

Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous



2nd Quarter Assembly Minutes

Saturday and Sunday

April 1st–2nd, 2023

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Hybrid (via Zoom and in-person) Meeting
DoubleTree Hotel Houston Intercontinental Airport
15747 John F Kennedy Blvd., Houston, TX 77032

***This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first to keep our Fellowship united.
For upon A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.***

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

SATURDAY April 1, 2023 8:30 AM

NEW GSR WORKSHOP – Derricks 1

No Report submitted

SPANISH GSR WORKSHOP – Derricks 2

No Report submitted

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – Seattle I & II

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

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

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

Secretary's Report

- [Previous Area Committee Minutes](#) – Allise B.
 - January Minutes approved with these corrections:
 - Cover page should be dated 2023
 - Combination SETA Convention and Assembly was held at the MCM Elegante Hotel in Beaumont, Texas
 - If you can, please email your report to secretary@aa-seta.org before Assembly so that it can be translated and given to the interpreters to read rather than interpret on-the-fly. You will just need to inform the interpreter if you add anything.

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

- Addition to Treasurer's Report: Tell Me What group contributed \$_____

Unfinished Business

- Open Position:
 - Intergrupo Hispano Del SW (D66 & 62) – Martin M. will stand tomorrow

Announcements – Art G.

- [Agenda Item Feedback Forms](#) – Please email to delegate@aa-seta.org/ or mail to P.O. Box 130433, Houston 77219
- [D60 District Workshop](#) – *Spring Into Service: How Do I Get Involved?* – April 22 12-3pm in Houston
- [D70 Grapevine Workshop](#) – May 20 1:30-4:30pm in Webster – upthestreetclub.org or thaddeus.d@aa-seta.org
- [D90 Convention](#) – *You Will Make Lifelong Friends* – August 18-20 in Beaumont
- [Next Area 67 Assembly](#) – July 8-9 – DoubleTree Hotel–Houston Intercontinental Airport
- [Texas State Convention](#) – June 9-11 – San Antonio
- [Southwest Regional Forum](#) – September 29-October 2 – El Paso

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

AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES
Saturday, April 1, 2023 9:45 AM

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

[Tradition 9](#)

[DCM Reports](#)

Archive Workshop – Deborah T.

Saturday, April 1, 2023 1:00 PM

Opening of Afternoon Session – Bella L.

[Concept 9](#)

[Service Committee Reports](#), including [Intergroup Liaison Reports](#)

[General Service Conference Agenda Items](#) – Rick M.

- Chose particular issues for Roundtables because (1) he serves on the CPC committee and (2) people have the most passion about the Plain Language Big Book & the 12x12
- Thank you to everyone who participated

[Roundtable Discussions](#) – All Members (in breakout rooms)

SETA Service Committee Meetings – Committee Chairs & Members (no reports)

Saturday, April 1, 2023 7:45 PM

Speaker Meeting – Patrick C., SETA Past Delegate, Panel 63 (New York)

SUNDAY AREA ASSEMBLY MINUTES
April 1, 2023 8:30 AM

Open Meeting – Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

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

Recognize: New GSRs and past Delegates – Bella L.

Review & Approve [Previous Area Committee Minutes](#) – Allise B.

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

Convention Committee Reports

- [SETA Convention 2023](#) – Annette C.
- [2023 SETA Convention Financial Reports](#) – Julian L.
- [SETA Convention 2024](#) – Joel G.

Delegate Reports

- [Delegate's Report](#) – Rick M.
- [Alternate Delegate's Report](#) – Christina S.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- [SETA Convention Guidelines Ad Hoc](#) – Joel G.
- [Position Holder Email Update to SETA Webpage Ad Hoc](#) – Christina S.

Roundtable Reports – Facilitators & Reporters

- **MOTION:** Send our delegate to the GSC informed but not instructed
- **MOTION:** Send \$100 to G.S.O. in memory of Betsy G.

Roll Call – Area Assembly Attendance – Patty H. – *See last 2 pages*

- Has asked for read-only access upon request
- Happy to look up group #s upon request
- Roll Call of all potential voters—from now on, must personally inform Registrar if you stepped out during Roll Call but were otherwise present for the meeting
 - **Count-off of voting members: 74**

New Business

- Funding to [Southwest Regional Forum](#) September 29-October 2
 - Per SETA Policies & Procedures, three members of the Area Committee are drawn from a hat for funding to the Southwest Regional Forum in odd years (Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly in even years)
 - Houston Intergroup - Taylor C. ■ IT Chair - Sergey K. ■ Oficina Intergupal Hispana – Dimas S.
- **MOTION:** SETA 2024 use a bank on Galveston Island
- **MOTION:** Create an ad hoc for a Bridge the Gap (BTG) Committee

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

- **Houston Intergroup** – needs volunteers every 2nd Friday to clean Intergroup

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Convention Committee Reports

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SETA Convention 2023 – Annette C.

- Correction: Hospitality contributions were >\$900 instead of the \$401 reflected on the report
- Closing financial reports at the end of these Minutes

SETA Convention 2024 – Joel G.

- Hotel Contract signed - January 19-21st
- Flyers handed out at the Assembly
- Looking to provide Workshops
- Band is planned for the Saturday night entertainment
- Need 20-30 more volunteers than currently signed up
 - Need at least 2 people to stand for Treasurer ASAP
 - Need 4-5 more Greeters
 - Watch SETA-Announce for information on these positions
 - Want more volunteers who can then work less time and attend more of the Convention themselves
- Budget
 - Registration fee will be \$20 early and \$30 after instead of \$15
 - \$24/gallon (\$13 less than last [year/Convention] much higher at other hotels)
- Food
 - Need more Districts to sponsor Hospitality Suite(s)
 - 2-3 Hospitality Suites suggested
 - Used to have 4 Hospitality Suites every year
 - Committed to meet certain % of hotel expenses as Food and Beverage
 - Considering box lunches on Saturday, Saturday night banquet and snack bars that would be run by hotel
 - Have suites reserved for Hospitality Suites, but must be sponsored by Districts
 - D81 would like to offer a hospitality suite as they have previously
 - Has done this in a room on the 9th floor previously
 - \$650 budgeted by District
 - No cooking allowed on upper floors, but hotel does not complain about packaged food and fruit
 - Hotel asks that we not offer coffee upstairs because it competes with the coffee they are selling us; lemonade and soft drinks can be offered
 - 2 suites, each with a connecting room on the first floor currently reserved
 - All four Hispanic Districts together will sponsor a hospitality room
 - D64 will be the host District within combined committee
 - Luis P. will be Chair of the combined committee
 - The four groups have appointed Marco __ as the liaison to the Convention Committee
- Hotel rooms
 - Special room rate ends 12/31/23
 - We can book the entire hotel; committed to fill 70% of the hotel

Delegate Reports

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Delegate's Report – Rick M.

I want to thank you for this opportunity to serve our Area. Since our October elections, Past Delegate after Past Delegate

informed me that I was going to become very busy after January 1st. They were not wrong as this is the busiest I've been since retiring quite a few years ago. The thing is though, I am loving every minute of it. This is the most fun I have had in your service and that is saying something because I have enjoyed every single position that you have entrusted me with. I will say, however, that my respect for our Past Delegates continues to grow because I don't know how they found time to do this job while working full time.

We received the final GSC agenda and background material on February 15th in all three languages. The Conference Coordinator and the brand-new Translation Department did an outstanding job getting that information to us in such a timely manner. You may recall that by advisory action of the 72nd GSC, the agenda and background must be released simultaneously in the three languages of the Conference. The Final Agenda consists of 85 items and more than 1000 pages of background material.

I want to thank all of you who participated in the Roundtable discussions yesterday and I look forward to hearing the report back here shortly. This makes each of you a part of the Conference process, a very important part. I especially want to thank the facilitators and recorders. Your willingness to serve our Fellowship is very gratifying. Every single person I asked to be a facilitator agreed immediately or if they had a conflict supplied a substitute. The April Assembly has long been my favorite Assembly because we get to have these discussions.

I want also to thank all our DCMs and MCDs for allowing Christina and I to visit your District Committee Meetings. Our purpose for the visits has been to solicit feedback from groups and committees for agenda items and the response has been very good. This too is an important part of me going to the Conference as informed as I can possibly be. I will leave for the Conference on Saturday April 22nd, so there is still time to provide feedback on your favorite agenda items up until then. A special shout out to Enrique, Cristian and Dulce for providing their translation services when we have visited our Hispanic Districts.

The weekend of March 10-12, I had the privilege of attending my first in-person SWRDA (Southwest Region Delegates Assembly). What an amazing weekend! The primary purpose of SWRDA is to prepare the Regional Delegates and the Alternates for the Conference. Our Past Delegates commit their time at their own expense to attend this event out of love for our Fellowship and the Conference. One of the things I learned is that this event is unique, and no other Region holds such an event. It speaks to the love and commitment of our Past Delegates for AA and our Region.

Now to the General Service Board and the resignations from the Board that have taken place. Some of my fellow Delegates have faced criticism from their Areas for a lack of transparency and communication in this unfortunate matter. I know that I have not shared much information because there simply has not been much solid information to share. Everything I have shared with you is either a first-hand account or an official statement and not some outside person's opinion. I realize that there is a lot of noise out there on social media. I refuse to read any of that or participate in any of it. This issue is something that the 73rd General Service Conference will have to deal with and the hope among our Region's Delegates is that we won't be diverted from our primary purpose by this controversial issue. The Delegates have had multiple meetings with the Board in search of accountability and transparency. We are not convinced that we have received either. More will be revealed.

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

Alternate Delegate's Report – Christina S.

I wanted to first off thank y'all for allowing me to serve as your Panel 73, Area 67 Alt-Delegate. I've had such a good time visiting all the different districts with Rick. Thank you for all that allowed us to visit and to those that we will be visiting.

One of my responsibilities is keeping y'all informed of [Regional Events](#). The [76th Annual Texas State Convention](#) will be **June 9 to 11** this year at The [Westin San Antonio North](#) in San Antonio, TX. The [Southwest Regional Forum](#) will be this year **September 29 to October 1** at the [Radisson El Paso Airport Hotel](#) in El Paso, TX. I think one of the most common questions asked is what exactly is a Regional Forum. Have you ever said to yourself, "Who are those people in 'New York'?" I wish I could talk to them one on one." Well the Forum is your opportunity. Regional Forums allow AA members

to connect with people throughout the service structure. We get to exchange information with representatives from General Service Board, A.A.W.S., AA Grapevine and G.S.O.

The last thing I want to talk about is **SWRAASA 2026**. SWRAASA is our Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly. It happens in October in even number years. SWRAASA 2026 will be hosted by Area 67. I have been gathering information from the other Areas in our Region about their experience with SWRAASA when they hosted. Beginning the second Tuesday in April, I will be sitting in on Area 68's SWAARSA Committee Meeting to see what they're doing to get some ideas of what might be best for us. Everyone is being put on alert that there are service opportunities for everyone coming up. 😊

Thank you for all you do.

Christina, Panel 73 Area 67 Alt-Delegate

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

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2023 SETA Convention Guidelines Ad Hoc – Joel G.

- Purpose is not to rewrite guidelines but to fill in gaps so that new Convention Committee Chairs know what they need to and transitions can be as smooth as possible
- Considering a “need to know” section for tidbits that would be helpful to new Chairs
- Start to electronically archive all the records, emails and documents to provide records and guidance to the next conventions in the coming years?
- Collaborating with several past Convention Chairs
- Guidelines have not been updated since 2016

Position Holder Email Update to SETA Webpage Ad Hoc — Christina S.

Bella created an ad hoc committee to review the updating of service position committee position holders after the elections and throughout the year as new people stand for area committee positions or others leave position, both on the webpage and AA seta emails.

A big thank you to Tiffany S., Brad H., and Cheryl M. for all their hard work. To ensure uninterrupted communication, the G-Suite position-based emails and the SETA website are the two areas that we identified as needing updating. We looked at three key items that we believe will achieve this.

First item we reviewed was the updating of service positions after the full slate of panel elections have been done. This occurs in the 4th quarter of even-numbered years. The Committee recommends:

- Two weeks after the elections the Registrar will send all newly elected members' email addresses to the IT committee.
- The IT Committee will update G-Suite position-based emails no later than two weeks after the Registrar sends email addresses to them. The position-based emails will be updated to include both the current and incoming elected position holders.
- The IT Committee will update the SETA website two weeks after the January SETA Convention. The update will include adding all current newly elected area committee member names to the website. They will also remove all past position holders from the website and G-Suite position-based emails.

The next item we discussed was updating of service positions during a current panel. This would be anytime a trusted servant is elected to a position that is not in the 4th quarter of even-numbered years. The committee recommends that

the IT Committee update both G-Suite position-based email and the SETA website no later than two weeks after the position is filled.

The last item we looked at was verifying that emails are working correctly. Our IT Committee is working on a process to verify the position-based emails are working correctly.

Our committee will be bringing motions for the Assembly to vote on in July. Thank you Bella for allowing me to serve.

Christina

Roundtable Discussions of [2023 Agenda Items](#)

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Mesa 1 — Yolanda (19 members)

- **VI(O) Literature—Options that will be more attractive to young people than a paper pamphlet:** Instagram, Facebook, Tik Tok, illustrated brochures; Instagram is the main option
- **VIII(R) Public Information – AAWS Instagram Account:** Yes, implement it. Social media is a primary method of reaching people now.
- **X(E) Treatment Facilities – Consider doing an accessibilities inventory:** Unanimous yes.
- **XIII(C) International Conventions & Regional Forums – Should the big meetings at the International Convention end with the Lord's Prayer, Serenity Prayer or Responsibility Statement?** 15/19 members with 1 abstention voted for the Responsibility Statement, with 1 for the Lord's Prayer, and 2 for the Serenity Prayer

Mesa 2 — Luis P. (18 members)

- **V(D) Grapevine – Should Alternate Delegates have access to the same material as Delegates (esp. on the Delegate's Dashboard)?** 18 in favor, 0 opposed
 - Very important for Alternate Delegates to have the same material as Delegates in case they unexpectedly need to attend the GSC
- **VIII(R) Public Information – AAWS Instagram Account:** 15 in favor, 2 opposed
 - Good to do it with care not to break the Traditions
- **IX(C) Report & Charter – Anonymity-protected Final Report posted on aa.org:** 15 in favor, 2 opposed
 - Good to do it with care not to break the 11th & 12 Traditions
 - Concerned that the print version comes so late that they can't check information so it would be beneficial to have faster access

Table 1 — Danny G., Facilitator Lynn S., Recorder (14 members)

- **III(C) CFC—[Service Material on Safety SMF-209](#)**
 - Background Info: changed in 2017, again in 2021 & 2022
 - 4.5 pages about LGBTQ community & issues regarding diversity and inclusivity
 - Q1: 4-7 Q2: 4-10 disagree with keeping the 2022 version—should revert to 2021
 - Arguments for reversion:
 - AA rules are not needed
 - Our autonomy Tradition means these language items don't have to be posted
 - Issues regarding diversity and inclusivity create chaos in the groups
 - Minority Opinion: Groups and sponsorship can deal with this – don't like flip-flop
 - Good background information for groups on how they can deal with these issues
 - Tradition 3 covers issues of diversity and inclusion—additional language is unnecessary
 - Person should be aware of racism and sexual orientation issues dividing groups affecting newcomers

- We are not above the law
 - Majority agree it requires further consideration
 - Shorten language—5 pages is too long & not all definitions are required
 - Include statement about group autonomy
 - Discussion to be less long-winded
- **IV(A) Finance—Clarify that GSB receives contributions and GSO processes them:** 10 for, 1 against
 - Literature should be consistent and people should know where their money goes; clarify as pamphlets are reprinted
- **VI(M) Literature—**
 - **Should the final draft of the Plain Language Big Book be reviewed by the entire Conference instead of the Literature Committee only?** Unanimous: entire Conference should review as a bulwark since a third party is preparing this translation
 - **Should the plain language project be canceled?** 3 cancel, 12 keep
 - If even a people are helped, it's worth the effort
 - Minority opinion: cancel because non-AA party translating our Book and sample in last year's Background Material was confusing; afraid of message of recovery being diluted
 - Majority: emphasized this is a translation, not the Big Book; review by the entire Conference should mitigate inaccuracy issues
 - Second Vote: 2 cancel, 13 keep PLBB
- **VIII(R) PI—AAWS Instagram Account** 13 for, 1 against
 - How are we going to contact millions of Alcoholics without social media? Can easily let millions know information about Fellowship issues, provide links to literature, meetings, Grapevine, etc.
 - Anonymity protected by selecting options to discover who follows or “likes” posts
 - We and Trustees should use it—GSB could use internet to more transparently communicate with the Fellowship and ask for input on time-critical issues between GSCs
 - Minority opinion: a GSB member could use it to express minority opinions and could create anonymity breaks and abuse by GSO/GSB
 - Must have PI oversight to follow Guidelines
 - Can't be Trustee's decision only
 - All agree committee should be formed for approval of Instagram posts, including IT Committee in decisions

Table 2 — Daniel K., Facilitator Bri L., Recorder

- **II(D) CPC—Retire [Member's Eye View pamphlet P-41](#):** 11 in favor, 1 against
 - Pro:
 - Written decades ago
 - Does not represent the wide range of spirituality of AA as a whole—the pamphlet is too narrowly focused; Christianity is 1 religion—others may feel alienated
 - Minority opinion: by removing Christian dogma, we may alienate Christian members
- **IV(F) Finance—Revisions to 12x12:** 7 for, 5 against
 - Majority:
 - Would removing “rape” leave a disconnect with men who have raped?

- “No one should ever consider changing Bill’s writing because it is opening a door that is dangerous”—slippery slope
 - Fewer people may have been informed because it was done during COVID
 - Could alienate some women
 - After Minority Opinion 7-5
 - Does “rape” make women feel unsafe?
 - Maybe change “rape” with an asterisk for explanation that rape has nothing to do with lust
 - “Opposite sex” to “Partner” pg 113
 - Pg 66 “angry enough to murder” to deadly sins
- **VI(O) Literature—Cost-effective media options as an alternative to reach young people:** Did not vote on any suggestions
 - Graphic style pamphlets could be used
 - Suggestion from ICYPAA
 - Should there be a liaison committee with ICYPAA?
 - Should the Conference recognize ICYPAA?
 - Game-oriented app
- **VIII(L) PI—Paid placement on streaming platforms** 12-0 in favor
 - Positive transition and way of outreach, esp. for young people

Table 3 — Doug D., Facilitator Mike B., Recorder (14 voting, 1 observing)

- **II(D) CPC—Retire [Member’s Eye View pamphlet](#)** Unanimous: disagree with retirement
 - Discussion about religious content, but noted it is only one person’s view
 - Pg. 5 clearly explains that it is from 1 member and does not reflect the entire Fellowship
- **VI(M) Literature—**
 - **Should the final draft of the Plain Language Big Book be reviewed by the entire Conference instead of the Literature Committee only?** Unanimous: entire Conference should review
 - Learned that there are 9 members on the Literature Committee
 - Being written by a non-alcoholic vendor
 - **Should the entire project be canceled?** 8-5 yes
 - Waste of money to rewrite what has been written so well
 - Not a translation but a rewrite because it is English to English
 - Minority: trust in the trusted servants to say it’s good enough to be continued
- **V(D) Grapevine – Should Alternate Delegates have access to the same material as Delegates (esp. on the Delegate’s Dashboard)?** Unanimous yes
- **IX(C) Report & Charter—Online anonymity-protected Final Report:** Agreed unanimously
 - Digital Report already available, issue is whether it is on aa.org

Table 4 – Karon M., Facilitator Leta D., Recorder

- **II(D) CPC—Retire [Member’s Eye View pamphlet](#)** 11-0 to retire
 - Prefaced in beginning as one man’s take
 - Directed to professionals
 - Similar to stories in the back of the BB
 - Could remove paragraphs that have heavy Christian influence
 - Cut funds from this pamphlet could be directed toward other useful resources

- **IV(F) Finance–Revisions to 12x12:** 8 for, 2 against
 - Page 66 shows the harshness of disease; softening the language could tarnish the truth
 - Revisions dilute text that has worked for millions
 - AA didn't create the trauma and isn't responsible for triggering; leaned toward reality
 - If both must be voted together, it is to rescind, but "partner" does not offend as a change
 - "Partner" is an outside issue—each group is autonomous, protected by Tradition
 - the changes impact unity and affect primary purpose with controversy
- **VI(O) Literature–Too Young:** 1 vote against pamphlet, 10 votes for developing media
 - Outdated pamphlet
 - Develop app to reach high school & college age—a version of Bridge the Gap that allows young people to connect with each other
 - Attraction rather than promotion, not visualizing consequences with frothy emotional appeal
 - Approaching social media platforms
- **XIII(B) International Convention–21 non-AA speakers:** 9 in favor, 2 opposed
 - A lot of money—minimum \$73K
 - Understood that benefits are worth the expense
 - Trusted professionals have always been invited and are useful

Table 5 – Pam F., Facilitator Linda G., Recorder (13 members—by majority)

- **II(D) CPC–Retire Member's Eye View pamphlet:** 7 retire 5 - keep
 - Keep: personal story designed for use with professionals; aligned with BB
 - Retire: some may not read disclaimer that it is a story
 - Could give the false appearance that AA is Christian-based
 - Minority opinion: Perhaps rename the pamphlet
 - Pamphlet is specific for use in professional setting
 - Christ is mentioned in the Big Book and it is a personal story
- **VI(M) Literature–Should the final draft of the Plain Language Big Book be reviewed by the entire Conference instead of the Literature Committee only?** 10 full Conference, 3 Literature Committee only
 - Full Conference review for transparency and due to controversy of this edition of the Big Book
 - Conference is composed of our trusted servants who will assure the words are in alignment with the Big Book and alleviate arguments
 - Minority opinion: Would be a smoother transition if only Lit Cmte reviews
 - Keep project 7 keep, 5 cancel
 - Pro cancellation: didn't know where idea came from—cancel because of lack of transparency
 - BB is in old English but good sponsorship should be able to fill in the difference
 - Easier, softer way and people won't make it to the old BB
 - Keep pro: everyone should be able to get sober; the wording is difficult
 - Good addition—trust the Conference
 - Next generation should be able to understand the Big Book

- **XIII(C) International Conventions & Regional Forums – Should the big meetings at the International Convention end with the Lord's Prayer, Serenity Prayer or Responsibility Statement?** 7 for Chairperson's choice, 1 for the Lord's Prayer, 1 for the Serenity Prayer, 0 for moment of silence
 - Moment of silence: more appropriate for a big group of people with such a diversity present
 - Responsibility Statement: primary purpose and includes everyone
 - Lord's Prayer: spiritual experience
 - Speaker could choose for continuity
- **III(C) CFC–[Service Material on Safety SMF-209](#):** 12 adequate, 1 not adequate
 - Material could be added; 2021 was more direct on verbiage
 - *Recommendation*: SMF-209 be considered a pamphlet and go through the Conference process

Table 6 – Taylor C., Facilitator Joel G., Recorder (16 members; ⅔ substantial unanimity required)

- **IV(F) Finance–Revisions to 12x12:** Page 117: 8 for, 8 against Page 66: 12 rescind, 4 keep
 - Keep founder's words
 - Positive reception of the focus on Inclusivity
 - Use footnotes for any updated language
 - Frustration about not being involved when the change was made
 - Each page voted separately
 - Addition comment: "rape" may be contentious with newcomers
- **VI(O) Literature–New Ideas for [Too Young pamphlet](#):** No vote was taken as the ideas provided were collected for our suggestion
 - Floor action 2017
 - Started by ICYPAA
 - On hold due to \$100K
 - *Suggestion*: omit color and go to single-page pamphlet with QR code that directs to an interactive digital media landing page that can be easily updated with new content
 - A younger newcomer recently commented that current pamphlet is "very creepy"
- **VIII(R) PI–AAWS Instagram Account** 10 in favor, 5 against, 1 abstention
 - Good for reaching younger alcoholics where they are
 - PI may already be overwhelmed and other resources like Box 4-5-9 may become neglected
 - Uncomfortable associating with a media platform that is in the business of data collection
 - Skeptical that social media is a healthy, safe or secure platform for members of our Fellowship to engage with anonymously
 - Security & anonymity concerns about where sensitive data is being shared
- **X(E) Treatment Facilities – Consider doing an accessibility inventory:** 13 in favor, 3 against
 - Minority: vagueness of motion
 - Want to know cost of this proposal and what action plan looks like
 - Majority: any regular inventory of the services we provide to our Fellowship and its underserved populations is a good thing

Table 7 – Tracy W., Facilitator Madeline A., Recorder

- **V(D) Grapevine – Should Alternate Delegates have access to the same material as Delegates (esp. on the Delegate’s Dashboard)?** Unanimous yes
 - Wonderful idea–Alternate Delegate will be prepared should they have to step in
 - What kind of budget does GSO have to do this?
- **VI(M) Literature–Plain Language Big Book**
 - **Should the final draft be reviewed by the entire Conference instead of the Literature Committee only?** 6-3 Entire Conference
 - Minority: too much for everyone to review
 - **Should the plain language project be canceled?** 6 cancel, 2 keep
 - Concern about changing the Big Book
- **X(E) Treatment Facilities – Consider doing an accessibility inventory:** 9 in favor, 0 against
 - Important to serve people with disabilities
 - Need to know if we’re doing a good job
- **XIII(B) International Convention–21 non-AA speakers** 9 in favor, 0 opposed
 - Professionals have always been important to AA and should be included in panels as long as the percentage stays small

Table 8 – Kate E., Facilitator Wendy F., Recorder (by substantial unanimity)

- Be careful what you ask for—ended up being elected Alt Chair of PI
- **IV(F) Finance–Revisions to 12x12:**
 - Changes should be rescinded & cease printing revised 12x12
 - Not enough discussion & consideration of the impact
 - Slippery slope until it doesn’t carry the message
 - Minority opinion:
 - Concern about sunk cost–will cost more to revert
 - Need to reach new members
- **VI(M) Literature–**
 - **Should the final draft of the Plain Language Big Book be reviewed by the entire Conference instead of the Literature Committee only?** Unanimous: entire Conference should review (but might be too time-consuming)
 - **Should the entire project be canceled?** 50-50
 - Concern about the wording in a Plain Language Big Book not being a translation
 - The other 50% thinks that we will reach more people if it’s easier to read, so it’s worth it
- **IX(C) Report & Charter–Online anonymity-protected Final Report:** Agreed unanimously
- **XIII(C) International Conventions & Regional Forums – Should the big meetings at the International Convention end with the Lord's Prayer, Serenity Prayer or Responsibility Statement?** 10 for the Serenity Prayer, 7 for the Responsibility Statement, 4 for the Lord's Prayer, 0 for moment of silence

Virtual Table – Debi F. (8 members)

- **IV(F) Finance–Revisions to 12x12:** 12 rescind, 1 keep; 2d vote 7 to keep
- **VI(O) Literature–Cost-effective media options to reach young people as an alternative to [Too Young pamphlet](#):** Stop Yoo Young; Use QR codes

- **VIII(R) PI-AAWS Instagram Account** Unanimously in favor
- **XIII(C) International Conventions & Regional Forums – Should the big meetings at the International Convention end with the Lord's Prayer, Serenity Prayer or Responsibility Statement?** Overwhelming response: close all 3 meetings with the Lord's Prayer, the Serenity Prayer and the Responsibility Statement, respectively as previously; otherwise drop the Lord's Prayer

MOTIONS – Past Delegates [Return to Sunday Agenda](#)

- Past Delegates made a **Motion to send Delegate informed but not instructed and in good health** — *passed unanimously*
- Past Delegates made a **Motion to send \$100 to the General Service Board's general fund in honor of Betsy G., our Panel 59 Delegate, as has been our custom** for past Delegates who pass away — *passed unanimously*

Open Positions:

- **Intergrupo Hispano Del SW (D66 & D62)**
 - Martin M. stood for the position and was *elected by acclamation*

New Business

MOTION: The Chair of SETA 2024 moved to be allowed to use a bank on Galveston Island because Chase Bank does not have a branch on the island.

- Pro: safe within reach for cash and access to cash for more change
- Con: SETA Convention immediate past Chair pointed out that there is already an Area decision that the SETA Convention shall use Chase for all financial transactions and no one is allowed to close it without an Area vote
- *Motion tabled due to other priorities*

MOTION: Create an ad hoc to investigate what would be needed for a Bridge the Gap (BTG) Committee and whether to create a new BTG service committee.

- CFC already has a Bridge the Gap committee looking into what to do with it, but should consider issue
- BTG applies to both CFC & TFC—need liaisons to communicate between service committees
- BTG is very important
- *Taylor C. appointed to chair the ad hoc committee*

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

Service Committee Reports

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Archives – Deborah T.

Hello brothers and sisters, good news, I'm back for another two years.

It is my honor and privilege to be serving as the Archives Chair for Area 67.

Mission Statement: The mission of Area 67 Archives Committee is to document permanently the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, to make the history of the organization accessible to A.A. members and other researchers, and to provide context for understanding A.A.'s progression, principles, and traditions.

- The archives committee held a workday back in February and were successful in emptying out our repository, resetting the shelves, setting up the workstations and getting the room organized and ready to be worked in.

- The committee had our first meeting on March 5, 2023 at 1:00pm at Intergroup and had 7 people in attendance.
- The committee elected a co-chair, secretary, and treasurer. We are still in need of an IT/Area IT liaison.
- The Committee voted to remove the Archivist position from the second page of the Area Archives Chair job description and add the Co-chair position. We believe that the archivist is an important role that has a different rotation cycle and a separate job description and should have their own position description page, separate from the chair. Job descriptions were written for the secretary, treasurer, and IT position. You can view these updated positions on our home page.
- The Archives committee unanimously approved to move the committee meeting to the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm via Google Meet starting April 10, 2023. The committee no longer has face-to-face meetings at Intergroup. Our committee wanted to practice the principle of inclusivity and an online meeting will allow anyone in our area to participate in committee work.
- The Archives Workbook suggests other trusted servant positions that our committee can have, and they were approved at our meeting. We will need to develop job descriptions for each of these positions.
 - *Speaker Meeting Recorder* – responsible for obtaining speaker tapes for present and future events.
 - *Newsletter Editor* – design and produce an area 67 Archives Newsletter
 - *Researcher* – assists the archivist and chair in researching current archives material to ensure that it meets our criteria for notifying the committee of new materials that we may want to save. A researcher can also be assigned to gather group histories.
 - *Archives Service Coordinator* – carry archives displays to all service events and maintain their condition.
- The committee voted that we would read and discuss a small portion of the Archives Workbook at each meeting.
- The committee had a robust discussion about many aspects of archives, past, present, and future and were grateful to have Mike D. and Sara D. in attendance to keep us informed of past activities.
- The committee has no operating policies and guidelines, and I am currently working on these for committee review and vote.
- The committee asks that no one bring archives donations to Intergroup and drop them off. There is a formal process that needs to be followed for donations to archives. Please contact myself or Eddie R. our archivist.
- Until someone from Area IT is able and willing to come to Intergroup to help with our archaic computer systems, we are dead in the water concerning the digitizing of our repository documents. I reached out to “Brad” on March 30 and did not hear back as of Friday. In February I reached out to Sergey and Marshall but never received a response.

New Business Agenda Items for April

- Forming ad-hoc committee to work on written procedures for digitization and preservation of all archive’s materials – will become part of Archives overall operating procedures and guidelines
- Do we want to add a Co-Archivist position
- Decide what documents, tapes, CDs, and VHS tapes are to be kept as a part of our historical collection.
- Open Positions – Committee IT/Area IT Liaison, Speaker Meeting Recorder, Newsletter Editor, Researcher(s), Archives Service Coordinator
- **Lastly, regarding donations** – per the GSO archives workbook, there is a required documentation process to donate any item to the Area Archives. Additionally, the committee has not set specific guidelines for what we are considering “of historical importance”. If an individual, group, district, family member or friend wishes to donate materials to the Area Archives please contact me by email for more information.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Correction Facilities Committee (CFC) – Tony W.

The SETA Corrections Committee is charged with carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the suffering alcoholic behind the walls of our local, county, and state jails, as well as state and federal prisons; assisting with orientation processes to get people approved to take meetings into TDCJ facilities; distributing AA literature purchased with your BLUE CAN donations; answering letters from incarcerated inmates through the Correspondence Program; utilizing Bridging The Gap and the National CFC Pre-Release contact channels to assist in getting inmates to their first AA meeting upon release; and carrying the message through setting up information tables at workshops and conventions. We meet the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 in the back room at Houston Intergroup. The Conference Committee meets an hour before that. Thank you Intergroup for the use of your room.

We are finishing up an Ad-Hoc whose duty is finding communication lapses and improvements between CFC, TFC, Intergroup, and anyone else using the Bridging the Gap program. Kendyl W did a fine job chairing this and we'll have the results and their findings in the next couple of meetings.

We are also looking to create a database that shows all of the facilities in our area, the ones we are taking meetings into, who is doing them and when. This is a painstaking endeavor but it is much needed.

World Services now has Conference-approved digital literature accessible on tablets and PCs with most of the popular reads from AA for incarcerated people. This is done at NO COST to inmates. We have contracts with many major vendors including ViaPath, Edovo/GTL, Securus-Jpay or Ingram 3 CoreSource – OverDrive, so our e-book and audiobook content can be accessed. Additional vendors will be added, and we hope to provide quarterly updates. Please contact corrections@aa.org to learn if there is tablet use in your area, which literature titles are being accessed most and for any additional information.

The Corrections Workbook is in its final stage of revision. An updated English version is expected March 2023. A section on sponsorship is included in the new workbook.

The proposed agenda item "Consider a request to include content in existing A.A. literature on sponsorship of persons in custody by outside members of the Fellowship" is being discussed by the Corrections Conference Committee. As this is a new growing area, the Conference Committee and the Trustees' Committee on Corrections has asked that we gather shared experience from those A.A. members providing online meetings for possible use in service material. Please email your shared experience by March 30, 2023, using the subject line "Shared Experience – Virtual meetings" to corrections@aa.org Local/Regional News.

Thank you all for everything you do for the still-suffering alcoholic, and thank you for allowing me to serve.

Tony W., Chair

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

- Since the beginning of January, I have worked with Catherine in her transition to the Area Treasurer. That took up much of January and the beginning of February.
- During the Area Convention we transferred the appropriate signers that were needed to be added to the correct bank accounts.
- We had no committee meeting at the convention. Then, changed the monthly Finance Committee meetings to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8:00p, except on the months that there is an Area Assembly then it is that Saturday afternoon during the committee breakouts.
- We updated the [Finance Committee page](#) and the [meeting flyer](#).
- We sent out the 2024 budget worksheets to the budget holders. We had the budget meeting on Wednesday, March 8th at 7:30 pm and had 12 holders in attendance.

- We have a [proposed 2024 Area Budget](#), there are copies in front of the podium and it was sent out thru SETA-Announce before the Assembly. There are 19 of us. Would the budget holders present in the assembly room now please stand. Contact them about budget questions before you contact me. I am the facilitator for the budget.
- Catherine has been very helpful with this process.
- We have already used \$12,000 of our prudent reserve only three months into the year.
- The 2024 Budget calls for \$33,000 in unrestricted funds in addition to the usual contributions and Prudent Reserve so that we have a balanced budget.
- To fully fund our Delegate to the 2023 General Service Conference would require \$8,200, but request from the General Service Office emphasizes *if we can afford it*.

In service, Reino F. 919-413-9934 Reino.f@aa-seta.org

Grapevine – Daryl W.

Introduction – My name is Darryl, and I am an alcoholic. I am happy to serve as the chair of the area Grapevine committee.

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

Past Activities – The SETA Area 67 Grapevine committee set up a display at the SETA convention in January and secured multiple Grapevine subscriptions. Also, our alternate chairperson chaired one of the marathon meetings at the convention. We gave a Grapevine presentation at District 32 business meeting on February 5, 2023. Our committee organized a Grapevine writing workshop in district 31 on February 12, 2023, at the Spring Group AA. From our last quarterly report, we got an IT liaison for the committee, which has been helpful. We have initiated an area-wide Grapevine subscription drive amongst our GVR'S, which began on March 1st and will conclude on September 30th of 2023. Also, an area GV rep assisted with the Grapevine writing workshop in District 82 on March 25, 2023. Our committee meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm on zoom.

Committee Future Plans – To carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers through all forms of Grapevine media. To increase the number of subscriptions purchased in Area 67. Another objective is to support Grapevine Inc by giving our input concerning the new app that is being developed. Another of our goals is to give away more digital and audio products and to meet the needs of all of our members, which involves doing more area-wide workshops and increasing our visibility in the area. We have been getting requests for hybrid Grapevine workshops, so the committee is exploring all of the necessary equipment to make that happen. We will have a display table at the 2023 April SETA assembly and be available for questions and those who want to order a Grapevine subscription online.

Future Grapevine events – District 70 will hold a Grapevine workshop on May 20, 2023. Also, SETA Area 67 Grapevine committee will be giving a presentation at the district 60 workshop, which will be on April 22, 2023, from 12-3 pm. District 20 has asked the committee to organize a Grapevine writing workshop in the summer of 2023.

Grapevine Giveaways – Several subscriptions will be given at the 2023 SETA April Assembly.

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

IT – Sergey K. – No report submitted.

La Viña – Misael M.

The committee gathers the last Thursday of each month rotating once in each district. It is working together with the committees of Hispanic districts 63, 64, 65, 66. Everyone is welcome.

We are working on completing the committee of the Area coordinators and alternates.

In February we performed a writing workshop for gathering experiences. District 64 collected a total of 13 experiences. We are creating a stamp with the Step 12 phone numbers of our intergroups to support our literature with a Step 12 tool.

Our Hispanic districts have a total of: 132 subscriptions 14 RLV

Also we have the La Viña display in the hallway today and tomorrow.

Misael M., Coordinator

Literature – Daniel K.

Statement of purpose: The purpose of the literature committee is to raise the awareness for AA conference-approved literature, audiovisual, and other special items.

The Literature committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:30 PM via Google Meet.

We began our rotation with our January meeting, getting to know each other and bringing the newcomers in attendance up to speed on some of the discussions and progress made during the previous committee rotation. Those at our meeting shared their experiences at SETA Convention, where a great time of fellowship was had by all in attendance. Thank you to our Beaumont peeps for their hospitality. The committee elected Jim M. as our Alternate Chair. Each attendee shared any recent experience of discussing AA literature, which led to a great conversation around the Plain Language Big Book and our experiences discussing that topic within the Fellowship.

During our February meeting, the committee began to review the agenda items provided by our delegate, Rick M., to determine which items we would cover during our March meeting so that we could provide Rick with our Feedback Forms. We also discussed the change in job description passed at Convention so that we as a committee could get out and attend District meetings in our area. Lastly, we elected Carol F. as our Secretary.

Our March meeting was dedicated to reviewing agenda items to provide Rick M with our feedback forms. Although we had selected four items, we were only able to get to two, with those being the items pertaining to the 12&12 and Plain Language Edition. We had healthy, productive conversations, going with simple majority opinion on each, and good point/counterpoint conversations within the group. As a committee we agreed that the final draft of Plain Language be approved by the GSC, and that the work should not be halted, with this being unanimous. The committee reached a 2/3 vote on the 12 & 12 language that it NOT be rescinded back to original wording, and that the printing should not be halted from its current state.

In Service, Dan K., Literature Committee Chair

Multilingual – Janine B.

Dear Cherished AA Fellows. The companionship of AA made me want to take certain steps and build a relationship with God, myself and then with others. Thank you for allowing me to be of service to Area 67. I have developed the capacity to give and receive love, to become grateful for my possessions, to behave myself in a faithful way towards God, and especially to to forgive the Dodge Dually Diesel Driver, who cuts me off in the construction traffic on the Kemah Bridge. What does that forgiveness look like? I put on my indicator and go around the idiot! Then, I receive my blessing immediately, because I don't have to catch a murder charge!! How Great is God!?! I speak Spanish, French and I can communicate in ASL. I use Spanish most often and I "talk to myself" in ASL, mainly to remind myself what I need from the Kroger. I travel to México frequently and with immersion in the culture, the people and the food I am able to dream in Spanish, which indicates I am no longer translating word for word, in my head. My head is a dangerous neighborhood to go without my compadres!

My intention is to attend meetings in district 62, to establish Multilingual Meetings in District 81. I will attend Spanish/English or Spanish language-only AA meetings in the Area. I hope to find new groups, in districts #81 and especially in Spanish speaking meetings in 60 and 62. District 62 is one of five Spanish-speaking Districts in the Southeast Texas Area. It includes groups from everything west of I-45 and south of I-10 to the west and south borders of the Area.

I want the hand of AA to always be there, for ALL, without barriers of language. I speak the Language of the Heart. No fear of making a grammar error, or being judged for pronouncing a word wrong.

I would like to see inclusiveness at the Area level of service. We have recovered from a seemingly hopeless state of mind and body.

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

Newsletter – Tracy W.

Greetings SETA!

My name is Tracy Wilson, currently serving as Area 67 Newsletter Chair. The committee still consists of the two of us.

Thank you to those who have contributed to [April's newsletter](#). We have figured out a way to add flyers to the newsletter and still print in color that keeps the cost down.

If you would like your home group flyer in the newsletter please, get it to me a month prior to the next assembly. newsletter-chair@aa-seta.org

We encourage anyone that is interested in the newsletter to join us at the 5:30 breakout session. Come be a part of!

In Love and Service, Tracy W., Newsletter Chair Tracy.w@aa-seta.org Fernando B., Alternate newsletter-alt@aa-seta.org

Public Information (PI) – Charlie W.

Our committee has been holding monthly meetings via Google Meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Our average attendance has been 6-7 since January. I encourage our groups and Districts to elect or choose a PI representative to reach out and carry the AA message to our communities. Service work on all levels is rewarding and certainly helps keep us sober.

Our 2023 PI committee budget is \$1745.00 as we have not spent any of our budget to date. I also encourage all members to [register for a SETA email address](#), which will subscribe you to SETA-announce. Please, feel free to visit our [shared PI drive](#) on Google Workspace.

Our Area P.I committee has been asked to review a few GSC Public Information Agenda Items – B, F, M, & Q. We will be discussing these items at today's PI meeting. We hope to see you there!

The committee will be setting up a Public Information table and display at the Lone Star College Annual Health Fair on April 5th.

We are also looking for a committee secretary to take notes/minutes at our monthly meeting. Some of our districts are quite busy carrying the message through Public Information with Adopt-A-Racks, PSAs in community publications and District 81 is looking at a Billboard project and wants to do it again with assistance from the Area PI Committee.

Thank y'all, Charlie W.

SCAP – Ron S. – No report submitted.

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) – Christopher G.

Our Committee meetings are held on the 15th of each month on Zoom. We are currently looking into locations to provide a Hybrid Meeting format. We still have a few positions to fill, namely an Alternate TFC Chairperson and Accessibilities Chairperson. The TFC does have a Spanish Liaison, to better support our Spanish Speaking Districts and to communicate TFC initiatives!

The TFCcommittee is focussing on (2) main goals this year:

To carry the message to “newcomer clients” by providing meetings inside Treatment Facilities. For this we need District support. The TFC will provide the resources necessary to train Group Members and AA Volunteers, with AA Guidelines,

Training presentations, GSO pamphlets & workbooks to use for Guidance, HOWEVER, we need District TF support to get the information to the group membership and Treatment Facilities.

Timely provide Bridging the Gap (BTG) Program information to the "newcomer clients" within our Treatment Facilities. For those of you not familiar with BTG: Bridging the Gap is a program by AA to assist the newcomer (namely, newly discharged TF clients, hospital patients, and newly released Prison Inmates), by bringing the newcomer to their first meetings and introducing the newcomer to the fellowship of AA. Keep in mind this is basic 12th-Step work, keeping with AA's singleness of purpose. We have been building the SETA Database of Temporary AA Volunteers for a couple of years now. For this initiative, we ALSO need District Member support... to bring BTG information to the newcomer and cooperating Facilities. The TFC will provide the resources of Training materials, AA Guidelines, and Training presentations. WE have produced (3) SETA BTG Pamphlets, in both English and Spanish, (1) to provide to the Facilities, (1) for their Clients and (1) for AA members volunteering to be "Bridges". All pamphlets have QR Codes to the national BTG Website. We also have bookmarks available for the TF Clients, with BTG contact information on one side and Houston Intergroup contact information on the other side. Both sides have respective QR Codes! We are currently drafting our own BTG-SETA workbook and it will appear in a TFC/BTG info-binder for each District. We hope to distribute at least (1) Info-binder per District beginning next month, regarding #1 and #2 above.

For the last year the TFC has fallen short on making "Bridges", using the National and SETA database of AA volunteers, meaning we are not getting the BTG information to the Clients within the Facilities. Our plan is to better communicate between SETA Committees and Districts, on a level we have not seen before, using the SETA and GSO resources available. We "are paving new ground here" to tailor an effective BTG program that meets the needs of SETA to reach the still-suffering alcoholic.

In closing, I wish to bring to your attention that SETA will be hosting the Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend in September, across the boulevard at the Airport Sheraton. Here, we will exchange ideas and observe working models of how BTG works, from Areas located all over the US and Canada ... and have a few "jammin'" guest speakers. Please come by the TFC Table in the hallway and pick up the BTG Workshop Weekend Flyer to distribute among our AA membership.

Respectfully Submitted in Friendship and Service, Chris G, TFC Chair, A67

Intergroup Liaison Reports

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Brazos Valley Intergroup – Rachel S.

I am very delighted to inform our Area of the changes being made within our small, yet still vital intergroup located in the Brazos Valley. Roger B. has volunteered to step up and become our new chair for Brazos Valley Intergroup. He is making major improvements to get our inner group organized and working more efficiently. He's printed out a P&P manual for all trustees and attendees, as well as creating more efficient 2023 financial budgets and records to help us follow up and keep better track of.

We also have a new bookkeeper Kimie W. who is in charge of setting up QuickBooks for our intergroup bookstore.

Treasurer's report- Roger B. reported BVIA operating results for the month ending February 28th, 2023.

Beginning cash balance=\$ 1646.05, donations \$1314.00, Bookstore sales = \$ 666.50, Bookstore gross income \$239.94. Total gross income = \$1553.94, expenses (overhead) = \$428.93. Net operating income = \$1125.01. Ending cash balance = \$2126.72.

Our volunteer hotline chair, Matt S., has reported we're averaging 3 calls a day with 65 volunteers on our hotline list, who take calls on a rotation system. He's implemented a hotline volunteer workshop being held on Saturday, April 22nd for anyone who is interested in learning more about how our hotline works and what the proper steps are in order to answer certain calls or go on 12 step calls. We're also planning to have assistance from either Houston or our Waco intergroups to help out with this workshop. All hotline volunteers, and or people that are interested in knowing more about how our hotline works are encouraged to attend.

We have a new website/IT chair, Phillip K., who has completely renewed our BVIA website page via WordPress, in addition to adding an SSL to the website and implementing the Meeting Guide app in connection with the website.

Bookstore operations—Our vice chairperson, Wayne S, has been in the process of remodeling our intergroup room. We are going to have new desks, and bookshelves built. As well as an archive section and area to purchase coins. We're making it to where we can actually shop, and it is run as an actual store now. We will also have a certain number of people who have access with the code to the room, and who are trained in knowing how to keep track of the inventory with the proper Ledger books or QuickBooks. Looking for volunteer service workers who have time and are willing to work a few hours a day between Tuesday and Thursday, between 1-4pm to keep the store open and operating regularly.

Also looking to access a website for placing online orders outside business hours so we can get items available to all groups when needed. We are also adding wooden lockers in our club hallway so that people in groups can place an online order and we can put them in the lockers to be picked up during outside business hours.

So there are lots of changes happening right now, and I'm looking forward to seeing how the new changes will improve our intergroup as a whole. Thank you.

Rachel S. – BVIG Liaison

Houston Intergroup – Taylor C.

Mission: To maintain a Central Service Office for cooperation with groups in the Houston area.

How it works:

Intergroup Houston is a service center that provides support to its immediate metropolitan area fellowship. Primarily, its resources include a physical book store for literature, chips, and sobriety related materials, as well as meeting and event space for groups or committees to meet. Intergroup's services to our area include any service necessary for the rehabilitation of alcoholics within the Houston fellowship.


The office is a vehicle where groups and individuals may "carry the message to sick alcoholics" within the framework of the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. The office operates for the benefit of all groups and still suffering alcoholics of the area. Its additional service objective is to connect still suffering alcoholics with the members of groups closest, providing essential opportunities for groups to do Twelfth Step work, necessarily, for continued sobriety.

Finally, Houston Intergroup also aids in assisting new groups to become established and provides assistance for their growth. It is also a direct link of information and suggestions from the AAWS General Service Office.

Meeting Times: Board of Trustees - 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm every month on the 3rd Thursday Delegates Meeting - 8:00 pm. until 9:00 pm every other month on the 3rd Thursday

For Zoom meeting information please visit the Intergroup website aahouston.org/events/

Special Announcements:

- Volunteers are being called to help the Houston Intergroup office deep clean their facilities once a month every 2nd Friday from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm. This is a new and wonderful opportunity for area members to participate in a much needed regular service project. Additionally if any volunteers need to have papers signed for court-appointed community service hours, this opportunity is an excellent avenue for giving back to the Fellowship.
- Kelli R., Houston Intergroup's beloved Executive Secretary, has announced she will remain in her role for another 2 years and succession planning is now taking place to begin the search for a qualified replacement in her role.
- Bookstore Price Increase April 3, 2023.
- There is currently an open Board of Trustees' position and the vote will be held during the next scheduled delegates' meeting on Thursday, April 20th. For more information or if interested in standing for the position, use one of these links:
 -  Replacement Trustee Form April 2023.pdf

- [Replacement Trustee Form on Google Drive](#)

Planned 2023 Events

- **Friday, April 14th** 10:00 am until 3:00 pm - 1st Volunteer Cleaning Opportunity
 - please call the office to get on the organizer's list of volunteers
- **Saturday, June 24th** 10:00 am until 3:00 pm - Intergroup's Summer Open House
 - there will be a speaker, cake auction and raffles

Upcoming 2023 Events (Save the Dates):

- **Intergroup's 60th Anniversary** will be held on October 21st. Location TBD.
- **Intergroup Workshop on Emotional Sobriety** to be held in August TBD.
- **Intergroup's Winter Open House** to be held on December 9th. More information to come.

9th District Intergroup – Peter M.

- We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month quarterly (Jan / Apr / July / Oct) at 2 pm at West End group, 1235 Crockett Street, Beaumont.
- District 90 Intergroup bookstore is fully stocked and fully funded. Our orders are promptly being filled as ordered. Hours of operation are from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm M–F.
- We currently have two Zoom meetings registered with the District:
 - West End Group–Beaumont 7:00 pm M W F 841-0747-4684 (181896)
 - Port Arthur Group noon M W F 814-2522-3283 (102072)
- Our Stepping Stones newsletter has almost 300 subscriptions, both mailing and emailing.
- Our 24-hour hotline is fully operating (409-852-1107). We are always looking for volunteers to fill time slots.
- 9th District Intergroup Association received a \$8,745.38 contribution from the proceeds of the 2022 District 90 Convention after providing a \$3,000.00 prudent reserve for the 2023 convention.

Peter M.

Oficina Intergrupala Hispana (D63, 64, 65) – Dimas S.

Meetings for Intergroup Representatives and committees are every Saturday from 6-8 pm; this meeting is changed only when there is an Area Assembly or Hispanic Assembly.

Twelve Step Committee: works by taking calls of people asking for information about meetings of AA groups. We give them information about groups closest to them or people who try to reach an annex, we have a hotline to get calls and it is rotated between the committee members.

Message to women committee: this committee has a hot line where women can reach information about AA, they also provide information about the closest group in their area.

Media and Public Relations committee: they currently share every Friday on Radio Maria, a local radio station on which they have an hour from 5-6 pm.

Archive Committee: this committee is responsible for maintaining the information updated for the Bulletin "Transmitelo" also the groups' directory of Houston Area groups and AA events.

Special Events Committee: this committee is responsible for collecting funds for AA events.

Treatment Facilities Committee: this committee visits every Friday from 6 to 8 the Catholic Church San Patricio located at 4810 Moody Street, Houston, TX 77009.

We also pay a secretary that works Monday to Wednesday from 9-5 pm.

We work with 34 R.O.I. groups' representatives.

Intergrupo Hispano Del SW (D66 & 62) – Martin M. elected at this Assembly, so no report submitted.

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

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District 10 – OPEN

District 20 – Sarah L. – No report submitted.

District 31 – Karon M.

Greetings from District 31.

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

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

In February, our district was very busy hosting workshops. The Duck Group is working hard to educate the masses about the 12 Concepts of Service. The Atascocita Group hosted a workshop on Service, and our Area Grapevine committee Chair Darryl W with the assistance of our District 31 Grapevine representative Leslie S. held a highly successful Grapevine Writing workshop hosted by the Spring Group. Each workshop is a testament of the district's commitment to reaching out to the recovering Alcoholic.

Our Delegates made a stop by our District meeting to introduce and explain some of the conference agenda items. Thank you both for your knowledge and guidance. You guys are amazing, and we truly appreciate your service and support.

At the March meeting, we had a lively discussion on several of the conference agenda items. Everyone was allowed to participate and participate they did. We were able to come to a consensus on the wishes of the entire district. These findings will be submitted to Rick to assist with his informed but not directed decision at the conference.

We also had a wonderful visit from the Area CFC Committee. Thank you, guys, for bringing our district the valuable information on how AA assists those recovering alcoholics in the prison system and how we may participate in this endeavor.

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

In loving Service, Karon M, DCM District 31

District 32 – Kim C. – No report submitted.

District 33 – Tony A.

- District 33 held its 37th annual Unity Conference on February 25th & 26th. We had a wonderful turnout, fantastic speakers, and great food. I would like to thank the Unity Committee for their splendid job.
- At the March 18th district meeting, Rick M. Delegate and Christine S. were kind enough to visit our district meeting and speak about the upcoming 73rd General Service Conference. There was a great turnout with many GSR's in attendance.

- We also elected the 38th annual Unity Conference Committee at the March meeting. I want to congratulate Rhonda F. Chair, Curtis H. Alt-Chair, Kimie W. Treasurer, and Leah Ann V. Alt-Treasurer. Mark your calendars, it will be held on February 17th & 18th at the Kurten Community Center in Kurten, Texas. With this committee I'm truly looking forward to another wonderful event.
- I have been visiting group meetings and group conscience meetings in District 33, I'm currently attending between 7-10 meetings a week. My goal is to attend each group and let members know how the district can help their groups and the suffering alcoholic, and the service opportunities available.
- In the past month at least 4 more groups have begun scheduling regular group conscience meetings and electing GSRs to represent the groups.
- Last month an ad-hoc was formed to present a budget, prudent reserve, and suggestions on better financial practices. Until a budget is proposed and accepted district expenditures are on a limited basis.

Thank you, Tony A.

District 40 – Doug D.

Greetings from District 40. My name is Doug D and I have the privilege of serving as the DCM. Our meeting is on the 2nd Tuesday of every month on Google Meet. We are striving to use the technology at our disposal here in Area 67. We have an Ad hoc committee that is still working toward finding a physical location and the hardware requirements so we can transition our meeting to a hybrid solution

In January, we had 36 in attendance. Where Mike B, the Alt DCM, and I welcomed all our new GSRs. The new business we conducted was to decide if we would have our district inventory in person, online, or hybrid. We voted for Hybrid. To facilitate our inventory we had 2 delegates from other areas. Darin H, Area 25, Panel 72, and Wayne H, Area 65, Panel 71. We decided on Wayne H. and to conduct it on Feb 25 from 10 am to 1 pm online using Google meet and physically at the 8373 club.

In February, we had 35 in attendance. We had Wayne H. stop by online and go over the format and process for our district inventory later this month and voted to record the inventory so we would not miss any of the information brought up during the process. The list of questions was sent to the D40 mailing list and asked for the groups and individuals to fill them out and send them back so we had a starting point for the inventory.

On the 25th, we held our inventory. Wayne H. came down in person to facilitate it for us. We had 23 people attend, 15 in person and 8 online. We were able to complete it in just about 2.5 hours. Putting all that information into one complete document fell into the capable hands of our secretary Theresa S. She took all the answers and listed them under each question so everyone could see them all.

In March, we had 32 people in attendance. Our Delegate and Alt Delegate stopped by to solicit feedback from the groups and committees on the agenda items. We only had time to talk about 2 of them, Literature Item M and CPC item D and our recorder Fernando B sent the responses to Rick M. We set up another AD-Hoc committee to go over the inventory answers and propose topics. Also, looking ahead to the Southwest Forum, we decided to go ahead and secure the travel arrangements for the 2 members of District 40 that will attend.

In service, Doug D., D40 DCM Doug.d@aa-seta.org

District 51 – David D. – No report submitted.

District 52 – Ricardo D. – No report submitted.

District 60 – Roland R.

- I would first like to thank you, for allowing me to be of service to my area 67.
- My district is going through a building period. Last term we did not have a DCM. The district is looking forward to its first event in 2 years, **Spring into Service** at 10030 Scarsdale Boulevard, Houston TX 77089. Inside Crossroads

Missionary Church second floor at the Beverly Hills group from 12:00 to 3:00 **April the 22nd, 2023**. Fellowship at 126 Forest Hill Boulevard will be having their 68th anniversary April 1st it will start after the 10:00 a.m. meeting.

- The **Industrial group** will have their **73rd anniversary** at 1611 First Street starting at 5:00 p.m **May 13th**.
 - The **RockHill group** at 7808 Bellfort Street has **food and fellowship every second Sunday** at 5:00 p.m.
 - The **Third Tradition group** of Alcoholics Anonymous will be having a **4th of July blowout**; details will be coming later.
- Love and Service, DCM District 60, Roland R.

District 62 – INACTIVE

District 63 - Juan D.

District 63 meets every Saturday of the month at 6:00 pm at 4800 W. 34th St., Suite B8, Houston Tx., 77092.

We had 4 to 6 active groups, also two committees, La Viña and CFC.

We visit groups that belong to District 63 every Tuesday.

Our District shares and is present at all SETA events, Hispanic events and the inter-district meeting.

District 64 - Marco L.

Greetings from District 64, hoping everybody is enjoying 24 hours of sobriety. District 64 has a meeting every Saturday at 6:00 pm.

We are working with three committees La Viña, CFC and Literature; also we participate in all SETA assemblies and all Spanish events like the Hispanic National Convention.

District 65 - Isidro G.

Greetings from District 65, we are located at 1721 South Houston Rd., Pasadena Tx., 77502. We get together every Saturday at 6:00 pm, our visitation group roll is on Thursdays of each week.

La Viña Committee: they encourage new subscriptions and encourage individual AA members to contribute written, digital and audio material for the La Viña publication.

C F C: make contributions to the Blue Cans and also share at TDCJ prisons.

Literature Committee: they order service literature from GSO.

District 66 - Luis P.

Greetings from District 66. Wishing you all well. Our first goal is to pass the message of AA. We get together every Saturday from 6:00 pm at 5645 Hillcroft Dr., Houston, Tx., 77036.

Every Wednesday we have our roll share visitation for groups that belong to district 66.

District 66 works with 20 active groups. We also support Area 67 in any service need that we can help.

District 70 – Kevin W.

District 70 meets every 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm at 7011 Spencer Hwy Pasadena, TX 77505

Thanks to all the Committee Chairs, Alternates and GSRs who serve D-70.

Update through our April meeting (4-12)

- Currently District 70 works with 42 groups.
- We had 21 officers, committee members, and GSR's at our March meeting.
- For the past 2 months our Literature chair has presented some of the proposed and final agenda items, which helped inform our GSRs.

- Our Treatment Facilities committee has approximately 10 to 12 members serving on the committee, meets several times throughout the month, and is working with the new treatment facility to bridge the gap between them and our groups.
- The CFC committee is currently researching correctional facilities and is working with the courts to gain access to the correctional facilities in our district.
- We are looking to fill three officer positions and three committee chair positions.
- We will be hosting a Spring Grapevine writing workshop on May 20 at the Up the Street Club from 1:30-4:30.
- Our alternate DCM is currently facilitating a GSR workshop before our monthly district meeting which starts at 6:30.
- All group activities continue to increase.
- I have visited several groups in the district and will continue to visit groups with a focus on the groups who currently do not have a GSR participating in the district.

In service, Kevin W.

District 81 – Keith M. – No report submitted.

District 82 – Jackie M. – No report submitted.

District 90 – Julian (Juliann) L.

First, I want to thank you all for my sobriety and the life I have today. It is because of the life you have given me that I am unable to attend this weekend's assembly. I am visiting with my son before his move to England in two weeks to finally join his new bride where they will begin their new journey together.

Now for the District 90 news: District 90 is going strong for the new year. We have filled all of our district positions and everyone is settling in on their new service commitment.

Second, I want to thank my Alt DCM – David S for giving this report in my stead.

Under the care of our new TFC Chair, Ray F, there is now a new meeting 12/12 Book Study being held at one of the treatment facilities in our district.

We are currently working on our District 90 Convention, to be held in August (18, 19, 20th) at the MCM Elegante in Beaumont. You will want to make sure you come!!! It is going to be a great time of fun, fellowship and food. We have some wonderful speakers coming. So make sure and get registered early. Ask David how to get registered!!!

We are also going to be holding our annual Traditions Workshop in September – more to be revealed.

Our SETA 67 Area Delegate – Rick Mueller came to our district at our March 5th meeting. He handed out 73rd General Service Conference Committees Agenda Items for all of the GSRs to take back to their groups and give him feedback. I have had conversations with several of our groups and they are fast working on this. They also are very appreciative to have been given the opportunity to have their voice heard. Thank you Rick

In closing, I want to say again what an honor it is to be serving as District 90's DCM. I'll see you in July!!!

In Your Service, Julian L.

Area Committee Roll Call July, 2023

Position	Short Name	Committee	Assembly
Area Officers			
Delegate	Rick M	Present	Present
Alternate Delegate	Christina S	Present	Present
Chairperson	Bella L	Present	Present
Alternate Chairperson	Art G	Present	Present
Registrar	Patricia H	Present	Present
Alternate Registrar	Elizabeth G	Present	Present
Secretary	Allise B	Present	Present
Alternate Secretary	Edwin C	Present	Present
Treasurer	Catherine G	Present	Present
Alternate Treasurer	Aliciea M	Present	Present
Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Archives	Deborah T	Present	Present
Alternate Archives	Carol W	Absent	Absent
CPC	Michael G	Absent	Absent
Alternate CPC	Kate E	Present	Present
CFC	Tony W	Present	Present
Alternate CFC	Harold B	Absent	Absent
Finance	Reino F	Present	Present
Alternate Finance			
Grapevine	Darryl W	Present	Present
Alternate Grapevine	Terry P	Present	Absent
IT	Sergey K	Present	Present
Alternate IT	Brad H	Absent	Absent
La Vina	Misael M	Present	Absent
Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Daniel K	Present	Present
Alternate Literature	Jim M	Absent	Present
Multi-Lingual	Janine B	Present	Present
Alternate Multi-Lingual	Dulce A	Absent	Absent

Newsletter	Tracy W	Present	Present
Alternate Newsletter	Fernando B	Absent	Absent
Public Information (PI)	Charlie W	Present	Present
Alternate PI	Theresa S	Absent	Absent
SCAP	Ron S	Present	Absent
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Christopher G	Present	Present
Alternate TFC			
Convention Chairs			
2024 SETA Convention Chair	Joel G	Present	Present
2025 SETA Convention Chair	Cody R	Present	Present
2025 State Convention Chair	Melissa R	Present	Present
2025 State Convention Co-Chair	Troy B	Present	Present
Intergroup Liaisons			
Brazos Valley Intergroup	Rachel S	Present	Present
Houston Intergroup	Taylor C	Present	Present
Ninth District Intergroup	Peter M	Present	Present
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate	James K	Present	Present
Oficina Intergrupala Hispana D63,64	Dimas S	Present	Present
Oficina Intergrupala Hispana Alt (D 63,64)	Jose M	Present	Present
Intergrupo Hispano del SW (D 62, 65, 66)	Martin M	Absent	Present
Intergrupo Hispano del SW Alt (D 62, 65, 66)			
DCMs			
District 10 DCM			
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Sarah L	Absent	Absent
District 20 Alt DCM	Linda G	Present	Present
District 31 DCM	Karon M	Absent	Absent
District 31 Alt DCM	Doug	Present	Present
District 32 DCM	Kim C	Present	Present
District 32 Alt DCM			
District 33 DCM	Tony A	Present	Present
District 33 Alt DCM	Cody R	Present	Present
District 40 DCM	Doug D	Present	Present

District 40 Alt DCM	Mike B	Present	Present
District 51 DCM	David D	Present	Present
District 51 Alt DCM			
District 52 DCM	Ricardo D	Absent	Absent
District 52 Alt DCM	Michael J	Present	Absent
District 60 DCM	Roland R	Present	Present
District 60 Alt DCM			
District 62 DCM			
District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM	Juan D	Absent	Present
District 63 Alt DCM	Ivan L	Absent	Absent
District 64 DCM	Marco L	Present	Present
District 64 Alt DCM	Jose M	Present	Present
District 65 DCM	Isidro G	Present	Present
District 65 Alt DCM	Marvin P	Present	Present
District 66 DCM	Luis P	Present	Present
District 66 Alt DCM	Wilfredo G	Absent	Present
District 70 DCM	Kevin W	Present	Present
District 70 Alt DCM	Sara B	Present	Present
District 81 DCM	Keith M	Present	Present
District 81 Alt DCM	Danny G	Present	Absent
District 82 DCM	Jackie M	Present	Present
District 82 Alt DCM	OB S	Absent	Absent
District 90 DCM	Julian (Juliann) L	Present	Present
District 90 Alt DCM	David S	Present	Present
Other			
Archivist	Eddie R	Absent	Absent
Webmaster	Susan W	Present	Absent
Alt Webmaster	Cheryl M	Present	Present

2023 SETA CONVENTION FINANCIAL REPORTS

2023 SETA Convention Recap

Beginning Bank Balance - July 1, 2022		\$3,011.49	\$11.49 is from Pre-Registration Eventbrite
		\$8,205.00	
	Checks	\$1,860.00	\$900 of this represents Hospitality
			Donations:
			(\$400 - District 40 & \$500- District 90)
	Hospitality Donations	\$401.14	Collected At Convention
	Coffee Can Donations	\$120.52	Collected At Convention
	Sub-Total	\$13,598.15	
	Eventbrite Deposits	\$4,365.15	
	Square Deposits	\$3,665.00	
	Sub-Total	\$21,628.30	
	Less		
	Expenses (See Breakdown)	-\$13,157.06	
	Sqaure CC Fees	-\$131.07	
Ending Bank Balance - February 28, 2023		\$8,340.17	This balance includes a \$4493.12
			outstanding deposit which shows on the
			March 2023 Bank statement
	Less		
	Convention Reserve	-\$3,000.00	
	Convention Net Income	\$5,340.17	To be transferred out of Convention Reserve Account
	Plus		
	Proceeds from Eventbrite	\$27.03	Transferred to other account early on in 2022 for 2023
	Deposit given at Contract signing	-\$1,000.00	Written from another account for 2023 Convention
	2023 SETA Convention Net Income	\$4,367.20	
	There were 28 Scholarships used		

Attendee Numbers			*** There was \$900 given directly to Linda - Hospitality Chair
AA	731		The following Districts donated cash: District 33 \$650.00
AIAnon	58		Used to pay for Saturday nights' Pizza Party
AlaTeen	4		District 20 - \$100
Coffee Badges	344		District 31 - \$150
			Other expense receipts for this totaled: \$458.25 - We owe Linda \$208.25

2023 SETA Convention Reconciliation–Sales

Cash							
Pre	AA	Alanon	Alateen	Coffee Badges	Scholarships	District Donations	
	\$600.00	\$15.00		\$50.00			
Onsite	\$6,180.00	\$280.00		\$630.00	\$450.00		
	\$6,780.00	\$295.00	\$0.00	\$680.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$8,205.00
					\$140.00	Checks	
Grand Total	\$8,205.00						
Less: Refunds							
Total	\$8,205.00						
Evenbrite							
Pre	\$3,060.00	\$150.00		\$530.00	\$245.15		\$4,365.15
Onsite	\$380.00						
Square							
Onsite	\$2,440.00	\$500.00		\$510.00	\$215.00		\$3,665.00
Total	\$5,880.00	\$650.00		\$1,040.00	\$460.15		
Grand Total	\$12,660.00	\$945.00	\$0.00	\$1,720.00	\$910.15	\$0.00	\$16,235.15

2023 SETA Convention Reconciliation–Expenses

Expenses:					
	Meet & Greet	\$500.00			
	Registration	\$526.00			
	Speaker Meals	\$1,125.00			
	Speaker Travel	\$2,936.06			
	Dance	\$600.00			
	Coffee/Ice Cream	\$1,000.00			
	Cake	\$300.00			
	Speaker Gifts	\$681.00			
	Wreckage of the Past	\$50.00			
	Programs	\$624.00			
	Hospitality	\$863.71			
	First Timers Gifts	\$23.82			
	Go Daddy	\$402.56			
	Chair Rentals	\$400.00			
	Hotel	\$3,108.95			
	Debi F (website security)	\$15.96			
	Totals	-\$13,157.06			