

Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous



4th Quarter Assembly Minutes **Saturday & Sunday** **October 2-3, 2021**

Double Tree Hotel, Houston Intercontinental Airport
15747 JFK Blvd., Houston, TX 77032
Hybrid 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.

**Area Committee Meeting
Saturday, October 2, 2021**

Open of General Assembly – Christina S.

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

Preamble to SETA Policies and Procedures Manual – Bella L.

- Read the Preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

Area Committee Roll Call – Kathleen T.

- See Pages 23-24 for table of Area Committee Roll Call

Chairpersons Introductions – Christina S.

Secretary's Minutes – Meece' T.

- July Area Committee Minutes were accepted as submitted

Treasurer's Report – Reino F.

- July Report accepted as submitted

NEW BUSINESS

Open Positions:

Newsletter Committee Chair
2023 SETA Convention Chair (Beaumont)

Motion to Suspend the Area Policy and Procedures Manual – Joel G.

- Area Committee voted against supporting this motion 50 Against and 2 For

Policies & Procedures Manual Motion: The Area must suspend the use of the Policies & Procedures manual and all Committee Guidelines in conducting Area and committee business The Policies & Procedures Manual and Committee Guidelines are interfering in the areas' and committees' servicing and being directly responsible to the people they serve as stated in tradition 9 This should be suspended immediately Background information: The P&P and committee guidelines are intended to provide guidance but they have been hindering our ability to be productive and to be of services and to provide services to the groups and the GSR's Examples: Does not state serve the groups - The Groups and the GSR's are not a priority 1. Can be too restrictive - Time registrants Mandate that each Agenda topic requiring approval of eligible voting members be submitted in writing to the Area Chairperson at least 45 days before the date of the next Assembly; and, that each Agenda topic, and pertinent background, be distributed to all eligible voting members at least 30 days before the next Assembly to assure that the Agenda topic is afforded the benefit of a fully informed group conscience, in accord with Tradition Two. 2. P&P does not serve the groups Service shall be the Area Assembly's primary purpose and the Area Assembly shall encourage all Southeast Texas Area A.A. Groups to participate in the business of the Area Assembly and to support the Area Assembly in its efforts to cooperate with the A.A. General Service Office and A.A. World Services. PP does not in any way address serving the groups. Addresses encouragement but no actual assignable primary purpose. We are not addressing educating groups just "encouraging" the groups. GSR attendance is extremely low due to frustration with the committees'/Area's way of conducting business. Generally, scares off most AA members. Trusted Servants (Sponsors) in the area minimize the service structure and not recommended it as part of the AA way of life in Area 67. Districts are not being helped organize the groups responsibly, some districts are underutilized while other districts are overburdened with too many groups. Delineation of the areas have been misaligned and unbalanced and continues to be ignored. 3. We pick and choose when the P&P applies The Terms of Service for the SETA Convention Committee and its Chairperson on the Area Assembly will be limited to the year preceding the Convention to which they

are elected to serve. Current chair has been in position for 2 terms The Area Assembly passed, by simple majority, the addition of a Website Committee. This will be a Standing Committee of the Assembly. See The Area Assembly item 8 (page 4). This is old amendment and not combined with the new one that changes the name of the committee all together. The Area Assembly passed, by simple majority, the addition of a Multi-Lingual Committee. This will be a Standing Committee of the Assembly. See The Area Assembly item 8 (page 4). Is this a stand-alone committee? Adding the State Convention - Does this really need to be in the policies and procedures? July 13, 2003 a. Page 9: Change CONVENTION to SETA CONVENTION b. The last sentence which reads "The Area Committee will select a State Convention Chairperson when Houston is the host City." Is stricken in its entirety. b. Add new Section – STATE CONVENTION 1. The Area Assembly will elect a State Convention Chairperson when Houston is the host city. This Election will take place at the Area's April Assembly In the year after the State Convention's rotation through Houston. This election will be by written Ballot with a majority required. Any member that Has previously served as Co-Chair of the State Convention, Chair or Co-Chair of the Southeast Texas Area Convention, or Past Delegate of the Southeast Texas Area may be nominated to serve as State Convention Chairperson. The annual convention location shall rotate among Houston, Beaumont, Galveston, and/or their general vicinities. This has been ignored for 3 years straight 4. The P&P does not demonstrate flexibility in solving problems In presenting motions or topics for discussions to the Area, more often then not options to these are not given. The parties presenting these are providing a Yes or No to the specific agenda but not given either multiple option or too little information to make an informed decision and the uniformed Area generally just votes on the one recombination. 1. Adhocs are formed and when reporting back do not fully inform the Area on the process that was used to make decision or fully inform the area on the reasoning used to come to

Announcements – Bella L.

Close Meeting – 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 Meeting
Sunday, October 3, 2021**

Open of General Assembly – Christina S.

- Opened meeting with moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer
- Thank you to the Spanish Districts for Hosting the July Assembly

Preamble to SETA Policies and Procedures Manual – Bella L.

- Read the Preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual

Area Committee Roll Call – Katheen T.

- See Page 23-24 for table of Area Committee Roll Call

Recognize New GSRs, Past Delegates & Guest(s) – Christina S.

- All GSRs, Past Delegates and Guests introduced themselves
- Welcomed and thanked for their service

Secretary's Minutes – Meece T.

- July Area Committee Minutes were accepted as submitted

Treasurer's Report – Ron S.

- Accepted as presented

Delegate Report – Kris H.

I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and understanding as I've reported out about the 71st General Service Conference. At this point, I only have one more District to go and so far, Rick has not had to flex his muscles. As expected, there has been questioning of some of the Advisory Actions, but nothing any harsher than some of the views presented during the Conference. As next year's Grapevine/La Vina Conference Committee Chair, I received a special update call from the Grapevine Board Chair, Josh E, following the July Board weekend. By now you should've heard much of what he told me regarding the status of various Advisory Actions, such as the Preamble change debuting in the July issues of Grapevine and La Vina and the launching of the Instagram accounts. He also said for everyone to keep their eyes open for approved editorial staff openings, and that Podcasts have been fast-tracked, with more updates expected at the Forums. As you heard Jimmy confess yesterday, he still needs to make his regional trustee report, but I did recently share the July Board Highlights. Those of you on seta-announce should also be receiving all of the other GSO correspondence that I receive, such as the recent Treatment/Accessibilities-Remote Communities Activity Update.

Looking forward, it is my understanding that I will be attending the January Board weekend in New York, which I think is mostly a training exercise for all the Conference Committee Chairs. Still not sure how I feel about that.

I hope that I see you all next weekend at the virtual SW Regional Forum. I will be making a 5-minute presentation on Friday evening. It should come as little surprise to anyone in Area 67 that my topic is Enhancing Service with Internet Tools.

One thing that has occurred to me after presenting and answering questions is that it is my firm belief that regardless of, and maybe because of all of the recently approved changes to some of our literature, that the 5th edition will likely safeguard the first 164 pages for at least the next 20 years.

In service,

[Kris Hartmann](#)

P71/A67 Southeast Texas

Alternate Delegate Report – Rick M.

Good morning! My name is Rick M., and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as your Alternate Delegate. I am very grateful for your trust and support in allowing me to serve. At the close of business this morning we will have completed half of the Assemblies for this rotation. How this is possible I don't know. It literally seems like last week, not last year, that we were conducting our elections.

Every position we hold in AA carries with it a steep learning curve and this one has been no exception. Also, every position we hold allows us to meet and serve alongside so many other members of our fellowship. These two facts are what make service so attractive and fun for me. I am constantly amazed at the passion our members have for our fellowship. This has been very evident as I have followed Kris around the Area during his report outs. No matter where our individual members stand on the changes coming to AA, their passion and love for AA is apparent.

Next weekend is the Southwest Regional Forum. As I am sure most of know, it will be a virtual event. If you subscribe to SETA-ANNOUNCE, you should have received instructions for registration. There is no fee, but you do need to register. If you did not get the information, get with me during a break and I will see that you receive it. Regional Forums, held in our Region in odd numbered years, give us the opportunity to meet with, get to know and ask questions of those who do the heavy lifting in the General Service Office.

Thank you once again for all you do and for this opportunity to serve.

In love and service,

Rick M.

Alternate Delegate Area 67/Panel 71

2022 SETA Convention Update – Debbi F.

Greetings SETA Family! I am unable to be with you this weekend due to my work schedule. Thankfully, I have an awesome co-chair who is able to attend and update you on the SETA Convention committee's activities. (Thanks, Tony!)

The committee is working hard to put everything together and we have plenty to report on. We've had some changes in the committee makeup, and I have the highest confidence in everyone who has stepped up to help us make this event successful. I'm proud that our committee is made up of members from all over the Southeast Texas Area, which is suggested in the SETA Convention Guidelines. No one district will carry the burden of this convention!

We've had several changes in the speaker lineup over the past few months, but we have placed the outcome of this event in God's hands and know that those who are able to show up are those the Higher Power has designated to carry the message. Rest assured they are all sober members of Alcoholics Anonymous (plus one great AI-Anon member) whom each carry a message of depth and weight.

Our Traditions in the Home workshop on Sunday morning includes long-time AA and AI-Anon members comprising 4 couples with a combined total of over 240 years of experience, strength and hope! You don't want to miss this one!

We will also have a presentation on the Bridge the Gap program on Saturday afternoon. If you have wondered how, you can help those who are just leaving treatment or jail, this is the 12-step opportunity for you! Please plan to stick around and participate.

Al-Anon and Spanish will each have a designated breakout room for their own activities. The Archives committee will have their incredible historical memorabilia on display in a breakout room, and all of the Area Committees will have tables behind the ballroom for their informational displays. Our young people are presenting a fun skit on Friday night, there will be themed marathon meetings throughout both nights, and the DJ on Saturday night will keep the dance floor hopping till 1am! We're exploring the possibility of an ice cream social for one or both nights.

Tony and I met with the banquets manager and our event manager at the hotel last week. To say that God went before us would be an understatement! I'm pleased to report that we were able to come to agreement on our concerns regarding hospitality, smoking areas, and accommodating a maximum capacity crowd. It will be imperative that all members in attendance respect the hotel's designated smoking areas and facilities, as we will be the face of AA to the hotel staff and guests.

The capacity of the ballroom space at our hotel is slightly smaller than previous locations, and while we are working with hotel management on providing overflow areas, they are concerned that we may exceed the hotel's occupancy limits. In the event the hotel chooses to enforce a cap on attendance, it is important that you all PREREGISTER for this event! This will guarantee your seat. We will also be offering a virtual attendance option that will be rolled out in the next month.

Also, don't forget to make your hotel reservations ASAP, as our room block is not very big, and we will surely sell out of hotel rooms. Do not wait until the last minute to register or to reserve your hotel rooms!!! Most AA events that have been held recently have experienced higher than expected attendance, and it is likely that the SETA Convention will have a similar turnout. We're praying we will not have to turn anyone away and will be able to work with the hotel to accommodate everyone. But a preregistered badge and booked hotel room will be critical!

We are going to need lots of volunteers onsite at the event! Please contact me to volunteer for Coffee, Greeters, Hospitality, Literature, Marathon Meetings, Registration, or Security and I will put you in touch with the related committee chair.

Please have your DCM's and GSR's reach out to Veronica Mendez, our hospitality chair, to find out how you can help support the hospitality suite with your contributions of food, manpower and/or funds. We will only have one hospitality suite at this convention, and your support is needed to ensure we meet the needs of those who do not have the means to go out to eat for meals during the weekend.

Stay tuned to the website and SETA Announce for updates on the program, hotel space, speaker lineup, and volunteer opportunities. Please take flyers to the groups you attend and announce the event as often as possible. Make sure your Al-Anon friends are aware of the program that is being planned for them too!

I want to say how grateful I am to have this opportunity to be of service to the Southeast Texas Area. I look forward to seeing you all in January in The Woodlands!

Love in service,

Debi Fisher
2022 SETA Convention Chair
832-610-4711
Debi.f@aa-seta.org

Roll Call for Voting – Kathleen T.

- 53 in person, 22 on Zoom for a total of 75 voting members in attendance

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Open Positions:

- La Vina Committee Chair – No one stood for the position
- Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,64,65) – No one stood for the position
- Intergupa Hispano Del SW (D66 and 67) – No one stood for the position

New Business

Open Positions:

- Newsletter Committee Chair – Stephanie O. stood and was voted in by acclamation
- 2023 SETA Convention Chair (Beaumont) – Annette C. stood and was voted in by acclamation

Motion to Suspend the Policy and Procedures Manual – Joel G.

- The motion was seconded by Art, since it was not approved in Area Committee
 - Feedback during the Motion created a request for an Ad Hoc Committee to review the current Policies and Procedures Manual, Ron C. will chair this Committee.
1. Review the PNP to see if there are some updates needed via Ad Hoc Committee
 2. No Break-out sessions for Committees, copies of the Minutes/Treasury Report
 3. Are we being guided by a Power Greater than Ourselves or by issues, individuals aren't being fed...losing the enthusiasm for Service-Work
 4. The Policy and Procedures haven't been used well before Covid started
 5. Registration in person/on-line, no name tags available
 6. The Assembly has gotten away from the Principles and it has trickled down to the groups
 7. The PNP says we must be in person to vote, but voting members are allowed to vote on Zoom
 8. DCM sessions have been cancelled arbitrarily without discussion or voting
 9. Reading the PNP Manual doesn't seem necessary because members are being told that the Area does not follow certain procedures any longer OR members come to the Assembly expecting the PNP Manual to be followed and it is not taking place
 10. Opportunity to reform Area Procedures to ensure they do not impede upon our Primary Purpose
 11. The use of acronyms can be confusing to new GSR's, request for creating flyers to address how to navigate SETA website to documents not being provided in hard copy
 12. No information provided to train new comers to Service Positions (GSR/DCM/Committee Chairs)

The Committee voted to stop discussion and bringing the motion to a vote; the motion was voted down 51 Opposed and 4 in favor. The minority opinion was heard, the majority opinion was allowed an opportunity to change their vote, a single member changed. The Motion failed, by majority vote.

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GSR Workshops

New GSR Workshop – Jackie S.

Hello, my name is Jackie, and I am an alcoholic. I am currently serving as District 40 DCM. I was asked to chair this GSR workshop today. District 40 members have agreed to participate; it was quite interesting and informative.

We had four presenters Saturday morning. A couple of questions were asked after several of the presentations. An interactive workshop was encouraged.

Doug D., D40 Alt DCM started us out. Doug spoke on the 11-page GSR Information Packet that is located on the SETA Alternate Chairperson page. Doug was very well spoken.

The next three presenters all hold a service position in District 40, but also serve in another position that they were prepared to share about that morning.

First up was Natalie A. Natalie A. is currently serving as D40 Secretary and Woods Road Club President. She was prepared to speak on A.A. Guidelines – Relationship between A.A. and Clubs. Additionally, she spoke on the pros and cons of your group being located in a Club. Natalie did a great job!

Next up was Dan K. Dan K. is currently serving as D40 Literature Rep and Area Literature Committee Alt Chair. He chose to speak on the A.A. pamphlet titled, Circles of Love. He spoke of his spirituality and with humility.

And our final presenter was Peter C. Peter C. is currently serving as GSR for the Journey Group in District 40 and Area CPC subcommittee Disaster Relief. Peter spoke on how the Disaster Response committee originated, along with the progress it has made over the years. Peter pointed out that he is ready to rotate out of this position and is looking for someone to stand for it.

I enjoyed these presentations! Thank you to all the presenters! I appreciate your time and effort. Ya'll were great!

Lastly, we opened up the floor to all GSRs to ask any questions.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Service Committee Reports

Archives – Mike D.

No Report Received.

CFC – Roland R.

Purpose: Of this committee Southeast Texas Area CFC carries the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the suffering alcoholic behind the walls of our local county and state jails as well as federal prisons.

Our Area conference was September the 17th through the 19th. We had a 166 to register. Great speakers and panels. We had great translation from English to Spanish and Spanish to English.

We have been invited to come out to the Beverly Hills Shares group located on the 2nd floor of the crossroads Methodist Church 10030 Scarsdale boulevard. October 9th from 12 to 3:00 p.m. They will also be presenting information about Bridging the Gap.

Wall's Unit anniversary will be October the 16th from 3 to 7:00 p.m. at the Wall's unit in Huntsville Texas. Pack Unit anniversary will be October the 30th I don't have a time for that as yet.

The National Correctional Conference will be held November the 12th to the 14th at the Hilton Kennard Louisiana New Orleans airport. The Wynne Unit anniversary will be November 13th from 5 to 8:00 p.m. in Huntsville Texas.

We meet the 3rd Wednesday of every month starting this month a new location 5151 Mitchell Dale suite 12B10 Houston TX 77092

Love & Service

Roland R

SETA CFC Chair

CPC – Don P.

CPC Committee Purpose – “Members of C.P.C. committees inform 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 – Don P.
 - Alternate CPC Chair – Rosemary J.
 - CPC Secretary – Open
 - CPC Veteran/Military/Police/Fire Department Chair – Bill A.
 - CPC Clergy Chair – Kristi N.
 - CPC Hospital Chair – Open
 - CPC Court Chair – Rosemary J.
 - CPC Schools Professionals Chair – Daryl
 - CPC Disaster Response Chair – Peter
 - CPC Business/Employee Assistance Program Chair – Open

- Members of the committee are currently engaged and active with several networking groups, such as The Recovery Network, Houston Recovery Initiative and the Texas Chapter of the Social Workers Association.
- Prior to our lives changing with Covid, there was a lot of energy and work toward getting our 12-step Hospital Program established for Area 67, similar to the one currently being implemented in Western Washington (Area 72) and Central California (Area 72). We are staying in touch with the decision makers and looking forward to the time when the environment improves.
- Last week, we carried the message of “Friendly with our Friends” to the 65th Annual National Convention of Medical Assistants here in Houston. Our Alternate Delegate Rick M. and Kristin (Pickle) from Lake Jackson spoke to a group of medical professionals from around the country. Rick and Pickle did an incredible job and really connected with their audience, evident from the questions and comments that we received. Thank you, Rick and Pickle, for representing AA so well!

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 how to carry the message by being “Friendly with our Friends” as Bill liked to call it.

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

So, Join us:

We meet the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm at the Spring Branch Memorial Club, or 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,

Don P. – Chairperson, Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) Committee, SETA (Area 67)

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

Finance – Ron S.

No Report Received

Grapevine – Luis A.

No Report Received

IT – Jorge F.

No Report Received

La Viña – OPEN

No Report Required

Literature – Hilton L.

The SETA Literature Committee would like to take up where we left off last time.

We are involved with creating a set of AA Conference Approved Pamphlets that lend themselves to sharing at AA meetings. Our team has purposed to continue with this project. Details are being ironed out to put together a consistent packet for use.

The committee members are coming up with good input to enhance this project.

Someone who has been helpful to our local General Service Structure suggested that if we come up with a folder, and other appealing additions to the packet, then it can become a “thing”!

I’m looking forward to further progress with this endeavor. We can hopefully have an official set ready for unveiling at the SETA Convention in January. But we don’t have to wait until then to present a pamphlet at a meeting. Any of us can look for an opportunity to lead a meeting on, present during sharing, or during announcements if time permits, an AA Pamphlet.

So please join us in this effective way of communicating. I invite you to stop by the area literature table in the hall to ask questions, and to get literature. The pamphlets are free.

The SETA Literature Committee meets on Zoom the third Tuesday of the month at 8:30 pm, so check us out!

Multi-Lingual – Severiano M.

The Multilingual Committee was present at the SETA Assembly on July 10-11, 2021, the translation was performed by Rosa and Edwin C and Ex-Delegate Deborah D. Also, the Multilingual Committee on July 31, 2021, with its objective to support our Delegate Kris H. and Alternate Delegate Rick M. They informed us of the Conference proceedings and that it was held virtually. Questions were answered afterwards. The translation was performed by Ex-Delegate Deborah D.

The Multilingual Committee was also present in District 63 on August 7, 2021, to support our Delegate Kris H. and Alternate Delegate Rick M. They relayed the Conference proceedings through their report and informed the attendees that it was held virtually. They answered questions afterwards. The translation was performed by Ex-Delegate, Deborah D.

The Multilingual Committee was present on August 11, 2021, in the Inter-district meeting held at District 65. They informed attendees of how each District is working as well as their Committees. They also provided a report of how the South of Texas Hispanic Assembly and the Hispanic State Assembly are working for these future events.

The Multilingual Committee was present by invitation of the Organizing Committee of the Beaumont Convention that was held on August 20-22, 2021. The translation was performed throughout this Convention by Deborah D.

The Multilingual Committee was present on August 28, 2021, in District to support our Delegate Chris H. and Alternate Delegate Rick M. They relayed to the attendees the Conference proceedings through their report and informed everyone that it was held virtually. Translation at this time was done by Edwin C.

The Multilingual Committee was present at the Correctional Conference held on September 17-19, 2021, at the Double Tree Hotel where the Conference took place. The translators at this Conference were ex-Delegate Deborah D. and Patricia W.

The Multilingual Committee was invited to the Hispanic Intergroup on September 21, 2021, where our Delegate Kris H. and Alternate Delegate Rick M. were present and gave their report of the General Service Conference and relayed that it was held virtually. Afterwards they answered questions by attendees.

The Multilingual Committee was present at District 66 on September 22, 2021, at the Inter District meeting where their reports were relayed of how the Districts and Committees are working. Also, a report was relayed on how the South Texas Hispanic Assembly and the State Hispanic Assembly is working.

Thank you to the members of SETA Committee for your support and confidence provided.

Severiano M., Multilingual Committee Chair

Newsletter – OPEN

No Report Required

PI – Kristi A.

Area 67 Public Information Committee Report SETA Assembly- October 2 &3 2021

The area committee has continued to meet the last Tuesday of each month on Zoom. The meeting information can be found at aa-seta.org under the public information committee. The Zoom Id and password are included on this page. The committee would like to invite all members to attend.

“Like all of A.A., the primary purpose of members involved with public information service is to carry the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Working together, members of local Public Information committees convey A.A. information to the general public, including the media” from A.A. Guidelines (Public Information)

With much gratitude to the districts and groups of area 67, the committee is happy to report that the PSA billboards are up. I have had the opportunity to see several.

Districts have reported awesome PI service activities going on!

District 81 has placed billboards within their district, run magazine ads, distributed Big Books and 12&12's to libraries and placed meeting schedules in hotels. They recently attended a health fair at Texas A&M Galveston campus where they displayed AA information and answered questions. They have increased their 2022 PI budget by 34%, so they are looking to become even more active next year.

District 40 has been working on placing ads in local newspapers

District 70 has been busy placing Adopt-A-Racks and attending group conscience meetings sharing about PI service work.

District 90 is working on a proposal to get psa billboards, busy placing literature racks, and sending out letters with pamphlets to school counselors. They also placed bulletin board flyers with pull tabs in small towns, courthouses, probation offices, and bail bond offices.

The Area PI Committee will be attending a Service Workshop on November 6th. Hosted by District 31 and the 25th Hour Group. We will have the opportunity to share information about Public information service work.

The committee has filled two service positions. We now have a Secretary Theresa S. from District 40 and IT Liaison Sergey from D31. Alternate PI Chair position remains open.

Committee is currently putting together a focus group to research digital media outreach. With the goal of informing the public about what AA does and does not do and where to find us.

SCAP – Deborah M.

No Report Received

TFC – Kendyl W.

Chair: Kendyl Warren – Kendyl.w@aa-seta.org

Dear Area, 67,

The Treatment Facilities committee is pleased to announce the completion of the Bridge the Gap database website build. Training and implementation are set to begin this month. We welcome anyone wanting to help to attend our monthly zoom meetings. The next scheduled meeting is on October 11, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Our zoom link and information can be found on the TFC web page link on the SETA website.

Bridge the Gap Data Base

- Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend volunteer Cheri J. will be speaking at the SETA convention and providing training.
 - There are many tools available at no charge for us to use from the website repository.
 - Knowledge of history and past failures will help us be more successful in the future.
 - Implementation guidelines for our area are being established to protect the database's viability long-term.
 - *Sobriety length*
 - *Understanding what signing up for the database is*
 - *TFC & CFC Requirements*
 - *ETC...*
 - Training for the new database, and for districts is under development, and hopefully will be available at the TFC zoom meeting on October 11, 2021. We were ready to have it in September but had to reschedule due to the hurricane.
 - Sign-ups for training at your district committee meetings or via zoom will be available soon via SETA Announce after the first of the year.
 - We need for IT to please take the BTG sign-up links off our website. Anyone that signs up to that is not actually signing up, their data will not be used. Signing up from the internet is no longer allowed.

Featured District Activities

Karon M. from District 31 recently invited the TFC and other committees to send a representative to her district's Service Workshop on November 6, 2021, from 2-5 pm at the 25th hour club. Hosting workshops like this to teach others about service opportunities they can become involved in is a great way to plant a seed for our future. Thank You Karon, Thank You District 31!!!

Each quarter we will highlight a different district and their activities for TFC, please submit what your district is doing, and who is actively participating on the treatment facilities committees so we can give them kudos!

Treatment Facilities and our Spanish Speaking Districts

- TFC wants everyone in our area to participate
- TFC would like to become bilingual
 - It is important that ALL people have access to our resources.
 - We need help in translating material and connecting with those that wish to participate.
 - Bridge the Gap contact Database is for everyone, we need a Spanish speaker to help with this.

Accessibilities Committee

- This is under TFC, but not really emphasized or worked with.
 - Are buildings accessible for everyone? Wheelchairs, vision impaired?
 - Are translators available for the newcomer? What languages in our area?
 - Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, Japanese, etc.
- It needs more attention.
 - Standalone Committee?
 - Subcommittee?
 - Ideas?

Service Opportunities

We need help to get things going stronger and recover from the effects of lockdowns on our service committees. This takes people, and time. Please consider helping.

- Alt Chair, Secretary, IT liaison, Spanish, Literature, BTG Subcommittee
- This committee needs an alternate chair that is willing to become active to help implement BTG and possibly continue into the next rotation as chair. Please consider this service opportunity.
- Implementation of Bridge the Gap will require a Sub Committee to be formed. Please consider helping with this opportunity.
- For more information, please contact Kendyl W. at kendyl.w@aa-seta.org

Respectively Yours,
Kendyl W.

Area 67 Treatment Facilities Chair

Brazos Valley Intergroup – Les R.

No Report Received

Houston Intergroup – Joel G.

No Report Received

9th District Intergroup – Lori H.

The Intergroup had for sale books, conference approved A.A. literature, book covers, mugs, birthday cards and other gift items available

during Districts 90's convention in August. Sales and participation were very good, exceeded expectations.

INTERGROUP STILL HAS A LIMITED SUPPLY OF 2021 CONVENTION MUGS & CONVENTION T-SHIRTS. MUGS \$12, T-SHIRTS \$24.

Intergroup publishes an on-line newsletter every month "The Stepping Stones" for the Ninth District Intergroup.

Our newsletter includes information about Alcoholics Anonymous, notification of local AA events, AA member birthdays, and general articles about our 12-step program. If interested, please go to aabeaumont.org.

Next 9th Dist. Intergroup Meeting, October 17, 2021, at 2:00 PM, West End Group, Beaumont, Texas

The Intergroup wishes to thank all the groups in District 90 for their contributions to date.

The Intergroup is currently on budget year to date and fully stocked.

Respectfully, Ray Fancher, Ninth District Intergroup Liaison

Oficina Intergrupala Hispana (D63, 64, 65) – OPEN

No Report Required

Intergrupala Hispano Del SW (D66 & 67) – OPEN

No Report Required

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

District 10 – OPEN

No Report Required

District 20 – George S.

District 20 is located in the beautiful crime-free Inner Loop west of Downtown Houston, south of I-10, east of the 610 West Loop and south through the Medical Center.

District 20 sponsored a three-hour online workshop Aug. 28 entitled “Service Helps Keep You Sober + The 12 Concepts.” Seventeen people signed up for the workshop. Not all of them showed up, so we ended up with 14 participants. After every workshop, we email participants a feedback form to learn what they liked and what we could improve. Here are a few comments from those feedback forms:

Very informative, helpful and well put-together. Got me interested in studying the concepts

The presentation on service was excellent, emphasizing that Twelve Step work encompasses so much more than sponsorship or chairing a meeting. I appreciate all the links to the handouts. The breakout rooms were helpful in that they encouraged more to participate.

As a newer recovering alcoholic. I liked learning about the concepts of AA, the structure of AA and how each level works. I liked the fact that we worked as a group and not just be told the information. The suggestions from others encourage me to be more involved.

To borrow Sally Field’s infamous Oscar acceptance speech: They liked us, they really like us.

We’ll offer the same workshop again next year along with another workshop entitled “Building Connections: Social and Emotional Recovery.” Some people have attended the same workshop multiple times. I feel grateful to be offering something of continuing value to my fellow alcoholics.

Our delegate, Kris H., and his sidekick, Rick M., presented their report on this year’s General Service Conference at our August meeting. Thank you. The attendees at the GSC this year apparently got a lot done. I’m eager to see what a “plain language” version of the Big Book looks like. However, I suspect I’ll have a long wait before I can satisfy my curiosity.

District 20 added two new GSRs in the past two months and continues to recruit more from the 62 active groups in our district. About half of the groups in District 20 meet at Lambda Center. On Saturday, Oct. 16, at 12:30, we are sponsoring a barbecue luncheon at Lambda to thank them for their support over the years and

to recruit new GSRs from the meetings held there. We've found that we get a more receptive crowd when they're eating free food.

You're welcome to drop in for some barbecue that Saturday.

District 20 continues to meet over Zoom on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. We were planning to resume meeting in person until the Delta variant came along, then decided to wait longer. We'll reconsider meeting in person next year.

District 31 – Cheryl M.

Our District meeting is next Sunday, September 19th from 2-4pm at the 494 Meeting Hall which is located at 21820 E. Memorial, Porter, TX 77365. The meeting agenda is attached.

This will be a hybrid meeting with both In-person attendance and also utilizing Zoom for members who prefer to attend online. The link to the Zoom meeting is at the end of this email.

Our IT Rep, Annette B, notified me today that she would have resign her position due to health issues and the recent surge in Covid-19. So at this time we currently have 3 positions open; IT Representative, Public Information Committee Representative and Archives Committee Representative. If you have any group members who might be interested in one of these please invite them to the District meeting. I've attached a pdf file with position responsibilities and qualifications for each position for you to share with your Group and other AA member. If you have any group members who might be interested in one of these positions, please invite them to the District meeting.

One more reminder; our trivia questions will be on Tradition 9 and taken straight from the Twelve and Twelve.



I look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

In Service,

Cheryl M.

2021-2022 DCM, District 31  713-703-5198

Join Zoom Meeting

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Password: 121259

District 32 – Marcia C.

Here at District 32, we are very happy that Tracy W. has stepped up to take the alternate secretary position to help out Helen!

Willie and the literature committee have been busy...continuously donating 12 & 12's and Big Books to groups in need. They have also been holding workshops on the "The AA group" and "Sponsorship"

In September the Cypress Group successfully held their annual men's weekend kayak trip

Champions Group celebrated their 49th Anniversary on August 21st. They are also planning a workshop on "How to Chair a Meeting"

In August Kris H. (Area 67 delegate) was able to come and give the slide show of the presentation of the 2021 GSO conference.

Heights group has really been getting involved; planning on holding a "Sponsorship" workshop and they have also started something really cool.... Saturday night Movie night...every other Saturday.

The NW Unity group is planning their 50th Anniversary celebration sometime in November.

And we at District 32 have changed our meeting day and time...we will now meet the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00 PM. We will continue to meet in person at the Champions Group.

District 33 – Allise B.

- Reopening: sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly—but we are reopening!
- We have instituted a monthly *Grapevine* complete subscription drawing to support Grapevine & encourage attendance at District meetings.
- Our Secretary resigned; we believe we have a new one recruited and continue recruiting alternate service committee chairs.
- We are proud to announce our first newsletter went to press! Kimie W did an excellent job with our inaugural issue, and we look forward to using our new communication channel.
Tony A, our Alternate DCM, has been working really hard & successfully on the 12th step phone list with Intergroup
- is working on setting up workshops
- spoke at Brenham's Greek Party; I spoke in D40 & NWTX
- went to the State Convention and brought back an enthusiastic report– "Red Bull for the soul"

And, in true alcoholic fashion, last month, District 33 totally screwed up our Delegate Report- out. Our Delegate and & Alt Delegate Zoomed in and presented our Tradition-of-the-month & Concept-of-the-month at the beginning of our District meeting in advance of the Delegate report, we had our District meeting, we took a break, and almost all the alcoholics went about their Saturday, totally forgetting that

Kris was about to give his report! So, again, I apologize to Kris & Rick, and we will try again in August for the Delegate report and they will get to go first so that doesn't happen again.

Finally, I'm Zooming to you this weekend so I can also participate in the national Unity & Service Conference, continuing my habit of zooming around the country for as many service conferences as I can while they're available online.

In love & service,

Allise B.

District 40 – Jackie S.

My name is Jackie S., and it is an honor to serve as DCM for District 40! Serving as DCM is challenging me, and I love it!

D40 plans to continue meeting on Zoom for the remainder of 2021 and the Meeting ID and passcode are posted to our D40 SETA webpage. Our meeting time is the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

During our July meeting, Mike and Eddie from the Area Archives committee were our special guests and did a power point presentation on AA coming to Houston. It was a hit! Thank you again Archives Committee.

Doug D., our Alternate DCM, chairs a workshop planning session during each district meeting. He has about 30 minutes and everyone that is present has the opportunity to give input and participate in the planning process. The workshop will be held on Zoom on Saturday, November 20th from 11 am – 1 pm. The focus will be on AA service with a priority on GSR responsibilities.

Last month we started taking the District inventory by using the sheet of questions that was sent in my DCM kit, Item F-44. I cut each of the 14 questions into strips, folded them and put them in a container so I can draw one out during each district meeting and read it out loud. Bill A. our CPC Rep was able to answer the 1st question without any hesitation. So far so good. We should be able to finish the list by the end of this term.

Doug and I were invited to speak at the HACYPAA conference a few weeks ago. Neither one of us had ever attended one of those young people AA conferences before, but we had a good time that Friday night. Basically, we talked about being a GSR for your home group. We only talked for about 5 minutes, but I think we got a couple of new GSRs from that visit. I continue to visit groups in D40, and we are getting new GSRs every month.

All of our Committee Reps are doing a great job and we really enjoy their reports! Theresa S is our PI Committee rep, and she is working on a PSA for District 40 to consider. She discussed it with us at our last meeting and we had some questions that she is going to get the answers to and bring back to the next meeting. We look forward to what she finds out. She is incorporating other members to help her there by turning her Rep position into a Chair position. We currently have two open Committee rep positions, the Archives rep and the TFC rep.

I am grateful to be here today!

Jackie.s@aa-seta.org

DCM D40

District 51 – Gordon W.

District 51 participation has been holding steady since our last report. In addition to our 11 active, in person groups, we have two that meet online only. We continue to hold hybrid meetings and we meet on the last Saturday of the month at 11:00 a.m. at the Delta Club and on Zoom.

On September 18, 2021, the District held a “Drop the Rock” workshop that was a hands-on approach to steps 6 and 7 of Alcoholics Anonymous. We had around 100 attendees, equally split between in person and on Zoom. We will next focus on increasing participation as we look towards our SETA January Convention. We are still excited about the future.

In Service,
Gordon White

District 52 – Chris G.

Hi, I'm Chris G., DCM reporting for District 52.

Our District meetings are held every 1st Tuesday of the month at the Ft Bend Regional Council in Stafford, TX. For those who wish to continue their virtual attendance, we provide this as a Hybrid Meeting utilizing Google Meet. For the past 3 months, we have experienced a shift from a 50/50 ratio to a 65/35 ratio of those attending virtually vs those attending in-person.

Well, we still have two (2) District 52 positions that remain open: CFC & TFC. Although these remain open, several of our District Groups and Group Members remain very active in these areas, bringing AA meetings and Literature into our local Treatment and Corrections Facilities. Some facilities have closed again recently due to a resurgence of COVID cases, but members stand ready to bring the AA Message in, when they reopen. Also, during my group visits, a few more members have expressed interest in reviving TFC/BTG activities.

District 52 is still “making headway” to increase service participation at the District Level and Group Level. At the time of my July report, we increased to (3) active GSR's! We now have (5)!! (Expecting a 6th this Tuesday from a Group that rescheduled their GC) Our District Group visits are revealing that GC activities are increasing, even though many are struggling. Of course, we plan to visit and contact more Groups in our District (both on and off the radar) as we identify them. Right now, our most current information lists 39 active groups in our District. My initial attempts to contact some of these groups indicate 70% of our resource information is outdated. The entire D52 Panel will be involved with contacting groups and with updating the District List information.

District 52 is now making plans for a Hybrid Workshop, co-hosted by the Tri Cities Group at the Lamplighter's facility. The Lamplighter approval for a mid-November date is expected tomorrow at the Tri Cities GC. The Topic we have chosen is: How to Lead a Meeting (or How Not to Lead a Meeting)

Again, I must mention how blessed I am.... to have such a great panel of Officers and Committee Chairpersons. They continue to “step up” with remarkable enthusiasm, as we update the District Group List and “Head into The Trenches” to visit them.

Respectfully submitted to my Friends in Service,
Christopher G.
DCM, District 52

District 60 – OPEN

No Report Required

District 62 – OPEN

No Report Required

District 63 – OPEN

No Report Required

District 64 – Arturo B.

No Report Received

District 65 – Hernandez G.

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District 65 Area 67 and its format wishes them to be in a competitive way. Following our report this District has 14 active groups of which 8 have their RSGS and 4 Alternate. We meet on Saturdays at 6pm. These reunions are subject to change in case of an assembly or compromise. It is also part of our service table. Three committees: Lavinia, Correctional and Literature. Lavinia works with the Motivation of Correctional Subscriptions. With the blue votes and visits to the jails and Literature promoting books, brochures and audios of AA.

They are thanked for their attention.

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District 66 – Armando A.

No Report Received

District 70 – Joyce L.

- District 70 meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm for our monthly business meetings.
- Our face-to-face meetings have been going well. They are held at Kelly's Restaurant in Pasadena, Texas. We have food and fellowship at 6pm and the meeting starts at 7pm.
- District 70 hosts a guest speaker each month at our business meeting. In September Chris H. our delegate and Rick M. our alternate delegate gave their presentation on the 2021 General Service Conference. It was fantastic to hear about the Conference and our district had many questions regarding the operation of GSO and Chris and Rick provided great answers.
- District 70 continues to give away \$40.00 per month in literature based on voting member attendance from the prior month. Drawing held monthly. This give away promotes attendance and supports Houston Intergroup.

- Last Call, our fantastic newsletter grew to is full of vital district, area, group, and state information. You can view our monthly newsletter on our District 70 webpage. Sara B. continues to amaze us all with the informative articles she creates for the newsletter regarding many facets of AA.
- District 70 is preparing our Fall/Winter workshop for November. Lanier Y. is workshop chair, and the workshop will be held at The Wheelhouse in Deer Park, Tx. The workshop will focus on GSO, Area and Districts and how they are organized and how they contribute to groups and individuals and the still suffering alcoholic.
- District 70 now has a treasurer. Matt B. will be attending his second district meeting in October. We are still in need of an alternate treasurer and alternate secretary. Our alternate DCM stepped down in July and the position is now open.
- District 70 has the following committee chair positions open; CFC, TFC, Finance and Budget,
- Grapevine, Literature, TFC, Archives, Intergroup Liaison and CPC.
- Charlie W. stood for PI in August and was voted in. We are excited to have him onboard. Charlie has a love for service and has already started doing presentations for groups in our district. Charlie has been busy securing rack placements within District 70 and has many other great ideas for Public Information Committee.
- As DCM I continue visit meetings in my District and ask for an invitation to their group conscious to make a presentation on district 70 and get contact information for the group to add to our registrar list.
- To date I have visited 22 of our 49 groups. I have attended 11 G.C. meetings. 6 of the meetings I visited do hold group conscious meetings on a regular basis. I have identified 3 more groups in our district that are no longer up and running.
- Challenges in reaching out to our groups continue to be:
- Many groups in District have shut down permanently, are only meeting via zoom, or are struggling to stay open due to loss of attendance during COVID. The Serenity group at the Legacy clubhouse in Pasadena is officially open and has elected trusted servants.
- Many groups that are active do not have scheduled group conscious meetings and some groups do not believe in electing GSR's or participating in District or Area.
- Attendance at District 70 meetings is low. I continue to seek out new and creative ways to garner excitement
- Participation in District 70 by GSR's and alternates, and AA members is still low. We are grateful for all the GSRs and Alts. That attend as well as several newer members of AA that have begun showing up to learn more about service at the district level and to volunteer for committees.
- District 70 still has many open positions within our district. I trust that our Higher Power will provide the trusted servants that our District so desperately needs.

I wanted to thank Laura O. our dedicated secretary, Just R. our fantastic registrar and impromptu IT person who has assisted many district members in setting up their g-mail accounts. Matt B. our new treasurer, Sara B. our world-famous newsletter chair and Charlie W. our PI committee chair. District 70 would not be where it is today without their service and loyalty to District 70.

District 81 – Veronica M.

No Report Received

District 82 – Terry C.

No Report Received

District 90 – Art G.

Thanks to all my Committee Chairs, Alternates and GSRs that serve D-90

Update through our September meeting

- Attendance averaging over 40 and as high as 50
- All Chair Positions are filled
- D-90 Convention was a HUGE Success
 - o Attendance was close to 700
 - o Speakers and All activities were impressive
- Groups Activities continue to increase
 - o Food Fun and Fellowship is widespread and growing with time
 - o Numerous Group Anniversaries are taking place along with Birthday meetings
- Gratitude Dinner Is on schedule / Mark - Nov 6 on your Calendars
- 7th Tradition contributions are up / financially D-90 is in Great shape
- Workshops are heating up with lots of activity
 - o A Tradition Workshop was held on 9-11 / Turnout was good / the Presentations were Impressive / We are blessed to have a Wealth of Experience in D-90
 - o We will hold a GSR workshop in our November meeting
- All committees are Active and really getting INTO ACTION
- We will have our Delegate visit on Oct 10 to present His Conference Report

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to Serve
Art G
D-90 DCM

Area Committee Roll Call October 2021			
Position	Short Name	Committee	Assembly
Area Officers			
Delegate	Kris H	X	X
Alternate Delegate	Rick M	X	X
Chairperson	Christina S	X	X
Alternate Chairperson	Bella L	X	X
Registrar	Kathleen T	X	X
Alternate Registrar	Pam F	X	X
Secretary	Meece T	X	X
Alternate Secretary	Chelsey G	X	X
Treasurer	Reino F	X	X
Alternate Treasurer	Roy E	X	X
Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Archives	Mike D	X	X
Alternate Archives			
CPC	Don P		
Alternate CPC			
CFC	Roland R	X	X
Alternate CFC	Tony W		X
Finance	Ron S	X	
Alternate Finance			
Grapevine	Luis A		
Alternate Grapevine			
IT	Jorge F	X	X
Alternate IT			
La Vina			
Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Hilton L	X	X
Alternate Literature	Dan K		X
Multi-Lingual	Severiano M	X	X
Alternate Multi-Lingual			
Newsletter			
Public Information (PI)	Kristi A	X	X
Alternate PI			
SCAP	Deborah M		
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Kendyl W	X	X
Convention Chairs			
2022 Convention Chair	Debi F		
2022 Convention Co-Chair	Tony W	X	X
2025 State Convention Chair	Ron C.		X
2025 State Convention Co-Chair			
Liaisons to Intergroup			
Brazos Valley Intergroup			
Houston Intergroup	Joel G	X	X
Ninth District Intergroup	Ray F		X
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate			
Oficina Intergroupa Hispana (D63,64,65)			
Intergroupa Hispano Del SW (D66 &67)			
Intergroupa Hispano Del SW Alternate (D66 &67)			

DCMs			
District 10 DCM			
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	George S	X	
District 20 Alt DCM	Sarah L		X
District 31 DCM	Cheryl M	X	X
District 31 Alt DCM	Karon M	X	X
District 32 DCM	Marcia C	X	X
District 32 Alt DCM	Jeanne B		
District 33 DCM	Allise B	X	X
District 33 Alt DCM	Tony A	X	X
District 40 DCM	Jackie S	X	X
District 40 Alt DCM	Doug D	X	X
District 51 DCM	Gordon W		X
District 51 Alt DCM	Stephen W		
District 52 DCM	Chris G	X	X
District 52 Alt DCM	Ricardo D		
District 60 DCM			
District 60 Alt DCM			
District 62 DCM	Ricardo D		
District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM	Ricardo R		X
District 63 Alt DCM			
District 64 DCM	Arturo B		X
District 64 Alt DCM	Marco L		
District 65 DCM	Henrique G		X
District 65 Alt DCM	Isidro G	X	
District 66 DCM	Armando A		
District 66 Alt DCM	Rogelo D		
District 70 DCM	Deborah T		X
District 70 Alt DCM			
District 81 DCM	Veronica M	X	X
District 81 Alt DCM	Keith M		
District 82 DCM	Terry C	X	X
District 82 Alt DCM			
District 90 DCM	Art G	X	X
District 90 Alt DCM	Julian L		