

Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous



1st Quarter Assembly Minutes

**Saturday and Sunday
January 20th–21st, 2024**

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Hybrid (via Zoom and in-person) Meeting
Moody Gardens Hotel & Conference Center
7 Hope Blvd, Galveston, TX 77554

***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

Saturday January 20th, 2024 7:30 AM

Service Committee Reports, Intergroup Liaison Reports and DCM Reports are not delivered in person at the SETA Convention due to time constraints, but the written reports are included in the Minutes

NEW GSR WORKSHOP – Ivy 1 – No Report submitted

SPANISH GSR WORKSHOP – Expo A – No Report submitted

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – Expo C

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

Preamble to [SETA Policies & Procedures Manual](#) – Art G.

[Roll Call](#) – Area Committee Attendance – Patty H.

[Secretary's Report](#) – Allise B.

- D20's, D31's & D90's Reports will be included in the Final October Minutes
- Although the October Minutes were about half the number of pages as previous Minutes, if we had made the same number of copies, we would have spent almost three-quarters of our annual budget. We decided to print fewer copies and ask that anyone who can read the Minutes electronically not take a paper copy. We will be editing future Minutes even more to reduce the number of pages. Reporters can help by omitting regular meeting schedules that can be found on the website and anything else that is not *new* news or a request for help.

[Treasurer's Report](#) – Catherine G.

Unfinished Business

[Ad Hoc Committee Reports](#)

- [SETA Convention Guidelines Ad Hoc](#) – Danny G. (+ Troy B-D & Benita W.)
- [Area Bridging the Gap Committee Feasibility Ad Hoc](#) – Chris G.
- [Hotel Committee Ad Hoc](#) – Deborah D.

Announcements – Art G.

- [Unity Conference District 33](#)
- [OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS]
- [Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly](#) – *Service: Vital to Our Growth* – October 11-13, 2024 – Renaissance Dallas/Richardson Hotel
- See additional [Announcements](#) with Sunday notes.

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.

AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES

Sunday, January 21, 2024 8:30 AM

Open Meeting – Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

Preamble to [SETA Policies & Procedures Manual](#) – Art G.

Recognize: New GSRs and past Delegates – Bella L.

[Secretary's Report](#) – Allise B.

- Even after editing the October Minutes to remove greetings and information that can be found elsewhere (like boundaries and regular meeting times)--which reduced the Minutes to approximately half the number of pages as recent Minutes--the printing bill would have been almost ¾ of our annual budget if we had made the usual number of copies. So, we will be editing more than we have before and making fewer copies in the future.
- October Minutes approved as submitted with addition of D90's, D20's and D31's Reports.

[Treasurer's Report](#) – Catherine G. – *Approved as read*

[Convention Committee Reports](#)

- [SETA Convention 2024](#) – Joel G.
- [SETA Convention 2025](#) – Kayla S, Alt. Chair
- [Texas State Convention 2025](#) – Melissa R.

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[Roll Call – Area Assembly Attendance](#) – Patty H.

[New Business](#)

Open Positions:

- **2026 SETA Convention Chair (Beaumont): Malana Q.** *elected by substantial unanimity*
- **Archives Committee Chair: Charles S.** *elected by acclamation*

[Announcements](#) – Art G. – *See Announcements in Area Committee Minutes*

- [Houston Intergroup](#) – needs volunteers every 2nd Friday to clean Intergroup

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Convention Committee Reports

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SETA Convention 2024 – Joel G. – No report submitted

SETA Convention 2025 – Kayla S, Alt. Chair

The convention committee has been hard at work. And we have many exciting things in the works. A contract has been fully negotiated and signed. The contract is very favorable because of the dates we took: January 3-5, 2025 at the Royal Sonesta – Houston. The hotel is located off of 610 & Westheimer. Room rates will be \$149 per night. The hotel has main ballroom seating for 1200 and we have an overflow ballroom for 500.

Subcommittees are being formed, we currently have an Alternate Chair, Speaker Chair, Coffee Chair, the Voice and Speaker Hosts Chair. The next positions we are working to fill are Treasurer, Registration Chair & Hospitality Chair. The theme will be “Happy, Joyous & Free.”

We like the website and payment site used by the 2024 convention and plan to use the same. We look forward to seeing everyone a year from now in Houston!

Texas State Convention 2025 – Melissa R.

Area 67 will be hosting the 78th Texas State A.A. Convention in 2025. The venue is the Royal Sonesta Hotel/Galleria at 2222 W. Loop South. Dates are August 15-17th, 2025. If you're interested in being on the committee, contact me, Deborah or Troy. We will start holding committee meetings within the next few weeks.

Delegate Reports

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Delegate's Report – Rick M.

Hasn't this been a great Convention? Kudos to the committee for all the hard work they have put in to make this happen. If you have served on a SETA Committee then you know how much work goes on to make one of these things happen. However, it is teamwork that does the trick and that makes it one of the most fun things we can do in service. It literally takes 365 days of teamwork and effort for these to be a success. As always seems to be the case, someone who has contributed nothing to the committee will show up at the Convention on day 364 and tell the Committee exactly what they should have done.

We are halfway through this rotation, which means in October we will be holding our elections for a new panel of trusted servants. I would like to ask you to do two things as we go through this year. Both things have to do with electing a strong panel of trusted servants. First, I would ask that each and every one of you ask your Higher Power how you can best serve our Fellowship and service structure during the next rotation. Talk to servants about their position and find out if that is something that would interest you and if it is something that would fit your skill set. The second thing I would like to suggest is observe those who are currently serving and learn everything you can from them. Whether they hold a position you are interested in or not, you can learn from them. There are many future Area Chairs and Area Delegates and Alternates sitting in this room right now. You may not think you are one of those, but I often find that the plans God has for us are better than anything we could have planned for ourselves.

Our finances continue to be tight. In our Delegate sharing session with our SW Region Trustee, Teresa J., she assured us that the fellowship has been heard and that all three boards have been charged with developing balanced budgets. This

will likely require some hard decisions and staff cutbacks may be unavoidable. Teresa has been named chair of a sub-committee of the Trustees' Finance and Budget Committee tasked with bringing future spending in line with projected income. This sounds quite similar to what our Area just accomplished. The Boards do feel that services trump rebuilding the Reserve Fund. In the Concept 11 essay on page C38, Bill W. describes a time when rebuilding the Reserve Fund took priority over services and services declined badly and took a long time to rebuild. Please keep in mind that our Boards and the GSO provide the services that we as a fellowship ask, perhaps demand, of them. In turn, we do not provide contributions sufficient to fund our demands. This has led us to rely on literature revenue to fund the shortfall. Some have always maintained that this means we are not fully self-supporting. Currently we find ourselves in a situation where literature revenue is declining due in large part to rising costs squeezing margins. Are we just now beginning to see the results of not being fully self-supporting from the beginning? Time will tell.

The last topic I'll address this morning will address our Founders' writings. At the 2023 GSC, the Conference Committee on Literature asked for the Trustees Committee on Literature to consider how and whether develop a policy regarding possible future changes to our Founders' writings. At the sharing session this morning with your DCM's, we discussed how feedback is being solicited from the Fellowship on this subject. I know some of you have already heard about this in your AA Facebook groups and from your friends in other Areas. I wanted to introduce this to you face-to-face so thank you for your patience in allowing me to wait for this opportunity to share this info with you. So, here up front is the formal request from the Trustees' Literature Committee for your feedback. There are seven questions to act as discussion points for your groups. One of the reasons I wanted to introduce this at this Assembly is to emphasize the importance of this effort. This is your chance to be heard. I know many of you will respond as individuals and that feedback is valuable. However, I want to urge discussions in your groups and committees that I feel are even more important. Shortly I will share a Google survey to allow you enter your responses to these questions. This will be the preferred method for supplying your feedback, but if you prefer to send it to me directly that will work as well.

There will also be yet another way to participate in this endeavor. Your Area Literature Committee has graciously offered to host a workshop on this topic, and they are working to make this happen. Be on the lookout for information on this workshop. Thank you, Literature Committee for your offer to provide this opportunity.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Christina S.

The [77th Annual Texas State Convention](#) is June 21-23, 2024 in Irving, TX at the [Westin Dallas/Fort Worth Airport](#). [SWRAASA](#) is October 11 to October 13, 2024, in Richardson, TX at the [Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel](#). You can find registration info on [aa-seta.org/officers/altdelegate](#). SWRAASA is our Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly; it happens in October in even-number years. The hosting Area has asked each of the additional 10 Areas if they would be interested/willing to "Host" a standing committee table. The Area is covering Rick, Bella and I to go but we will need some help if the Area is interested. I want to get a sense of the Area from all those that will be attending this year's SWAARSA. The majority of the Area voted in favor of hosting a standing committee table.

I know y'all are going to be tired of hearing this but SWRAASA 2026 will be hosted by Area 67. This is going to take a village. Everyone is being put on alert that there are service opportunities for everyone coming up. 😊

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

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SETA Convention Guidelines Ad Hoc – Danny G.

My report is simply we submitted the guidelines as corrected. [SETA_Convention_Guidelines_20...](#)

Recommended revisions were submitted to the Area Chair about three weeks ago, which did not allow the Area 30 days to review them. They will be up for a vote at the April Assembly.

Area Bridging the Gap Committee Feasibility Ad Hoc

1. **Recommendation:** Motion to add a Standing Committee, Bridging The Gap (BTG), to SETA 67.
 - Add the following changes to the SETA Policy and Procedures Manual (Third Edition--October 2020), Page 5: Add to **8. Chairpersons of all Assembly-approved committees:**
 - a. Archives
 - b. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
 - c. Correctional Facilities (CFC)
 - d. Grapevine
 - e. Finance
 - f. Newsletter
 - g. Public Information (PI)
 - h. Treatment Facilities (TFC)
 - i. State Convention Attendance Promotion Committee (SCAP)
 - j. Information Technology
 - k. Multilingual
 - l. Literature
 - m. La Viña
 - n. SETA Convention Committee
 - o. **Bridging The Gap (BTG)**

- Add the following Job Description to the Area Website on a new Committee page:

BRIDGING THE GAP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON JOB DESCRIPTION

General Description: The Area Assembly elects the Bridging The Gap (BTG) Committee Chairperson to serve a two-year term that runs concurrent with the Area officers and is a voting member of the Area Assembly and the Area Committee. The Chairperson is elected at the October Assembly in even- numbered years.

Position Description: The BTG Committee Chairperson is responsible for the BTG Committee's activities, including providing information to the Area and District Committees and Intergroups and ensuring the "Bridges" are completed on time.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Attend the Area Committee meetings and functions.
- Schedule the BTG Committee meetings, arrange the meeting site, prepare the agenda, and select members to fill the agenda slots.
- Maintain the Area volunteer database to ensure accuracy and security.
- Monitor the collaborative BTG mailbox and promptly respond to "Bridge" requests.
- Correspond with Committees from all Areas, including Area 67, Districts, and facilities, as needed to ensure "Bridges" are provided in a timely manner. This includes "Bridges" originating in Area 67 going to other Areas, and "Bridges" originating outside of Area 67 coming into the Area.
- Ensure two volunteers can provide "Bridges" when requested by facilities, Committees, Districts, Areas and/or Twelfth Step Calls.
- Coordinate with the Districts for presentations and workshops.
- Ensure that the Committee officers know their job responsibilities.
- Ensure that the BTG Committee has an article in the newsletter.
- Prepare a written report for the Quarterly Assembly Meeting.
- Attend SETA Quarterly Assembly meetings or have the alternate present.
- Cooperate with other SETA Committees and AA service arms.
- Maintain records of the Committee to be passed on to the next Chairperson.
- Coordinate presentations for the professional facilities and be sure that two Committee members are signed up to make the presentations.

- Carry out requests of the Delegate and the Area Chairperson.
- Make sure that the Committee Secretary communicates with the Area.
- Submit information to the Area Website Chairperson as is appropriate to the office.
- Maintain an adequate supply of AA Literature for BTG presentations and for facilities.
- Ensure annual review of the BTG Workbook by the Committee.
- Prepare a budget and attend the Annual Budget Meeting.
- Job Descriptions will be reviewed or revised by April of every even-numbered year to reflect any necessary changes or additions to the position. In addition, the review or revision will be noted in the footer of the job description with a year of review or revision.
- The reviewed or revised job descriptions will be sent to the Area Secretary for the purpose of records and to the Information Technology Chairperson for the purpose of posting to the web.

Responsibilities for using SETA computer equipment:

Where computer equipment is provided for a SETA service position, that User's Job Description should outline the responsibility for computer use and maintenance.

1. All Information Technology equipment should always be stored in a manner that does not expose same to extreme ambient or damaging conditions.
2. The assigned user should store and use the equipment during his/her term. If there is a vacancy in the position, the alternate takes possession until the position is filled. Unused equipment should be referred back to the Area Committee for disposition.
3. In order to preserve and secure SETA's data, the assigned user should use SETA equipment for Area business when supplied. Use of personal equipment is discouraged.
4. All data relating to Area business should be stored on the SETA-provided equipment.
5. Transfer of SETA equipment to the new user should take place as soon as practicable after elections and completion of assigned tasks.
6. Data from all SETA equipment should be backed up onto currently available backup media supplied by SETA, such as another computer, flash drive, or optical disk. Backed-up data should also be kept at an alternate site. Backup media should be passed to the successor at the end of the term.

2. What problem does this address?

- a. Establish guidelines and accountability to promptly provide Bridges/Twelfth Step Calls.
- b. Reduce duplication of services provided by Treatment Facilities (TFC) and Corrections Facilities Committees (CFC), including reducing duplicate funding by the two committees.
- c. TFC and CFC can focus on taking meetings and literature into facilities and informing facility clients, incarcerated, and staff about BTG and how AA has helped them.
- d. Cooperation with Intergroup(s) in providing volunteers for Twelfth Step Calls and Bridges.
- e. Central location for requests and committees to assist District TFC and CFC Committees.

3. What level of group conscience discussed the proposed agenda item?

Members of the BTG ad hoc attended the National BTG workshop. They discussed the idea with past and present members serving in BTG, TFC, CFC, Intergroup, DCMs, Delegates, and Trustees across the U.S. and Canada. Many Areas have already established BTG standing committees and have had great success. The Areas that don't have a BTG standing committee were attended by members of their Areas and District TFC or CFC committees. Everyone we discussed this with would like to see their Areas establish a BTG standing committee.

4. Background material that supports the reasoning for the proposal:

- a. A questionnaire was passed out at the BTG national workshop. Eight questionnaires were returned from 7 Areas and two Districts from Area 49 in New York. Every questionnaire received was in support of establishing a BTG standing committee.
- b. We watched numerous presentations, both presented at the BTG national workshop and provided by Area/District Committee members during the breaks.
- c. Area 67 and District TFC and CFC committees currently provide Bridges. This proposal will allow these

committees to concentrate on providing meetings within facilities, literature, and assistance to staff, clients, and incarcerated persons.

- d. We have five Intergroups within Area 67. A BTG standing committee can assist these Intergroups by providing volunteers for Bridges and Twelfth Step Calls.
- e. Two committees, TFC and CFC, currently provide the same BTG services. The only additional cost to Area would be the BTG Chair to attend assemblies. Some of this cost should be offset by reducing duplicate services the TFC and CFC committees currently provide.
- f. This work provides direct services to the suffering alcoholics. It helps them find meetings, meet friends in the Fellowship, find a sponsor, and learn more about how AA can help them if they desire to quit drinking.

5. The extended/expected outcomes if this proposal is approved:

- a. Utilize resources (volunteers and funding) more effectively.
- b. Provide rapid responses to requested Bridges/Twelfth Step Calls.
- c. Establish accountability to ensure that Bridges/Twelfth Step Calls are followed through.
- d. Provide direct contact with suffering alcoholics.

6. Primary contacts for more information:

- a. Taylor C taylor.c@aa-seta.org
- b. Tina A. tina.a@aa-seta.org
- c. Kendyl W. kendyl.w@aa-seta.org
- d. Tony A. tony.a@aa-seta.org

7. Final Comments:


It's the unanimous decision of the Area 67 BTG ad hoc committee group conscience that a BTG standing committee can provide more efficient and better communications while serving the suffering alcoholic. A BTG Committee will be more flexible in providing services for TFC, CFC, Intergroups, CPC, PI, Districts, and Groups while establishing accountability to the best of our ability while helping the suffering alcoholic. When discussing establishing a BTG Committee, BTG, TFC, CFC, and Intergroup members serving in other Areas and Districts were in support of this agenda item.

The Area 67 detractor's common response was, "We can't fill the positions we already have. The Area can't afford another Committee." As stated above, these positions are already being served by multiple committees and duplicating costs and staffing.

Hotel Committee Ad Hoc – Deborah D.

The task given to us was to find ways that we can cut our costs and stay within our means financially. In October we passed a motion: *The Area Assembly shall meet no less than quarterly in at least a one-day session and The Area Committee shall meet on no less than a quarterly basis.*

We as a committee realize that this is a big change for us and that we may go through some growing pains. We are still ironing out the details to have a smooth assembly. We have spoken to the finance chair and received approval to have lunch be provided by the area.

Our April Assembly, will be held on **Apr 6, 2024** at  San Jacinto College North Campus in the Monument Room (please see the map attached to this report). **Registration** will begin at **7am** with the **Assembly** starting at **9am**. The Area Chair will be sending out the agenda to SETA-Announce. The Area Committee will meet on **Mar 23, 2024** virtually using Google Meet because the April assembly is for the delegate to hear from us. Everyone is invited to "listen in."

We feel we have met the goal of reducing cost and given us the flexibility to meet for 1- or 2-day assemblies.

Service Committee Reports

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[Archives](#) – **Charles S.** – Elected at this Assembly, so no report submitted

[Correction Facilities Committee \(CFC\)](#) – **Tony W.**

The SETA Corrections Committee carries A.A.'s message 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 A.A. literature purchased with your SETA BLUE CAN donations, answers letters from incarcerated inmates through the Correspondence Program, utilizes local and National CFC Pre-Release contact channels to assist in getting inmates to their first AA meeting upon release, and carries the message by putting on workshops or setting up information tables at workshops and conventions.

“In an effort to reduce dangerous contraband entering TDCJ facilities, the agency implemented a Digital Mail program. All incoming general correspondence for inmates is sent to a centralized location for sorting, scanning, and uploading to the inmate's secure tablets. Exceptions to this includes legal mail; certified mail; media mail; and books, magazines, packages, and other subscriptions from publishing companies, which are sent to the unit. TDCJ continues to improve its mail procedures to ensure organizations can send informational materials while also protecting the safety of its population and staff. These organizations can now resume sending their books to TDCJ units where they will undergo increased inspections, followed by being delivered to the designated receiver. To expedite inmates receiving the materials, any item that can be scanned should be sent to the Digital Mail Processing Center to be uploaded to inmate tablets. TDCJ will continue to leverage new technology on the tablets to provide materials to the inmate population while reducing contraband in its facilities.” *TDCJ Newsletter*

The above came from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice after a heavy rise in overdose deaths from inmates receiving fentanyl-laced paper from the outside. Out of 202 reported deaths in Texas prisons the second half of last year, at least 51 are suspected to be drug related, and 38 are suspect of drug/heat-related deaths. This is a rise of over 30%, or as much as 40%, dependent on the accuracy of upcoming autopsy reports. As volunteers, we don't like to see even more stringent rules placed on us in doing our “job”, but at the same time, we, as Service Soldiers in the AA community, are in the life-saving business. This includes our interaction with the staff and facilities of TDCJ, as well as the incarcerated. The Responsibility Statement is clear on that.

After much time and effort spent throughout the year on incorporating Bridge the Gap with CFC Correspondence/Pre-Release, it ended up being better for our committee to just completely pull out of the BTG program for the individual user Committees of Area 67. We had multiple issues with accessibility and ‘Right of Participation’ that seem to be only rectifiable thru an Area BTG Committee, if at all. We had IT remove us from all contact info for BTGWW.org and btgseta.org, but chose, as individuals, to remain on the btgseta database for individual bridges coming out of the corrections side of the request forms. More will be revealed.

The SETA Corrections Conference for this year will be September 6-8 at the Sheraton North Houston. We will have the usual draws including TDCJ Orientation, *and* the ever-popular Ice Cream Social BOTH NIGHTS. We will get the flyer posted to the webpage forthwith.

[Finance](#) – **Budget Report** – **Reino F.**

- Since the July Assembly, we have met monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8pm.
- We believe that the budget should be a fully funded budget and not rely on funds (unrestricted) that may not be available regularly. We had an ad hoc committee looking into options to save money in the future and to review the budget process. The ad hoc will start a pilot budget process to coincide with and not replace the existing process; it will start in the fall of 2024.
- We have not heard from anyone regarding the 2024 Proposed Budget.
- I have been serving on the hotel ad hoc committee to see what costs can be saved for future Assemblies.

Grapevine – Daryl W.

The Area 67 Grapevine committee presented a Grapevine PowerPoint presentation at the October SETA Assembly. Our committee has been working on new display boards and working with the new digital editor at Grapevine Inc. Also, our committee reviewed our 2024 budget. We ask that all Area GVRs attend the monthly Grapevine meetings and register at aagrapevine.org as a GVR.

We have been getting requests for hybrid Grapevine workshops, so the committee has purchased all necessary equipment. Also, we will publish a Grapevine newsletter for January 2024. If any group or district is interested in hosting a Grapevine writing workshop in 2024, please get in touch with anyone on our committee. All of the workshops we had so far have been inspiring and informative. Something begins to happen when we start writing about any subject related to alcoholism.

Information Technology (IT) – Sergey K. – No report submitted

La Viña – Misael M. – No report submitted

Literature – Daniel K.

Upcoming Literature Committee events:

- Wednesday, February 7th the Literature Committee will attend District 81's monthly meeting.
- Sunday, February 18th the Literature Committee will attend District 31's monthly meeting.
- Saturday, March 16th Workshop on the GSO questions related to the Founders' Writings at Church of the Holy Apostles in Katy during the afternoon. Time is being finalized. Be on the lookout for flyers!

Multilingual – Janine B.

The Multilingual Committee consists only of Janine and Dulce. We need 2 volunteers, from each district in Houston, to help us in the year 2024. Dulce and I meet by phone every Sunday at 2:00. We are missing a secretary and treasurer.

The Assembly in Galveston was horrible for many reasons: Nancy was sick, and she received that news at 9 pm on Thursday the 18th. Also, she received the news that area 67 does not want to use Nancy's audio-sound equipment, which was difficult to hear for English speakers. The AA community was saying, "We don't need audio sounds. No, tell them they should bring their own headphones for their own brand of phone, download the Bluetooth headphones in their own room, of which there were a lot of BT headphones in the room." conference..Download Zoom..NO download Google Meet..NO, do not call on the phone (dog was not the correct number) and variety of unequivocal messages from all over the Area. I was overwhelmed with contradictory messages.

I'm so sorry, dog I was sick on Saturday morning. The Moody Garden conference was so cold, I'm still sick with infections from Saturday.

We have a new member: A woman, Italiavi, from the Espiritual Group, on Bellfort Street, can translate live and also write in English and Spanish. God is the Good Shepherd.

We need a list of members who can and want to write, read and translate Spanish/English. I know a member, who speaks only Japanese. We can use Google translate, but emotions do not transmit well in Google Translate. If there is someone who can speak English/Japanese/Spanish it would be incredible; even English/Japanese would be helpful.

Newsletter – Tracy W.

Since we have gone digital, the newsletter committee is currently researching pdf books. In the newsletter, we have included the Young People's Video Project, also the new location of next assembly on April 6, 2024. Check it out!

Always look for these at assembly to read the newsletter. We are working on not having to click *Skip ad* when you scan the QR code. Moving forward we will let Bella or Art know where the newsletters will be located. Or you can also read the Area newsletter by going to aa-seta.org/committees/newsletter.

If anyone has flyers for April's newsletter, please get them to Fernando B. and myself three weeks prior to Assembly.

Public Information (PI) – Charlie W.

Our SETA P.I. committee has a very busy spring planned.

- We will be running January/February PSAs in the Community Impact Newsletter that will be mailed to inner city residents.
- The committee will present to the local Catholic Charities on January 18, 2024 in Houston.
- In February we plan to attend the District 33 Unity Conference February 23-24 2024 and set up a P.I display table.
- In March we will set up a display table at the Mouth of the Brazos Conference March 1-3 2024 in Lake Jackson.
- The Committee will also be attending a Lone Star College Health Fair in March where we will set up a literature table and answer questions about what A.A. is and is not.

As you can see, we are very busy and could really use your help. We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month meet.google.com/egs-mjov-ifh or Join by phone (US) +1 929-287-3914 PIN: 392706340

SCAP – Ron S. – No report submitted

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) – Christopher G.

We are changing the TFC meeting to Google Meet as of our February 15th meeting. We have a few positions to fill: Alternate TFC Chairperson, Accessibilities Chairperson, and TFC Secretary. We have a Spanish Liaison to better support our Spanish-speaking Districts and to communicate TFC initiatives!

We now have 2 new Treatment Facility displays, one in English and Spanish. The TFC Display Ad Hoc Committee moved very quickly to provide these displays, incorporating QR Codes and other new, collective ideas. The TFC Displays were completed just-in-time for this Convention.

At the October Assembly, we presented the Model of “How Bridges are made in SETA”, utilizing the BTGWW (Bridge the Gap WorldWide) tools that we have available, and those created/tailored for SETA. In December the CFCommittee voted to withdraw from the administration of the SETA BTG Program and to further develop their existing Pre-Release Program (which is similar to the BTG Program). The CFC members currently listed in the SETA BTG Temporary Contact Database are encouraged to remain.

The TFCCommittee is still re-focusing on the (2) main goals that I have reported at previous Assemblies:

1. Providing resources to encourage AA meetings inside Treatment Facilities. The TFC will provide the resources necessary to assist Districts with AA Guidelines, TFC Workbooks, and TFC presentations.
 2. Timely provide BTG program information to newcomers within Treatment Facilities.
- In November the TFC voted to perform a Committee Inventory and chose a facilitator in December.
 - In December, we created a BTG Subcommittee. This committee will take care of: the “housekeeping” issues associated with BTG and the utilization of the BTGWW tools available. The TFC business Agenda will be better optimized by the work and reporting of this Subcommittee!
 - In November and December, the TFC developed and implemented electronic means to sign-up volunteers for BTG & listing Temporary Contacts in the SETA Database. In early January, just prior to this Conference Assembly, the TFC developed and implemented electronic means to sign-up volunteers for TFC & taking meetings inside Treatment Facilities. Coordinating with IT, the necessary QR Codes, Volunteer Signup Pages, and secure Drive folders to store information have been created.

Intergroup Liaison Reports

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[Brazos Valley Intergroup](#) – Rachel S.

Unfortunately, I don't have much to report on this quarter for intergroup. We only had 2 meetings this last quarter, which I was only able to attend one of, and the intergroup chair has been out for medical and family reasons so I was also not able to get any additional minutes, as he is our secretary and treasurer as well. I'm in hopes that we get our attendance up within the next couple of months and I will have some current and updated information and numbers for y'all.

[Houston Intergroup](#) – Taylor C.

- **Building Rent for Houston Intergroup Office increased 15% for 2024** which has a significant impact on the 2024 budget for the Houston Area Intergroup to be self-supporting. The Fellowship is encouraged to continue supporting the office through literature purchases and regular group contributions. Please spread the word!
- We are so excited to announce that Libby S has returned as the Administrative Assistant! She will be working on a part-time basis. Please drop by on Tue, Wed or Thu and say hello!
- The numbers are in! As of January 1, 2024, there are 1878 AA Meetings, 290 Groups & 537 Locations in the Houston Metropolitan Area that Intergroup humbly serves!
- Volunteers needed to help the Houston Intergroup deep clean their facilities once a month every 2nd Friday from 10am-3pm. This is a new and wonderful opportunity for area members to participate in a much needed regular service project. Additionally if any volunteers need to have papers signed for court appointed community service hours, this opportunity is an excellent avenue for giving back to the Fellowship.
- A reminder of the Houston Area Intergroup services to the fellowship:
 - Free Color Printing Services
 - Lamination Services (\$0.50 ea.)
 - List your meeting information on [aahouston.org](#) and the Meeting Guide app. Changes can be made by phone 713-686-6300, email to intergroup@aahouston.org, or on the web via [aahouston.org](#).
 - Post your AA Event Flyers on the [aahouston.org](#) Calendar of Events
 - Find an AA Speaker for your meeting
 - Many Volunteer Opportunities! Ask about the newly formed Outreach Committee!
- **Next Intergroup Delegates Meeting** will be February 15th, 2024 @ 8:00pm in hybrid format (in person and on Zoom). Come join us at the office 5151b Mitchelldale St, Suite B10, Houston, TX 77092 or on Zoom! ID: **895 0625 9290** Password: **786665** The Bookstore will be open late for you and your Group's supplies.

[9th District Intergroup](#) – Peter M.

Ninth District Intergroup had a very successful December literature sale (25% off). This event was well attended and refreshments were provided. Our November Traditions Workshop at the West End Group meeting hall was well supported. Food and drinks were supplied.

Ninth District Intergroup literature is fully stocked. Some pamphlets are still on backorder. Our 24-hour Hot Line is active and we can always use more volunteer support.

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

[Intergrupo Hispano Del SW \(D66 & 62\)](#) – Martin M. – No report submitted

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

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[District 10](#) – Inactive

[District 20](#) – Sarah L.

GSR Representation: We have had stronger representation in this past quarter and I have begun to contact the GSRs and groups to cultivate GSR participation in the District. Our Secretary, Callie M., is assisting us in this and we will also be going out to the groups that don't have GSRs and see about getting them on board to participate. Our goal is to have as much participation as may be possible. To, by example, show those in the groups the necessity and productive result and joy of full participation in our Group, District, and Area.

Projects: We will likely conduct 2 workshops and have talked about a potluck or similar for our groups and GSRs.

Announcement: If anyone here attends one of the District 20 AA groups, Lambda being a very large portion of the District, please meet me in the back of the room and let me introduce you to how to participate as a GSR in the District.

[District 31](#) – Jennifer C.

We are very excited to announce that we have filled our Alternate DCM position! Let's give a big welcome to Nosa for stepping into this position. I would like to thank Doug C for being the Alt. DCM interim until we could fill the position.

District meetings have averaged 20-25 people and in the last quarter we have two new GSRs.

November 4th Donna F. (Archives Committee Chair) along with others in our district hosted Founders Day. It was a great event with over 50 people throughout the district attending. So many groups put together storyboards about their groups and how they got started. There was a panel to share history about groups within District 31 along with Eddie R (area Archivist) gave presentations on AA history in the Houston area.

A few more things that District 31 did in the last quarter of 2023: We approved our budget for 2024 and had an ad hoc committee review the P&P to present in January. We still have several open positions at the district level: Literature, Cooperation w/Professionals and Alt. Public Information.

[District 32](#) – Kim C. – No report submitted

[District 33](#) – Tony A.

Currently District 33 has 35 Groups meeting in 14 Cities. At the December meeting a balanced budget was approved. February 16 & 17 the Unity Conference will be held at the Kurten Texas Community Center.

[District 40](#) – Doug D. – No report submitted

[District 51](#) – David D.

At last Assembly I mentioned that our District was inspired by the project of updating the Group Status Report for GSO. Consequently, we are working on cultivating GSR participation with 4 and potentially 5 groups.

On November 12th 2023, we hosted our 2nd District initiative of the year—a Traditions Workshop. We had four speakers presenting three traditions in a chronological format. The venue was packed and the workshop

proved to bring much appreciated awareness and understanding of the Twelve Traditions. I'd like to recognize our GSR from the Genesis Group—Gwen P. —for spearheading this successful initiative.

At our meeting last Sunday-January 14th—we discussed plans to conduct an Open House Event. This would be a mini exhibit-type event where the District would create awareness of how groups function, provide suggestions on having effective group conscience meetings, explain the role of GSRs, etc. This event would also feature a literature booth providing a wide array of AA pamphlets. We plan to have this event on either March 23th or April 13th.

District 52 – Ricardo D.

I have good news to report: we had three new GSRs in our District! One from the Rose Ridge Group, one from the Columbus Group under new GSR from a brand-new group, "Chicks with New Glasses."

We also had various groups contributing to our district; as of now, we have plenty of funds. We are considering maybe having a hospitality room for the convention or an event in our district. I also received contributions from one of our groups for the CFC committee. I gave the \$88 from blue can contributions to the committee at their last convention.

I am trying to visit all of the groups in my district by the end of this year, and perhaps give them all the information we have available as far as the delegates and GSC report. Our district has a very spread-out range, so it will take me some time to cover all of the territory.

District 60 – Roland R.

Since the last assembly, the Rockhill group had their fiftieth anniversary in October and celebrated Christmas holiday in December with an ugly sweater contest. There was lots of fun. Every second Sunday of the month is food and fellowship.

The Fellowship group had their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner.

The Industrial group had a Thanksgiving and Christmas gathering. Every first Saturday is movie night starting at 5PM. We're looking to have Big Book Trivia at the Industrial group in February.

The Third Tradition group 45th anniversary was in November. It was mentioned during the history of the group that in 1986 the Assembly met there and at another anniversary, Joe McQuade was a speaker.

We have our Delegate coming out in March and share with us.

District 62 – INACTIVE

District 63 – Juan D.

District 63 is working well. It has nine groups and their committees. Regularly 4-5 GSRs attend our meeting on Saturdays. They are active groups with the district along with their DCM, who is a motivating member who is present with the committees.

It is supporting the La Viña committee on Tuesdays and their events that they have with the districts and the permanent committee of the South Texas zone. The district has a role to share on Tuesdays with its groups and shares with the groups that invite them to their unity cycle, giving life to all Hispanic events and SETA Area 67 events.

They participate in district meetings with Hispanic districts. To this day, District 63 is encouraging its geographic area to form its Corrections Committee and participates with Houston event organizing committees. The GSRs in our geographic area are planning to hold workshops for GSRs so that they can provide better service.

[District 64](#) – Marco L. – No report submitted

[District 65](#) – Isidro G.

We visited the groups that belong to District #65 on Thursdays. The committees are attended by the GSRs and the service desk, always motivating servants and the functions of each servant in the district. The events in our Area 67 and events at the Hispanic level are encouraged.

Literature Committee: encourages new books and literature inventory and holds raffles to keep literature flowing.

Corrections Committee (CFC): encourages blue cans in groups. They attend the Darrington prison and bring literature that the inmates share, they meet with the other committees of the Hispanic districts every second Thursday of the month and share information. They also attend the monthly meeting of the Area 67 CFC and bring the contribution from the blue cans.

La Viña Committee: motivates subscriptions in groups, motivates writing workshops for La Viña magazine. They attend raffles to motivate La Viña literature and subscriptions. They meet with the other committees the last Thursday of every month and share ideas and information.

[District 66](#) – Luis P.

[District 70](#) – Kevin W.

- Currently District 70 works with 42 groups. Our January meeting had 26 officers, committee members, and GSRs. We are looking to fill one officer position and six committee chair positions. 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.
- Our TFC Chair is working with a new treatment facility and one of our groups is hosting meetings.
- The district voted and approved the 2024 budget at the December 2023 meeting.
- I have visited the active and inactive groups in the district, mailed our newsletter and invitations to district meetings, and will continue to visit groups with a focus on the groups who currently do not have a GSR participating in the district.

[District 81](#) – Keith M. – No report submitted

[District 82](#) – Jackie M. – No report submitted

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

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Area Committee Roll Call January, 2024			
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	Present	Present
Treasurer	Catherine G	Present	Present
Alternate Treasurer	Aliciea M	Present	Present
Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Archives	Charles S.	N/A	Present
Alternate Archives			
CPC	Michael G	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate CPC	Kate E	Present	Present
CFC	Tony W	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate CFC	Harold B	Not Present	Not Present
Finance	Reino F	Present	Present
Alternate Finance	Kristi N	Present	Not Present
Grapevine	Darryl W	Present	Present
Alternate Grapevine	Terry P	Not Present	Not Present
IT	Sergey K	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate IT	Brad H	Present	Present
La Vina	Misael M	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Daniel K	Not Present	Present
Alternate Literature	Jim M	Not Present	Present
Multi-Lingual	Janine B	Present	Present
Alternate Multi-Lingual	Dulce A	Present	Present
Newsletter	Tracy S	Present	Present
Alternate Newsletter	Fernando B	Present	Present
Public Information (PI)	Charlie W	Present	Present
Alternate PI	Theresa S	Present	Present
SCAP	Ron S	Present	Present
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Christopher G	Present	Present
Alternate TFC			
Convention Chairs			
2026 SETA Convention Chair	Malana Q.	N/A	Present
2025 SETA Convention Chair	Cody R	Not Present	Not Present
2025 State Convention Chair	Melissa R.	Not Present	Not Present
2025 State Convention Co-Chair	Troy B.	Present	Present
Intergrupos			
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	Not Present
Oficina Intergrupual Hispana D63,64	Dimas S.	Present	Not Present
Oficina Intergrupual Alt Hispana (D 63,64)	Jose M	Not Present	Not Present
Intergrupo Hispano DelSW (D 62. 65, 66)	Martin M	Present	Not Present

Intergrupo Hispano Alt DelSW (D 62. 65, 66)			
DCMs			
District 10 DCM			
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Sarah L	Present	Present
District 20 Alt DCM	Linda G	Present	Present
District 31 DCM	Jennifer C	Present	Present
District 31 Alt DCM	Jennefer N	Present	Present
District 32 DCM	Kim C	Present	Present
District 32 Alt DCM	Mark E	Not Present	Not Present
District 33 DCM	Tony A	Present	Present
District 33 Alt DCM	Cody R	Not Present	Not Present
District 40 DCM	Doug D	Present	Present
District 40 Alt DCM	Mike B	Present	Present
District 51 DCM	David D	Present	Present
District 51 Alt DCM			
District 52 DCM	Ricardo D	Present	Present
District 52 Alt DCM	Jim C	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	Not Present	Not Present
District 64 DCM	Marco L	Not Present	Present
District 64 Alt DCM	Jose M	Present	Present
District 65 DCM	Isidro G	Not Present	Present
District 65 Alt DCM	Marvin P	Not Present	Present
District 66 DCM	Luis P	Present	Present
District 66 Alt DCM			
District 70 DCM	Kevin W	Present	Present
District 70 Alt DCM	Sara B	Not Present	Not Present
District 81 DCM	Keith M	Not Present	Not Present
District 81 Alt DCM	Danny G	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
Archivist			
Archivist	Eddie R	Present	Present
Webmaster			
Webmaster	Susan W	Not Present	Not Present
Alt Webmaster			
Alt Webmaster	Cheryl M	Present	Present