



SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67 ASSEMBLY

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AREA 67 QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY
Sheraton North Houston Hotel
15700 John F. Kennedy Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77032
Area 67 Assembly Meeting
Sunday, October 2nd, 2016

I. Open – Kris H. (Alt. Chair)– opened the meeting at 8:45am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

II. Delegate Report –Melissa R.—

My name is Melissa R. and I'm serving as the Panel 65 Delegate for Area 67. I want to welcome the new trusted servants – we're glad you're here. October Assembly's in election years are always exciting and I look forward to participating in the spiritual practice of the Third Legacy and rotation.

Ron and I continued to visit Districts and present the General Service Conference Report over the last three months. Again, I want to thank the DCMs, the Alternates and the District members for welcoming us, and making our visits special.

I want to take a moment to thank our Alternate Delegate, Ronald C. He has done a great job. He's gone just about everywhere that I've gone. We've split up to distribute Final Conference Reports in order to get them into the Fellowship's hands as quickly as possible. He's stood beside me at Delegates tables at so many events over the last (21) months. He has been all that I could ask for, as an Alternate Delegate. He has set a wonderful example of what a trusted servant should be.

2016 Final Conference Reports are here. DCMs should have their copies and I have some on the display tables. Please encourage your members to read the report. Keep in mind that these reports include last names so treat them as confidential materials.

General Updates

2016-2018 Service Manuals are now available. I ordered a few to distribute to our DCMs; they are available at our Intergroups or you can order from AAWS – discounted pricing for quantities. Keep in mind that this will be the last edition until 2019.

2018 General Service Conference was to be held in Rye brook, NY making Panel 67 the first panel in which the delegates would not get to experience the spiritual and exciting aspects of attending a conference held in New York City. The Trustees have appointed a hotel-search subcommittee to research alternate hotel sites in Manhattan.

Trustees Strategic Plan

The trustees have started implementing portions of the Strategic Plan (Serving the Fellowship) which was the Trustees portion of the Feasibility Study that we discussed in a Workshop at the April Assembly. A tentative timeline for the roll-out was discussed at the July Board Meeting. When that timeline has been finalized, I'll provide information on the actions and timeframe.

2019 Regional Forum

The Regional Forum will be held in SE Texas Area 67 in 2019. I submitted (4) hotel bids to Steve S, the Regional Forums Coordinator at GSO. The criteria included hotels near the airport with a capacity of 500-700 people. The hotels I chose for bids are the Sheraton IAH, the Marriott N. Houston, The Hyatt North Houston and the Hilton North Houston. I'll keep you informed.

GSO Staff Opening

A vacancy for GSO staff member has been announced. I sent the notice out through "seta-announce" this morning. Applications must be in by November 15th and the vacancy will be filled in January of 2017.

Updates – 2016 Conference Actions

The call continues for personal histories of Young People in A.A. for the revision of the pamphlet. The deadline is December 15th. so please announce this at your meetings and encourage your young members to participate.

Agenda Selection Process – the Trustees Committee on the Conference has sent out requests to current directors, trustees and staff to ask for ideas about how area delegate members of the Conference can be provided a role in the vetting and selection of proposed agenda items. In this communication, these current position-holders have also been encouraged to seek input from their past counterparts.. Their input will be compiled and shared with the Committee (without names included) to be used as a resource for their ongoing work.

Translation Project the Trustees' Committee on the Conference appointed a subcommittee to create a plan for the translation of all background material and produce a report for the committee to review. Staff was asked to gather information on volunteer translation efforts within the Fellowship and provide it to the subcommittee for integration into their work.

Posting 2017 Proposed Agenda Items on Delegate Dashboard This was proposed as a partial solution to the Delegate Participation in Agenda Selection issue at the 2016 Conference. I visited the site recently and saw some new proposals. Following are some samples of proposed agenda items:

- * Request to consider revising the short form of the Concepts;
- * Consider retiring the A.A. pamphlet "Too Young" ;
- * Reconsider the 2010 Advisory Action to maintain spiritual parity between the Grapevine and La Viña and instead allow the staff and Board the right of decision in how each magazine is published.
- * Request to consider development of A.A. literature providing information and guidance to A.A. groups regarding matters of personal conduct, safety and protection of our members.

Financial Update - as of June 30, 2016 - Now for continued good news!

G.S.O.

Contributions at the end of the Second Quarter were \$3,784,683, almost \$500,000 higher than the same time period last year.

Net Sales were \$ 5,255,593, a little over \$1 million over last year's.

Total Income was \$9,040,500 – more than 1.5 million over last year at this time.
Total Operating Expenses were \$8,078,255 – over \$1.5 million less than budgeted.
Net Operating Income for the period ending 6/30/16: \$ 962,245.

** Remember that they had budgeted a \$303,744 loss.

AA Grapevine

Net Sales	\$925,301
Total Income with interest	\$ \$931,601
Expenses	\$ 892,293

Income from operations \$ 39,308

* Projected figures for this time period was a (\$71,494) loss

Last year's Income for the same time period - \$92,323

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Delegate for Area 67. It has been an honor and an experience I'll treasure forever.

In love and service,
Melissa R.
Delegate, Panel 65

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III. Alt. Delegate's Report – Ron C. –

Hi my name is Ron C and I am an Alcoholic. I also have the honor of serving as Alternate Delegate Panel 65 Area 67.

The Area 67 Gratitude Dinner is November 13th from 2-4 pm in Houston. The location is Brenda's Reception Hall, 13900 Beechnut (close to Highway 6 in West Houston). Flyers in both English and Spanish are available on the SETA website. Our Host District is District 66 and our Co-Host District is District 31. The menu will be roasted chicken with potatoes and green beans. The Gratitude Dinner is a self-supported Area 67 event. We need monetary contributions for this event, to ensure that the incoming Alternate Delegate has sufficient funds to continue this wonderful tradition. So don't forget to contribute.

SWRAASA this year will be in Rogers Arkansas October 21-23, 2016. Flyers for SWRAASA are available and posted on the Area's website. Also check into flying to Tulsa and renting a car. It is cheaper than flying into Fayetteville. The drive from Tulsa to the hotel is about 2 hrs. Be sure to use the code "SWR" when booking the hotel to get the SWRAASA room rate. Also the Hotel does not have a shuttle to the hotel so if you need a ride or someone to pick you up please drop me an e-mail at delegate-alt@aa-seta.org and I will forward the information on to the Host Area.

This year is the 20th anniversary of LaVina. Remember to support our Spanish language meeting in print. Keep up the great work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Area for the opportunity to serve as Alternate Delegate Panel 65. As usual with every Service position I have served in, the experience was much greater than the work that was required. Thank you to all the past Delegates and to my service sponsor for the love and encouragement that they gave me. Thanks to the DCMs for allowing me to be a part of their District experience and for the help on the Gratitude Dinners. Thank you to the Area Committee your hard work is deeply appreciated. Also thank you to my "Service family" I definitely needed your love and prayers. Lastly, I would like to thank our Area

Delegate Melissa R. It has been an amazing experience being her "road dog" for the last two years. She has taught me a lot about how to serve with grace and humility. Hopefully I have taught her how to recognize a good joke if I ever accidentally have one. It has been a great ride. Panel 65 rocks

Thanks for the opportunity to serve
Ron C
Alternate Delegate
Panel 65 Area 67

IV. Roll Call –Kris H.—The roll call of voting members present is taken. 91 voting members are in attendance.

V. Third Legacy Elections for Panel 67, Area 67 –Peggy M—Peggy, after conducting a work shop on the election process, leads us in our SETA election assembly meeting. The election results, in order, are as follows:

- 1. Area 67 Nominee for Trustee at Large --- Deborah D.**
- 2. Delegate --- Ron C.**
- 3. Alternate Delegate --- Troy B.**
- 4. Chairperson --- Kris H.**
- 5. Alternate Chairperson --- Michelle H.**
- 6. Registrar --- Rick M.**
- 7. Alternate Registrar --- Kate E.**
- 8. Secretary --- Miguel O.**
- 9. Alternate Secretary --- Ana D.**
- 10. Treasurer --- Christina D.**
- 11. Alternate Treasurer --- Ron S.**
- 12. 2019 SETA Convention Chairperson --- Veronica M.**
- 13. Archives --- Mary Kay F.**
- 14. CPC --- Vern P.**
- 15. CFC --- Chris D.**
- 16. Finance --- Evan K.**
- 17. Grapevine --- Melenie M.**

18. Information Technology (IT) --- Kyna D.
19. La Vina --- Ascencio M.
20. Literature --- OPEN
21. Multi Lingual --- Arnoldo P.
22. Newsletter --- OPEN
23. Public Information --- OPEN
24. SCAP --- Zaz M.
25. TFC --- Pam F.
26. Brazos Valley Intergroup Liaison --- OPEN
27. Houston Intergroup Association Inc. Liaison --- Kathleen T.
28. Districts 63, 64, 65 Spanish Intergroup Liaison --- OPEN
29. Southwest Spanish Intergroup Liaison --- OPEN
30. District 90 Intergroup Liaison --- Julian L.

VI. Close Meeting – Kris H – Kris closes the meeting at 2:05pm with “The Responsibility Statement”.