

Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous



3rd Quarter Assembly Minutes **Saturday** **August 15, 2020**

Online via Zoom Meeting*

***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.***

**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and orders laid out by the Governor of Texas, the Assembly was unable to meet in person.*

Area Assembly Meeting Saturday, August 15, 2020

Zoom Meeting Format – Christina S.

- Instructions were laid out for how the meeting would be run

Open of Area Committee Meeting – Rick M.

- Welcomed everyone
- Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer

Preamble to SETA Policies and Procedures Manual – Christina S.

- Read the Preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

Area Committee Roll Call – Kathleen T.

- Was not called verbally; Roll Call was submitted by email
- 77 voting members (officer, committee, DCM, past delegate, convention chair, or GSR) – First Roll Call
- 74 voting members after Area Chair, Rick M. requested a 2nd Roll Call
- See Page 14 for table of Area Committee Roll Call

Secretary's Minutes – Deborah B.

- January 2020 and April 2020 minutes were approved as submitted

Treasurer's Report – Ron S.

- 1st Quarter Treasurer's Report was approved with corrections
 - Operating Fund beginning 01/01/2020 is \$71,812.11. Deposits to Operating Funds is \$19,629.90. Checks written on Operating are \$15,332.43. Net change of \$4,629.90. Total Bank Balance Ending 3/31/2020 of \$76,442.01.
 - First box is our Operating Funds broken down by each quarter.
 - Second box is our SWRSSA Fund broken down.
 - Third box is our Convention Fund broken down which shows an ending balance as of 3/31/2020 is \$2,500.
 - Funds Ending Balance as of 3/31/2020 is \$76,442.01. Convention Loss Reserve is \$4,000; Convention Fund is \$15,000; State Convention Loss Reserve is \$3,000; Prudent Reserve is \$34,828.73; Unrestricted Funds according to the latest bank statement is \$19,613.28.
 - Second page of the report reflects everything that was spent for the year.
 - Last three pages of the report are the breakdown of group contributions for the 1st Quarter.
 - Corrections to 1st Quarter Treasurer's Report include: Convention Fund should total \$11,500; Unrestricted Funds should total \$23,113.28; Grapevine expenses for 1st Quarter should be \$296.70 reducing their Budget amount to \$785 with a Difference totaling \$488.30.
- 2nd Quarter Treasurer's Report was incomplete due to error in numbers found while presenting by Ron S. and Kris H.
 - Rick M. stated that the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report will be corrected and submitted at the October 2020 Assembly for approval
 - Mike D. asked that Ron S. email the 3rd Quarter Treasurer's Report out once all corrections are made
- It is time for SETA to file taxes and due to the Treasurer's computer being stolen all necessary Expense Reports and Bank Summaries were lost with the computer; Request to all budget holders to submit a copy of your 2019 Expense Forms
- Online Contributions for SETA has been setup through Zelle; an email was sent out via SETA Announce with link to Zelle and instructions for group and/or district contributions; in the contribution email, it needs to be list the Group Name, the District Number and the Group Number to make it easier to credit the individual group; a new, separate account was setup for the Zelle contributions so that our Operating Account and/or Savings Account is not affected in the event there is a security issue
- For any questions contact Ron S. by email (treasurer@aa-seta.org) or phone number

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Propose Budget – Michelle H.

- See complete Proposed 2021 Budget and 2021 Pie Chart: Mandatory v. Discretionary Expenses on the SETA Finance page: www.aa-seta.org
- According to the pie chart, 76% of budget is mandated through the P&P manual for contractual agreements such as hotel or venue contracts for assemblies, conventions and assembly actions; this percentage is predetermined before the Budget Committee even meets; Budget Committee only has 24% to work with when coming up with the upcoming year's budget; Proposed budget has decreased over the last 2 years due to budget holders working hard towards a practical, healthy finances for the Area
- An amended Proposed Budget was emailed earlier this week due to our Regional Trustee, Jimmy D. informing our Delegate and Alt. Delegate that the 2021 Regional Forum had been cancelled; this took \$4,200 out of our budget immediately, which is part of our mandated budget
- Original proposed budget was \$58,328.00 and has now dropped down to \$54,128.00 due to 2021 Regional Forum being cancelled
- We are able to fully fund at least 1 national workshop per year, possibly all of them; Archives is the approved committee for 2021
- We have fully funded the delegate for 2019
- A lot of our budget holders were able to cut expenses due to reduced printing costs
- 2021 Proposed Budget was approved as submitted

Open Positions – Rick M.

- Brazos Valley Intergroup – no volunteers; position will remain open
- IT Committee Chair – no volunteers; position will remain open
- 2025 State Convention Chair – Ron C., Panel 67 Past Delegate volunteered and was voted in unanimously

Job Description Revisions – Rick M.

- Approved as submitted

Floor Action – Virtual Assemblies and 3rd Legacy Voting – Rick M./Christina S.

- **Issues:**
 - Zoom polls cannot handle more than 10 choices
 - No easy way to control who votes
 - Integrity of the 3rd Legacy procedure will be difficult to maintain
- **Possible Solution:**
 - **Tech 12** provided 3rd Legacy voting support at the General Service Conference
 - The owners are AA members who understand the 3rd Legacy voting procedure and its importance
 - A “voter’s room” and an “observer’s room” would be utilized, ensuring integrity
- **Discussion Points:**
 - A typical Assembly weekend costs about \$3000; Tech 12 will cost \$2,975 (See page 16)
 - The Area has saved about \$6000 by not holding 2nd and 3rd quarter Assemblies at the Sheraton North Houston
 - Tradition 8 Long Form: *Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage non-alcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.* - Reprinted with permission of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- Finance Committee was poled on this expenditure and they were unanimously in favor of using Tech 12
- **Q&A**
 - Elle – Is it possible to use the “raise your hand” feature in Zoom for the elections?
 - Rick M. – With 3rd legacy voting there is usually more than 10 people standing for any one position and Zoom is only able to list 10 people; Plus we couldn't do it by secret ballot since the virtual hand raising would be visible to everyone

- Troy B-D. talked about his experience with Tech 12 at the virtual 2020 General Service Conference; they spent an amazing amount of time with GSO staff, Trustees and Delegates before conference started in training; they do an amazing amount of work and are very professional; the way that they handled our elections for trustees was seamless – voting members and those invited to participate were moved into a separate voting room and all other non-voters were observers. It was like a zoom meeting within a zoom meeting.
- Allise B. stated that the IT committee is not equipped to handle the election procedures virtually and if we have a solution by using Tech 12, she's all for it!
- Peter C. stated that this was too much for our IT committee to handle and rather than trying to reinvent the wheel, we could make use of a company that is already established in handling the online voting process and a good use of our funds.
- Veronica raised a concern that the \$6,000 that is being saved is the group's money and this Tech 12 solution should be taken back to the groups if we are going to spend the money this way; her second concern was us having to pay the hotel for the 2021 SETA convention in spite of the pandemic and the possibility of losing money on the 2021 SETA convention; would it be possible to do the elections on a different day than at the October Assembly. Rick stated that we already have the elections on a separate day than the Assembly itself; all of our business is taken care on Saturday; he neglected to say earlier that Tech 12 is available for the Sunday of our October Assembly. Per our preamble and Policies & Procedures manual, we do have a substantial convention loss fund, restricted just for the purpose if our convention loses money.
- Marshall W. stated that the IT committee has worked out a spreadsheet for elections and it took them a couple of years to develop it, so it wouldn't be feasible for them to come up with a virtual solution before October. Question for Troy – Was there much of a learning curve for the voters? Troy responded by saying he wasn't a voting member this year for the GSC so he doesn't know what kind of learning they had to do. He can find out, he just won't have a response today.
- David stated that he didn't want to figure it out on election day. Finance committee has approved it, seems like the IT committee has approved using it. We aren't publicly endorsing it, we are just using it like another tool, like Zoom which is just to help better assist our trusted servants do their jobs.
- Deborah D. asked if we could "Call the Question" for approval to spend \$3,000 to do our voting in October; Vote totaled 48-For and 7-Opposed; Debate is stopped based on the votes.
- While waiting for the Call the Question vote, Mike D. raised the point about possibly having a list of candidates available prior to the election day to be better prepared. Christina S. stated that she let Tech 12 has handled areas with over 600 people and they were told how we handle our Third Legacy elections. Tech 12 is prepared to add candidates in real time. Rick M. stated we will be able to use Mike D.'s hat if we have to take the vote "to the hat".
- Tony W. made a motion that we use Tech 12 for our October Elections; Kris H. seconded the motion. Vote totaled 56-For and 1-Opposed

Announcements – Rick M./Christina S.

- Extended the "45-day" deadline to August the 24th for anything to be submitted for the October Assembly
- National Archives Virtual Workshop is September 26th via Zoom at www.naaaw.org
- National IT Convention is September 12th www.naatw.org

Close Meeting – Responsibility Statement

Service Committee Reports

Archives – Eddie R.

No Report Submitted

CFC – Roy E.

Always stuff happening in corrections. Were still getting money for Literature through our Blue Can, although we are not getting but half of what we were getting last year. Last year we average about & 4000 a month and this year we're averaging \$1300 to \$2300. We have got around \$27000 for the year which is down. We are still getting books in for our members and newcomers.

>>TDCJ still not letting people in other than just dropping books off.

>> We have been able to get some recorded zoom meetings to all 212 units.

>> We did the steps one through four.

>> The corrections desk at GSO is looking for Spanish correspondence mainly men. If you know anybody give me their name and address and email. Corrections desk policy is to have people from different states writing to those in other states.

>> Our budget has been passed for 2021. Kind of wondering how the next year budget goes because it doesn't look like we'll be using this year's budget due to Covid. The Area probably won't be getting the donations that they normally do so it will be interesting.

>> I heard from DoubleTree in regard to the CFC conference next year and our CFC conference is rescheduled to September 15th through 17th 2021. Look forward to our elections next month. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

>> Roy E. CFC Chair

CPC – Dave L.

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.*

This quarter the CPC Committee:

- Current committee chairs:
 - CPC Chair – David L.
 - Alternate CPC and Court Chair – Rosemary J.
 - CPC Alt. Secretary – Kristi A.
 - CPC Disaster Response – Peter C.
 - CPC Veteran/Military/Police/Fire Department Chair – Bill A.
 - CPC Clergy Chair –
- Open Positions within CPC Committee:
 - CPC Secretary
 - CPC Clergy
 - CPC Hospital Chair
 - CPC School professionals Chair
 - CPC Business/Employee Assistance Program Chair
- Hosted a 3rd North American CPC Zoom meeting on June 24
 - 30-40 participants from across the U.S. and Canada
 - Everyone is sharing similar difficulties with the pandemic – looking for new ways to communicate effectively
- Communicated with probation departments throughout Area 67 - especially in regard to not recording or photographing A.A. meetings as proof of attendance – provided other solutions for their clients
- The new 12-step Hospital Program for Area 67 has been put on hold until normal visiting hours are established in the hospitals due to the Covid-19 pandemic
- The national EAP Conference held in Houston at the end of October has been postponed TBA
- The National Social Worker Association Conference held in October went completely virtual
- Area 68 PI/CPC conference will be virtual via zoom – August 21-22, 2020 – details TBA

We need your help:

The possibilities to carry the message by reaching out to professionals is nearly limitless. But we need people, lots of people. We need members, groups and districts to learn out 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 - you can join via ZOOM, meeting ID: 632 634 860 (<https://zoom.us/j/632634860>).

For more information or to help, please contact us at cpc@aa-seta.org

In Service,

David L. – Chairperson, Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Committee, SETA (Area 67)

Rosemary J. – Alternate Chairperson, Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Committee, SETA (Area 67)

Finance – Michelle H.

- Committee continues to meet monthly using Zoom on the 3rd Saturday at 10:00 am, except during Assembly months. The Zoom link does not change each month & can be found on the Area Finance Webpage.
- We are adding more resources to our Finance Webpage each month it seems. This will be our main source of communication to the Area concerning all things Finance. Please use this resource for meeting, committee & budget information, minutes & Finance Committee webmail links.
- Received bank statements from Treasurer for verification. Ron is doing his job, he is correcting previous mistakes in the explanation boxes of the treasurer's report. I believe this is important to talk about because it builds transparency, security & trust.
- Committee continues to work on 'tracker' items, our goal is to have them all completed by the end of year.
- The Finance Committee started 2020 off with a To-Do List of 37 items that was generated off of the last Area Inventory, Groups, Districts & individual members concerns & suggestions. We have been diligently working on our list & have 8 items left to discuss as a committee
- Some items from our tracker that the committee decided to focus on & group into a motion package for the Area to discuss & vote on in October are-
 - Decreasing SETA Convention Loss Funds
 - SETA Convention Committee Bank Account
 - Motions are completed & submitted to Area Chair 45 days before October Assembly
- Presented our power point & held a brief workshop defining fully funding the delegate.
- Area Finance Chair job description approved
- Worked with Area members one on one regarding concerns over 2021 proposed budget.
- 2021 Proposed Budget Presentation-passed 60=yes,5=no
- Several questions were captured regarding the budget process for the committee to address in the future.
- Working with several budget holders to get data for next budget meeting.
- Quarterly committee report compiled for minutes.
- New pie charts & graphs have been created & linked, more to come

Grapevine – Kimberly L.

I have not done much since all this has started. I have emailed DCMs asking if they wanted any Grapevine Subscription Certificates. Committee is looking into putting together some kind of zoom workshop. Hopefully, we can have something on Calendar by November.

What have I got out of being chair? Being part Grapevine has helped me reach out to others that are unaware of what Grapevine is or the resources grapevine offers. Before I was on committee, I was unaware that grapevine had more than the magazine. I have been able to reach out to all sorts of us that are unaware as I was. I have had the privilege of being a part of writing workshops and submitting them to Grapevine. Some of the stories have been published in Grapevine. How awesome that was to hear. One of them was even read at the Forum this year.

I have been able to see how the magazine has reached out to others. I will be sad to have to move on. I have enjoyed bringing laughter and joy to the ones around me. I have been able to work on my character defects. Some more than others. Up until March I have continually worked on reaching out. Right now, it is hard on a lot of us relying on the internet to implement reaching out to help the still suffering alcoholic. With GOD all things are possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,
Kimberly Area 67
Grapevine Chair

IT – OPEN

No Report

La Viña – Alicia M.

No Report Submitted

Literature – Jackie S.

My name is Jackie S.; I am the Area Literature Committee Chair.

The purpose of the Literature Committee is to raise the awareness for A.A. Conference-approved literature, audiovisual and other special items.

The Area literature committee has been meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:30 – 9:30 PM using ZOOM online meetings. We also meet during the quarterly SETA assemblies at 4:30 PM on Saturday under normal circumstances. In April, we took a hard look at our situation and asked ourselves, how are we fulfilling our committee purpose during this pandemic individually? How can we do more as a committee? Should we spend our budget differently? What part of A.A. Literature can be most helpful for A.A. members during this trying time? One of our ideas was to create posts to secret Facebook groups informing A.A. members about the new book, Our Great Responsibility. Another was to highlight different pamphlets at the end of online A.A. meetings, and during the few face to face meetings where available. In May, we responded to the request of the Literature Desk at GSO, which asked us how we were handling our committee work in a “Virtual Context” so it might possibly be included in a Literature Workbook. GSO also asked for our job descriptions. We then discussed what some of the positive aspects of attending online A.A. meetings are. It was reported that the ideas we came up with last month were working out pretty good and that we had expanded on them. In June, we decided to attend the Houston Intergroup online workshop to get a feel for how online workshops could be. And we talked about continuing committee work through the pandemic.

In July, we considered attending Area 26 (KY) online Literature workshop. Determining that this could be a great example and guide for an online workshop we could put on. We considered seriously, the idea of including skits written by us, the Literature committee on, “how we can best use pamphlets?”.

Since we did not give our committee reports at the August assembly, I am only submitting report to the Area Secretary.

Multi-Lingual – Pedro A.

No Report Submitted

Newsletter – Annette C.

No Report Submitted

PI – Amy E.

No Report Submitted

SCAP – Melanie M.

No Report Submitted

TFC – Sarah O.

Dear Area 67,

The TFC committee is developing a TFC Bridge the Gap Data Base

- TFC has been working with Vern to set up the BTG Group Web Page and Data Base on the new SETA website. The Design and links have been set up. The site’s functionality:
 - Form for BTG volunteer sign up
 - Collaborative E-mail link for TFC members to respond to Facility requests sent via the group web page

Districts are working to stay in contact with the facilities in Area 67 to support their needs during COVID

- Facilities are keeping their meetings internal and facilitated by staff members

Service Opportunities

- Secretary

For more information please contact Sarah O. at tfc-chair@aa-seta.org

Brazos Valley Intergroup – OPEN

No Report

Houston Intergroup – Dan K.

- Upcoming events:
 - Summer Open House canceled
 - 9/12/20- Anonymity Workshop
 - 10/15/20- Board of Trustees Elections
 - 10/24/20- 12 Traditions Workshop
 - 12/12/20- Winter Holiday Open House
- Intergroup Bookstore is open! Monday-Friday from 10-4. Bookstore taking orders online and by phone and will be processed on Mon/Wed/Fri morning for shipment. For pickup orders, please email intergroup@aahouston.org
- Intergroup is working hard to keep all meetings updated with online/zoom meeting info for groups as well as updates as meetings transition back to meeting in person.
- Sign up for the Link on www.aahouston.org

9th District Intergroup – Lori H.

No Report Submitted

Oficina Intergrupala Hispana (D63, 64, 65) – Edwin C.

No Report Submitted

Intergrupala Hispano Del SW (D66 & 67) – Andres P.

No Report Submitted

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

District 10 – Katherine M.
No Report Submitted

District 20 – Jakalyn R.

- We have initiated different GSR Sharing Sessions at our meetings. Each person attending can talk about where they are with this crisis of the Coronavirus, and what they feel about their particular situation. This is important and the members of District 20 have stated that they value this opportunity to talk about where they are. This helps clear them of the issues they are facing and getting support from the other members. GSRs then gives the name of the group they are representing, time and place for the meeting or if their meetings are virtual during the pandemic, and anything else the GSR would like to share about their group. (A group may have more than one meeting a week).
- Dark and Light Groups in the District: We have continued to make efforts to contact the dark (no GSR) groups, which are now online. We are making efforts to join some of the Zoom meetings to invite the groups to elect a GSR.
- We continue to have a member present a Tradition and have a lively discussion about the application of the Tradition to our personal lives and how we participate or we are involved in Alcoholics Anonymous.
- We have two workshops that we are very excited about that have been approved by the district. We also are going to talk with the Lambda Round Up Committee to see if we can make some changes about the location of our table at the Round Up. We want to be sure it will provide us the greatest opportunity to contact potential members of A.A. that could be GSRs for their groups.
 - “Building Connections-Social and Emotional Recovery” was our first Zoom workshop presented using Zoom in three sessions on June 18, June 25, and July 2, 2020. Jackalyn R. and George S. were the facilitators of the program. Our breakout room facilitators were Joe. D, Laura H, Linda S. and Sharon H. It was remarkably successful. We had a great time providing this program, and the participants indicated that they thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and the breakout rooms. It was so successful the participants asked if we would provide it again, and so we will be offering it on September 12th from 1:30 to 4:45 pm. Please see the Feedback that we received from the participants:
 - QUESTION: What session(s) in the three-part workshop did you attend?
Most respondents attended all three sessions except two, who attended two out of the three sessions.
 - QUESTION: What did you find most helpful about the workshop (please be specific when possible)?
 - Relating to Self and Others handout and exercise were helpful - spend more time; Feeling Circle chart - very helpful; 12 Traditions Illustrated – helpful
 - Practical suggestions: breakout room opportunity to share. Nice feature
 - How organized everything was.
 - The lesson about clearings and effective communication (session 2) was extremely helpful in going forward in my relationships.
 - Meeting new AA members; practicing I- statements with partners; the Feelings Circle; Clearings, and how to do them; maintaining relationship with self, sponsor, others by identifying feelings; seeing/hearing the examples of communicating with others (e.g. “I really value your friendship.”); and the revelation that we can Name the Feeling, Process the Feeling; and Express the Feeling, and “...getting down to the cause of the condition...” for the purpose of working on Step 10.
 - (Recognizing) that interrupting is common problem.
 - I want to sign up to take this workshop again!
 - I loved clearings. There seems to be something missing from the parts, maybe a fifth part that has to do with connectedness, or maybe that’s spiritual; maybe its relational.
 - I loved getting all the handouts. They are really helpful.
 - I liked the listening/receiving response examples. I want to practice them in ‘real life.’
 - I loved the group--conviviality and learning and growing. That’s my kind of space! Everyone seemed focused and friendly and vulnerable and I felt comfortable, if not a wee bit anxious because I am always a bit nervous in settings with new people. But Jackalyn and George made it comfortable for me because we had a purpose and that grounded me.
 - George’s email communications were outstanding. Timely, informative, and kept me motivated to keep going, plus I love handouts! Glad to have the clarification on Grapevine that can be shared with others. I think it’s a great resource because it comes from the AA community, and I have experienced groups feeling inhibited about reading from the Grapevine at meetings, etc.

- Learning different ways to show someone you are listening. I also very much liked the handouts from the first couple of days. Also, Jackalyn's feedback in breakout sessions was both helpful and very encouraging.
- QUESTION: What would you suggest changing about the workshop?
 - I would have loved having more time in each breakout session.
 - I would suggest the notes that were taken during the breakout groups be sent out to everyone. Our group had some great ideas. I'm sure the other groups also had some we didn't think about. But we didn't have enough time to discuss them with the whole group.
 - The 12 Steps Illustrated was not worth printing 55 pages - not necessary.
 - The AA Group handout was good to know, but outside the scope of Social & Emotional Recovery workshop - so we spent too much time on it.
 - The meetings could be longer 1.5 hours with 2 meetings.
 - The email notices should include instructions of which handouts should be read ahead of time for meeting. Spend more time on the Clearings - what is the source or background of the process?
 - I recommend that participants print out only immediately relevant handouts. It was important to review them ahead of time, but not necessarily to print out all of them, especially the lengthy ones.
 - Please have all facilitators remember who they're talking with in their groups. A girl yesterday said she's just 2 weeks into the program, but was asked questions as if she's had any opportunity to have any idea how the traditions help in her regular life.
 - Not sure if I would attend a 3-hour, one-night workshop, but perhaps maybe others would. May I suggest 1.5 hours over 2 nights?
 - Psychic Change – I liked the inclusion of psychic change from 'The Doctor's Opinion,' but I am still a little unclear on just exactly what a psychic change is and how one gets there. It would be helpful for me if there were some separate explanation of that term might help me understand at a slightly deeper level what a 'psychic change' entails.
 - For the next workshop, you mentioned thinking about 2.5 hours rather than 3 1-hour sessions. Mixed feelings about that, but I've been in successful 3-to-4 hour workshops. Probably a trade-off, as it's hard for some folks to block-off 2-3 hours at a time. In my case, I was happy to catch 2 out of 3. But you have a lot of material, so if you go for one session, I suggest blocking off 3 hours, with a break in the middle and willing to end early if participants run out of steam. Just my thought
- Feedback for both Jackalyn R. and George S.
 - Nothing to suggest. You both did a great job, and the Session 1 facilitators were also very good.
 - Great job, thank you for your service and I will be looking forward to your next workshop.
 - Such an excellent workshop! Excited to tell friends about future workshops.
 - Y'all did a great job as a team! Loved the breakout rooms method. I enjoyed the variety of attachments. The one-hour increments work best for me.
 - Love you both so much! What a joy to be a part of this workshop! Thank you both for the time you took to craft this workshop so beautifully.
 - Jackalyn did a great job of incorporating my original advice of waiting five seconds before calling on people.
 - Y'all did a great job putting this together. It seemed well thought out. I liked the handouts and breakout sessions.
 - I felt sad for y'all and angry on your behalf that people signed up, but didn't come. George, great job sending the extra emails having people RSVP for the last session. Jackalyn, excellent facilitating and providing helpful and encouraging feedback. Kudos to you both!
 - I want to thank George and Jackalyn for preparing the workshop and for bringing us together. The experience has helped cut through my isolation and focused my attention on the Steps. In fact, Jackalyn and George are so good at workshops and bringing AA people together, I would suggest these topics: The 4th Step; How to be an Effective Sponsor; and How to be a GSR
 - George, I am so grateful to have met you. A workshop like that moves one in subtle but powerful ways.
- Facilitator comments on next page:
 - Having a multi-part workshop did not work. We lost attendance. The workshop works better in one 2 ½ or 3-hour piece, which is what we'll do next time. Everyone agrees.
 - Email registrants two-to-three days in advance asking for an RVSP. If they RSVP, they are committed to attending this workshop.
 - Include the following phrase in that RSVP email: "out of respect, considering all the effort involved and time committed to prepare for it."

- If a pre-assigned breakroom consists of only two people, combine it with another breakout room to make a bigger group.
- We can rotate facilitators in the longer workshop.
- To promote attendance, hold a drawing at the end, perhaps a Grapevine subscription or a collection of AA literature.
- “The Trusted Servant: Give to Get (or Protect) Your Recovery”—will be offered in the fall. We had planned to have a special event for the Medical Center Meetings and the Heights Groups in the summer. As we find out more as we go through this pandemic, we will decide when we can provide these events.
- Area 67 Delegate Troy D. with the help of alternate delegate Kris H. presented his annual Delegate Report on the GSO Conference at our Aug. 13th meeting. The complete report on the 70th GSO Conference is available online at: [70th GSO Conference Report](#) Please share this link *only* with fellow AA members. Do not post it on any public sites.

District 31 – Patty H.

Greetings from District 31!

I am Patty H., the District 31 DCM, and I very happy to participate in our district. District 31 has over 40 groups and we are located in the northeast corner of the Southeast Texas area 67. We meet the third Sunday of every month at 2pm-4pm at the 494-meeting hall in Porter, Tx.

Throughout the Covid crisis, we have tried to remain in contact with all our groups and continue to seek to be of service. Our last two District monthly meetings have been Zoom only and we have had approximately 14 to 18 in attendance. Last month we were very excited to have Troy D. give his Delegate report for the 2020 General Service Conference. We all agreed that the break out group discussions were awesome.

We have been unable to have any service workshops secondary to the Covid crisis and we are anxious to once again get busy. Many groups in our district have suffered from the stress of this crisis, both financially and emotionally. I continue to pray for the health and safety of all as we trudge through these difficult times

In Loving Service,
Patty H.
DCM District 31

District 32 – Rick L.
No Report Submitted

District 33 – Tony W.
No Report Submitted

District 40 – Reino F.
Greetings from District 40!!

Normally we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month and when can it will be at the Spring Branch Memorial Club 1200 Blalock Rd Bldg. #378, Room B Houston, TX 77055 starting at 7:15pm.

Since April we have met the same 2nd Tuesday of the month on ZOOM at 7:00pm.

At the July meeting we had the Delegates report given by Troy and Kris.

At the August meeting Peter C., the Disaster Response Co-Chair gave us a presentation, felt it would be good for the storm season coming up.

The District 40 Traditions Dinner was canceled for this year.

At the August meeting we had the Archives Committee Rep position filled by Marcus S.

District 40 is missing 1 committee position the IT committee.

In Service,
Reino F
D40 DCM
dcm-40@aa-seta.org

District 51 – Steven W.

As many of you are aware, District 51 has been keeping a low profile for the last several months. We are attempting to breathe new life into our existence and are pleased to report that we have one very capable person agreeing to put his hat into the ring for the DCM position at our election for officers which will be held at the end of September. We also have two new GSRs which given the size of our district is no small accomplishment. We are actively pursuing additional GSRs through their group zoom meetings

Troy will be giving his GSC report out via zoom on the 29th of August—something that we all are looking forward to. Perhaps the most important communication the district can offer is as Mark Twain would say, “The reports of our death are greatly exaggerated.

Thank you for your help.
Steven W.

District 52 – Meece’ T.

- Rebuilding was our primary focus, going out and establishing relationships with each group 38 registered within our District has become a very slow process. We could not continue with the same goal that each group will be touched by year end; due to the current pandemic. I continue to be right sized and have surrendered to our Ultimate Authority the outcome by cleaning up the spreadsheet of groups registered in our district; assisting the Delegate in keeping the roster current.
 - May 2020: The District has been meeting via Zoom since April, though attendance has dropped off we trudge forward. The district has decided to explore electronic contributions via Zelle/Venmo. The Committee approved all corrections for position descriptions and the policy & procedures manual.
 - June 2020: The Committee decided to continue via Zoom until the pandemic subsides, the vote was unanimous on paying the cost. The DCM will create a thumb drive for the vacant Secretary, Treasurer and DCM positions prior to elections to ensure the District remains as an on-going concern.
 - July 2020: The Committee prepared for the upcoming Area Assembly on Zoom, considered additional training for future meetings since SWAARSA May be cancelled. The DCM has CD’s from prior year for most positions and is willing to share with those who stand for each position.
 - August 2020: The Delegate reported out from the abbreviated General Service Conference. The District was very excited about the use of Zoom to accomplish our goals at the National level and will explore the use of a similar format once the restrictions have been lifted to create a hybrid district meeting. This may be an opportunity to increase attendance for the district meeting since our area is large but less populated.

District 52 is growing. The DCM hopes that everyone who serves within District 52 will be better personally and will learn to communicate the joy of service to all with whom they come into contact.

Meece’(Meeka)T., Trusted Servant, District Committee Member D52

District 60 – Deborah M.
No Report Submitted

District 62 – Manuel R.
No Report Submitted

District 63 – Jose P.
No Report Submitted

District 64 – Severiano M.
No Report Submitted

District 65 – Arnulfo C.
No Report Submitted

District 66 – Manuel O.
No Report Submitted

District 70 – Brady G.

District 70, since Covid, are now doing Zoom Meetings. Our meetings start at 7:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

The participation in District meetings was improving prior to Covid shut downs, with more groups selecting and sending new GSRs to the meetings. The attendance to our meetings has gone down since we started using Zoom, but we are working to get people back to District. District job descriptions were approved and have been posted to the District 70 SETA web site.

With the end of the year fast approaching, a flyer was put together announcing the election of District officers and positions. The flyer will be distributed to all the groups in the district and our elections will be held at the November district meeting.

Thank you,
Brady G.
DCM – District 70

District 81 – Catherine G.

Hello Area 67,

Greetings from District 81. WE continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month via Zoom. These past 5 months have made us all think outside of the box and I'm pleased to say the committees have stepped up. After the COVID shut down I met with the District Committee Chairs and officers. We discussed new thoughts on how to continue to carry the message. And below are the new ideas.

Archives cannot access the Archives room as Alvin Taylor Street is closed however, they are meeting via Zoom. Archives has asked each group to write a short report on how their group handled this Pandemic both good and bad. These reports will be added to our archives.

PI/CPC all scheduled fairs and presentations have been cancelled.

CFC cannot bring meetings into the prison units, so they have been collecting Grapevines and downloading and printing articles from Grapevine archives to send into the units. The CFC committee has kept in communication with the Chaplin who sees that the information is given to the inmates. They are working with the Unit to try and bring zoom meetings to the inmates however, there are numerous considerations to overcome.

Literature Committee continues to meet via Zoom. Our literature committee has put together newcomer packets with appropriate literature and a pocket size Big Book. The packets are available to all groups with easy pick up location. TFC Developed a Power point presentation that they are bringing to the four (4) Treatment centers in our District. The presentations have been very effective, and the committee is working on a program to have the presentations available moving forward after COVID.

Grapevine committee has asked for stories from our members and groups with the topic of how they are dealing with the new parameters we find ourselves today. Yours truly wrote a short article with the title "Hello, Isolation my old friend".

Finance and Budget meets via Zoom. The committee has researched the addition of Venmo for groups to make donations. The committee recently met and looked at the Area 2021 proposed budget.

District Website AD HOC committee. District 81 is investigating the costs and services of creating their own website to meet the needs of our Groups and members. We were asked to hold out for the roll out of Areas new website promised again by July 27th. We invited members of the Area IT committee to attend meeting. We were disappointed that they could not answer questions and they themselves had yet to see the new site. WE were told that workshop would need to be held to show how to use the new site. However, nothing is in place or being worked on at the time of our meeting.

I have shared with our GSR's to send their donations to both GSO and Houston Intergroup as they continue to carry the message and have ongoing expenses. Our District is financially secure as we have a fully funded budget.

Yours in service Catherine

District 82 – Jeanne B.

No Report Submitted

District 90 – Bella L.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

District 90 meets 1st Sunday of each month

Location: 1235 Crockett Street, BMT, TX

Eating: 1:00pm/ Meeting: 2:00pm

- District 90 will be hosting a Tradition Workshop in 2020 at West End Group, 1235 Crockett St., Beaumont, TX hosted by Annette C. Cancelled UNTIL 2021
- Gratitude Dinner Cancelled UNTIL 2021
- We have incorporated a Concept Study into our monthly meeting. Each concept appears on our monthly newsletter...EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION!
- District 90 will have elections September 2, 2020 for our 2021-2023 District Committee.
- Art and I are not physically attending Treatment Facilities due to Coronavirus restrictions, but Iris and I have started our Treatment Center Book Study every Wednesday for Unity via Zoom
- District 90 Convention on August 14-16, 2020 has been postponed until 2021 but have negotiated a three-year contract with the Elegante (info TBA).
- District 90 would like to thank our Delegates for attending our District meeting via Zoom, your attendance makes a world of a difference by allowing our fellowship to witness... "Leaders Lead by Example"

Yours in Service,

Bella L.

DCM District 90

Area Committee Roll Call Jul 2020

Position	Full Name	Committee	Assembly
Area Officers			
Delegate	Troy B		X
Alternate Delegate	Kris H		X
Chairperson	Rick M		X
Alternate Chairperson	Christina S		
Registrar	Tammy Z		
Alternate Registrar	Kathleen T		X
Secretary	Deborah B		X
Alternate Secretary	Pam F		
Treasurer	Ron S		X
Alternate Treasurer	Cynthia B		
Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Archives	Eddie R		
Alternate Archives	Mike D		X
CPC	David L		X
Alternate CPC	Rosemary J		
CFC	Roy E		X
Alternate CFC	Roland R		
Finance	Michelle H		X
Alternate Finance			
Grapevine	Kimberly L		X
Alternate Grapevine	Nicole L		
IT			
Alternate IT	Ed R		
La Vina	Alicia M		
Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Jackie S		X
Alternate Literature	Hilton L		
Multi-Lingual	Pedro A		
Alternate Multi-Lingual	Alvaro D		
Newsletter	Annette C		X
Public Information (PI)	Amy E		X
Alternate PI	Michelle W		
SCAP	Melanie G		
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Sarah O		X
Alternate TFC	Kendyl W		
Convention Chairs			
2021 Convention Chair	Debi F		X
2021 Convention Co-Chair	Tony W		
Liaisons to Intergroup			
Brazos Valley Intergroup			X
Houston Intergroup	Daniel K		
Ninth District Intergroup	Lori H		
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate			
Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,64,65)	Edwin C		
Intergruppa Hispano Del SW (D66 &67)	Andres P		X
Intergruppa Hispano Del SW Alternate (D66 &67)			
DCMs			
District 10 DCM	Katherine M		
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Jackalyn R		X
District 20 Alt DCM	George S		
District 31 DCM	Patricia H		X
District 31 Alt DCM	Cheryl M		
District 32 DCM	Rick L		X
District 32 Alt DCM	Kim B		
District 33 DCM	Tony W		X
District 33 Alt DCM	Allise B		
District 40 DCM	Reino F		X
District 40 Alt DCM	Doug D		
District 51 DCM	Steven W		
District 51 Alt DCM	Kern V		
District 52 DCM	Meece T		X
District 52 Alt DCM			
District 60 DCM	Deborah M		X
District 60 Alt DCM			
District 62 DCM	Manuel R		
District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM	Jose P		
District 63 Alt DCM	Aurelio D		
District 64 DCM	Severiano M		X
District 64 Alt DCM	Arturo B		
District 65 DCM	Arnulfo C		
District 65 Alt DCM	Henriquez G		
District 66 DCM	Rodrigo C		X
District 66 Alt DCM	Armando A		
District 70 DCM	Brady G		X
District 70 Alt DCM	Byron T		
District 81 DCM	Catherine G		X
District 81 Alt DCM	Veronica M		
District 82 DCM	Teri V		X
District 82 Alt DCM			
District 90 DCM	Bella L		X
District 90 Alt DCM	Art G		



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Description	Rate	Qty	Line Total
10/4/20 Area 67 Elections	\$0.00	1	\$0.00
Virtual Meeting Technical Director (Labor) *Non Profit Day Rate	\$650.00	1	\$650.00
Virtual Meeting Tech Assist (Labor) *Non Profit Day Rate	\$550.00	2	\$1,100.00
Virtual Meeting Management Computer 4 Devices Required Billing	\$60.00	2	\$120.00
Black Magic Meeting Connector	\$425.00	1	\$425.00
Pre-Production *Non Profit Day Rate Includes 8 Floating Hours of Pre Production Client Will be Charged Accordingly For Hours Surpassing 8.	\$85.00	8	\$680.00
	Subtotal		2,975.00
	Tax		0.00
	Estimate Total (USD)		\$2,975.00

Notes
 This event is for 10/4/20

Terms
 A 20% non refundable deposit is due to upon confirmation to secure the services for this event.