

Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous



1st Quarter Assembly Minutes

Saturday and Sunday

January 14th-15th, 2023

Hybrid (via Zoom and in-person) Meeting

MCM Elegante Hotel – Beaumont, TX

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.

A.A.'s Three Legacies – Our Common Solution

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Saturday January 15, 2023

MCM Elegante Hotel – Beaumont, TX

7:30 AM Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

Preamble to SETA Policies & Procedures Manual – Art G.

ROLL CALL – Area Committee Attendance – Patty H. (see last page)

Previous Area Committee Minutes – Allise B. – approved with corrections

- Calendar of deadlines set up so that English & Spanish versions will roll out smoothly in the future
- Formatting changes shortened the October Minutes from 22 pages to 17 pages in English / 18 in Spanish before printing, which saved the Area >\$30. Please let me know if you do or don't like the change. We can continue the page breaks for each section for the electronic version while saving money on the printed version.
- If more people need paper copies than we have this Assembly, please let me know. Those who can read them online, please do. It would cost the Area an additional \$200 or more per Assembly if we made copies for everyone at each Assembly.
- Corrections to Draft of October Minutes:
 - Annette C. has been working on the 2023 Convention, not the 2020 Convention. Unless she has a time machine. ;-)
 - Brazos Valley Intergroup – Rachel S. Lee-R. (has been for the last several Assemblies).
 - Oficina Intergupal Hispana (D63, 64, 65) – Dimas S. Ray-F. (Ray F. is the liaison for 9th District Intergroup).
 - The English translations of the Spanish MCD reports have been cleaned up. Ex.: G.S.R.R.O.H's.
 - I need Ricardo R. or Juan L. to help me correct the D63 report because it was typed by a non-Spanish speaker last fall and the original hard copy went to recycling after typing.
- For those who type their reports ahead, please email them to me before Assembly, even if it's the day before (as long as not everyone waits until the day before). Shout-outs to Darryl, Rick, Don P./Mike G. & Keith M for being early birds! That allows us to translate them and give them to the interpreters so they can read rather than interpret on-the-fly. You will just need to give the interpreters a heads-up if you spontaneously add anything.

Treasurer's Report to Area Committee – Catherine G.

Unfinished Business

- **Open Positions:**
 - Intergupo Hispano Del SW (D66 & D62) – Remains open.
 - Multilingual Committee Chair – Janine B. (speaks Spanish, French & ASL); will step down from GSR position. Accepted by acclamation.

New Business

- **Open Position:**
 - 2025 SETA Convention Chair (Houston)

- **Area Inventory Ad Hoc Committee** – Troy B-D. (See Area Assembly Minutes)

Announcements – Art G.

Close Meeting with Responsibility Statement – I am responsible...When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help; I want the hand of A.A. always to be there and for that: I am responsible.

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- 96 Voters present
- Reminder: Alternates vote only when the primary position holder is not present

Previous Area Committee Minutes – Allise B.

- Approved with corrections listed in Area Committee Minutes

Treasurer’s Report Presentation to Area Committee – Catherine G.

Delegate Report – Rick M. (see Officers’ Reports)

Alt Delegate Report – Christina S. (see Officers’ Reports)

2023 SETA Convention Report – Annette C.

- 672 AA – 34 Al Anon – 4 Alateen – 40 Scholarships
- SETA Convention Guidelines sorely need revising

2024 SETA Convention Report – Joel G.

- Moody Gardens is the only hotel that meets requirements and is available in January; contract being negotiated
- Fast track because Chair elected a year late
 - Members encouraged to stand for SETA 2025 Chair
- Hotel & Speaker Chairs already named
- Ad hoc committee appointed by Area Chair to review & revise SETA Convention Guidelines with Joel G. as Chair

Point of Order: Treasurer’s and Secretary’s Report were not voted on

- Rick M. & Troy B.: Points of fact–not voted on

Unfinished Business

Open Positions:

- Intergrupal Hispana del SW (D66 & 62) – no candidates
- MultiLingual Committee Chair – Janine B. elected by acclamation.

New Business

Open Position:

- 2025 SETA Convention Chair (Houston) – Cody R. elected by substantial unanimity

Area Inventory Ad hoc Committee – Troy B-D

- **Advisory Action 1 – Passed by substantial unanimity**

- Area committee chairs' job descriptions be updated to include the chairs scheduling a time for the committee to attend/present for each district over the two-year rotation.

- **Advisory Action 2 – Tabled for further consideration by the committee**

- Proposal: IT updates service position committee position holders in Jan. after the elections and throughout the year as new people stand for area committee positions or others leave positions, both on the webpage and aa-seta.org email addresses
- The IT Committee would like to set the deadline for changing position-based email addresses three weeks after the January Assembly. They believe that there is substantial fluidity in positions between the October and January Assemblies. A quick poll showed that no Officer, Committee Chair or DCM present had changed position since the October Assembly.
- Others object that the deadline should be January 1st, the same date we all rotate positions. This allows the IT Committee from the time of elections at the October Assembly until the end of the year, almost three months, which is the same amount of time the rest of us have to prepare for our new positions. Because the addresses were not changed by the time of the Assembly, it was not effective to address emails to the Area Committee email group and still will not be possible to remind Officers, Committee Chairs & DCMs of their report deadlines without entering approximately 100 email addresses.
- The ad hoc Committee Chair decided the Committee should further consider their recommendation and bring it back to the April Assembly.

- **Advisory Action 3 – Passed by substantial unanimity**

- Area chairs and or alternate chair job descriptions be updated to include a visit to each district standing committee meetings during the two-year rotation to ensure committees have the resources they need to perform their duties and serve the area

- **Advisory Action 4 – Passed by substantial unanimity**

- Preprint a standing committee on the back of each nametag at Area Assembly weekends to encourage committee participation

- **Advisory Action 5 – Passed by substantial unanimity**

- Provide training for Service Committees
- The committee recommended the following for training:
 - Consider making available time/space for incoming Area Standing Committee Chairs to:
 - Hear specific expectation of the Area and how to chair a committee,

- Discuss and coordinate how they can be supportive to the Districts that need/want assistance carrying the message, and
- Develop ideas to support involving young people and multilingual communities
- Consider making available time/space for incoming District Committee Members (DCMs) to:
 - Hear specific expectations of the Area and how to lead a District,
 - Discuss how to encourage involvement at both the District and Area levels of service, and
 - Develop ideas to support involving young people and Multilingual communities

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Officer Reports

Delegate’s Report – Rick M.

Words cannot express how grateful I am for this opportunity to serve you as your Panel 73 Delegate. I am truly humbled and honored by your trust. I promise you I will do my best to serve you as well as I can. I will not do it perfectly and I will make mistakes, but my effort will always be present. We have a fantastic Panel of officers, committee chairs and liaisons for the current rotation and I am very excited to be serving alongside them.

I’m sure all of you were as saddened as I was by the passing of Betsy G., Past Delegate Panel 59. Betsy was a fixture and a beacon here in our Area. She attended 100 consecutive Area Assemblies during her years of service. She was our connection to the Area’s history, her memory of the Area’s past actions and motions was simply incredible. She mentored so many of in our service journey. Personally, I miss the long talks we had by telephone and over dinner on Friday nights before Assemblies. I was very grateful that she was able to attend our election assembly in October. Her shoes will be very difficult to fill. Stephy O. is planning a memorial service for Betsy; more will be revealed.

I have quite a lot to share with you this morning so please bear with me. First of all, as most of you know, Delegates are assigned to a Conference Committee by a random selection process. Delegates are not allowed to serve on the same committee as their predecessor nor can they serve on the same committee as a Delegate from a neighboring Area. All that said, my assignment is the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee (CPC). I’m sure many of you remember that I served you as your Area CPC Chair a few rotations back and I have remained active in that committee since. More will be revealed as to whether this selection is a good thing or a bad thing.

Now some news from AAWS:

- Jacketless Big Books and 12X12’s will be available soon. As previously communicated the paper for the jackets on these books has been in short supply and has limited availability of both books.
- A 10% price increase for literature will be in effect soon. As you know, the fellowship responded to the pandemic by increasing contributions to the General Service Board. However, contributions have returned to pre-pandemic levels. This price increase will carry us through 2024.
- Kris and I were communicating in the later part of last year that story submissions for the 5th Edition Big Book were lagging. Well once again you have responded to a need. Over 2800 stories have been received. All these stories will have to be read for possible selection which will be quite a task to say the least.
- Speaking of stories, the book Experience, Strength, and Hope has been translated into Spanish. As you know, this book contains 56 stories which were removed from the first three editions of the Big Book. This book can be accessed for free at aa.org. The print version is in production and the item number for ordering will be SB-20.

General Service Conference news:

- The 73rd Conference will take place April 22nd through April 30th in Brooklyn N.Y. and we have received word that the 74th Conference will be held there as well.
- Unlike the 72nd Conference, Covid contingencies will be in place so Conference members will be able to participate should they test positive for Covid.
- Background material in all three languages will be available by February.
- A serious look is taking place concerning moving future Conferences to a less expensive location and a similar investigation is taking place for moving the GSO to a different site for the same reason.
- Now for the plain language Big Book. A Foreword, the Preface and first five chapters will be available for Conference members to review. This has never been done and is in response to requests from the fellowship that the entire Conference be able to review the book. I will read as much as I can with interest, and I will do my best to do so as if I have no opinion. The goal is to have the full draft available for the 74th GSC.

The three-member subcommittee overseeing the translation is meeting with the vendor biweekly and there is a lot of back and forth. Jimmy D. is a member of that subcommittee. More will be revealed.

In love and service, Rick M. – Area 67/Panel 73 Delegate

Alternate Delegate’s Report – Christina S.

Hello my fellow trusted servants,

I wanted to first off thank y’all for allowing me to serve as your Panel 73, Area 67 Alt-Delegate. I am so excited for the journey in this Panel. The one thing I have been told from those who have gone before me is that the most important job is to support Rick. So I prayed for Rick this morning and I checked to make sure his tie was on straight. With that being said I would say this is a successful start to the rotation 😊.

Another responsibility of mine is keeping you informed of Regional Events. The **76th Annual Texas State Convention will be June 9 to 11** this year at The Westin San Antonio North in San Antonio, TX. The **Southwest Regional Forum will be this year September 29 to October 1** at the Radisson El Paso Airport Hotel in El Paso, TX. I think one of the most common questions asked is what exactly is a Regional Forum. Have you ever said to yourself “Who are those people in ‘New York’”? I wish I could talk to them one-on-one. Well the Forum is your opportunity. Regional Forums allow AA members to connect with people throughout the service structure. We get to exchange information with representatives from General Service Board, A.A.W.S., AA Grapevine and G.S.O.

The last thing I want to talk about is **SWRAASA 2026**. SWRAASA is our Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly it happens **in October** in even number years. SWRAASA 2026 will be **hosted by Area 67**. As I am about 2 weeks into this rotation, I will be reaching out to others in our Region so they can share their experience, strength and hope but I wanted to begin putting this in everyone’s thoughts as a fantastic way to serve in the upcoming years. With that being said more shall be revealed. 😊

Thank you for all you do, Christina – Panel 73 Area 67 Alt-Delegate

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

GSR Workshop –

No report submitted.

2023 SETA Convention – Annette C.

Reported in Area Assembly Agenda

2024 SETA Convention – Joel G.

Reported in Area Assembly Agenda

Area Inventory Ad-Hoc Committee — Troy B-D.

Reported in Area Assembly Agenda

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Service Committee Reports

Archives – Deborah T. – No report submitted.

CFC – Tony W.

SETA CFC carries the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the suffering alcoholic behind the walls of our local, county, and state jails, as well as state and federal prisons, assists with orientation processes to get people approved to take meetings into TDCJ facilities, distributes AA literature purchased with BLUE CAN donations, answers letters from incarcerated inmates through the Correspondence Program, utilizes Bridging The Gap and CFC contact channels for pre-release inmates to assist in getting them to their first AA meeting upon release, and carries the message through setting up information tables at workshops and conventions.

Tony W. was elected by the committee last September to stand at Area for the Chair position. This nomination was ratified at Area Assembly in October. Elections for the committee positions were the following month, making Harold B. CFC Alt Chair, and keeping Roy E. as treasurer, Larry L. as secretary, Many S. as Literature Chair, Bahiyya W. as I.T., Tom W. as Correspondence Chair, Richard D. as Blue Can person, Terry P. as Grapevine Chair, and Yolanda L. as Spanish Liaison. Harold will also chair the SETA CFC Conference September 15th – 17th at the Doubletree Hilton, Intercontinental. A flyer is posted on the SETA CFC webpage.

The first order of new business was in January, where an Ad-Hoc Committee was formed, chaired by Kendyl W., formerly TFC Chair, and charged with looking at any communication lapses and possible improvements between CFC, TFC, and Intergroup in regards to Bridging the Gap and prerelease/ temporary contacts. She immediately built up her committee with former and new SETA Delegates and Chairs of other SETA committees. We're looking at hearing some good ideas from this group.

Along that same line, CFC and TFC are jointly hosting the 2023 National Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend to be held at the Sheraton North Houston September 8th – 10th. Flyers are out and should be available shortly on the SETA website.

We are also preparing some other agenda items for this first year of rotation, where we will be looking at building a widely distributed corrections meeting list/contact sheet/attending volunteers database to have some sort of accountability in regards to all possible meetings being attended in force.

That's enough for now, and thank you all for your continuing service.

In His and your service, Tony W.

CPC – Michael G.

CPC Committee Purpose – “Members of C.P.C. committees inform professionals and future professionals 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.” – reprinted from Cooperation with the Professional Community Workbook, page 5, with permission from A.A. World Services, Inc.

For 2022, the CPC Subcommittee Chairs were as follows:

- CPC Chair – Don P.
- Alternate CPC Chair – Michael G.
- CPC Secretary – Open
- CPC Veteran/Military/Police/
Fire Department Chair – Bill A.
- CPC Clergy Chair – Open
- CPC Hospital Chair – Open
- CPC Court Chair – Open
- CPC Schools Professionals
Chair – Open
- CPC Disaster Response
Chair – Bill A.
- CPC Business/Employee
Assistance Program Chair - Open

- Members of the committee have continued to stay engaged and active with several networking groups, such as The Recovery Network, Houston Recovery Initiative and the Texas Chapter of the Social Workers Association.
- Prior to our lives changing with Covid, there was a lot of energy and work toward getting our 12-step Hospital Program established for Area 67, similar to the one currently being implemented in Western Washington (Area 72) and Central California (Area 93). We are staying in touch with the decision makers and looking forward to the time when the environment improves.
- The committee has begun an outreach initiative aimed at the Harris County and Fort Bend County Criminal Courts. The D.W.I. Courts established a program called S.O.B.E.R., which stands for Saving Ourselves by Education and Recovery. Our goal is to find ways to cooperate and support their efforts and take the A.A. message of recovery to those working their way through the legal system.
- This past year, members of the committee presented AA's "Let's Be Friendly With Our Friends" to the Fort Bend County Court's DWI Program. Participants were engaged and had lots of good questions.

We need your help: The possibilities to carry the message by reaching out to professionals are nearly limitless. But we need people, lots of people. We need members, groups and districts to learn how to carry the message by being "Friendly with our Friends" as Bill liked to call it.

- If your District doesn't have a committee, consider starting one, and standing for its chair position
- Attend the Area CPC meeting, any AA member can attend and be a committee member, you do not have to have an elected position to join in.

So, Join us: We meet the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm via ZOOM, meeting ID: 632 634 860 (<https://zoom.us/j/632634860>) password 263395. For more information or to help, please contact us at cpc@aa-seta.org

In Service, Michael G. – Chairperson, Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Committee

Finance – Ron S. – No report submitted.

Grapevine – Darryl W.

Grapevine Statement of Purpose This committee coordinates the work of individual AA members, groups, and districts to read, subscribe to, and utilize the Grapevine and Grapevine-produced materials. It also encourages individual AA members to contribute written, digital and audio material to the Grapevine for publications.

Past Activities Our committee has been working with districts 31, 32, and 70 on planning Grapevine writing workshops in 2023. We had our Christmas dinner at Kelly's Kitchen in Pasadena on December 10th. The bulk of our final quarter efforts have been concentrated on getting all the supplies we need for 2023. SETA Area 67 Grapevine committee has created a permanent Grapevine display at Houston Intergroup. We have a new alternate chair, Terry P. Also, we have a new secretary Thad D. Our committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm on zoom.

Committee Future Plans To carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers through all forms of Grapevine media. To increase the number of subscriptions purchased in Area 67. Another objective is to support Grapevine Inc by giving our input concerning the new app that is being developed. Also, we would like to add an IT Liaison rep to our committee. So, if anyone is interested in serving in this capacity or wants to join the committee, please email darryl.w@aa-seta.org. Another of our objectives is to give away more digital and audio products and to meet the needs of all of our members, which involves doing more area-wide workshops and increasing our visibility in the area. There will be a Grapevine meeting at the 2023 SETA convention on January 13, 2023, at 11:30 pm. The Grapevine committee will be considering holding an area-wide Grapevine subscription drive. We will have a display table at the 2023 SETA convention.

Grapevine Giveaways Several subscriptions are to be given away at the 2023 SETA convention

In service,	Darryl W., Chair	Thad D., Secretary
	Terry P., Alt Chair	Dennis P., IT Liaison

IT – Sergey K. – No report submitted.

La Viña – Misael M.

Meeting of 4 committees of La Viña D66—The meeting began at 8 pm with the preamble of La Viña.

New subscriptions and current La Viña Representatives

District #63	3 subscriptions	2 RLV
District #64	7 subscriptions	5 RLV
District #65	5 subscriptions	1 RLV
District #66	6 subscriptions	4 RLV

Events

- February 19 La Viña Workshop—Distrito 64 10 am
- Next meeting of the 4 La Viña committees Houston on February 23, 2023 @ District #63 4800 W 34 St, Suite “B8”, Houston TX 77092

Literature – Daniel K. – No report submitted.

Multilingual – Janine B.

Thank you very kindly for allowing me to serve. I speak Spanish, French and I can communicate in ASL. I use Spanish most often and I "talk to myself" in ASL, mainly to remind myself what I need from the Kroger. I would like to travel to México frequently in 2023. With immersion in the culture, I am able to dream in Spanish, which means I am no longer translating word-for-word.

I am also interested in using Area funds to buy 10-12 translating headsets that will be sold at Area Assembly. The suggestion came from Severiano at the January Assembly.

I will attend Spanish/English/ASL or Spanish-only AA meetings in the Area. I hope to find new groups, in districts #81, 70 or 62.

In service and humility, Janine janine.b@aa-seta.org

Newsletter – Tracy W.

Fernando and I are working on new ideas to upgrade the newsletter. As you can see, the Newsletter header has changed a little. Thank you Hilton for the cartoon and Darryl for the grapevine information.

As I mentioned at the last assembly, we will be visiting different committees each quarter. If there is any information you would like added to the newsletter, feel free to reach out.

Looking forward to what this next year brings.

In Love and Service, Tracy W., Newsletter Chair Tracy.w@aa-seta.org

PI – Charlie W. –

No report submitted.

SCAP – Ron S. –

No report submitted.

TFC – Christopher G. –

No report submitted.

Brazos Valley Intergroup – Rachel S.

Treasurer Report: Balance \$2734.03 Deposits for December \$1097.70 Expense literature \$702.10.

Contact Report: There were 17 calls, 1 message, 166 website visits & 514 website searches. Averaging about 1 call a day with 65 active volunteers (3/4 a week on rotation).

Inventory Report – We have many new pamphlets out and some on back order. We’ve been selling many Big Book covers lately as well.

Tony A. has found a replacement for our Volunteer Hotline Chair who will be Matt S.

Discussed how we should teach groups about Intergroup by making group visits and discussing at the new- comer orientation meeting. There has also been discussion about ways we can gain support for Intergroup by going to the group consciences and explaining the necessity for Intergroup reps.

A budget committee was made. Their plan is to find the BVIG preliminary Budget Template in an attempt to put together a 2023 Budget or financial plan.

Houston Intergroup – Taylor C. –

No report submitted.

Oficina Intergrupala Hispana (D63, 64, 65) – Dimas S. – No report submitted.

9th District Intergroup – Peter Mc. –

No report submitted.

Intergrupo Hispano Del SW (D66 & 67) – OPEN – No report submitted.

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

District 10 – OPEN – No report submitted.

District 20 – Sarah L. – No report submitted.

District 31 – Karon M.

Greetings from District 31. Our District is in the northeast corner of the Southeast Texas Area 67. We meet the third Sunday of every month from 2-4 pm at the 494 Meeting Hall in Porter, Texas.

The last quarter brought us many blessings. We are proud to report that we currently have all but one of our positions filled. We still have a leadership role as the Literature Representative. If you know anyone in District 31 that may be interested, please send them to the next meeting!!

In October, we held a “What Is an Informed Group Conscience?” workshop facilitated by our fabulous past Delegates Troy D and Ron C. You guys, as always, did a magnificent job. You guys are truly amazing, and we thank you for all that you have done for us. There were over 30 people in attendance and the workshop was highly successful.

December marked the last month of the 2021-2022 officers and committee members. I thank all these officers for their service and for assisting me to learn more about the many groups represented in our District. I also thank those officers and committee members that I will be serving with in the next term. We have much work to do. I look forward as serving as the DCM for the next two years.

Whether it be the monthly meetings, or many workshops or our annual Founders Day Event, I hope that you all will come and visit. Please let our District know if we may be of assistance to you, we would be glad to help.

In loving Service, Karon M, DCM District 31

District 32 – Kim C.

District 32 had officer elections in November. All positions were filled except Newsletter, La Viña and CFC. Those remained vacant. We have had lively discussions regarding excess funds. We voted to spend \$2500 towards a hospitality suite for a future assembly. The GSRs will be asking their groups for volunteers to help with staffing. We also placed a PSA in the Community Impact paper. It will run for four months. We are working diligently. Participation at District Meetings is increasing monthly. Please reach out if you have any questions.

In Love and Service, Kim C.

District 33 – Tony A.

I would like to begin by thanking District 33 for allowing me the opportunity to serve as DCM for the 73rd service rotation. I'm thankful to be in person at this year's convention. Like many other members, I couldn't attend last year's conference due to covid.

District 33 holds its business meetings in person and on Zoom, the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:00 PM at the Brazos Club in Bryan, Texas. District 33 is on the northwest edge of Area 67. It encompasses approximately 4359 square miles, 11 counties with a combined population of over 450,000 people. Although district 33 encompasses a large area it's mostly comprised of small communities with Bryan/College Station making up more than half the population. There are currently 34 Groups which meet for 91 meetings a week.

District 33, 33rd Annual Unity Conference will be held February 24th & 25th, in Kurten, Texas. Please join us. The \$15 registration fee will get you 4 meals, skit, workshop, speakers, fun and fellowship.

Last rotation district 33 was able to send 14 members to SWRAASA. We began moving away from email and a little bit into the future by implementing a texting service to notify members of upcoming meetings, workshops, important votes, World Services, Area, and District business without blowing up their phones with replies. We not only survived covid but are stronger because of covid. Our participation at the group and District level has not only recovered, but it appears to be on the increase. Working with Brazos Valley Intergroup hotline there are as many as 100 volunteers available for 12 Step calls throughout the district.

Fortunately, district 33 has fantastic Trusted Servants for this rotation. For several of them, this will be their first service rotation and others have been in service for many years. I would like to recognize Cody R.-Alt-DCM, Raymond N.-Treasurer, Julie S.-Alt-Treasurer, Josh W.-Secretary, Kimie W.-Alt-Secretary, Kate M.-Archives Chair, Rachel S.-Intergroup Liaison, Christy E.-CFC Chair, Silas M.-CPC/PI Chair, Shannen S.-Events/Activities Chair, Dane S.-Grapevine Chair, Phillip K.-IT Chair, and Lynn J.-TFC Chair and I want to thank all the G.S.R.'s and Trusted Servants at the Group level. I feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with and learn from each of them.

Referring to the stats I mentioned earlier, national statistics suggest there are more than 20,000 alcoholics living in District 33 geographics. I would like to end by quoting the words of one of the founding fathers, Dr. Bob, when he said to Bill W. "If you and I are going to stay sober, we had better get busy."

Thank you, Tony A.

District 40 – Doug D.

I am privileged to serve as DCM for District 40 for this rotation.

D40 will be meeting on Google Meet in 2023 <https://meet.google.com/scf-xndv-uo>. Our meeting time is the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00–9:00 PM. We currently have an ad hoc committee working on the feasibility of turning our meeting into a Hybrid so we can make it available to more of our members.

A recap of district business and other interesting items since our last area assembly is as follows; In October we got a report from our incoming Alt DCM Mike B. on his adventures at SWRAASA 2022. It is not just the meetings or workshops we learn from but the whole process. As he recapped the trip to and from Tulsa with a few others in the program, this is where bonds are made with other like-minded individuals. He outlined the workshops they had and high- lighted the ones he attended. There is so much information available it was hard to choose but we are fortunate that the next SWRAASA in 2024 will be in Richardson TX and then in 2026 we will have it in Houston. So mark your calendars and let your sponsees know.

Melissa R., Past Delegate Area 67 gave us a great district inventory presentation and informed us of the process she utilizes. We voted to proceed with the inventory but did not agree on the facilitator. Jackie S. asked everyone to email her with suggestions for who they thought would be available to help us with the distinction of being a past AA Delegate.

November opened up with a lot on our table with the budget and old business; time would be an issue so we set up an additional meeting to address the inventory and the facilitator. That came with some feedback from the members of District 40 so we decided to move the inventory to January 2023. But we approved a Balanced Budget, our treasurer Ronnie H. took the historical information of contributions and calculated what our income should be this next year and made sure we would go into the next rotation fiscally sound and responsible with the money we receive.

December, end of rotation, back in the day before covid we would have a little party with food and fun in December. That would also allow those stepping down from a position to hand over the D40 materials they had to the incoming person. That is always a great way to transfer information, knowledge and materials in a relaxed way. We set up a Hybrid location to test the ability and to give those willing to meet in person an opportunity to pick up their Final Report of the GSC that Kris H was so helpful to get to me in time. We voted that the excess money over prudent reserve would be split up between GSO, SETA and Intergroup with percentages as follows (50%,25%,25%).

We had Farah E., the GSR from the “So Far So Good Group,” read the response from GSO on the agenda item that was submitted to Panel 73 GSC. The agenda item concerned the plain language Big Book, she stated the response they received was confusing so they contacted GSO for clarification.

In Service and Gratitude, Doug.D@aa-seta.org

District 51 – David D. – No report submitted.

District 52 – Ricardo D.

Our District meetings are held every 1st Tuesday of the month at the Ft Bend Regional Council in Stafford, TX. For those who wish to attend virtually, we provide this as a Hybrid Meeting utilizing Google Meet. Our attendance runs approximately an 80/20 ratio of those attending in-person vs those attending virtually.

District 52 Group Members remain very active to bring AA Meetings and Literature into our local Treatment Facilities. We continue to coordinate TFC resources with District 40 to bring meetings into these facilities. D52 is still trying to implement the BTG “Cooperation” with 6 Treatment Facilities within our District. More headway has been made by providing our group members (members that are taking AA Meetings inside the Facilities) with Request Information and Local Meeting Information for distribution directly to Treatment Facility clients especially clients nearing their discharge date.

District 52 is still focused on increasing service participation at the District Level and Group Level. District 52 co-hosted a workshop in early November with the RoseRich Group called “Enhancing your Sobriety by Living the 3 Legacies”. Art G.

from D90, presented a mind-opening correlation between Quality Sobriety and embracing the 3 Legacies of our AA Fellowship.

D52 has added 1 more GSR and Alt GSR (the Sealy Group) since the time of my last report in October. Our last group visits still revealed that GC activities are stagnant, if they exist at all. They are struggling to fill positions and struggling with attendance. Of course, we will continue to stay in contact and to visit the Groups in our District on a regular basis.

Right now our most updated information lists 29 active groups in our District. We now have 11 identified as AA Meetings which are registered as Groups. We will incorporate the District Group List information on the District "Shared Drive", and will pass this information on to our SETA Registrar and Houston Intergroup to update their files.

As for SWRAASA, we had 3 District members attending and 2 members from the Area TFC Committee caravanning with us. As for D52 elections, Ricardo D, my Alt. DCM, was elected as DCM and Michael J was elected as his Alt DCM.

Well again, I MUST mention how blessed I am.... to have such a great panel of Officers and Committee Chairpersons! Through the entire rotation, they always "stepped up" with remarkable enthusiasm, with a genuine dedication to the welfare of our AA groups, to AA as a whole.

Respectfully submitted to my Friends in Service, Christopher G. (P71/A67)

District 60 – Roland R. – No report submitted.

District 62 – INACTIVE

District 63 – Juan D. – No report submitted.

District 64 – Jose M. – No report submitted.

District 65 – Isidro G. – No report submitted.

District 66 – Luis P. – No report submitted.

District 70 – Kevin W.

District 70 meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at 7011 Spencer Hwy Pasadena, TX 77505. Thanks to all the Committee Chairs, Alternates and GSRs who serve D-70.

Update through our January meeting (1-11-23): Currently District 70 works with 42 groups. We had 18 officers, committee members, and GSR's at our January meeting on the 11th. We are looking to fill three officer positions and three committee chair positions.

We have plans to host a Grapevine writing workshop in May. All group activities continue to increase. Our alternate DCM is currently facilitating a GSR workshop before our monthly district meeting which starts at 6:30.

I have visited several groups in the district and will continue to visit groups with a focus on the groups who currently do not have a GSR participating in the district.

In service, Kevin W.

District 81 – Keith M.

State of the District: As we roll into 2023, District 81 remains very active and focused on our primary purpose. All but one or two of our committees are full and actively carrying the message in our district. We have had several new groups form and group contributions and participation remain very strong. We are looking forward to serving this year and seeing what God has in store for us as we trudge this road together.

Archives Committee: Our committee has recruited 3 new members and will be busy working on our Group History binder, possibly revamping our District 81 display board, reviewing some audio speaker tapes, and plan on making various presentations on A.A. history at our District 81 monthly meetings. We also plan on building the D81 information binder that will include meeting minutes, agendas, treasurer reports, committee correspondence, and various flyers of events happening in our district.

Correctional Facility (CFC): The CFC committee has been busy with meetings being held at Carol Young here and there. We are still having trouble getting into Galveston county but we continue to talk with them. We are hoping to be allowed back in soon. Literature is flowing into the facilities. We also attended the regional committee conference.

Public Information / Cooperation w/Professional Community (PI/CPC): Tim and his committee are rock stars!!! This committee has been very busy this year with various Billboards in our area. They have also been placing ads in local magazines and hand outs. They continue to come up with new ways to reach the alcoholic that still suffers using QR codes and handouts to lead newcomers to local resources.

Grapevine: The Grapevine committee has a new chair and is working with all the groups to drive people to support this committee. We have an event in the works for next quarter.

Literature: Now has a solid Chair that has taken the bull by the horns. Several groups have regular literature meetings as result that highlight different AA literature each week. They are also looking to do great things this quarter and are planning several events with our workshop committee.

Finance & Budget (F&B): We have a strong F&B and are fully funded for 2023. They continue to meet and accommodate the ever-changing budget as committees have gotten busy late this year.

Treatment Facilities (TFC): The TFC Committee is currently holding meetings on a regular basis at 5 treatment facilities. They go once a month to each and continue to carry the message. They hold workshops to grow committee membership on a regular basis. They have been very busy this quarter as well.

Newsletter: This is a new committee with the goal to highlight events, share stories of recovery and make announcements in the district. It looks amazing!!!

Workshops: This committee is very strong and meets often to create new workshops for our district. Emotional sobriety is next on the list. They will have another workshop next quarter!!! We are looking forward to what this committee brings next!!!

Web Committee: This is also a new committee chartered to Design, Build and Maintain our District website. The Website was launched last month and looks great! The goal is a central repository for events, committee information, group schedule for our district ETC.

All in All, the district is strong and growing. New groups are being formed and many groups are growing. It's been another challenging year and we are seeing better attendance across the board. We have many groups that still hold zoom meetings to carry the message. We are all looking forward to see what the new year brings us in service!!!

District 82 – Jackie M. – No report submitted.

District 90 – Julian (Juliann) L. – No report submitted.

Area Committee Roll Call January, 2023			
Position	Short Name	Committee	Assembly
Area Officers			
Delegate	Rick M	Present	Present
Alternate Delegate	Christina S	Present	Present
Chairperson	Bella L	Present	Present
Alternate Chairperson	Art G	Present	Present
Registrar	Patricia H	Present	Present
Alternate Registrar	Elizabeth G	Present	Present
Secretary	Allise B	Present	Present
Alternate Secretary	Edwin C	Not Present	Present
Treasurer	Catherine G	Present	Present
Alternate Treasurer	Alicia M	Present	Present
Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Archives	Deborah T	Present	Present
Alternate Archives			
CPC	Michael G	Present	Not Present
Alternate CPC			
CFC	Tony W	Present	Present
Alternate CFC			
Finance	Reino F	Present	Present
Alternate Finance			
Grapevine	Darryl W.	Not Present	Present
Alternate Grapevine	Terry P	Not Present	Not Present
IT	Sergey K	Not Present	Present
Alternate IT			
La Vina	Misael M	Present	Not Present
Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Daniel K	Present	Present
Alternate Literature			
Multi-Lingual	Janine B	Present	Present
Alternate Multi-Lingual			
Newsletter	Tracy W	Present	Present

Alternate Newsletter	Fernando B		
Public Information (PI)	Charlie W		
Alternate PI	Theresa S	Present	Present
SCAP	Ron S	Present	Present
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Christopher G	Present	Present
Alternate TFC	Don M		
Convention Chairs			
2023 Convention Chair	Annette C	Present	
2023 Convention Alt Chair	Cody R	see below	see below
2024 Convention Chair	Joel G	Present	Present
2025 Convention Chair	Cody R		Present
2025 State Convention Chair	Ron C	Present	
Liaisons to Intergroups			
Brazos Valley Intergroup	Rachel S	Present	Present
Houston Intergroup	Taylor C	Present	Present
Ninth District Intergroup	Peter M	Present	Present
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate	James K	Present	Present
Intergruppa Hispana Del (D63, 64, 65)	Dimas S	Present	Present
Intergruppa Hispana Del SW (D62, 66)			
DCMs			
District 10 DCM			
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Sarah L		
District 20 Alt DCM	Linda G		Present
District 31 DCM	Karon M	Present	Present
District 31 Alt DCM	Marty W	Present	Present
District 32 DCM	Kim C	Present	Present
District 32 Alt DCM			
District 33 DCM	Tony A	Present	Present
District 33 Alt DCM	Cody R	Present	Present
District 40 DCM	Doug D	Present	Present
District 40 Alt DCM	Mike B	Present	Present
District 51 DCM	David L		
District 51 Alt DCM			

District 52 DCM	Ricardo D	Present	Present
District 52 Alt DCM	Michael J	Not Present	Present
District 60 DCM	Roland R	Present	Present
District 60 Alt DCM			
District 62 DCM			
District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM	Juan D	Present	Present
District 63 Alt DCM	Ivan L		
District 64 DCM	Marco L	Not Present	Present
District 64 Alt DCM	Jose M		
District 65 DCM	Isidro G		
District 65 Alt DCM			
District 66 DCM	Luis P	Present	Present
District 66 Alt DCM	Wilfredo G		
District 70 DCM	Kevin W	Present	Present
District 70 Alt DCM	Sara B	Not Present	Present
District 81 DCM	Keith M	Present	Present
District 81 Alt DCM	Danny G	Not Present	Present
District 82 DCM	Jackie M	Present	Present
District 82 Alt DCM	OB S	Present	Present
District 90 DCM	Julian (Juliann) L	Present	Present
District 90 Alt DCM	David S	Present	Present