

# Southeast Texas Area Assembly



## 4th Quarter Area Committee & Assembly Meeting Minutes

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Online ONLY via Zoom

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**NOTICE:** Area Guidelines prohibit publishing personal email addresses or phone numbers, so email addresses have been converted to position-based email addresses.

*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, September 28, 2024 9:00 AM**  
**GSR WORKSHOP – Online**

English – Breakout Room

Spanish – Breakout Room

**AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – Online**

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – [Bella L.](#)

[Secretary's Report](#) – [Allise B.](#) – July Minutes *approved with no corrections*

- **Area Actions** table has been brought up to date and will be online soon
  - It is very cluttered with motions that do not have historical value (ex: the Minutes were corrected or they weren't; the motion doesn't matter—it is not setting policy for the future)
  - If there's a reason to keep them, perhaps we should have a policy tab that contains few enough items that someone would be willing to read it, more like [Advisory Actions \(M-39\)](#) (not saying that [Advisory Actions](#) is light reading, but I'd rather read it than the 926 rows of the Area Actions table)

**Unfinished Business**

- **Review of Job Fair — Troy B.-D.**

The semi-annual SETA Job Fair was held at the July 2024 Assembly. The Job Fair is held to allow an opportunity for members to learn more about positions that make up the Area's officers and committees. Each current position holder participates and shares their experience, strength, and hope. This year the Fair used an open space concept which allowed members to select the positions they wanted to learn more about. I hope that everyone willing to stand as a trusted servant was able to get a clearer idea of the positions available.

**New Business**

- **Proposed Agenda Item: Simple Majority Items – [Allise B.](#) – See [Area Committee notes](#) & [attachment](#)**

We propose that Final Reports label Simple Majority Items:

*[Suggestions](#) that achieved Simple Majority [but](#) did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass as a Conference Advisory Action*

Instead of:

***Recommendations** that achieved Simple Majority — **These items** did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass as a Conference Advisory Action*

Compared with Advisory Actions:

***It is recommended** that . . . [items passed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  substantial unanimity be implemented as Conference Advisory Actions]*

**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.

**ADJOURNED AT 9:37 AM**

# Saturday, September 28, 2024 10:00 AM

## AREA ASSEMBLY

[DCM Reports](#), [Service Committee Reports](#), and [Intergroup Liaison Reports](#)

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – [Bella L.](#), [Chair](#)

Preamble to [SETA Policies & Procedures Manual](#) – [Troy B-D](#), Interim [Alt. Chair](#)

[Roll Call](#) – Assembly Attendance – [Patty H.](#) – 44 online + 8 at the Intergrupo + 1 late arrival = 52 voters

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

- \$414 reimbursement to speaker from SETA Convention 2024

[Tradition 11 – Long Form](#) – [Catherine G.](#)

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[Job Description Updates](#)

LUNCH

[Concept XI – Short form](#) – [Allise B.](#)

The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

- Concept XI also addresses the pitfalls of *double-headed management*. Bill explains that it's confusing to everyone—the people in ambiguous positions, the people reporting to them and third parties who want to know where the buck stops. Therefore, we don't use *co-chairs* in A.A., always principals (*Chairs, Delegates, etc.*) and their *Alternates*.

Recognize: New GSRs and Past Delegates – [Bella L.](#)

Business

[Delegate Reports](#)

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

[3rd Legacy Explained](#) ([Svc Man. Apx G](#)) – [Bonita W.](#) – [slides](#)

[Convention Committee Reports](#)

- SETA Convention 2024 – Galveston – [Joel G.](#) – [revised financial report](#)
- SETA Convention 2025 – Houston – [Cody R.](#) – [flyer](#)



- [SETA Convention 2026 – Sommer S.](#)
- [Texas State Convention 2025 – Melissa R.](#)

### [District Committee Member \(DCM\) Reports](#)

### [Intergroup Liaison Reports](#)

### [Service Committee Reports](#)

- **Proposed Agenda Item: Simple Majority Items – Allise B – See [Area Committee notes](#) & [Background Material](#)**
  - **Request for Area support for Proposed Agenda Item (PAI): *Sense of the Area: 39-5***

## **Next Assembly–Elections October 5, 2024**

**San Jac College [Map Directions](#)**

### **Announcements – Christina S., Alt. Delegate**

- [Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly](#) – *Service: Vital to Our Growth* – October 11-13, 2024 – Renaissance Dallas/Richardson Hotel
- [2025 SETA Convention—January 3rd–5th, 2025](#) \$30 advance registration. [Royal Sonesta Hotel in the Galleria area off of 610 & Westheimer](#). Rooms \$149 per night. Reservations close Dec 13th.
- [2025 State Convention](#)
- [2025 Regional Forum](#)
- **PI/CPC Roundup**—Saturday, October 26, 1-4 PM, Houston Intergroup, 5151 Mitchelldale Suite B10, Houston. Featuring practice presentations
- **D82 Grapevine Writing Workshop**—Saturday, November 2nd, 2- 5PM, Saint Timothy's, 200 Oyster Creek Dr, Lake Jackson, TX 77566 Costumes *strongly* encouraged! Please bring a spooky snack
- **D81 Anonymity Workshop**—November 9, 2024 at Holy Trinity Church, Dickinson, TX 77539
- **A67 Literature Workshop—The Conference Connection, How It Works: The Proposed Agenda Item Process**, Saturday, October 10, 11-2pm. Hosted by the Rose Rich Group, 925 TX-10 Spur, Rosenberg, TX 77471.

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

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**Job Description Update – [Patty H.](#)** – *In discussion to resolve where ~64 pages of Job Descriptions mark-ups and clean copies should reside rather than attaching them all to these 21-page Minutes*

- **[Delegate](#), [Alt Delegate](#), [Registrar](#), [Finance Committee Chair](#), [Information Technology Committee Chair](#) and their Alternates submitted changes for approval**
- **[Delegate](#)**
  - Proposes removing “assume the responsibility of the area chair and alternate if they are unable to serve” and replace that “should the area chair or alternate become unable to serve, identify a suitable appointee and secure their services.”
    - Past Delegate concerned that the Delegate is removed from the process of finding the substitute
    - Delegate responded that the current Job Description makes the Delegate personally the substitute (Alt.) Chair
      - That is not what happened when the Alternate Area Chair stepped down this rotation—the Delegate helped identify a past Delegate who was suitable and available for filling in
      - No one asked the Delegate to fill in personally, nor would he want them to—Delegates have enough to do
      - Past Delegate filling in as Alternate Chair confirmed that the Delegate participated in the decision and that is what the revision provides
- **[Alternate Delegate](#)** – There were no questions for the Alt Delegate
- **[Registrar](#)**
  - The price of coffee tags will change now that we are down to a one-day assembly
  - Add “The Registrar will provide up-to-date roll call list of committee members to the area Chair for each new assembly”
  - The Delegate asked if the proposed deletion of stickers to identify new GSRs means that we will no longer identify them
    - We have not been using New GSR stickers this rotation
    - The Registrar suggested a pink or gold star sticker for new GSRs—The delegate and alt delegate suggested that the choice of sticker is within the Right of Decision for each Registrar
    - An Officer suggested that it is important to identify not only new GSRs but anyone new to service in this Area and those who have been in service have a responsibility to approach them and help them feel comfortable
  - GSR asked about the procedure for new GSR packets
    - District should be able to help the GSR get registered when they turn in their New GSR Form
    - The Registrar can also take their information and enter it into the database
    - Either way, the General Service Office routinely sends the new GSR Kit in a few weeks
    - If you don’t receive a kit, contact your District Registrar or DCM, email the Area Registrar or look online at [Contents of General Service Representative \(G.S.R.\) Kit List](#) on [aa.org](#) [Secretary’s note: most of the items are linked to PDFs available online]
    - It appears that GSO is no longer providing a printed [Service Manual](#) in the Kit, but it is available online and many districts will provide one for their GSRs
- **[Secretary](#)**
  - Past Delegate & Delegate concerned about summarizing and condensing Reports

- Secretary has sought and received approval from each Reporter for all substantive revisions, including summaries (but not cleanup matters like spelling, grammar, omitted words, formatting, etc.), before issuing Draft, but that was not stated in the Job Description; it will be added
  - Both that Past Delegate & sitting Delegate have previously approved drafts and edits submitted to them
- Another Past Delegate (who is a past Secretary) wondered why it is necessary to condense when there is a 2-minute time limit
  - A: Many, many reports are longer than 2 minutes and the time limit is not well known if known at all
  - [Secretary's Note: at least two Reports exceeding one page plus an *11-page* Report were received for these Minutes; at least one two-page Report and a few full-page Reports have been received for every quarter this rotation; with 46 Reporters + exhibits for motions, the length is staggering]
- Some feel it is important to have a complete historical record
  - Secretary concerned that no one reads them—previous Secretary was surprised by proofreading because she had had no indication that anyone *ever* read them except maybe to check whether their Report was included
  - Former GSR reported that when he was first elected, his group chairperson pulled the Area Minutes off the group's bulletin board and pointed out the [Public Information Committee's news](#) that the new GSR should be taking to his group as [the group's PI representative](#) 🙌
    - Secretary: Well done—good to know that people read them
  - Another member wants all District events recorded
  - A DCM wonders what the DCMs will report if we remove repetitive information
    - There will still be accomplishments every quarter
    - Reporting successes and lessons learned at an event is quite different than featuring standing meetings
- No one objected to proposal for event details (time, address, etc.) being in the Minutes only once in Announcements or in the Report, but not both
  - A DCM wants mention of event in Report although she would not normally announce address, etc.; leave details for the flyer
  - Secretary does not object to recording event details, only to reporting them multiple times in one set of Minutes; will supply jumps to Announcements in the future
- Concern about not stating unchanged District & Committee meetings each quarter
  - A: Links to each Reporter's webpage are already provided on the [Officer](#), [District](#), [Committee](#) or [Liaison's](#) name; [links](#) are provided (almost) [everywhere](#) the [Secretary](#) can [think](#) to put them and have been [starting with the Minutes of April 2023]
  - A standing committee chair believes that new GSRs will seek committee meeting information in the Minutes and would not want to miss any potential participants
    - Good feedback—Secretary thought those new to service would know that the [bright blue color](#) with [underline](#) indicate a [link](#)
  - Will add standing times on Reporters' title lines ([example](#): 3rd Thursdays on Google [Meet](#)—with virtual platform link or [Map](#) or both)
  - The Alt. Webmaster reminded us that links are only good as long as the page is still there; as a historical record, Minutes should state the information rather than linking to it
    - Officer concerned about deleting requirement to get Chair's approval before distribution

- A: It was in the Job Description 3 times—just reduced to once [upon review, remains twice]; Officer satisfied
  - [Chair’s approval of the Minutes before distribution is *not* in the Chair’s Job Description]
- Delegate concerned that production of the [abbreviated] Minutes for the Bank [with only incoming and outgoing Officers] is not in the Job Description but should be, based on our experience coming into this rotation
  - Good catch—will be added
  - Treasurer noted that she will need that shortly after Elections so that she can make an appointment for the incoming Officers to meet at the bank before the 1st of the year
- Past Delegate suggested that we:
  - Not automatically print any copies of the Minutes, only make them available on request
  - Remove summarization and editing for redundancy [Secretary notes that removal of obvious redundancy is frequent—even those who write well may not be good at word processing]
- **Treasurer**
  - Discussion about inconvenience of downtown Post Office Box where Alt. Treasurer must pick up mail
    - Prior to P.O. Box, Treasurer moved address to his home—his widow still receives SETA contributions more than 10 years later!
    - Next two Treasurers moved address to a Post Office near them—mail lost in transitions
    - Two past postal workers advised that Post Office will forward for 6 months, then provide address correction for 6 months, then no more
    - Suggestion that a third person could pick up mail roundly rejected—current system working
    - Delegate informed us that SETA is one of the few Areas whose treasury has never been stolen, so we should not fix a system that is not broken
    - Consensus that P.O. Box should stay where it is—Past Delegate suggested that Treasurer *bring a Motion to put that in the Policies & Procedures Manual to the January Assembly*
      - Concerns about tying future Treasurers’ & Alternates’ hands
      - A: Job Descriptions are reviewed every 2 years and can be updated in between upon Area vote
  - DCM expressed concern that the Job Description requires the Alt. Treasurer to be the Finance Committee Secretary, which might discourage some potential candidates from standing for the position
    - Treasurer responded that it is a suggestion, not a requirement; if the committee has enough members, the duty can certainly be delegated to someone else
    - She strongly suggested that her Alternate attend Finance Committee meetings for the complexities a broader understanding of how the two fit together
    - Alternate Treasurer recommends that Alternate joins Finance Committee as Secretary if no one else stands—Agreed
  - Past Delegate suggested that the brand name of the accounting software be omitted both to avoid affiliation and not tie future Treasurers’ hands
  - Officer recommended that all of us should read Job Descriptions before standing [see position’s webpage on [aa-seta.org](http://aa-seta.org)]
- *Both Officers will distribute revisions for comment before January Assembly*
- **Finance Committee Chair**
  - Past Delegate suggested that names of communication platforms’ vendors be removed so that we do not affiliate

- Finance Chair will revise to say “current technology” without brand names
- Finance Chair had note in Job Description about future date changes due to Assembly dates moving
  - Alt Delegate suggested that the Job Description reflect that the proposed budget is presented to the Assembly and voted on annually so that there is no tie to a particular month or even quarter; Finance Chair agreed
  - DCM concerned that the Job Description does not indicate timeframe and a future Finance Chair might try to bring the budget in October
  - Finance Chair reminded us that it is the first round with the new budgeting process and we do not know how it will shake out so we should not tie it down too tightly
- **Information Technology Chair**
  - A past IT Committee member is concerned that the revisions sound like a technical description for the whole committee rather than a Chair position
    - IT Chair explained that, in keeping with the previous Job Description, these are the current requirements for the Committee that the Chair must delegate or assume:
      - “responsible for ensuring that items . . . are handled by the IT Committee, . . . delegating these items to positions within the committee itself . . . . Should the entrusted individuals struggle to uphold these areas, the ultimate responsibility is upon the Chair on behalf of the committee.”
    - Alt Webmaster concurred that the Committee shares these responsibilities, but the Chair is ultimately responsible
  - Past Delegate requested that a non-affiliation disclaimer be added because this Job Description would not make sense if the Google references were removed
    - He will draft language and distribute to the Officers for inclusion as part of the IT duties common to all (IT) Job Descriptions
    - Alt Webmaster proposed that Google references be replaced with “current technology” on the assumption that tasks would be the same on other platforms; IT Chair stated that the duties are dependent on the infrastructure chosen
    - Webmaster suggested that the Job Description indicate that Google is the currently chosen platform, which may change, and add the disclaimer
    - Service Committee Chair suggested that we leave it as proposed by PD—others need to know what the platform is
- **SETA Convention Chair**
  - Voting privileges are from time of election through the Assembly where the Convention’s Final Report is presented (usually April)

## **Delegate Reports**

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### **Delegate’s Report – Rick M**

Good afternoon, everyone, my name is Rick, and I am an alcoholic. I’m very humbled and privileged to be serving as your Delegate for Panel 73.

First off today, most of you have probably heard by now that the PLBB will go on sale November 1st. As for actual delivery, I don’t have any information on that. More will be revealed.



I'm sure you know by now that registration and lodging reservations are open for the International Convention. I want to reemphasize that if you have issues with your background that you work on clearing that up. I've been told that it can be a time-consuming process so please don't procrastinate. I would hate for you to get to Vancouver and be refused entry.

Christina and I delivered our last Conference report on August 17th in District 33. I can't tell you how grateful I am for everyone's attention, courtesy and hospitality as we visited your Districts. I thoroughly enjoyed our time with all of you and your support has been phenomenal. I also want to give a shout out to my Alternate and very dear friend Christina. Our road trips together have been very pleasant and rewarding. When we delivered the report to her home District, District 81, we switched roles. Christina did the talking while I ran the PowerPoint presentation. She did a great job, and it was a lot of fun. I was blessed to have such a dedicated and capable Alternate. She has been right there beside me every step of the way and has stood in my shoes when necessary.

DCMs, I have received the boxes and boxes of General Service Conference *Final Reports*. I have only been able to deliver them to a handful Districts, so I will be bringing the remainder to the election Assembly on the 5th of October. What I am going to ask is that you or a designee meet in the parking lot at San Jacinto College in front of the building where we meet at 8:00 am on that Saturday. I will hand your boxes to you then and there. This will save me from carting them all upstairs and then you having to cart them back down. I will park at the closest point to the building that I can. I will be driving a dark red Nissan Pathfinder.

It's election time once again. For the last several rotations I've given the same spiel. It's all about participation. If you are a voting member of the Area Assembly, this is your chance to participate. I humbly suggest that you exercise your right of participation to the fullest. In the past, it has been a trend that after electing the incoming Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Area Chair and Alternate Area Chair, the room begins to empty, and the vote counts begin to decrease. I will say that recently this trend has not been as prevalent and I'm grateful for that. Each position that we will be voting to fill is just as important as any other and each deserves our full attention. We can devote one day once every two years to elect a new rotation of trusted servants. Voting is both a privilege and a responsibility.

This is the last time I will be reporting to you as your Area 67 Delegate. Passionate and/or eloquent words do not come easy for me, but I do want all of you to know how thankful I am for this opportunity to serve as your Delegate. It is truly an experience that I would never have wanted to miss. It has been a bumpy road at times. As a Conference member, we have dealt with some thorny issues. At the same time, our fellowship has dealt with some thorny issues and our unity is being tested on several fronts. Up and down the triangle, we have communication issues, transparency issues, and trust issues.

All that said, through all of that, you have given me your trust, your support, and most of all your love. Your respect for my efforts to represent you, to communicate with you, and your very kind words of support have filled me an immeasurable amount of gratitude.

I look forward to the next phase of my life in the service structure of AA. Soon, I will be adding the word "past" to how I introduce myself but this does not mean I'm going out to pasture. Over the last few months, I've had the opportunity to participate in workshops and group inventories and I have had an absolute blast doing so. I can't wait to do more of that going forward. Please keep me in your short list when you need help with workshops. Feel free to continue to contact me when you have questions that I might be able to help find answers to.

Again, your love and support has been amazing, and I love each and every one of you. Thank you letting me serve you,

### **Alternate Delegate's Report – Christina S**

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

[SWRAASA](#) is October 11-13, 2024, in Richardson, TX at the Renaissance Dallas–Richardson Hotel. Registration info: Alt-Delegate page at [aa-seta.org](http://aa-seta.org). SWRAASA is our Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly in October of even-number years. The final decision was reached during the July SWRAASA Committee meeting that the NETA 65 Standing Committee Chairs will host the tables. They greatly appreciate all of you for considering the opportunity.

78th TX State Convention will be held in Houston at the Royal Sonesta Hotel August 15 to 17, 2025.

SWRAASA 2026 will be hosted by Area 67. I reached out to several hotels for information about holding the event. I meet with the Finance Committee to have them review the proposal from Hyatt Regency Baytown-Houston. They gave the ok to move forward with getting a contract. Once the contract is written we will run it by the Finance Committee again. Big thank you to Melissa, Danny, Spencer and Troy for all their help. Everyone is being put on alert that there are service opportunities for everyone coming up. 😊

## Convention Committee Reports

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[SETA Convention 2025–Houston](#) – [Cody R.](#) – Presented but no report submitted

Irregular Meeting Schedule

[SETA Convention 2026–Beaumont](#) – [Sommer S., Alternate Chair](#)

January 23-25, 2026 at [Holiday Inn & Suites on Walden Road](#) in Beaumont. Contract has been secured, room rates are:

- **Standard King - \$109**
- **Standard Double - \$119**
- **Corporate Suite - \$129**
- Registration for the convention and hotel has not opened yet, we will report when registration is available.
- Committee is 2/3 filled, we will continue to reach out to a variety of districts to fill positions.
- Program Chair, Chair, and Alternate Chair met with Allise B. to discuss program and appreciate her experience, strength, and hope on scheduling speakers, convention guidelines, and multilingual accessibility.
- Speakers are being identified, and we are working on a theme for the convention.
- We plan to continue to lean heavily on the 2025 convention committee for their experience with electronic registration, accessibility, technology, multilingual, and other topics that have come up during their planning and execution of the 2025 convention.
- We plan to do as Rick M. suggested and add a past convention chair as consultant/advisor to our committee.
- As we enter 2025 we will begin meeting monthly and will make information regarding the convention available to the area as it develops.

[78th Texas State A.A. Convention 2025](#) – Paul M for Melissa R

Meeting Schedule unavailable

## Service Committee Reports

All Service Committee Report titles link to their webpages

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[Archives](#) – OPEN

Second Mondays 7pm [Google Meet](#)

[Cooperation w/the Professional Community \(CPC\)](#) – Kate E, Alt. Chair

1st Mondays 7:30pm [Google Meet](#)

The committee set up a display and talked about our work at 3 events this quarter. We were at the D40 Traditions dinner, the D70 Unity Picnic and The Spring Group workshop. Please let us know if you have an event in which we can participate.

The committee did a mailing in August to Medical and Nursing schools in the area. We have already received a response from one school that would like to integrate AA into their class curriculum.

On October 26th we will have a round-up in cooperation with the PI Committee. It will be from 1-4 at Intergroup and will serve food. We will give away certificates for the new *Plain Language Big Book* coming out in November. We will demonstrate how our committees interact with professionals and the public in both English and Spanish. The 2022 AA Survey shows that over 50% of individuals get to AA through a professional or a non-AA member. It is vital

that we continue to inform these groups about AA so we can continue our primary purpose of helping the still-suffering alcoholic.

### **Correctional Facilities Committee (CFC) – Tony W, Chair**

**3rd Wednesdays 7:30-9pm [Map](#) [Google Meet](#)**

The SETA CFC 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, assists with orientation processes to get people approved to take AA meetings into TDCJ facilities, distributes AA literature purchased with your SETA BLUE CAN contributions, answers letters from inmates through the Correspondence Program, utilizes local and National CFC Pre-Release contact channels to assist in getting inmates to their first AA meeting upon release, and carries the message by putting on workshops or setting up information tables at workshops and conventions. The Conference Committee meets at Intergroup an hour before us during the season. Thank you Intergroup for the use of your facility.

We continue to have more and more meetings open up in facilities around the area. We have more TDC-approved volunteers to handle most of this load, though some local Houston facilities and a couple in rural areas still need help with attendance. It is still very easy to get approved online, so you wouldn't have to actually attend an in-person orientation process. To wit, we have continually more literature going out from Blue Can funds but we don't have the proportionate increase in Blue Can contributions to match this outpouring. We ask that y'all take these requests back to your districts and groups, both for volunteers and contributions. Keep in mind that aside from 12th Step Calls, there is no front-line primary purpose commitment more necessary and rewarding than carrying meetings into both corrections and treatment settings. In those settings, 'Powerless' is all but a given.

We now have in excess of 40 meetings being attended in correctional facilities around the area. This may not seem like a lot, but it's a huge amount in comparison to the rest of the state and the country. ●Waller County Jail is now up and running, fully stocked with literature and a tabletop Steps and Traditions, and attendance is going up by about one person per meeting. This past Wednesday we had to get a couple more chairs in there. That's a good thing! ●Brazos County has the same book order as Waller already delivered and ready, our program and the volunteers have been approved—we're just waiting on the County Jail Board of Directors to decide what day and time the meeting should be. It's usually not this daunting of a task to fire up a meeting inside, but everyone does everything their own way and we in AA are here to just comply and serve. ●The Harris County Residential Treatment Center in Humble/Atascocita is still looking for volunteers, both women and men. They continue to have regularly scheduled meetings and continue to get literature. We could debate whether this is a treatment facility or a corrections facility, but as CFC has much needed literature and the largest volunteer base, we deny no one the chance for a meeting and a book. ●Harris County Harris Center Jail Diversion/Mental Health Facility downtown is looking for volunteers for AA meetings as well. Though again debatable, CFC is asking for the volunteers and will supply literature.

The [7th National Corrections Conference](#) is in Charlotte, NC, November 8, 9, 10.

The Corrections Correspondence Service is still seeking people to correspond with the incarcerated. All info and signups are available at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org). Also, we, at Area, are always looking for people to correspond in our Area and beyond and people for Pre-Release and/or Bridges. See [aa-seta.org/committees/cfc/](http://aa-seta.org/committees/cfc/).

Now... I have spoken with quite a few people around the Area about what transpired with the Bridge the Gap ad-hoc report and request for an Area BTG committee, and subsequent vote. Because the report and vote were over a full hour before the scheduled agenda time, as most of our service commitments are all over the Area on weekends, no one from CFC was there for a minority opinion or even an informed discussion on CFC and the program itself, much less previous sub-committees and structure, working processes still in place, or to answer to the opinion that changed the vote in the first place. It wasn't scheduled until 3:00, and as that verbiage used directly implicated CFC in whatever fashion, someone from CFC should have had the chance to speak to it. It seems to be the opinion of people in positions that can sway the Area vote in either direction that CFC and TFC need to put subcommittees back together, establish working

liaison positions between the two, and assure everything can be done without help or oversight from an area committee. That's just very backwards. Personally I'm just going to let it ride out the year and be taken up by the newly stocked CFC and TFC Committees, but I do want it read into the record that we, at CFC, wholeheartedly disagree with any decision that any service entity within the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous says "we won't approve your program to assure that a person leaving a treatment or correctional facility has help and access to their first meetings, and introductions to people in the Fellowship with desirable programs". Even the General Service Office has a dedicated page and five different BTG pamphlets and flyers, and it is recommended in both the Treatment and the Corrections Workbooks. They don't endorse it, because they don't endorse anything, but that's a pretty big plug for Bridge the Gap at GSO. In my opinion, personalities came before principles here, and being completely honest, the only ones to pay for that are the people who need it the most. The Newcomer and struggling Alcoholic.

Thank you all for everything you do to support SETA CFC, and thank you for allowing me to serve this rotation.

### [Finance – Reino F., Chair](#)

3rd Wednesdays 8pm [Google Meet](#)

- Since the July Area Committee meeting, we have met in July, August & September.
- We have gotten 2 CDs with Chase Bank. One is for \$5,000 for 3 months and the other one is for \$10,000 for 9 months. We kept the amounts small to check how it goes.
- With the Area Assembly's change from hotel meeting spaces to San Jacinto College North, we need to carry insurance. The hotels did not require it. The one-day policy costs just under \$225 per Assembly. The committee has looked into insurance for the SETA events (Area Convention, 3 Assemblies and SWRAASA, when held in Houston). The committee feels that it is in the Area's best interest to have it for our Area events.
- Again, the 2025 Area Budget Committee will be creating the budget after the October elections. The current budget holders will show support to the incoming budget holders and their committees and they will meet to create their particular budgets and have it to the Finance Chair by October 26th. I have sent the current budget holders their budget worksheets, a cover letter and the amount they have spent so far in 2024 in order to assist them in the process.

### [Grapevine – Darryl W., Chair](#)

3rd Thursdays 7pm [Google Meet](#)

We sincerely thank our GV reps for their dedication. The GV app downloads have increased, a testament to their efforts, which will help AA Grapevine recoup its initial investment in a timely manner.

**Activities** – On 9/19/24 Darryl W. attended an online GVAC workshop for suggestions or questions on improving the GV. Our GV committee set up displays for the D70 Unity Day Picnic on 9/20/24 and the Traditions Study at the Spring Group AA on 9/22/24. We encourage all GVRs to attend monthly GV meetings and register at [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org) as GVRs. All AAs are welcome at area GV meetings and workshops.

**Plans** – D52 & D80 will soon have GV writing workshops and presentations. On 1/4/25 we will give a workshop at SETA 2025; on 3/1 at D33's annual Unity Conference; and at the Texas State AA Convention 2025 in Houston. If any group or district is interested in a GV writing workshop or presentation, please get in touch with us. All the workshops we have had so far have been inspiring and informative. Something begins to happen when we start writing about any subject related to alcoholism.

**Final Thoughts** – I am grateful to our committee and the Area for the opportunity to serve the Fellowship and work with many dedicated servants.

[Information Technology \(IT\) – Sergey K., Chair](#) – Presented but no report **Last Saturdays 11am-1pm** [Google Meet](#)

[La Viña](#) – Misael M., Chair – No report

Last Thursdays 8pm rotating through [all 4 Districts](#)

[Literature](#) – Dan K., Chair & Jim M., Alt. Chair

3rd Tuesdays 7:30pm-8:30pm [Google Meet](#)

Dan was diagnosed with kidney cancer in May and has been undergoing treatment for it and where it has metastasized. The committee set up a display and talked about our work at 3 events this quarter. We were at the D40 Traditions dinner, the D70 Unity Picnic and The Spring Group workshop. Please let us know if you have an event in which we can participate.

The committee did a mailing in August to Medical and Nursing schools in the area. We have already received a response from one school that would like to integrate AA into their class curriculum.

On October 26th we will have a Round-up in cooperation with the PI Committee. It will be from 1-4pm at Intergroup and will serve food. We will give away certificates for the new *Plain Language Big Book* coming out in November. We will demonstrate how our committees interact with professionals and the public in both English and Spanish. The 2022 AA Survey shows that over 50% of individuals get to AA through a professional or a non-AA member. It is vital that we continue to inform these groups about AA so we can continue our primary purpose of helping the still-suffering alcoholic.

[Multilingual](#) – Janine B., Chair – No report

First Wednesdays 7:30pm [Map](#)

[Newsletter](#) – Tracy W., Chair

No standing meetings

It has been my pleasure serving, it has given me the opportunity to get to know the other committees and how we all communicate and all the different hats we wear inside and outside these rooms carrying the message.

To name just a few things we have done the past two years: we have created QR codes and clickable links for online users to easily access the newsletter. We pretty much had to do that because the committee and myself decided to stop printing due to printing's skyrocketed prices. Hopefully one day the cost will go down and we can print hard copies again soon! This way, we can add all the colorful flyers without worrying about the cost. Send us your flyers!!!  
[Newsletter@aa-seta.org](mailto:Newsletter@aa-seta.org)

We are currently working on a digital newsletter, we need to whittle down which one would benefit us most, while keeping our anonymity number one priority and running the idea by Area 67 before we make any decisions that could affect us in the future.

Our committee is lacking participation. Hint, hint, this is the election month!

[Public Information \(PI\)](#) – Charlie W., Chair

4th Tuesdays 7:30pm [Google Meet](#)

PI is carrying the message of recovery to the still suffering alcoholic by informing the general public about the AA program. We carry the message by getting in touch with and responding to the media, schools, industry, and other organizations which can report on the nature and purpose of A.A. and what it can do for alcoholics.

To name just a few things we have done this past year: putting literature out in public locations, such as Big Books (Spanish & English) in libraries, small literature racks in a couple churches, a Hepatology clinic, and a local hospital. We have done one A.A. presentation at a Catholic Charities event in both English and Spanish. The committee takes part in Health Fairs at area community colleges.

It's been a great experience in my first SETA service position! I love AA. The AA way of life saved me and gave me a wonderful life. I get to carry the AA message to folks all over SE Texas. I am mostly a people person and love reaching out. I wish I could do it all again. There is so much more we can do to reach out, but our committee is lacking participation. Many of our districts have open service positions, including PI. A rewarding opportunity is available if you're interested.

**Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) – Christopher G., Chair**

**15<sup>th</sup> of the month 7pm [Google Meet](#)**

We still have positions to fill: Alternate TFC Chairperson, Accessibilities Chairperson, and the TFC Secretary position.

**Activities:** The TFC Committee Inventory results were assessed at our TFC Inventory meeting in July. We prioritized all suggestions and began to implement some of the ideas at our August meeting.

We continue to follow-up and utilize the new administrative resources & databases created: ●for signing up and contacting Treatment Facility Meeting Volunteers; ●for signing up and contacting BTG Temporary Contact Volunteers; ●for contacting Treatment Facilities utilizing our updated Meeting Mapping Database.

Continued electronic distribution & utilization of the Resource Binder. (These Resource Binders were provided to the Districts and to AA members participating in TF Meetings and BTG Activities within Treatment Facilities.) Our plan is to make this Resource Information available via a TFC Shared Drive for all those engaging in 12-step activities.

We continue our proactive, in-person approach to present and provide AA resources to District Members, TF Administrators, and TF Clients regarding AA Programs and to obtain support and cooperation for AA Meetings inside Treatment Facilities and announcing BTG Activities. Visits continue to Area District Meetings, Events, Treatment Facilities, and interested Groups & are reported monthly.

<b>1. Districts Visited:</b>	<b>3. Other Facilities Visited</b>
D40 Traditions Dinner	The ReCenter - Downtown
D52 2x District Meetings	The Warrior’s Refuge - West Columbia
D20 The AA Group Workshop	Harris Center - Jail Diversion & Mental Health Facility
D32 Concept 4, 5, & 6 Workshop ReCenter	VA Hospital - Michael E Debakey
D60 Speaker Weekend at Third Tradition Group Facility	VA Domiciliary - New 48-Bed Facility
<b>2. Treatment Facilities Visited:</b>	<b>4. Other Facilities Contacted</b>
Westpark Springs Hospital	The Warrior’s Refuge - Alvin
	Harris Center - P.E.E.R.S. for Hope House just 2 days ago (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Residence)

**Announcement:** To all DCMs, Alt DCMs, or your TF Designees attending this Assembly: Newly Printed TFC Updates, BTG Updates, and Treatment Committee Workbook information have been prepared to update the Resource Binders that were provided to all DCMs/Districts last year. These update folders will be available at the TFC table for pick-up at the October Assembly, or contact me at [tfc@aa-seta.org](mailto:tfc@aa-seta.org) to arrange for hard copies. All DCMs/Alt DCMs/District TFChairpersons and those who requested one have electronic files. A TFC Shared Drive containing this information will be available soon.

**Intergroup Liaison Reports**

*All Intergroup Liaison titles [link to their webpages](#)  
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**Brazos Valley Intergroup – Rachel S.**

**No more meetings**

After much thought and discussion at our last 2 intergroup meetings, we have made an informed decision the Brazos Valley Intergroup does not have enough participation or demand to necessitate remaining open. We are still implementing our 24-hour hotline, which D33 has agreed to take over, as it's still getting enough participation and volunteers to stay running. We have decided to liquidate our bookstore to the Waco and Houston intergroups after our

February 2025 Unity conference is over. I'm grateful for the experience of being an intergroup liaison, and hopefully will have the privilege of having another seat as an area committee member again in the future.

[Houston Intergroup](#) – Taylor C. – Presented but no report submitted 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 8pm [Map](#)

[9<sup>th</sup> District Intergroup](#) – Peter M. – Present; No report 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of even-numbered months 8pm [Map](#)

[Oficina Intergupal Hispana](#) – José M., Alt. Chair – Presented but no report submitted Sábados 6pm [Map](#)

[Intergupo Hispano del SW \(D66 & 62\)](#) – Martin M. – No report [webpage does not say] [Map](#)

## District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

All District titles link to their webpages

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[District 10](#) – Inactive

[District 20](#) – Sarah L – Presented but no report submitted 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays 7pm [Zoom](#)

[District 31](#) – Jennifer C – Presented but no report submitted 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays 2-4pm Hybrid [Map](#) [Google Meet](#)

[District 32](#) – Mark E., Alt. DCM – Present but no report to give 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays at 1pm [Map](#) [Zoom](#)

[District 33](#) – Cody R., Alt. DCM for Tony A 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays 11am [Map](#)

I want to thank the incoming GSRs, Officers, Committee Chairs, and Members who have committed to serving for the next two years. These members help ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous will be here for future Alcoholics.

District 33 held its elections last weekend, and I am delighted to announce that it will be in the hands of trusted and capable leadership. These trusted servants have shown a willingness to go above and beyond. I also want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported me in my role as DCM over the past two years.

The Brazos Valley Intergroup Representatives of District 33 passed a motion to dissolve Intergroup and liquidate its assets. This decision was made because District 33 has only 34 groups, many of which are rural, and only eight groups supported Intergroup.

It was noted that the bookstore was more of a want than a need. In today's digital age, accessing A.A. literature, books, and chips online at [www.aa.org](http://www.aa.org) or purchasing them from Houston Intergroup is convenient.

The district will discuss taking on the Hotline and website responsibilities. Many members feel these services are necessary in helping the suffering Alcoholics.

It has been an honor to serve District 33 and Area 67.

[District 40](#) – Doug D., DCM 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays 7-9pm [Map](#) [Google Meet](#)

I need to thank District 40 for the opportunity to serve as the DCM this rotation. As I found out in each service position I have held, I learned new aspects of this program, the position, and most surprisingly the changes in me. I need to thank Mike B. for doing a great job as the Alt this rotation and I will be looking forward to seeing how God will lead him as DCM in the next few years. At the last assembly, we had to change around a few things since the little hurricane decided to swing by and check on us. It was a blessing that I could rely on Mike to step in and attend in my absence. Oh yeah, Mike, start taking notes. You will have to give this report on Jan 4th.

Our D40 Traditions dinner was on August 17th. It was a success and thanks to everyone who helped and those who stopped by for the food, fellowship, and traditions. We hope to see you there next year so check your calendars and watch SETA-Announce for updates; I am excited to see what Juan Carlos R. will do. It is the job of the Alt DCM to put on the event and like in AA, it is fun to see how the next rotation will do the job their way.

We are trying to finish up some projects we started before the end of the year. You all know the house cleaning that comes around at the end of a cycle, like elections, budgets, and the transfer of everything else, we still have time in our meetings for GSR sharing and training. We have covered voting from the D40 P&P and the AA service manuals. I hope all our GSRs and Alts are here to see 3rd Legacy voting in person or online. I don't think you can grasp it until you see it live. I called in a past D40 DCM and our current Finance Chair, Reino to run our election and he did a great job. It was peaceful and he only had to correct me once, thanks for keeping it real.

I am ready to finish everything before this last quarter ends and get it ready to turn over to Mike and the new crew. Just a few months ago we were doing the signature card on the bank account and here we are getting ready to do it again—time does fly by quickly. I want to thank D40 for this opportunity to serve.

### **District 51 – David D.**

**2nd Sundays 6pm [Map](#) or [Map](#)**

Our District is proud to announce that we had our third District initiative last Saturday, Sept. 21st. It was a Dungeon Service Workshop held at the Bellaire Club. This well-attended and exciting workshop explored how the AA service structure operates and highlighted the service opportunities available. Rick M. was a part of the workshop and graciously updated the participants on the latest activity and events at GSO. I'd like to give a special thanks Gwen P. and Laura F. for organizing this wonderful and informative event!

### **District 52 – Ricardo D. – No report**

**1st Tuesdays 7-8:30pm [Map](#) [Google Meet](#)**

### **District 60 – Roland R.**

**1st Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm [Zoom](#)**

Third Tradition Group's Steps workshop was great and well attended. Third Tradition Group answered the phones for Intergroup during the Labor Day weekend. The group is also preparing for their 47th anniversary in November, date to be announced.

Monday morning women's meeting that meets at Jug group will be relocating. Will inform where they move.

The Rockhill group has food and fellowship every 2nd Sunday at 5:30pm. However the group will have their 51st anniversary on October 12th. Will be a 50/ 50 raffle, silent auction, and great food. Speaker Sean from NASA Bay group.

The Industrial group of Alcoholics Anonymous has Movie night first Saturday of every month at 5:00pm.

### **District 62 – INACTIVE**

### **District 63 – Juan D. – Presented but no report submitted**

**2nd Saturdays 6pm [Map](#)**

### **District 64 – Yolanda L. for Marco L. – Presented but no report submitted**

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### **District 65 – Isidro G. – Presented but no report submitted**

**All Saturdays 6pm [Map](#)**

### **District 66 – Luís P. – Presented but no report submitted**

**All Saturdays 6pm [Map](#)**

### **District 70 – Kevin W. – Presented but no report submitted**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays 7pm [Map](#)**

### **District 81 – Danny G., Alt. DCM**

**1st Wednesdays 7-9:00pm [Map](#)**

**State of the district:** District 81 remains very active and focused on our primary purpose. All of our committees are full and actively carrying the message. Group participation remains very strong and we are looking forward to new



members getting involved from our various groups. Last month we held elections; several members stood per the 3rd Legacy and allowed the conscience of the district to place them in the position they could best serve the district. It was an experience to watch the process play out and amazing that we had so many members willing and able to serve! All positions have been filled and we're excited to get the next rotation started!

**Archives:** Busy digitizing our history and creating a database that will make it easier to look up and upload our history. **CFC:** Busy with meetings at Carol Young and Galveston County Jail. **PI/CPC:** Michelle and her committee are busy busy! They have been very busy with various Billboards and placing ads in local magazines and handouts. They continue to come up with new ways to reach the alcoholic that stills suffers using QR codes and handouts to lead newcomers to local resources. **Grapevine:** Working to involve groups to build a strong and lasting committee. Started a GV drive and friendly competition to see which group can get the most subscriptions. **Literature:** Continues to look for/inform us of all the new AA literature and any changes that might come up. They've started to cull the outdated pamphlets and put them in a binder for archives, as well as introducing the newer pamphlets for us to update our literature racks. **Finance & Budget (F&B):** We have a strong F&B and are fully funded for 2024. They continue to meet and accommodate the district's ever-changing budget. Getting ready for the 2025 budget and has asked all positions to submit their budget. **TFC:** Holding meetings at each treatment facility monthly. Regularly holding workshops. has grown this committee tremendously! **Newsletter:** Continues to amaze us! The goal is to highlight events, share stories of recovery and make announcements. Starting to interview members within our district—always practicing the principle of anonymity—about their experience, strength and hope on AA topics! **Web:** Chartered to Design, Build and Maintain our website, which is a central repository for events, committee information & group schedule for our district, etc. Please check us out at [www.aadistrict81.org](http://www.aadistrict81.org). **Accessibilities:** Enables people to access service commitments through hybrid and continues to think about ways to ensure access is available to all you want to serve. **Workshop:** Put on a workshop on 11th Step spirituality in August with ~80 members from around the area. Planning a workshop on Anonymity and the 12th Tradition in November, so please look for details soon.

All in all, our district is growing and people are getting excited about service in A.A.!

## **District 82 – Jackie M.**

**1st Sundays 1:30 pm [Map](#)**

**Group Updates:** 1. Most of our groups are reporting consistent attendance and newcomers are coming in. 2. Most of our groups are also reporting that there has been decent attendance at group conscience meetings. 3. Brazos Place Recovery is also attending meetings in person.

**Treasury:** Group contributions are consistent with more groups participating right now.

**Open District 82 Service Positions:** Multi Lingual; Archives; PI

**What District 82 Is Working On:** **August:** We had the pleasure of Patty H. coming to educate and recruit people to be Registrar. She made it fun and informative. **September:** We held our Third Legacy elections. The DCM, Alt DCM, Treasurer and Secretary were filled along with a few committees. The attendance was good with many new people to learn what District is all about. **November:** There will be a Grapevine writing workshop on November 2 at St Timothy's Episcopal Church where Plantation Group meets. This is a Halloween-themed workshop, so come dressed up and bring a spooky snack.

## **District 90 – Julian (Juliann) L.**

**1st Sundays 1:30pm [Map](#)**

We have been busy at District 90. Last weekend we held our Traditions Workshop. All who attended were fed with food and wisdom from the Workshop Leaders. There were 7 Workshop Leaders. Some combined two Traditions. There was also audience participation.

We held elections earlier this month. Our incoming DCM is David S., incoming Alt DCM is Annette C. We have three Committee Chair positions to be filled. Hopefully, they will be filled by January 2025.

August was our District 90 Convention. It was a great convention with great speakers. It was well attended with close to 700 attendees.

We are looking forward to our District 90 Gratitude Dinner on November 23rd. Our theme this year is “Surrender.” A flyer has already been sent to SETA Announce to send out to all. If you are in town please join us as we celebrate our gratitude for our sobriety. Our Gratitude Dinner is a fundraiser for GSO. All of the funds raised are sent to GSO to help them.

This is the last report you will receive from me as DCM District 90. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve District 90!!!

**Close Meeting with Responsibility Statement**

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<b>Area Assembly Roll Call</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Short Name</b>	<b>Committee Sept 28th virtual</b>	<b>Assembly Oct 5th in-person</b>
<b>Area Officers</b>			
<b>Delegate</b>	Rick M.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate Delegate</b>	Christina S.	Present	Present
<b>Chairperson</b>	Bella L.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate Chairperson</b>			
<b>Registrar</b>	Patricia H.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate Registrar</b>	Elizabeth G.	Present	Present
<b>Secretary</b>	Allise B.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate Secretary</b>	Edwin C.	Present	Present
<b>Treasurer</b>	Catherine G.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate Treasurer</b>	Aliciea M.	Present	Present
<b>Standing Committee Chairpersons</b>			
<b>Archives</b>	Vacant		
<b>Alternate Archives</b>	Vacant		
<b>CPC</b>	Vacant		
<b>Alternate CPC</b>	Kate E.	Present	Not Present
<b>CFC</b>	Tony W.	Present	Not Present
<b>Alternate CFC</b>	Harold B.	Not Present	Present
<b>Finance</b>	Reino F.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate Finance</b>	Kristi N.	Not Present	Not Present
<b>Grapevine</b>	Darryl W.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate Grapevine</b>	Terry P.	Not Present	Present
<b>IT</b>	Sergey K.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate IT</b>	Brad H.	Present	Present
<b>La Vina</b>	Misael M.	Not Present	Not Present

Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Daniel K.	Present	Present
Alternate Literature	Jim M.	Present	Present
Multi-Lingual	Janine B.	Present	Present
Alternate Multi-Lingual	Dulce A.	Not present	Not Present
Newsletter	Tracy S.	Not present	Not Present
Alternate Newsletter	Fernando B.	Not present	Present
Public Information (PI)	Charlie W.	Present	Present
Alternate PI	Theresa S.	Not present	Not Present
SCAP	Vacant		
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Christopher G.	Present	Present
Alternate TFC			
<b>Convention Chairs</b>			
2025 SETA Convention Chair	Cody R.	Present	Present
2025 SETA Convention Co-Chair	Elijah K.	Not present	Not Present
2026 SETA Convention Chair	Malana Q.	Not present	Not Present
2026 SETA Convention Co-Chair	Sommer S.	Present	Not Present
2027 SETA Convention Chair			
2027 SETA Convention Co-Chair			
2025 State Convention Chair	Melissa R.	Present	Present
2025 State Convention Co-Chair	Troy B-D.	Present	Present
<b>Intergroup Liaisons</b>			
Brazos Valley Intergroup	Rachel S.	Not present	Not Present
Houston Intergroup	Taylor C.	Present	Present
Ninth District Intergroup	Peter M.	Not present	Not Present
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate	James K.	Not present	Not Present
Oficina Intergruppa Hispana D63, 64, 65	Dimas S.	Not present	Present
Oficina Intergruppa Hispana Alt D63, 64, 65	Jose M.	Not present	Present
Intergrupo Hispano del SW (D 62, 66)	Martin M.	Not present	Present
Intergrupo Hispano del SW Alt (D 62, 66)			
<b>DCMs</b>			
District 10 DCM	Inactive		
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Sarah L.	Present	Present
District 20 Alt DCM	Linda G.	Not Present	Not Present
District 31 DCM	Jennifer C.	Present	Present

District 31 Alt DCM			
District 32 DCM	Kim C.	Not Present	Not Present
District 32 Alt DCM	Mark E.	Present	Not Present
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	Not Present
District 51 DCM	David D.	Not Present	Present
District 51 Alt DCM	Kevin S.	Not Present	Present
District 52 DCM	Ricardo D.	Not Present	Present
District 52 Alt DCM	Jim C.	Not Present	Not Present
District 60 DCM	Roland R.	Present	Present
District 60 Alt DCM			
District 62 DCM	Vacant		
District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM	Juan D.	Present	Present
District 63 Alt DCM			
District 64 DCM	Marco L.	Present	Present
District 64 Alt DCM	Jose M.	Present	Not Present
District 65 DCM	Isidro G.	Present	Present
District 65 Alt DCM			
District 66 DCM	Luis P.	Present	Present
District 66 Alt DCM	Jose Luis B.	Present	Present
District 70 DCM	Kevin W.	Present	Present
District 70 Alt DCM	Sara B.	Not Present	Present
District 81 DCM	Keith M.	Not Present	Present
District 81 Alt DCM	Danny G.	Present	Present
District 82 DCM	Jackie M.	Present	Present
District 82 Alt DCM	OB S.	Not Present	Not Present
District 90 DCM	Julian (Juliann) L.	Present	Present
District 90 Alt DCM	David S.	Not Present	Present
<b>Other</b>			
Archivist	Vacant		
Webmaster	Susan W.	Present	Present
Alt Webmaster	Cheryl M.	Present	Present

## **Attachments:**

### **1. 3rd Legacy Explained – slides**

- a. Annotated with 2022 Area Actions–4 per page
- b. Original–6 per page

### **2. SETA Convention 2024 – Joel G. – revised financial report**

- a. SETA 2024 expenses rev 4-3-2024 Rev 1.1 JG

### **3. Convention 2025 – Houston – flyers**

- a. AA SETA 2025-Eng--front & back

### **4. Simple Majority Item Reporting**

- a. 1 Slides--Proposed Agenda Item – Simple Majority Items
- b. 2 Proposed Agenda Item – Simple Majority 2024
- c. 3 Background Material – ENGLISH

# Southeast Texas Area Assembly



## 4th Quarter Area Election Assembly + Event Insurance Motions

Saturday, October 5, 2024

In person

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**NOTICE:** Area Guidelines prohibit publishing personal email addresses or phone numbers, so email addresses have been converted to position-based email addresses which will direct the mail to your personal email boxes.

*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, October 5, 2024 9:00 AM**  
**AREA ELECTION ASSEMBLY**

**Open Meeting:** Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

**Preamble to [SETA Policies & Procedures Manual](#)** – Troy B-D, Interim Alt. Chair

**Roll Call & Vote Count – Election voters** – Patty H. – 92 total voters

**Voting Instructions with review of Third Legacy Procedure** ([A.A. Service Manual](#), Appendix G, page 110) – Olga R., Alt. Delegate, NETA A65

**Elections** – *From Area Nominee for Trustee at Large–U.S. through Alternate Registrar*

- No one stood for Secretary or Alternate Secretary before the Lunch break; they were filled after Lunch

**LUNCH**

**Roll Call & Vote Count – Election voters** – Patty H. – 71 total voters

**Elections** – *From Standing Committee Chairpersons through Archivist*

**Finance Committee Floor Actions – Special Event Insurance**

- Good practice and necessitated by recent experience
- San Jac already requires insurance for each of our rentals \$213
- About \$600 for entire SETA Convention 2025 with \$1 million coverage
- Suggest paying from general fund for 2025 Convention only because Convention's budget was already set and approved by the Finance Committee–unfair to make the Convention Committee juggle money already planned and perhaps spent

**Motion 1** - Passed by Finance Committee, so presented to the body with a Second; *Passed by substantial unanimity*

The SETA Finance Committee makes a motion to require all events, where the Southeast Texas Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous would be held liable (e.g. SETA Convention, SETA Assemblies, SWRAASA), carry special event liability insurance to protect from any losses stemming from personal injuries, property damage, medical payments, and lawsuits at an event.

**Motion 2** - Passed by Finance Committee, so presented to the body with a Second; *Passed by substantial unanimity* \_

The SETA Finance Committee makes a motion for the Area Assembly to carry the cost of the special event liability insurance for the 2025 SETA Convention. This one-time exception would allow the Area to be protected without adding to the already agreed upon budget for the upcoming convention.

Position	Panel 75	Type
<b>Area Nominee Nominee for Trustee at Large–U.S.</b>		
Nominee for Trustee at Large–U.S.	Troy B-D	Acclamation
<b>Area Officers</b>		
Delegate	Christina S	Third Legacy
Alternate Delegate	Bella L	Third Legacy
Chairperson	Patricia H	Third Legacy
Alternate Chairperson	Reino F	Majority [Note: P&P changed to Third Legacy in 2022]
Registrar	Elizabeth G	Third Legacy
Alternate Registrar	Edwin C	Acclamation
Secretary	Fernando B	Third Legacy
Alternate Secretary	Hannah S	Majority
Treasurer	Aliciea M	Third Legacy
Alternate Treasurer	Brandi W	Acclamation
<b>Standing Committee Chairpersons</b>		
Archives	Joel G	Acclamation
CPC	Don M	Acclamation
CFC	Harold B	Acclamation
Finance	Kevin W	Acclamation
Grapevine	Terry P	Acclamation
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La Viña	Elias L	Acclamation
Literature	Jim M	Acclamation
Multi-Lingual	Luis P	Acclamation
Newsletter	Allise B	Acclamation
Public Information (PI)	Michelle C	Acclamation
SCAP	Charlie W	Acclamation
TFC	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Convention Chairs</b>		
2027 SETA Convention Chair	OPEN	OPEN
<b>Intergroups</b>		
Brazos Valley Intergroup	OPEN	OPEN
Houston Intergroup	Byron T	Majority
Ninth District Intergroup	OPEN	OPEN
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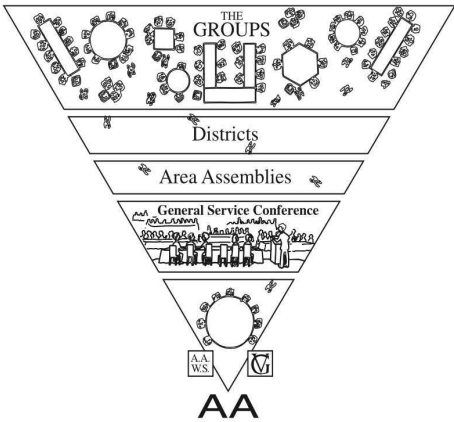
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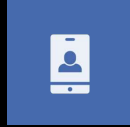
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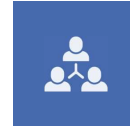
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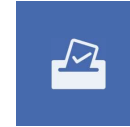
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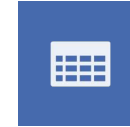
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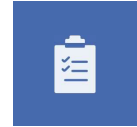
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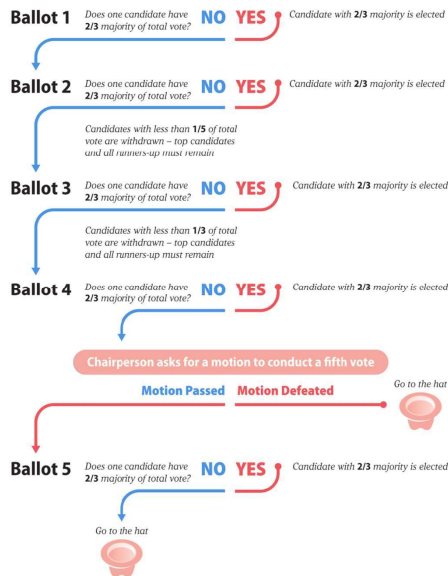
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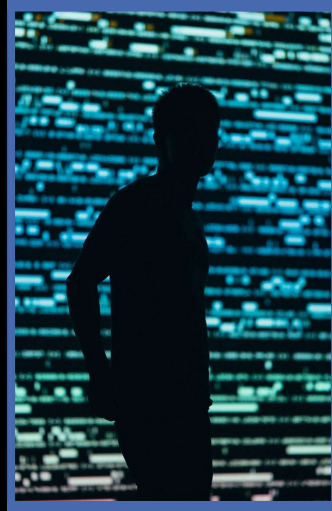
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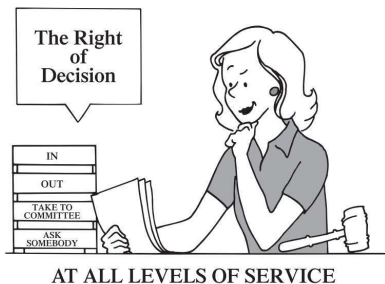
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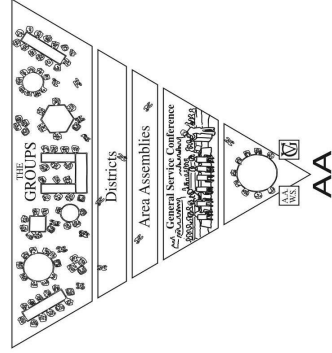
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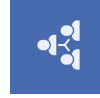
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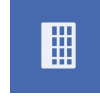
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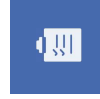
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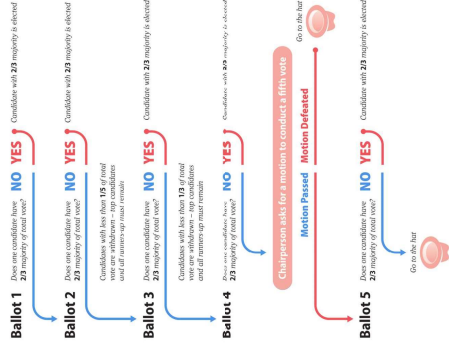
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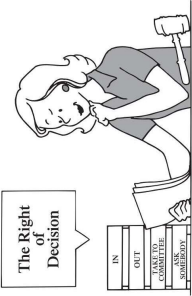
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4/3/2024

Beginning Bank Balance - May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00

Advance from Area	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
			<b>INCOME</b>
<u>Hospitality</u>			
Checks from all Groups			\$2,325.00
Cash			\$650.00
Cash Can Donations			\$770.00
Coffee Can Donations			\$403.25
Hispanic Groups - Reimbursement for Overpayment (Luis)			-\$400.00
<u>WIX Reported</u>			
Square Registrations (On-Site)			\$10,179.49
WIX Pre-Registrations			\$9,740.00
WIX Registrations (On-Site)			\$13,440.00
WIX AI-Anon Pre-Reg			\$820.00
WIX AI-Anon Reg (On site)			\$810.00
Coffee Badge			\$3,990.00
Virtual Registrations			\$1,250.00
AlaTeen Child (Free)	8		\$0.00
Box Lunch	113		\$2,280.00
Banquet (Sat Night)	76		\$3,900.00
Treatment Facility	4		\$40.00
Scholarship Registrations (Free)	73		\$0.00
Scholarship Contributions	55		\$550.00
Payment (Joel Sept 19)			\$1,144.49
Payment (Al Mar 12)			\$207.03
		Credits Total	\$55,099.26

<u>Out of Town Speaker Travel</u>		<b>EXPENSES</b>
Francisco G. (cash)		-\$445.00
Peter M. (chk #1155)		-\$447.80
James H. (chk #1103)		-\$257.96
Intergroup Books (Debi) Debit Card Paid 4-3-07		-\$34.50
Speaker Dinner (Al-via debit)		-\$639.69
Speaker Gifts (Joel)		-\$800.00
Speaker Stipends 7 @ 125. (per Joel-Debi)		-\$875.00
Committee Meetings (Pre convention planning/food)		-\$506.19
Band - Sound System (Steve)		-\$3,000.00
Signage (Jennifer)		-\$1,092.97
Greeters (Kendyl)		-\$1,000.66
Spkr/Workshops/Podium Gifts (Robert)		-\$750.00
Decorations (Cheri)		-\$1,023.44
NewComers Gifts (Leslie)		-\$121.86
Hospitality Food/Supplies (Stephanie)		-\$2,452.82
Hospitality Addl. Supplies (Stephanie)		-\$169.75
Coffee Supplies (Ben)		-\$317.83
Kinkos Copying/FedEx (Debi)		-\$275.25
Security Vests/Hats (Roy)		-\$561.51
PO Box Fee/Supplies/Mail In Pre-Reg (Diane)		-\$236.00
Treasurer Supplies (Al)		-\$208.57
Lodging (Inn at the Waterpark)		-\$596.25
Hotel/Convention Costs (see itemized costs)		-\$23,514.88
Misc Postage - Judith		-\$30.45
Square Fees		-\$287.38
WIX Fees		-\$1,646.67
Check to Hotel for Deposit		-\$1,000.00
Chase CASH Deposit Fee Jan 29th		-\$29.72
Expense Total		-\$42,322.15

\$55,099.26	Credits
-\$42,322.15	Expenses
\$12,777.11	Sub Total
-\$3,000.00	Repayment to SETA
<b>\$9,777.11</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>

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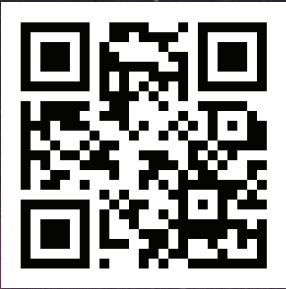
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JANUARY 3-5, 2025

AT THE ROYAL SONESTA HOTEL - HOUSTON

FEATURING:



- |                      |                       |                    |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>RICK W -</b>      | <b>TERESA J -</b>     | <b>JUDITH R -</b>  | <b>SHAWN G -</b>      |
| <b>GRAPEVINE TX</b>  | <b>ALBUQUERQUE NM</b> | <b>BISMARCK ND</b> | <b>DES MOINES IA</b>  |
| <b>JIM W -</b>       | <b>KARINA C -</b>     | <b>MAGDA D -</b>   | <b>SEVI M -</b>       |
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| <b>KATIE B -</b>     | <b>ABERDEEN SD</b>    |                    |                       |
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AGENDA TO INCLUDE MULTIPLE STAGES

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TICKETS:

- \$30 - PRESALE (ENDS 12/13/24)**
- \$35 - AT THE DOOR**
- \$10 - COFFEE TAG (\$15 AT THE DOOR)**
- \$10 - PARKING PER DAY**

FRIDAY				
2:00-6:00pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Floor	HOSPITALITY OPEN	2-4pm COFFEE & SNACKS	4:30-6pm DINNER
5:00-6:00pm	Discovery	Ask the Old-Timers - Bilingual		Alcoholics with 30+ years answer your questions
6:30-7:30pm	Legends	AA Speaker Mtg	Deborah D. Houston, TX	BRING HEADPHONES for Spanish to English translation
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8:00-9:00pm	Legends	AA Speaker Mtg	Teresa J. Albuquerque, NM	SW Regional Trustee
9:00-9:30pm	Lobby	Ice Cream Break		Yay!!
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		YPAA - Spanish	Eveline G. Houston, TX	
11:30pm-6:30am		MARATHON MEETINGS		
SATURDAY				
7:00-9:00am	14 <sup>th</sup> Floor	HOSPITALITY OPEN	BREAKFAST	
7:00-8:00am	Champions 3	Meditation - Spanish	TBD	Meditación: Feliz, alegre y libre
	Champions 5	Meditation - English	Pittsburgh F. Bryan, TX	Meditation: Happy, Joyous & Free
	Legends	New GSR Workshop		
8:15-9:15am	Discovery	SETA Assembly		
	Legends	Discussion - English	Teresa J. Albuquerque, NM	Three-Legacy Sponsorship
	Champions 3	Discusión - Spanish	Oscar P.	Patrocinio de tres legados
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		AA Historian - Spanish	Jim W. Cancun, Mexico	La Historia de AA en Houston
		Al-Anon Workshop	TBD	
11:00-11:50am	Legends	Workshop A - English	Rick W. Grapevine, TX	How the voice of every Group is heard (great for AAs under 5 years)
	Champions 3	Workshop A - Spanish	Sevi M.	¿Cómo hacemos que se escuche la voz de cada Grupo?
	Discovery	Workshop B - English	Judith R. Bismarck, ND	Sex Inventory & Ideal Wrkshp
Noon-1:30pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Floor	HOSPITALITY OPENS	LUNCH	
Noon-12:45pm	Legends	AA Historian - English	Jim W. Cancun, Mexico	History of AA in Houston
	Discovery	GV Writing Workshop	Darryl W.	How to write & submit a story to Grapevine
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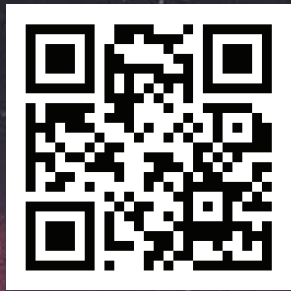
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## AGENDA PARA INCLUIR MULTIPLES ETAPAS

TALLERES DE ESPANOL E INGLES  
PREGUNTAN A LOS VETERANOS  
HISTORIADOR DE AA

ORADORES DE YPAA  
REUNIONES MARATONICAS  
ESCAPARATE DEL COMITE

FIESTA DE BAILE CON  
MUSICA DE LOS 80  
AL-ANON  
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VIERNES				
2:00-6:00pm	Piso 14	HOSPITALIDAD ABIERTA	2-4pm CAFÉ Y MERIENDAS	4:30-6pm CENA
5:00-6:00pm	Discovery	Preguntales los veteranos	Bilingüe	Alcoholicos de 30+ años respuestan tu preguntas
6:30-7:30pm	Legends	Oradora de AA	Deborah D. Houston, TX	TRAE AURICULARES para traducción del español al inglés
	Discovery	Al-Anon Speaker - English	Rosie M. Humble, TX	
8:00-9:00pm	Legends	Reunión de oradora de AA	Teresa J. Albuquerque, NM	Custodia regional del suroeste
9:00-9:30pm	Lobby	Descanso de helado	Bilingüe	¡¡Hurra!!
FRIDAY NIGHT				
9:00-11:00pm	Piso 14	HOSPITALIDAD ABIERTA	CAFÉ Y MERIENDAS	
9:30-10:30pm	Legends	Historiador de AA	Jim W. Cancun, Mexico	Como lo ve Bill: cambios en los escritos de Bill
9:30-11:00pm	Discovery	Jóvenes en AA – Inglés	Elizabeth H. League City, TX	TRAE AURICULARES para traducción del inglés al español
		Jóvenes en AA – Español	Eveline G. Houston, TX	
11:30pm-6:30am		REUNIONES MARATÓNICAS		
SABADO				
7:00-9:00am	Piso 14	HOSPITALIDAD ABIERTA	DESAYUNO	
7:00-8:00am	Champions 3	Meditacion – Español	Por determinar	Meditación: Feliz, alegre y libre
	Champions 5	Meditacion – Inglés	Pittsburgh F. Bryan, TX	Meditation: Happy, Joyous & Free
	Legends	Taller de Nuevo RSG		
8:15-9:15am	Discovery	Asamblea de SETA		TRAE AURICULARES para traducción del inglés al español
	Legends	Discussion – Inglés	Teresa J. Albuquerque, NM	Patrocinio de tres legados
	Champions 3	Discusión – Español	Oscar P.	Patrocinio de tres legados
	Champions 5	Discussion – Al-Anon	Al-Anon	Patrocinio de tres legados
9:30-10:30am	Legends	Oradora de OSG – Inglés	Karina C. Phoenicia, NY	
		Historiador de AA – Español	Jim W. Cancun, Mexico	La Historia de AA en Houston
		Taller de Al-Anon	Por determinar	
11:00-11:50am	Legends	Taller A--Inglés	Rick W. Grapevine, TX	How the voice of every Group is heard (great for AAs under 5 years)
	Champions 3	Taller A--Español	Sevi M.	¿Cómo hacemos que se escuche la voz de cada Grupo?
	Discovery	Taller B--Inglés	Judith R. Bismarck, ND	Taller sobre Inventario de sexo y sexo ideal
Noon-1:30pm	Piso 14	HOSPITALIDAD ABIERTA	ALMUERZO	
Noon-12:45pm	Legends	Historiador de AA – Inglés	Jim W. Cancun, Mexico	La Historia de AA en Houston
	Discovery	Taller de escritura – GV	Darryl W.	How to write & submit a story to Grapevine
	Champions 3	Taller de escritura – La Viña	Misael M.	Cómo escribir y enviar una historia a La Viña
	Champions 5	Taller de escritura – Al-Anon	Por determinar	
SATURDAY AFTERNOON				
1:30-2:30pm	Legends	Historiador de AA – Inglés	Jim W. Cancun, Mexico	Escribiendo el Gran Libro – La Creación de AA – TRAE AURICULARES para traducción del inglés al español
	Champions 3	Oradora de OSG – Español	Karina C. Phoenicia, NY	
3:00-4:00pm	Legends	Orador de CFC – Inglés	Shawn G. Des Moines, IA	TRAE AURICULARES para traducción del inglés al español
	Champions 3	Oradora de Al-Anon – Español	Rosie M. Humble, TX	
	Champions 5	Taller de Al-Anon – Inglés	Por determinar	
4:30-5:30pm	Legends	Oradora de AA – Inglés	Judith R. Bismarck, ND	TRAE AURICULARES para traducción del inglés al español
5:30-7:30pm	Piso 14	HOSPITALIDAD ABIERTA	DINNER BREAK	
SATURDAY EVENING				
7:30-9:00pm	Legends	Sesión principal – Inglés	Rick W. Grapevine, TX	P73 A65 NETA – TRAE AURICULARES
SATURDAY NIGHT				
9:15-10:15pm	Legends	Orador de jóvenes en AA – Inglés	Matt C. Hutto, TX	
	Champions 3	Orador de AA – Español	Sevi M. Humble, TX	
10:15-11:00pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Floor	HOSPITALIDAD ABIERTA	2-4pm CAFÉ Y MERIENDAS	
10:30-Midnight	Discovery	¡¡¡Banda de los 80!!!		80s Dress encouraged, but optional
Midnight-6:00am		REUNIONES MARATÓNICAS	Oradora de AA – Inglés	
DOMINGO				
7:00-9:00am	Piso 14	HOSPITALIDAD ABIERTA	DESAYUNO	
7:00-7:45am	Legends	Meditacion	Judith R. Bismarck, ND	TRAE AURICULARES para traducción del inglés al español
8:00-9:00am	Legends	Asamblea de SETA		TRAE AURICULARES para traducción del inglés al español
9:15-10:15am	Legends	Oradora de AA – Español	Magda D. Richmond, TX	
10:30-11:30am	Legends	Oradora de AA – Inglés	Katie B. Aberdeen, SD	TRAE AURICULARES para traducción del inglés al español

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# Proposed Agenda Item: Simple Majority Items

Final Reports would say:

*Suggestions that achieved Simple Majority but did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass as a Conference Advisory Action*

Instead of:

*Recommendations that achieved Simple Majority — These items did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass as a Conference Advisory Action*

Compared with Advisory Actions:

*It is recommended that . . . [items passed by  $\frac{2}{3}$  substantial unanimity be implemented as Conference Advisory Actions]*

**Service Manual, APPENDIX A: “A.A.’S LEGACY OF SERVICE,” BILL W. (1951), pg. 99**

## **BIRTH OF THE CONFERENCE**

But when these delegates met in conference, what would they do? We thought they would want to have real authority. So, in the charter drawn for the Conference itself, it was provided that the delegates could issue flat directions to the trustees on a two-thirds vote. And even a simple majority vote would constitute a mighty strong suggestion.

**Service Manual, CHAPTER 6 THE ANNUAL GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE, pgs. 41-42**

### ***Advisory Actions***

When a recommendation, whether from a committee or through a floor action, is approved in full session with substantial unanimity it becomes an Advisory Action.

At the conclusion of the Conference, the Advisory Actions are referred to the trustees and are then sent to either the appropriate trustees’ committee, GSO, or the corporate boards for implementation.

When a recommendation, whether from a committee or floor action, is approved by a majority of the body but falls short of substantial unanimity, it is considered to be a “suggestion” referred to the General Service Board for consideration and possible action.

**(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.**

We propose that Simple Majority Items be reported as <suggestions> rather than <recommendations> in the General Service Conference Final Conference Report (GSC FCR).

The AA Service Manual & Concepts define Simple Majority Items as suggestions. (AA Svc Man, p.42, p.99)

**(2) What problem does this proposed item address?**

The Final Conference Report currently uses the words recommend/recommendation for Simple Majority items. This has caused confusion between Substantial Unanimity (>2/3) Advisory Actions "It was recommended that . . . ." and Simple Majority (>1/2) items currently being reported as "the committee recommended that . . . ."

A Simple Majority item listed as a suggestion to pursue an idea or course of action invites conversation and feedback from the entire upside down triangle. The current confusion over the meaning of "passed" limits conversation and feedback because some members believe the item is on the path to being implemented and others do not.

**(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).**

*Note: While all items are received equally, experience has shown that ideas greatly benefit from the value of a broader group conscience. Consider if and with whom you would like to have a group conscience discussion on the proposed agenda item prior to submitting.*

Beginners Group--Bryan, Texas (unanimous group conscience)  
Area 67 District 33 (unanimous sense of the District)  
Area 67 South East Texas Area (SETA)

The inspiration for the idea came too late to draft, translate & distribute the Proposed Agenda Item more than 30 days before, so we can offer only the sense of the District and Area.

**(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:**

AA Svc Man clearly states that Simple Majority Items are suggestions--suggestions to consider an idea or possible action (p.42, p.99). Bill W.'s Concept V essay states that passage by Simple Majority "constitutes a mighty strong suggestion" to the Board.

The 69th GSC FCR (2019) also used the word "suggestion" for Simple Majority items---"The committee discussed reconsidering the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference and took no action. The committee asked that implementation of this 1986 advisory action resume with the 69th General Service Conference Final Report: If a committee recommendation does not receive the two-thirds vote required to become a Conference Advisory Action, but has a majority of votes, it automatically becomes a suggestion and will be duly noted in the Conference Report."

In the 2020-24 GSC FCRs the Simple Majority sections were not noted as suggestions. From 2020 through 2023, the items were listed as "Recommendations Passed by Simple Majority." In 2024, the heading was "Recommendations that achieved Simple Majority—These items did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass as a Conference Advisory Action" in order to clarify that they had not fully passed and become advisory actions.

The Simple Majority Background Material attached quotes relevant passages from the AA Svc Man and Concepts (BM-31), Advisory Actions 1951-2024 (MG-39) & Final Conference Reports 2020-2024.

**(5) What are the intended/expected outcomes if this proposed item is approved?**

This proposal is intended to lessen confusion, especially among those who have not extensively studied the Service Manual and Concepts.

Expected Outcome: If a committee recommendation does not receive the two-thirds vote required to become an Advisory Action, but has a majority of votes, it automatically becomes a suggestion to the Board for further consideration or possible action and will be duly noted as a <suggestion> in the Final Conference Report.

**(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.**

Allise B.  
allise.b@aa-seta.org

**(7) Final comments:**

Given that the confusing listing of simple-majority-but-not-substantial-unanimity items as <recommendations> is contrary to all the authoritative sources we were able to find, we suggest that the solution is very simple: list them as <suggestions>.



## Simple Majority Background Material

### Proposal

Final Reports would say:

*Suggestions* that achieved Simple Majority *but* did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass as a Conference Advisory Action.

instead of:

*Recommendations* that achieved Simple Majority — *These items* did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass as a Conference Advisory Action.

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### **BM-31 THE A.A. SERVICE MANUAL combined with TWELVE CONCEPTS FOR WORLD SERVICE by Bill W.**

Service Manual, APPENDIX A: “A.A.’S LEGACY OF SERVICE,” BILL W. (1951), pg. 99

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**Service Manual, APPENDIX K, CURRENT CONFERENCE CHARTER. pg. 119**

**4. Conference Relation to the General Service Board and its Corporate Services:**

. . . .

It will be understood, as a matter of tradition, that a two-thirds vote of Conference members voting shall be considered binding upon the General Service Board and its related corporate services, provided the total vote constitutes at least a Conference quorum. But no such vote ought to impair the legal rights of the General Service Board and the service corporations to conduct routine business and make ordinary contracts relating thereto.

**Service Manual, CONCEPT V, pgs. C17-C18**

This same kind of consideration for the minority position can be found in the Charter provision that no Conference vote can be considered binding on the Trustees of the General Service Board unless it equals two-thirds of a Conference quorum. This gives the Trustees a power of veto in cases where the majority is not great. By reason of this provision the Trustees, if they wish, can insist on further debate and so check any tendency to haste or emotionalism. In practice the Trustees seldom exercise this option. More often they go along with a simple majority of the Delegates, especially when prompt action on less critical matters is clearly needed. But the choice is always theirs whether to veto a simple majority or to act with it. Here again is a recognition of the constructive value of a trusted minority. . . .

### Service Manual, CONCEPT XII, pgs. C53-C54

**Warranty Four:** “That all important decisions be reached by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity.”

Here on the one hand we erect a safeguard against any hasty or overbearing authority of a simple majority; and on the other hand we take notice of the rights and the frequent wisdom of minorities, however small. This principle further guarantees that all matters of importance, time permitting, will be extensively debated, and that such debates will continue until a really heavy majority can support every **critical decision** that we are called upon to make in the Conference.

When we take decisions in this fashion, the Conference voice speaks with an authority and a confidence that a simple majority could never give it. If any remain in opposition, they are far better satisfied because their case has had a full and fair hearing.

And when a decision taken in substantial unanimity does happen to go wrong, there can be no heated recriminations. Everybody will be able to say “Well, we had a careful debate, we took the decision, and it turned out to be a bad one. Better luck next time!”

Like many very high ideals, the principle of substantial unanimity does, however, have certain practical limitations. Occasionally a Conference decision will be of such extreme urgency that something has to be done at once. In such a case we cannot allow a minority, however well-intended, to block a vitally needed action which is evidently in the best interests of A.A. Here we shall need to trust the majority, sometimes a bare majority, to decide

whether Conference debate is to be terminated and a final action taken. In certain other cases, the majority will also have to exercise this undoubted right. Suppose, for example, that a small minority obstinately tries to use the principle of substantial unanimity to block a clearly needed action. In such an event it would be the plain duty of the majority to override such a misuse of the principle of substantial unanimity.

Nevertheless our experience shows that majorities will seldom need to take such radical stands as these. Being generally animated by the spirit of “substantial unanimity,” we have found that our Conference can nearly always be guided by this valued principle.

In passing it should be noted that the Conference will sometimes have to decide, with respect to a particular question, what the requirements of substantial unanimity are going to be—whether a two-thirds, three-quarters, or even a greater majority—will be required to settle a particular question. Such an advance agreement can, of course, be had on a simple majority vote.

Concluding the discussion on this Warranty, it can be said that without question both the practical and spiritual results of the practice of substantial unanimity already have been proved to be very great indeed.

### **Service Manual, CHAPTER 3 THE AREA ASSEMBLY AND ITS ACTIVITIES, FAQs, pg. 25**

***3. What is the difference between substantial unanimity and simple majority?***  
Substantial unanimity typically means a two-thirds (or more) majority. In some situations, this

might even be a three-fourths (or more) majority. This standard is typically employed for issues that are controversial or complex and for the elections of some positions in general service. This can help to promote unity in the area body. Simple majority is typically defined as one-half of the body plus one. This standard is generally employed for simple or routine matters.

**Service Manual, CHAPTER 6 THE ANNUAL GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE, pgs. 41-42**

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At the conclusion of the Conference, the Advisory Actions are referred to the trustees and are then sent to either the appropriate trustees' committee, G.S.O., or the corporate boards for implementation.

When a recommendation, whether from a committee or floor action, is approved by a majority of the body but falls short of substantial unanimity, it is considered to be a "suggestion" referred to the General Service Board for consideration and possible action.

**MG-39 ADVISORY ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS 1951-2024**

**Advisory Actions Relevant to the Conference Committee on Treatment Facilities/ Accessibilities** Cross-listed in **Advisory Actions Concerning Films, Filmstrips and Videos**

**1989**

It was recommended that:

A 15-minute film be produced for A.A. members carrying the message into treatment facilities and be presented to the 1990 General Service Conference.

**Note:** Although the following item did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote to become a Conference recommendation, it did receive a substantial majority and is therefore a strong suggestion for the board's consideration.

“Suggested that in the proposed film for treatment facilities that the Louis B. segment of the script be deleted because of implied endorsement of Narcotics Anonymous.

### **Advisory Actions Relevant to the Conference Report and Charter Committee**

#### **1953 (pre-Concepts)**

No policy should be declared or action taken on matters liable to gravely affect A.A. as a whole unless by consent of at least three-quarters of the members present. A mere majority should not authorize action. (Floor Action)

#### **1954 (pre-Concepts)**

The policy adopted by the 1953 Conference in reference to the three-quarter majority rule be continued. That policy stated as follows:

No policy should be declared or action taken on matters liable to gravely affect A.A. as a whole unless by consent of at least three-quarters of the members present. A mere majority should not authorize action. (Floor Action)

#### **1986**

For purposes of consistency, the second sentence of the first paragraph under “Meaning of the Conference Charter,” page 23 of the Service Manual (1985-86 edition), be changed to read:

It provides, for example, that a majority vote of the Conference shall be considered a suggestion to the board of trustees and G.S.O., but that a two-thirds vote of the

Conference members voting, provided the total vote constitutes at least a Conference quorum, shall be absolutely binding upon the board, regardless of legal considerations.

If a committee recommendation does not receive the two-thirds vote required to become a Conference Advisory Action, but has a majority of votes, it automatically becomes a suggestion and will be duly noted in the Conference Report

**2024**

The items that receive simple majority be included in the Final Conference Report under the heading “Recommendations that achieved Simple Majority – These items did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass as a Conference Advisory Action.”

**Advisory Actions Relevant to the Conference Committee on Trustees**

**1989**

Note: Although the following item did not receive the necessary two-thirds vote to become a Conference recommendation, it did receive a substantial majority and is therefore a strong suggestion for the board’s consideration.

The following revised text be approved for substitution and inclusion in The A.A. Service Manual: . . . . .



### **Final Conference Reports**

#### **69th GSC Final Conference Report (2019)**

The committee discussed reconsidering the 1986 Advisory Action regarding a simple majority vote by the full Conference and took no action. The committee asked that implementation of this 1986 advisory action resume with the 69th General Service Conference Final Report:

If a committee recommendation does not receive the two-thirds vote required to become a Conference Advisory Action, but has a majority of votes, it automatically becomes a suggestion and will be duly noted in the Conference Report.

#### **GSC 70-73 Final Conference Reports (2020-2023)**

##### *“Recommendations Passed by Simple Majority”*

- GSC 70 page 59
- GSC 71 page 72
- GSC 72 page 91
- GSC 73 page 48

#### **GSC 74 Final Conference Report pg. 51 (2024)**

*“Recommendations that achieved Simple Majority—These items did not receive the two-thirds majority required to pass as a Conference Advisory Action”*