

(ENGLISH) Proposed Agenda Item for Area 67 Assembly

Motion to add a standalone Bridging the Gap position at our area service level.

<p>(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.</p>
<p>Motion to add a standalone Bridging The Gap (BTG) position at our area service level.</p>
<p>(2) What problem does this proposed item address?</p>
<p>Currently Bridging the Gap is conducted by more than one committee. Our hope is that by having a single authority for the bridging the gap responsibilities in our area, this new position will benefit our area activities in the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reduce duplication of services provided by Treatment Facilities (TFC) and Corrections Facilities Committees (CFC), including reducing duplicate funding by the two committees.2. 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.3. Cooperation with Intergroup(s) in providing volunteers for Twelve Step Calls and Bridges.4. Central location for requests and committees to assist District TFC, CFC Committees and Intergroup.5. More accountability to promptly provide Bridges/Twelve Step Calls.
<p>(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).</p>
<p>Members of the Area 67 BTG ad-hoc attended the National BTG workshop and discussed the idea with past and present members serving in BTG, TFC, CFC, Intergroup, DCM's and Delegates from across the United States 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. Areas that didn't have a BTG Standing Committee would like to see their Areas establish a BTG standing committee.</p>
<p>(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The attached questionnaire was passed out at the BTG 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.2. We watched numerous presentations, both presented at the workshop and provided by Area/District Committee members during the breaks.3. Area 67 and Districts TFC and CFC currently provide Bridges for their committees. This agenda item will allow these committees to concentrate on providing meetings, literature, and assistance to staff, clients, and the incarcerated.

4. We have many Intergroups within Area 67 and a BTG standing committee can assist these Intergroups by providing volunteers for Bridges and Twelve Step Calls.
5. Since the two committees are providing the same services, little, if any, additional funding would be necessary.
6. 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) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?

1. Utilize resources more effectively.
2. Provide rapid responses to requested Bridges/Twelve Step Calls.
3. More accountability to ensure that Bridges/Twelve Step Calls are followed through.
4. Will provide more connections with suffering alcoholics who reach out for help.

(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.

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(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 providing more accountability. 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 manpower.

, please see the attached PnP changes in the appendix below that would need to be approved in order to add a new service position to our area committee

(8) Appendices:

Please note the area policies and procedure changes in **Appendix I** below which would need to be adjusted in order to include a new service position to our area service committee should this motion pass:

Appendix I

Motion to add a Standing Committee, Bridging The Gap (BTG) with the following changes to the SETA Area 67, Policy and Procedures Manual (Third Addition-October 2020):

Amend Page 5, THE AREA ASSEMBLY, to read:

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. Multi Lingual
 - l. Literature
 - m. La Viña
 - n. SETA Convention Committee
 - o. Bridging The Gap (BTG)**

Background Information

Ad-hoc Recommendations for Consideration:

NOTE: It is not in the scope of this Ad-Hoc Committee's assignment to finalize any policies or procedures for this role. It is our recommendation that another ad-hoc committee be formed to address all the needs of creating a new service role for our Area Committee should the fellowship move forward with our proposed motion.

Draft of Role Overview

BRIDGING THE GAP COORDINATOR

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 has overall responsibility for the activities of the BTG Committee, including providing information to the Area and District Committees and Intergroups and ensuring the "Bridges" are completed in a timely manner.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Attend the Area Committee meetings and functions.
- Schedule the BTG Committee meetings, arrange for 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.
- 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.

Draft of Budget Table

NOTE: The table below was prepared in consultation with both TFC and CFC committees. The table is a reflection of the combined expenses these two committees spent on Bridging the Gap related expenses.

Bridging the Gap Committee	2025 Fiscal Year
Recommended Budget Allocation	Annual Expense
Lodging:	
3 Quarterly Assemblies	\$ 350.00
1 Annual Convention	\$ 250.00
Subtotal:	\$ 600.00
Expenses:	
Printing	\$ 450.00
Web Site	\$ 150.00
Subtotal:	\$ 600.00
Totals:	\$ 1,200.00