be accomplished. She reads from a fairly lengthy report on the recommendations of the ad hoc committee. The name of the document is "Ad hoc Committee Final Report to SE TX Area 67, September 2, 2015."
- **5. Third Legacy Voting Procedures—Zaz M.**—She mentions that Deborah D. chaired the committee. The other members were Kate E. D40, Cecil L. D90, Paul M. D81, Ron K. D90, and Troy B. D20. She mentions that 5 motions have been brought forward by the committee, but after discussion with the assembly yesterday, changes have been made. The issue of written notification of the motions to all the area's trusted servants came up. Written changes to the Policy & Procedures Manual must be done in writing to the area's trusted servants. The committee agrees to re-present the motions for voting to allow ample time to notify groups by mail. Overall the sense of the workshop was informative and supportive of the proposal. Troy takes the microphone and mentions that this proposal will be sent out (hopefully) with the January 2016 agendas for the January Assembly in Galveston. He mentions that if this business is not taken care of in January, that it will be brought forward in April 2016's SETA Assembly.
- **6. SETA Convention Guidelines—David A.**—He mentions that he is the chairperson for this ad hoc committee. He mentions that the committee met yesterday. The committee did agree in principle on what actions need to be taken, but they have no motions to be brought forward today. He says that there are three issues they plan on going forward with.

He tells us that the committee is composed of himself, Marvin (past delegate), Betsy G. (past delegate), and Paul M. (past delegate). He mentions that they will recommend some changes in the SETA P&P Manual to reflect the ways that the convention committee is created and functions. He say that not all of the current convention guidelines have been implemented yet. They want update the convention guidelines. He goes on to talk about having funds available for speaker hospitality.

X. New Business

1. Finance Committee –Motion—SWRAASA—Troy—The motion coming out of the finance committee is read by Troy, "Because the SWRAASA Pool was overlooked in preparing the SETA Budget for 2016, and because this category should have been funded when the budget was prepared, the Finance Committee recommends that, in addition to the delegate, alt. delegate and Area Chairperson (who are already funded), we provide sufficient funds to pay for four additional current Area Officers or Committee Chairpersons, to attend the 2016 Southwest Regional Service Assembly in an amount not to exceed \$2,400.00, which is \$600.00 per person.

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There is a discussion at the microphone with Rick M. being opposed to this motion. Gary S. comes to the microphone to give an explanation that this motion is in support of an overlook by the Finance Committee. A friendly amendment has been suggested for the motion by Rick M. Troy brings up a point of order that once the motion has been turned over to the floor, it belongs to the floor, and must be tabled, or voted on. Gus H. speaks in favor of the motion. Troy brings the motion as written to a vote, He mentions it does not require a 2/3rds majority for approval. The motion is seconded and a show of hands is asked for. Troy asks if any are opposed? **The motion passes.**

2. Assembly Weekend Ad Hoc Motion.—Troy—He mentions that this motion was read earlier, and now he will read it again. Here is the motion to be voted on:

"Presently, Section 1 of the section "AREA ASSEMBLY MEETINGS", which is found on page 6 of the Policies & Procedures Manual, reads as follows:

1. The Area Assembly shall meet quarterly in a two-day session.

The proposed revision adds the words "at a minimum" and reads as follows:

1. The Area Assembly shall meet quarterly. Each quarterly session of the Area Assembly shall meet for a minimum of at least two days."

Troy opens the microphone for discussion on the motion. There is much discussion both pro and con, with a explanation of the motion by Patrick C. Gus H. shares his support in favor of the motion. Troy calls for the vote.

Troy asks for those in favor to please stand. Those in favor count off...35 in favor of the motion.

Troy asks for those opposed to stand. They count off...27 against the motion. **The motion does not pass.**Troy asks for a minority opinion. Brad H. steps to the microphone to share his minority opinion in favor of the motion.

More trusted servants share their opinions in favor. Many share about how the motion allows for possibilities for more service to be done. Dave P. calls the question, and Troy asks if anyone has changed their vote based on the minority opinion. No one raises their hand...**The motion does not pass.**

3. Open Positions—Troy—Troy mentions that Melenie has stepped down as the TFC Chair and asks the Assembly if anyone would like to stand for the position. Pam steps up to the microphone and gives her qualifications for the position. Troy mentions Pam is willing, able, and qualified, and ask for a showing of hands for her to be TFC Chair. Troy then asks for a showing of hands of those opposed...**Pam is elected as TFC Chair unanimously.**

Francia C. steps up to the microphone to make an announcement: **Betsy G. is attending her 100**th **Assembly in a row. "She has not missed any!"** The room fills with applause!!

Troy mentions we are expecting at least 100 more...

Xi. Announcements—Kris—District 33 will be the Assembly host in April 2016. We will next meet in January 16-17 at Moody Gardens. The Literature Committee does their book giveaway.

XII. Close Assembly — Troy- - The July 2015 SETA Assembly closes at 11:45am with the A.A. Responsibility Statement.

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SETA STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Grapevine—Harold C. -- We have had an active quarter., Aug. 8 we were asked to participate in a service workshop at the Kingwood Group. I think it went well. We also attended the District 40 Meeting. .I had a small presentation as to what the Grapevine is and what the group GVR's duties are. We attended the "New Day Group" in Galveston where Martha P., Zaz M, Paul M, and myself participated in a Grapevine Writing Workshop. It was well received and there was some letter writing going on. Grapevine released a new book in September titled, "Forming True Patnerships".

Our Committee meets the third Thursday of the month at the Delta Club at 7pm. We have a meeting at Assembly Saturday at 4:30, as well. In Service, Harold C. SETA GVR Chairman.

Cooperation Professional Community - Rick M. --

CPC Committee Chair Report to the Area Assembly - October 3, 2015

CPC Committee Purpose: Members of CPC Committees inform professionals and future professional about A.A. – what we are, where we are, what we can do, and what we cannot do. They attempt to establish better communication between A.A.'s and professionals, and to find simple, effective ways of cooperating without affiliating. – Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee Workbook – page 5.

Our mail out project to probation departments continues. Two more probation departments have been contacted as well as Harris County Constable Al Rosen. We are hopeful of receiving responses from these.

Our CPC webpage project is ongoing. This will help professionals looking for information in Area 67 get in contact with our committee.

We were very grateful to participate in a service workshop in District 31 and had the opportunity to give a presentation to the Intergroup Delegates meeting about the CPC function. Later this month we will participate in a service workshop at the Caring and Sharing Group in District 51. Also this month we will speak to the District 40 Committee jointly with PI about our respective committee activities. We will be visiting more District Committee meetings to encourage more participation in CPC work throughout the area.

The SETA CPC Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Council on Alcohol and Drugs – Houston, 303 Jackson Hill, Houston, TX. We also utilize GoToMeeting for those not wishing to travel to the council. Please join us.

In service,

Rick M. – SETA CPC Committee Chair

SETA Archives Committee – Charles H.—The Archives Committee meets on the first Saturday at the Repository for a business meeting at (10 AM) followed by a (3) hour work session after lunch; continuing the work of preserving the A.A. archives of our Area 67.

Presently, we have (8) regular members, (4) of whom have been active in recent months and we are pleased to report a recent growth of (4) new members as of last month's September meeting.

These are: Michael G., Travis R., Rafael A., and Michael L.

Each has young sobriety and strong interest in history. In addition, Rafael brings useful IT skills and technical experience that can be applied to our Digital Recording and system of files organization.

Our committee currently has open positions for Alt. Chair, Secretary, and Alt. Secretary.

We extend an on-going invitation to all our Districts, Groups, and AA Members to contact us regarding any photographs, documents, and memorabilia you believe would be of interest to the SETA Archives. We will be glad to get with you about any item you believe might add to our body of AA archive knowledge. Please contact archives@aa-seta.org.

Information regarding our committee is available on the SETA webpage at aa-seta.org under standing committees. If you are interested in visiting the repository or attending a committee meeting, please let us know.

Thank you for this honor and privilege to be of service. Remembering: "Service is like a virus...But instead of getting sicker...You start getting better.

Public Information -Kate E. --

The committee is excited to announce a contest hat any of; you can win. All you have to do is come to the Gratitude dinner on November the 8th and stop by the PI Display. Details will be found there

We have finalized our "Adopt a High School "Program and we will be spreading the information to groups and districts so that they can participate. Contact the committee thru the SETA website and we will send you all the information and will come talk to your group or district about this exciting program.

The committee is reaching out to the TV stations that have been sent the new PSA "Doors" from GSO to try and encourage them to air it. More on that later

We will be participating in our 4th health fair of the year in November. We will be attending a workshop hosted by the Caring and Sharing Group on October 24th as well as making presentations about the PI committee at the D40 meeting this month and the Delegates meeting at Intergroup. Please contact us if you want us to come and speak to your Group or District about what PI is.

Our meetings are on the 3rd Monday of the Month (next meeting November 16th at 7:15 at the Council on Recovery or via 'Go To Meeting' Format (specifics can be found at the PI website on aa-seta.org)

Thanks for the opportunity to be of service Kate E Area 67 PI Chair pi-chair@aa-seta.org

Literature Committee Report to October 2015 Assembly

Chair: Kathleen T. Alt Chair: Vacant

Literature published by A.A. World Services is an important resource for suffering and recovering alcoholics. Our literature alongside, one-on-one sharing and group meetings is how we share our experience, strength and hope.

General Service Conference-approved literature reflects the group conscience of the Fellowship of A.A. Conference approved literature includes the Big Book, Daily Reflections, the Twelve and Twelve and As Bill Sees It. It also includes a

wide variety of other books and pamphlets that can teach us so much about our fellowship and program. By participating in our Area's Literature Committee, we are encouraging AA members to learn more about AA, its history and principals through reading and discussing a wide variety of AA literature.

Our General Service Office in New York is asking for certain AA members to share their experience for inclusion in pamphlets that will be created or revised:

Stories for the a revision to the pamphlet – "AA for the Woman"

Stories of AA members with mental health issues and/or those who sponsor them

Stories of AA members who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, and/or gender nonconforming

The deadline to submit a story is October 15 2015. Please see me for details.

Our committee continues to sponsor an AA Book Club. The Book Club meets the first Saturday of the month at Houston Intergroup at 4:00. Our current book selection is "Experience, Strength and Hope". We also discuss a pamphlet at each meeting. Please refer to the Literature section of www.aa-seta.org to know what stories from the book and which pamphlet will be discussed the upcoming meeting. Our Area Webmaster, Jeff, has actually linked the on-line copy of the current month's pamphlet to the website.

Tomorrow, Sunday 10/4/15, we will have an AA book give-away, with a copy of "Experience, Strength and Hope" given to a voting assembly member and another to a non-voting assembly member.

Correctional Facilities Committee - Richard D. --

The SETA CFC meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at the Delta club, 6400 Westpark Dr. Suite 355. On assembly months we meet at the Sheraton in the Houston room @ 4:30 on Saturdays. The SETA CFC hosted a Correspondence workshop in cooperation with the Post Oak club on August 8th at 10:00 am. We had a panel talk about CFC work, pre-release and Bridging the gap/pre-release. We had about 40 attendees and it was a very informative workshop and I would like to thank all those who made it possible. It was helpful for those who choose to not go behind the walls. We had our annual CFC conference Sept. 11-13 th and by all the feedback I have received it was a Great Conference, again Thank You to all who participated and attended. We had over 100 registered, sold out the Banquet, and had over 150 for the TDCJ orientation. We ended up about. \$100.00 in the red, but will work harder next year. are looking forward to a CFC workshop at the Citywide Group on Saturday Oct. 10th at 5:00 pm with Roland R. To speak at 7:00 pm. This will be the 1st CFC workshop at Citywide and we hope to see you all out there next Saturday. We continue to have strong support in our Blue can donations, Please keep them coming, and Thank You to all who put a dollar in the cans to buy books for inmates. On Oct. 17th, in cooperation with Intergroup CFC, we will be hosting Wallace B. from North Carolina with 51 yrs of sobriety at the Walls 67th Anniversary. He is a sponsee of Tom I. and is very active in corrections work in N.C. We are very excited to be able to host him for the Pathfinders Group. One of the requirements for carrying the message behind the walls of jails or prisons is not that you got caught and did time, these guys and gals all know how to do time, they just don't know how to stay sober.....

Thank You for the Privilege to serve, Richard D., Area 67 CFC Chair

2016 SETA Convention –Mary M.--

Hi everyone,

As we all know the SETA Convention is coming up January 15-17th at Moody Gardens in Galveston. Our committee has been working very hard to make this a great convention. I just wanted to remind everyone that December 22nd is the cut off date to reserve a room at the Convention rate of \$117.00 a night. Please make your reservations and get registered for the convention and lets all support our Area. This a great way to introduce your sponsees to having fun in sobriety and catch up with old friends that you may not have seen in a while and make new ones as well. We have our Trustee Yolanda and the La Vina Editor as well as a Spanish Speaker from Mexico City coming and speakers from out of state as well as some local ones this year. We will be having a GREAT band for the dance and an Ice Cream Social. Please let's all get registered and make reservations to make this a fantastic convention. We have one hospitality room left if a group wants to reserve it, just email me if your group would like it.

Merry Christmas, and looking forward to seeing all of you in January at the Convention.

Treatment Facilities Committee -Pam F.--

A TFC presentation was given to district 40. August 11, 2015 at the Bear Creek community Center. A brief history of how the Treatment Facility Committee came about was given along with what the purpose of the TFC is. Also presented was information on the Temporary Contact Program', BRIDGE THE GAP. GSR's were given information on the temporary contact program along with sign-up forms to take to their groups. We talked about how treatment facilities are not the only places the TFC assist in getting the message of A.A. to others, we try to assist anywhere we can that includes places like; nursing homes, and halfway houses. We talked about the 'special needs' aspect of the TFC committee.

The presentation was well received and District 40 GSR's and others in attendance have given their TFC chair Pam F. many names to be added to the Temporary Contact List.

Melanie Murphy has stepped down as Area 67 TFC Chair. Area 67 will be looking to fill this position and will ask for people interested to stand for this committee chair at Sundays (tomorrow) assembly.

Melissa R. our delegate and Ron C. our alt. delegate who have been assigned to the TFC/Special Needs committee were in attendance. They brought information on the new TFC GSO staff person Sandra Wilson. They provided a GSO activity up-date and let us know a new TFC workbook would be available next year. Their presence and information are invaluable to this committee and we thank them.

We continued our discussion on ways to make the TFC committee effective and useful. We invite anyone interested in service work to join us. Our next meeting is Saturday, April 9th 2016 at 4:30pm at the SETA assembly.

SETA DISTRICT REPORTS

District 90 - AB -DCM

Greetings & Saludos, Area 67:

Dist. 90 would like to thank Area 67 and all those who attended the Dist. 90 convention. We had over 800 in attendance. The committee did a fabulous job. Next year's convention chair will be Tom S. from St. Francis group, and alt. chair will be Bella from West End group.

Dist. 90 Traditions workshop will be Sept. 12, 2015.

District 90 Gratitude Dinner (November 7, 2015). Flyers available at the registration counter. Hope to see you there. This is our way of saying "Thanks." All proceeds will be sent to GSO.

Visit our website for other upcoming events in Dist. 90. www.aadistrict90.org.

Grateful servants,

AB, DCM Sal S., Alt. DCM

District 40 October 2015 Report-Michelle H., DCM--

I am happy to report that the D40 Gratitude Dinner committee has been holding very productive monthly planning meetings & as we enter into the final stretch I am even happier to report that in 35 days we will all have our bellies full of turkey dinner, our minds full of a great talk & our hearts full of gratitude!

I would like to take a minute to recognize the D40 committee reps & all of the dedication & service they bring to our District. I have seen these positions treated as a title only in the past, with very high turnovers & even though not all of our positions are filled, the ones that are currently filled are filled by true servants. We have a CFC Rep that can give you excel sheets she has created for all of the volunteers & facilities & tell you where the next orientation will be in detail, while carpooling with you to the women's prison on Thursday nights. Our TFC Rep threw down a committee presentation with 10 minutes notice like a champ on her very own, the Literature Rep has connected with Kathleen our Literature Chair to join her in committee work, the Archives rep created a map of the whole district with all the groups marked, we now have a multi-lingual rep which is a first for D40, the IT Rep was put to work at his first Area IT meeting & now has a position there as well & our Newsletter editor produces a monthly newsletter that is a work of art each month. This is by no means all they do each month but when you take just those services they provide us & the level of commitment from each one, the District feels alive. The open positions are always reported on by someone, because it seems like the reps we are blessed with are everywhere!

Corrie & I continue to check off the goals we set at the beginning of the year as well as trying to strengthen the unity & bond with all of our D40 members. I am looking forward to the Forum next weekend and as always, please come and visit us anytime, we have cookies!

Michelle H. Corrie H. D40 DCM D40 Alt. DCM

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District 81—Christina S., Alt, DCM

I just have to say it is a privilege to apart of District 81. The District that keeps me out of my head and continually teaching me how to think of others. We currently have 11 active committees working diligently to insure the message is reaching the still suffering alcoholic.

Our CFC committee continues to take a meeting into the Carol Young unit and to meetings on the Galveston Island. Carole Young Inmates are now working Steps via the Correspondence Program with the KISS Group. A new Gate List is being created by the new Warden and Assistant Chaplain at Carole Young Unit AA volunteers are encouraged to attend the next CFC meeting to be placed on the list.

PI/CPC continues to do presentations for groups within the district as well as attend health fairs explaining to the public and professionals what AA does, doesn't do and how to find us.

TFC continues to do presentations for treatment facilities explaining to the treatment facilities what AA does, doesn't do and how to find us.

The Grapevine committee purchased 10 gift certificates for the district to distribute. The New Day group put on a GrapeVine writing workshop on September 26 showing members how to participate in 2nd oldest literature in AA.

Our Finance and Budget Committee has completed an internal review of the finances for 2013 and 2014 and is currently working on the 2016 District budget.

Archives is working with the GSRs to obtain group history, past Group Conscience agendas and minutes and any flyers for events helping to preserve D81 history.

Planning for a hospitality suite for the 2016 SETA Convention, hosting of the July 2016 Area Assembly and a District 81 convention in the fall of 2016 are all in full swing.

It was reiterated to the GSRs that while the committees are active they would love to do more. A suggestion was made to ask the group to send at least one member to visit each committee meeting to obtain help in this important service work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina S. ALT-DCM D81

District 33 - Bill W., DCM --

Intergroup updating mtgs list to send to district.

Holding District mtgs monthly. Attendance growing. Bill W doing a great job.

Bill looking into taking mtgs into nursing homes and other locations.

Bill is talking to the groups trying to get Blue can donations increased.

SETA 2016 committee has been meeting regularly and will be holding a meeting at Moody Gardens on Oct 17th at 1:00pm. Registration table set up by registration table

District 33 will provide salad and desserts for the Gratitude Dinner.

Unity Conference February 19-21 All chairs filled Location tbd

In service, Francia C

District 52 - Dana G., DCM --

This past quarter continued to be a busy time for our district. We have been quite active in many areas. We held our annual workshop in September on the subject of Anonymity: At the Level of Press, Radio and Film and included in our discussions the subject of anonymity and social media. We had a good turnout and our speakers were knowledgeable and very informative. District 52 is also co-hosting the October Assembly with District 90 and we hope you enjoy the good food, service and fellowship this weekend. Many of our group members have stepped up and helped us to serve the A.A. Fellowship this weekend with the donation of their time, talents and resources. I would especially like to thank my alternate, Diana S., who willingly offered to assist me with planning of most of the weekend. She was able to step up and get the ball rolling. The planning and organization has helped our district come together and many members have recently become more involved in service work beyond their own home groups. This has been a blessing as we continue towards welcoming new members into service work at the district and area levels.

District 52 continues to look forward to the next few months of 2015. We are organizing to help serve at the 2015 Gratitude Dinner and some active groups will be challenged to branch out and hold workshops for all members so we can continue to learn about A.A. It is vital to our continued growth as we help carry the message.

I would also like to thank you all the members of SETA personally who reached out in so many ways at the beginning of the summer when my husband Bart passed away unexpectedly. It was a comfort to be surrounded by many wonderful friends in A.A. who offered prayers and support. For that, I am so grateful and deeply touched.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana G. D52 DCM

District 82-Marty, DCM --

Melissa and Ron visited our District meeting in Surfside August 2nd. We had Hot dogs and fellowship as Melissa gave us her GSO report. In our District 82 Bay City 48th Anniversary Chili cook-off we are looking forward to seeing everyone. Our District will donate \$200.00 for the gratitude dinner Nov 8, Our CPC and PI Committee are busy building a Data Base for Clergy Members and alcoholics. Jeff is in St. Louis for the NAATW -National A.A. Technology Workshop. This is the 2nd annual workshop. Rick and I are participating in a caring and sharing meeting with the Delegate at the Delta Club October 24th, we have a new alternate GSR Tracy B. for the Bay City Group and Rhonda W. has taken the Literature Chair for our District.

In Service, Marty

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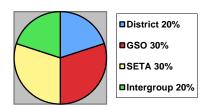
To: GROUP TREASURER

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

These entities are: (1) General Service Office, (2) Southeast Texas Area Assembly, (3) District, and (4) Intergroup. Each entity supports your group in important ways: carrying the message around the world, answering telephones and taking 12-step calls, and keeping you informed about AA.

Please support each of these group services with Contributions from your group treasury after all Group expenses have been met. As a guide to deciding how to distribute group funds, SETA, with its knowledge of local activities and costs of these services suggests the percentages in the chart to the right. All group contributions should be made in accordance with your informed group conscience.

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



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The forms below are for your convenience. Please cut the forms apart, sending one form with a contribution to each of the entities the group wishes to support

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