

Southeast Texas Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous



2nd Quarter

Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Online ONLY via Zoom

Assembly Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 6, 2024

In-person & Online via Zoom
San Jacinto College North Campus
5800 Uvalde Rd, Houston, TX 77049

***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, March 23rd, 2024 8:30 AM

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – Online

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

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

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

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

[Secretary's Report](#) – Allise B – *given at the end of Area Committee Meeting*

- **NEW Electronic Submission Form for Area Reports** – As discussed at a previous Assembly, we are trying an online method for submitting your reports based on NETA's successful electronic submission system. It will make it much easier for the Secretaries to keep track of which reports we have received, sort them into the order they appear in the Minutes, format them all easily and most importantly, make sure we never miss a report again. The [Google Form for Officer & Committee Reports](#) or the [Google Form for DCM Reports](#) will ask you to choose from drop-down menus the meeting for which you are reporting and your position, and either copy or type your report in a box in the Form. Please give me or Edwin your feedback on the Form. As always, we want to make it as easy for all of us as we can.
- Many, many thanks to the Finance Committee for updating the [Area Actions chart](#) from 2018 through last year. It is now my task to categorize them and Edwin's task to translate them going back to 1973. When I think of what Edwin cheerfully offered to do, my work suddenly looks very easy. Please be sure to thank him for his extraordinary service.

Unfinished Business

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **SETA Convention Guidelines Ad Hoc – Troy B-D**
 - Because the Guidelines are not binding, no vote is required. [SETA Convention Guidelines 20...](#)
- **Bridging the Gap Committee Feasibility Ad Hoc – Taylor C**
 - The full proposal has been submitted (*see Assembly Minutes*) and will be presented at the April 6 Assembly so members of the Area can come to July Assembly with their informed group consciences ready to vote.
- **Hotel Committee Ad Hoc – Deborah D**
 - Our ad hoc committee continues to meet and we have secured the San Jacinto College North campus for the remainder of 2024. We are working closely with Rick as Delegate, Bella as Chair and Art as Alt Chair so that we can be sure that their needs are being met. We are also looking into the possibility of adding another one-day session after the July Assembly if need be, more will be revealed.
 - The next assembly will be July 13 at this same location.
 - The cost savings: This venue is costing \$1,922 plus \$213 for one-day Insurance. We are also providing lunches for \$1,600, bringing our total to \$3,735 (this is \$197 higher than we shared at the Area Assembly since we added an hour to the rooms for breakouts).
 - We typically spent \$6,300 for hotel just to be in that space plus another \$1976 for hotel rooms. That totals \$8,276. This is a savings of \$4,541.12. That is money we can use to carry the message instead of paying for doing the business of carrying it.
 - Please keep in mind that we are still looking at other option moving forward. If you have any suggestions of places please see a committee member before leaving today.
 - Our committee consists of myself, Paul, Catherine, Reino, Bella, Art, Marshall, Troy and most recently Luís as host district representative.
 - We are discussing how much longer this ad hoc will meet; until we hear otherwise we will continue to meet.

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

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[District 10](#) – Inactive

[District 20](#) – Sarah L – No report submitted

[District 31](#) – Jennifer C

It has been tremendously gratifying watching our District Meeting attendance grow. We continue to encourage our committee chairs and attendees to invite people to attend our meetings.

- We recently filled our District Literature Committee position and now have an Alternate District Treasurer.
- Our DCM visited 6 groups, including a new one that just started in February
- We have a total of 4 GSRs this quarter that just registered and started attending our district meeting.
- We have been encouraging all of our Committee Chairs to reach out to the groups and partner with group representatives in effort to fully inform/educate those who hold service related positions of the responsibilities and opportunities related to their roles - so that we can continue to carry the message.
- Our Alt. DCM is working closely with groups and GSRs to set up a variety of Workshops within our District.
- We had a tremendous turn out at the March District Meeting - Alt. Delegate Christina S. addressed the proposed agenda items for the 74th GSC, explained in better detail the Plain Language companion, and the Founders' Writings.
- Our Committee/Area Chairs are scheduled to present the rest of the year on what to do and how to get involved.

[District 32](#) – Kim C – No report submitted

[District 33](#) – Tony A

- District 33 currently has 34 active Groups. Numerous Groups near Bryan, College Station and Brenham are extremely active. The rural Groups are still struggling since Covid.
- Last weekend Christina S. discussed the 74th GSC at our District meeting. We appreciated her knowledge and insight.
- February 23-24 our Unity Conference was a great success.

[District 40](#) – Doug D

We are halfway through this rotation and we have already accomplished some of the findings from our District Inventory and still have more to go. Thank God we did at the beginning of last year so we have time to get all of those changes worked on and evaluated. We are setting up our quarterly workshops and the first one is in April. Also, don't forget that we have our annual Tradition Dinner and it should be in June this year but the final details are not concrete yet. As soon as Mike B has all the details nailed down, we send it out to all of you so you can stop by.

We are having new GSRs and new groups join our district almost every month. We only have a few rep positions open at this time. We have a handful of online-only groups in our district and they are active in the district both online and in person, from those that live in the area. We try to let those who are new in service that they should get a service sponsor to guide them on their journey and when needed we will reach out to some of you to help fill the need. That is one thing that I have learned from this rotation and the position I have, is to help where and when needed and it does not all fall on my shoulders alone. If I share the workload, I will reap greater rewards in the endeavor and the people.

We discussed the Founder's writings and came up with probably what everyone else did. This had nothing to do with the PLBB. The writing should not be changed but additional versions might be helpful to expand and help comprehension. We also had Rick and Christina stop by this month to talk about the agenda items. I would like to thank them for their time and patience in dealing with Hwy 99 construction. I was late on sending out the background info so I hope all my GSRs have time to discuss them with their groups and be here in 2 weeks to participate in the round tables. We will have the Grapevine committee stop by in April.

I have Ron C. to chair our D40 Ad Hoc on rewriting our P&P manual. With all the changes needed, I believe it would be easier for a new GSR to have a clean version and not have to refer to all the amendments to see the changes.

[District 51](#) – David D – No report submitted

[District 52](#) – Ricardo D – No report submitted

[District 60](#) – Roland R

- In February RockHill group of Alcoholic Anonymous and Third Tradition group of Alcoholics Anonymous had a Valentine's Day event. District 60 also had Big Book Trivia at the Jug group of Alcoholics Anonymous.
- At our March meeting we had a visit from our Alt-Delegate Christina informing us about the agenda items.
- Rockhill group of Alcoholics Anonymous will be moving to 7448 Park Place Boulevard second Sunday at 5PM; still there will be food and fellowship and birthday will be celebrated the last Friday of the month at 7:30 PM.
- First Saturday every month at 5PM, movie night at the Industrial Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 1611 1st street.

[District 62](#) – INACTIVE

[District 63](#) – Juan D – No report submitted

[District 64](#) – Marco L – No report submitted

[District 65](#) – Isidro G – No report submitted

[District 66](#) – Luis P – No report submitted

[District 70](#) – Kevin W

Thanks to all the Committee Chairs, Alternates and GSRs who serve D-70. Update through 3-13:

- Currently District 70 works with 42 groups. All group activities continue to increase.
- We had 13 officers, committee members, and GSRs at our January meeting.
- We are looking to fill one officer position and eight committee chair positions.
- Our Intergroup Rep is working with the District to increase Intergroup Participation.
- At our last District meeting, the District elected a Chair and Co-Chair for our Fall Unity Day Workshop.
- I have visited the active & dark groups in the district, mailed our newsletter and invitations to district meetings, and will continue to visit groups with a focus on the groups who currently do not have a GSR participating in the district.

[District 81](#) – Keith M

State of the district: As we roll into spring, District 81 remains very active and focused on our primary purpose. All of our committees are full and actively carrying the message. Group contributions and participation remain very strong.

Archives Committee: They continue to reorganize the facility and digitize all the district documents and history. The committee also has been pushing the groups for a group history for those that have not already documented one.

Correctional Facility (CFC): The CFC committee has been busy with meetings being helped at Carol Young here and there. We are still having trouble getting into Galveston County but we continue to talk with them. We are hoping to be allowed back in soon. Literature is flowing into the facilities. We also attended the regional committee conference.

Public Information (PI) / Cooperation w/Professional Community (CPC): They have also been placing ads in local magazines and hand outs. They continue to come up with new ways to reach the alcoholic that stills suffers using QR codes and hand outs to lead newcomers to local resources.

Grapevine: Committee has struggled a bit this year but has a new Chair and is planning several events to drive Grapevine awareness and revenue: they are looking to have a Grapevine subscription drive and host workshops in our District.

Literature: Several groups have regular literature meetings that highlight different AA literature each week. They are also looking to do great things this quarter and are planning several events. They had a wonderful event last quarter.

Finance & Budget (F&B): Budgets have been submitted for 2024 and this committee continues to meet and meet the needs of the district.

Treatment Facilities (TFC): The TFC Committee is regularly holding monthly meetings at 5 treatment facilities. They hold workshops to grow committee membership on a regular basis. They have been very busy this quarter as well.

Newsletter: This is a new committee with the goal to highlight events, share stories of recovery and make announcements in the district. We are currently seeking a Chair for this committee.

Workshops: Have an event planned for May to highlight service in AA.

Web Committee: This is also a new committee chartered to Design, Build and Maintain our District website. The goal is a central repository for events, committee information, group schedule for our district etc. The site is built and is currently being refined with content and should be fully launched next month.

All in all the district is strong and growing. New groups are being formed and many groups are growing. Its been another challenging year and we are seeing better attendance across the board. We have many groups that still hold Zoom meetings to carry the message. We are all looking forward to see what the rest of the year brings us in service!!!

District 82 – Jackie M – No report submitted

District 90 – David S, Alt DCM

Our attendance at the last district meeting on March the 3rd 2024 was 35 All our committee positions are filled just in the process of add alternates. We are gearing up for our upcoming District 90 Convention August 16th-18th at the Élégante Hotel in Beaumont Tx. I will bring Flyers at the Area Assembly at San Jacinto College on April the 6th.

We will be having our annual Traditions Workshop in September; flyers to follow.

I would like to thank the trusted servants in area 67 for assisting district 90 in our INVENTORY Troy, Melissa R, Rick M. and Christina for all their help.

Service Committee Reports

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Archives – Charles S – Presented but no report submitted

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) – Kate E, Alternate Chair

Currently we are struggling with participation. I will be contacting the DCMs to visit to encourage a representative from each district to attend our monthly online meeting. The two projects we are working on currently are:

- Tilman J. Fertitta Family College of Medicine at the University of Houston. We are in contact with the Dean of the College to set up a meeting with the students in the Behavioral and Social Sciences department.
- Speaking to nurses at Lone Star College.

Correction Facilities Committee (CFC) – Tony W

Roy E., Katherine G. and Reino F. have been working on increasing transparency and reporting between the CFC Treasurer and the Area Treasurer and Finance Committee. The budget was corrected to show the new policies of the Area and was approved unanimously.

Blue Can funds for taking books into facilities were down 58% from this time last year. It's a good thing that Covid eased up and we are able to take books and meetings back in, but it's also getting back to the point of needing contributions to increase a bit. The addition of Harris County alone has increased book costs \$400 a month, and Waller County and Brazos County are soon to follow. They're in the works now.

Henry Nadeua (non-alcoholic), Harris County 12-Step Coordinator, finally made our meeting this month and talked about what was happening at Harris County and what they still need. They have four meetings a week in three different buildings, one is up to over fifty people, and they are getting Big Books to take back to the pods and hold their own meetings. Currently we have ONE person approved and taking meetings in weekly, and another on the list looking at approval soon. They want help, but apparently not from anyone that's had a run-in with the law. Ridiculous...

We had started working with Chuck M. and the old Houston CFC Committee from Intergroup on combining forces, having them close out the "white can" and replace them with our Blue Cans, and running their meetings and literature from

SETA CFC. This is in the first stage and more will be revealed, but we are hopeful. Well, what was revealed is that they have no desire to join our committee. I informed the committee of their decision, and had a note in my report and added to the minutes that they cannot order books from SETA CFC, even if it's one of our meetings. SETA 'service structure' names are the only ones allowed to purchase books with Blue Can money. Should individuals want to help out the Houston CFC LLC committee on a personal level, they're more than welcome, but from the Committee's standpoint, we will have no affiliation citing Traditions 4 & 6.

Finance – Budget Report – Reino F Presented but no report submitted

Grapevine – Daryl W

We want to thank all of our GV reps for their hard work. The GV app downloads have increased, which will help AA Grapevine recoup its initial investment in a timely manner. Thanks to Jennifer W. for her hard work on the GV newsletter.

Past Activities—The committee set up a display at the SETA convention held in January at the Moody Gardens Hotel. Several members from the area Grapevine committee assisted with the MOB AA conference in Lake Jackson, March 1st-3rd. Also, we gave away one GV yearly subscription at the MOB conference. Several new GV reps have hit the ground running. We ask that all area GVRs attend the monthly Grapevine meetings and register at aagrapevine.org as GVRs. All AAs are welcome to attend the area Grapevine meetings and workshops.

Plans—We will be available for questions and those who want to order a Grapevine subscription online or any questions about the new Grapevine/LaVina app. We will publish a Grapevine newsletter shortly. Also, we will have a display at the upcoming Assembly and a few surprises for those who stop by the Grapevine table.

Future Grapevine Events—We are working with several districts on writing workshops and presentations. If any group or district is interested in hosting a workshop or presentation, please contact anyone on our committee. 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.

Grapevine Giveaways—Several subscriptions will be given away at the 2024 April Assembly.

Information Technology (IT) – Brad H, Alternate Chair

We are continuing to support the Google applications and update the website. Requests for unsupported applications and plug-ins should be submitted to it-admins@aa-seta.org for committee review. We had a few members attend a tour of the San Jacinto Campus and found we will be able to set up without issues. We welcome and thank Gwen P and CeeCee P to our committee as well as a possible new Secretary. We still have an open position for Committee Treasurer. We are welcoming IT Liaisons from each committee and district to join us and we will work to help support your committee or district. We remind SETA members that support emails are posted on our IT webpage. Email, Group and Google Application issues can go to it-admins@aa-seta.org, website updates can go to Webmasters@aa-seta.org and hardware issues can go to it-hardware@aa-seta.org. Support@aa-seta.org is forwarded to the it-hardware email. (This is to correct an issue of misdirected requests sent to the support email.)

La Viña – Misael M – No report submitted

Literature – Dan K

The Literature committee has had fun the past few months, starting with attending the SETA Convention in January. We had a great time serving the Fellowship at our Literature Committee table, meeting folks from all over the Area to fellowship and raise awareness for AA conference-approved literature. In February, the committee was able to visit both District 81 and District 31. Thank you to both of those Districts for the opportunity to join their district meeting and their hospitality. If your District or group would like us to attend your meeting, please let us know! Also, during February and March, the committee held multiple ad hoc meetings in preparation for our roundtable-style discussion on the Founders Writings, which was held on Saturday, March 16th. Thank you to the committee, the facilitators/recorders, and last but not least, to Rick for their support of this workshop. Despite the rainy day, we had approximately 35-40 participants, and received feedback that it was both informative and fun.

Multilingual – Janine B, Chair – No report submitted

Newsletter – Fernando B, Alternate Chair

Once again, we will have QR codes throughout the upcoming assembly to scan to receive the newsletter digitally. It is also available to download on the Newsletter tab on the area website.

Tracy and I are currently looking into different ways to create a PDF Flipbook for future SETA newsletters. We are looking at the differences between free programs versus paid for programs. These include differences in pricing, security, and privacy. We have been also talking with the SETA IT committee to see how the integration could be. Essentially, there would be a bookshelf on our SETA webpage that would hold all our digital newsletters. We are exploring if we could use G suite to create and hold these digital newsletters. Like it was said we are still looking at options before we bring anything to the area in the future.

If there are any other committee chairs who would like to add to the quarterly SETA newsletter, please use newsletter@aa-seta.org. If there are any changes or errors in the newsletters regarding committee members or DCMs, please let us know. Lastly, I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this quarterly SETA newsletter.

Public Information (PI) – Theresa S, Alternate Chair – Presented but no report submitted

SCAP – Ron S – No report submitted

Treatment Facilities Committee (TFC) – Christopher G – Presented but no report submitted

Intergroup Liaison Reports

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Brazos Valley Intergroup – Rachel S

- Throughout FY 2023, the BV Intergroup Trustees worked diligently to install fiscal as well as operational process structure, accountability, and transparency. Each month the trustees have reported the reparation and reorganization process to the Intergroup Group Representative governing body. Each month the trustees have delivered a complete and transparent accounting of BVIA finances inventory and cash flow. Operational policies and procedures have been implemented. Office/bookstore security has been greatly enhanced. The website was also totally rebuilt from scratch. Since implementing its new operating model, Square Site, in July 2023, BVIA has not failed to be open when it promised to be open and accessible. The office volunteers have delivered trustworthy, dependable and accountable service to the Fellowship. At the end of FY 2023 BVIA is a functional, accountable AA service asset for district 33 groups and individuals.
- Our new Square Site app has enabled us to be more accurate and efficient with checking out inventory to individuals. Printing SKU barcodes so it is much easier to check people out and we have no more written out receipts. Each volunteer has an individual code in order to get into the store. Our IT chair has implemented a link to update our website with all the inventory.
- Our 24-hour hotline is still going strong with an average of 65 volunteers on our call list and around 3-4 calls a day. Most of the calls are to get rides. The hotline chair has decided to possibly start a ride share list, which would still be confidential and anonymous. If you are in a meeting, you can get a code and have access to all who are on the volunteer list to do 12th Step calls and would get access to who's available to give rides.
- Our biggest fundraising event for our district is the Unity Conference, which was held in January. We had a very successful turnout, and our gross sales were up \$638 from last year. We believe most of this was attributable to the amount of attendance, the diversity in literature and how wonderfully presented our bookstore was this year as well as continuously being promoted by the Unity Chair.

Houston Intergroup – Taylor C – No report submitted

[9th District Intergroup](#) – Peter M

Our Intergroup office is fully stocked with literature and pamphlets. We can still use more volunteers for our 24-hour hotline. No current announcements or flyers.

[Oficina Intergrupala Hispana \(D63, 64, 65\)](#) – Dimas S – No report submitted

[Intergroupo Hispano Del SW \(D66 & 62\)](#) – Martin M – No report submitted

Announcements – Art G.

- [Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly](#) – Service: *Vital to Our Growth* – October 11-13, 2024 – Renaissance Dallas/Richardson Hotel

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 10:47am!!

Saturday, April 6, 2024 7:30 AM

AREA ASSEMBLY

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

- Art G. has stepped down as Alt Chair

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

[Roll Call](#) – Assembly Attendance – Patty H – 87 voters

[Secretary's Report](#) – Allise B – See [Area Committee Meeting](#)

[Treasurer's Report](#) – Catherine G – See [report](#) including *Prudent Reserve Presentation*

Unfinished Business

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

- **SETA Convention Guidelines Ad Hoc** – Troy B-D
 - Living, breathing document that every Convention should review
 - Not policy or procedure, so doesn't require a vote
 - Removed requirement for hotel to allow alternate venues
 - Now posted on SETA Convention webpage
- **Area Bridging the Gap Committee Feasibility Ad Hoc** – Taylor C
 - The full proposal was distributed on December 16th so that members of the Area can come to the July Assembly with their fully informed group consciences ready to vote. The full proposal was also included in the January Minutes and can be found attached.
 - \$150 in budget is for existing website where members can sign up to participate btg-seta.org.
 - Hotel expense shown in the budget was proposed before we changed to a 1-day Assembly without a hotel. No hotel expense is now planned.
 - Q: How does this budget align with our trial budget? A: The budget comes from expenses already in either the Treatment Facilities or Correction Facilities Committee's budget, so no net impact.

- The Treatment Facilities Committee and Correction Facilities Committee will remain as-is, but relieved of Bridge the Gap.
- Q: Are funds being budgeted for interpreters? A: Those expenses will remain with the TFC & CFC.
- Email Taylor at Taylor.C@aa-seta.org with any questions.
- **Hotel Committee Ad Hoc – Deborah D**
 - San Jacinto College has been booked for the remainder of 2024. Canceling the hotel for Assembly will save the Area \$8276 (including just under \$2000 for rooms).
 - [San Jacinto College North Campus](#) cost \$1921 + venue insurance \$213 + lunch \$1600 = \$3734. About \$200 higher than predicted because we added another hour for Roundtables.
 - The Spanish Districts have come together to feed us breakfast tacos. Luís P., DCM D66, is on the Host Committee for this Assembly and another DCM will rotate on for the next Assembly.
 - July 13th will be the third quarter Assembly at San Jacinto College.

Recognize: New GSRs and past Delegates – Bella L

New Business

- **Roundtables:** Mesa 1, Tables 1-8 and an online Table considered the Agenda Items requested by the Delegate and reported their results to the Assembly.
- **[Budget Report](#) – Reino F** – No report submitted

Delegate Reports

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[Delegate's Report](#) – Rick M

Today, I find myself filled with gratitude for so many things and I will try to acknowledge a few of those things as I give this report. First, I want to express my gratitude for this opportunity to serve you and Alcoholics Anonymous, and I thank you for your trust. Secondly, I want to express my gratitude to all of you who are here today. The April Assembly has always been my favorite Assembly, because we all get to participate in the Conference process. This is our chance to have our voice as an Area heard. By being here today to take part in the roundtable discussions, you have witnessed our 3rd Legacy in action. What you participated in today is exactly what we will be doing at Conference just over a week from now. The first two full days of Conference are dedicated to Committee discussions. We will be doing exactly what you did earlier today.

A special thanks to the facilitators and recorders who did so much to be ready to lead these sessions. Each and every person I asked to be a facilitator agreed immediately and without any hesitation to do so. I had more people volunteer than needed. That made my job much easier and certainly more pleasant.

I am very grateful for Area 67 and its dedication to the 3rd Legacy. Those of you who have traveled down the triangle before me have set an example that is hard to live up to and those of you who are serving higher up the triangle are inspiring me and pushing me to be the very best I can be. Those of you sitting in this room today who are serving higher up the triangle are the pool from which our future Delegates, Alternate Delegates, Area Chairs, Alternate Chairs and other officers will be chosen. As I have observed you in action today and over the last few rotations, I believe we are in great hands.

Speaking of Alternates, I am grateful for the best and most helpful Alternate Delegate I could ever have hoped to serve alongside. This year in particular, I have had to lean heavily on Christina. Without her help and cooperation, we would never have been able to visit all the Districts and attend all the events at which we needed to be present. We found it necessary to divide and conquer much more than we did last year it seems. All the road dogging that she and I been able to do has been an amazing experience and we aren't done yet.

I am grateful for the feedback that you have provided by responding to the survey on how to treat the Founders' writings. There is nothing like controversy to get folks engaged and y'all certainly have been engaged. I am still in the process of assimilating everything you have provided but I will go to Conference well informed by the Area on this topic.

Now for the Conference. I will travel to Brooklyn this coming Friday, April 12th. We will begin on Sunday and serve through Friday, hopefully finishing before midnight on Friday, something we weren't able to do last year. However, I'm not very optimistic about that. We have some pretty heavy topics to cover this year. Our finances continue to be challenging. We will be given the results of the Board inventory and I am very interested to see how fearless and thorough they were. There will be a discussion of the survey concerning how to treat the Founders' writings and we may be voting on whether to approve the Plain Language translation of the Big Book. That will depend on what action the Conference Literature Committee takes. Trust up and down the triangle is tenuous at best and I sense that this fact will be ever present as we go through our proceedings during the Conference.

As I did during last year's Conference, I will try to send out a daily email summarizing the day's events. The days start early and run late, but I will do my best to keep you up to date. Thank you once again for this opportunity to serve.

Alternate Delegate's Report – Christina S

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

The [77th Annual Texas State Convention](#) is June 21-23, 2024 in Irving, TX at the [Westin Dallas/Fort Worth Airport](#).

[SWRAASA](#) is October 11 to October 13, 2024, in Richardson, TX at the [Renaissance Dallas Richardson Hotel](#). You can find registration info on aa-seta.org/officers/altdelegate. SWRAASA is our Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly; it happens in October in even-number years.

We picked our topics for this year's SWRAASA workshops. Bella, Catherine, Taylor and one left TBD will be representing us. For all of us who are headed to SWRAASA this year, let's show up and support them. 😊 We still have not been given which standing committee we will be hosting. More shall be revealed.

I know y'all are going to be tired of hearing this but SWRAASA 2026 will be hosted by Area 67. I have reached out to three hotels for information about holding the event. This is going to take a village. Everyone is being put on alert that there are service opportunities for everyone coming up. 😊

Convention Committee Reports

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SETA Convention 2024 – Joel G, Chair

Financial report for the convention attached.

Good news....

Attendance – we had approximately 1750 attendees at the Saturday night speaker event. Over the entire weekend we got close to 1800, we had some hiccups in the registration equipment as well the decision was made to close registration during the evening speakers, so that everyone could join in the evening events. This confused the counts and we were not able to accurately report all that attended. We initially anticipated close to 2000 attendees; a couple of factors that may have affected the lower attendance: (1) Cold weather with a mix of not having heat in Expo C, the main speaker hall; and (2) Covid scare the week of the convention.

This was our first convention held in an actual convention center. Traditionally we have held it in the Ballroom in the Moody hotel itself, but because of factors like Covid, fire-code safety and reported large attendance at this venue, we went the direction of the attached convention center. Some of the challenges with holding it in this type of space:

- Larger space made logistics (including Security, signage and # of Volunteers) and overall safety a significant concern.
- Restructuring of the committees, such as Program Committee Chair had reporting of the sub-committees like Host and Graphics Committees. Another example was creation of a Facilities Chair and delegating this to the convention Co-Chair and have the Security, Decorations and Greeter Chairs report to that position. Creating new committees such as Decorations and Communications helped in spreading out the responsibilities of a larger event.

- In turn, this created need for additional volunteers—and a lot were needed and the Fellowship responded with about 200 in total – Please go back and thank the Groups, Districts and Fellowship for stepping up to serve, this was a tremendous help!

Lecciones para llevar

- **Venue**—When looking at any venue, size versus safety should be taken into consideration. When larger venues are being considered, should the Chair understand this undertaking within the experience requirements in the Guidelines?
- **Contracts** should be evaluated closely. I learned that I was not that versed at hotel contracts and things could have been overlooked if it were not for others with extended experience with convention space experience in the area and on the committees.
- **Food**—Banquets/Box Lunches were very successful. I encourage our Fellowship to voice your wants to the convention committees. And do we have the convention space to accommodate this?
- **Workshops**—These were well received and attended. Again please keep making suggestions.
- **Accommodations for the impaired**—Wheelchair access and special needs, e.g., hearing impaired. Do we need a special needs/translation chair?
- **Ride-Share**: We supplied a link on the registration website, a Google form and distribution of the information to the respective DCMs for distribution to the groups. See [NETA65's Room and Ride Share Program](#) for a similar program (that depends on volunteers who are going to the event to share, rather than Districts coordinating).
- **Technology?**—We need more technologists to help out with the convention committee.
- **Amends**—to the Hispanic districts for the difficulties we had with translation. We made an effort to bring in equipment from another area and that area decided at the last minute to not provide this. And for good reason, they lost some equipment the last time they lent the system out. We may need to possibly look at our own needs and come up with solutions that could work with the available budgets, such as Zoom/Google Meet type solutions, just a suggestion.

Lastly the hotel issued \$5,000 credit for lack of heat, and \$1,500 credit for issues arising before the convention start—this was provided in the form of free use of the three Marathon Meeting room spaces at no charge.

There should be a new bank account opened for every new year of the convention. Too many issues arise with the overlapping use of a single bank account for two different conventions.

Total Revenue ~\$55,000. Looked like Convention would achieve breakeven 2-4 weeks out, but made a fair amount of money. Total Expenses ~\$42,000, Net ~\$13,000, \$6,500 of which was credits for problems with the hotel.

SETA Convention 2025 – Elijah K, on behalf of the Convention Chair

The committee has been hard at work and has many exciting things to report, starting with the dates of January 3rd–5th.

As previously reported the Venue will be the Royal Sonesta Hotel, located in the Galleria area off of 610 & Westheimer. The hotel has an onsite Starbucks as well as a full service restaurant; we are in talks with the chef to provide a special limited menu to help facilitate feeding a large amount of people during the lunch & dinner hours.

The convention space will consist of one main ballroom with seating for 1300, one overflow ballroom with seating for an additional 500, and two breakout rooms of 100 each. Additionally we have two hospitality suites located on the top floor of the hotel. AND we have the Atrium space which we will use for committee tables. The layout of the space will allow a more interactive agenda, and we will be offering various workshops and breakouts.

Also because of this agenda format we are proud to announce that we will be able to accommodate 2 YPAA Speakers AND 3 Spanish Speakers at the 2025 Convention. The Speakers' Agenda is nearing 90% completion. We are waiting for two more confirmations and the speaker agenda will be released along with the flyer May 1st.

The room rate is \$149 per night and will also be open for reservations on May 1 st.

We have met with individual subcommittee chairs throughout the process, and our first full committee meeting will occur at the July Assembly.

We have had numerous people reach out about volunteering and are happy to have our Alternate Chair, Voice, Program Chair, Host Committee Chair, IT Chair, Coffee Chair, Security Chair, Registration Chair, and Hospitality Chair. We are still in need of a Convention Treasurer, several people have been asked but none have been able to commit. So we are going to continue to pray and know that God will bring us the right person.

We thank the area for the privilege to serve and we look forward to seeing everyone a year from now in Houston!

[SETA Convention 2026](#) – Malana Q – No report submitted

[Texas State A.A. Convention 2025](#) – Melissa R

Dates have been set: Aug 15-17, 2025. Save-the-date cards in English available. Spanish cards will be available in July.

Announcements – Troy B-D, Interim Alt. Chair

- [Southwest Regional A.A. Service Assembly](#) – Service: *Vital to Our Growth* – October 11-13, 2024 – Renaissance Dallas/Richardson Hotel
- [43rd Annual District 90 Convention](#), August 16, 17 & 18

Close Meeting with Responsibility Statement

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Area Committee & Assembly Roll Calls April, 2024			
Position	Short Name	Committee	Assembly
Area Officers			
Delegate	Rick M	Present	Present
Alternate Delegate	Christina S	Present	Present
Chairperson	Bella L	Present	Present
Alternate Chairperson	Art	Present	Troy B-D
Registrar	Patricia H	Present	Present
Alternate Registrar	Elizabeth G	Present	Present
Secretary	Allise B	Present	Present
Alternate Secretary	Edwin C	Present	Present
Treasurer	Catherine G	Present	Present
Alternate Treasurer	Aliciea M	Present	Present
Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Archives	Charles S	Present	Present
Alternate Archives			
CPC	Michael G	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate CPC	Kate E	Present	Present
CFC	Tony W	Present	Present
Alternate CFC	Harold B	Not Present	Present
Finance	Reino F	Present	Present
Alternate Finance	Kristi N	Present	Not Present
Grapevine	Darryl W	Present	Present
Alternate Grapevine	Terry P	Not Present	Present
IT	Sergey K	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate IT	Brad H	Present	Present
La Viña	Misael M	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate La Viña			
Literature	Daniel K	Present	Present

Alternate Literature	Jim M	Not Present	Not Present
Multi-Lingual	Janine B	Present	Present
Alternate Multi-Lingual	Dulce A	Present	Present
Newsletter	Tracy S	Present	Present
Alternate Newsletter	Fernando B	Present	Present
Public Information (PI)	Charlie W	Not Present	Present
Alternate PI	Theresa S	Present	Not Present
SCAP	Ron S	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Christopher G	Present	Present
Alternate TFC			
Convention Chairs			
2026 SETA Convention Chair	Malana Q	Not Present	Present
2025 SETA Convention Chair	Cody R	Not Present	Not Present
2025 State Convention Chair	Melissa R	Not Present	Present
2025 State Convention Co-Chair	Troy B	Present	Present
Brazos Valley Intergroup			
Brazos Valley Intergroup	Rachel S	Not Present	Present
Houston Intergroup			
Houston Intergroup	Taylor C	Present	Present
Ninth District Intergroup			
Ninth District Intergroup	Peter M	Not Present	Not Present
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate			
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate	James K	Not Present	Not Present
Oficina Intergrupala Hispana D63, 64			
Oficina Intergrupala Hispana D63, 64	Dimas S	Not Present	Present
Oficina Intergrupala Alt Hispana (D 63, 64)			
Oficina Intergrupala Alt Hispana (D 63, 64)	Jose M	Not Present	Not Present
Intergrupo Hispano DelSW (D 62, 65, 66)			
Intergrupo Hispano DelSW (D 62, 65, 66)	Martin M	Present	Not Present
Intergrupo Hispano Alt DelSW (D 62, 65, 66)			
Intergrupo Hispano Alt DelSW (D 62, 65, 66)			
DCMs			
District 10 DCM			
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Sarah L	Not Present	Not Present
District 20 Alt DCM	Linda G	Present	Present
District 31 DCM	Jennifer C	Not Present	Present
District 31 Alt DCM	Jennifer N	Present	Present
District 32 DCM	Kim C	Not Present	Present
District 32 Alt DCM	Mark E	Present	Present
District 33 DCM	Tony A	Present	Present
District 33 Alt DCM	Cody R	Not Present	Not Present
District 40 DCM	Doug D	Present	Present
District 40 Alt DCM	Mike B	Not Present	Not Present
District 51 DCM	David D	Present	Present
District 51 Alt DCM			
District 52 DCM	Ricardo D	Not Present	Present
District 52 Alt DCM	Jim C	Not Present	Present
District 60 DCM	Roland R	Present	Present
District 60 Alt DCM			
District 62 DCM			

District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM	Juan D	Not Present	Not Present
District 63 Alt DCM			
District 64 DCM	Marco L	Not Present	Present
District 64 Alt DCM	Jose M	Not Present	Present
District 65 DCM	Isidro G	Not Present	Present
District 65 Alt DCM	Marvin P	Not Present	Present
District 66 DCM	Luis P	Not Present	Present
District 66 Alt DCM			
District 70 DCM	Kevin W	Present	Present
District 70 Alt DCM	Sara B	Not Present	Not Present
District 81 DCM	Keith M	Present	Present
District 81 Alt DCM	Danny G	Present	Not Present
District 82 DCM	Jackie M	Present	Present
District 82 Alt DCM	OB S	Not Present	Not Present
District 90 DCM	Julian (Juliann) L	Not Present	Present
District 90 Alt DCM	David S	Present	Present
Archivist	Eddie R	Not Present	Not Present
Webmaster	Susan W	Not Present	Not Present
Alt Webmaster	Cheryl M	Present	Present

2024 SETA Area 67 Convention Treasurer Report

4/3/2024

Beginning Bank Balance - May 13th, 2023 \$2,000.00 \$2,000.00

Advance from Area \$3,000.00 \$3,000.00 \$3,000.00

		INCOME
<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 (AI Mar 12)		\$207.03
		\$55,099.26

		EXPENSES	Credits	Total
<u>Out of Town Speaker Travel</u>				
		-\$445.00		
		-\$447.80		
		-\$257.96		
Intergroup Books (Debi)	Debit Card Paid 4-3-07	-\$34.50		
Speaker Dinner (AI-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 (AI)		-\$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
\$9,777.11	Grand Total

Deposits

Wix

(ENGLISH) Proposed Agenda Item for Area 67 Assembly

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

<p>(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.</p>
<p>Motion to add a standalone Bridging The Gap (BTG) position at our area service level.</p>
<p>(2) What problem does this proposed item address?</p>
<p>Currently Bridging the Gap is conducted by more than one committee. Our hope is that by having a single authority for the bridging the gap responsibilities in our area, this new position will benefit our area activities in the following ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reduce duplication of services provided by Treatment Facilities (TFC) and Corrections Facilities Committees (CFC), including reducing duplicate funding by the two committees.2. TFC and CFC can focus on taking meetings and literature into facilities and informing facility clients, incarcerated, and staff about BTG and how AA has helped them.3. Cooperation with Intergroup(s) in providing volunteers for Twelve Step Calls and Bridges.4. Central location for requests and committees to assist District TFC, CFC Committees and Intergroup.5. More accountability to promptly provide Bridges/Twelve Step Calls.
<p>(3) What level of group conscience, if any, discussed the proposed agenda item? Make it clear who is submitting the item (an individual, group, district, area, etc.).</p>
<p>Members of the Area 67 BTG ad-hoc attended the National BTG workshop and discussed the idea with past and present members serving in BTG, TFC, CFC, Intergroup, DCM's and Delegates from across the United States and Canada. Many Areas have already established BTG standing committees and have had great success. The Areas that don't have a BTG standing committee were attended by members of their Areas and District TFC or CFC committees. Areas that didn't have a BTG Standing Committee would like to see their Areas establish a BTG standing committee.</p>
<p>(4) Provide background information that describes and supports the reasoning for the proposal. List background material(s) included with the proposal:</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The attached questionnaire was passed out at the BTG workshop. Eight questionnaires were returned from 7 Areas and two Districts from Area 49 in New York. Every questionnaire received was in support of establishing a BTG standing committee.2. We watched numerous presentations, both presented at the workshop and provided by Area/District Committee members during the breaks.3. Area 67 and Districts TFC and CFC currently provide Bridges for their committees. This agenda item will allow these committees to concentrate on providing meetings, literature, and assistance to staff, clients, and the incarcerated.

4. We have many Intergroups within Area 67 and a BTG standing committee can assist these Intergroups by providing volunteers for Bridges and Twelve Step Calls.
5. Since the two committees are providing the same services, little, if any, additional funding would be necessary.
6. This work provides direct services to the suffering alcoholics. It helps them find meetings, meet friends in the fellowship, find a sponsor, and learn more about how AA can help them if they desire to quit drinking.

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

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

(6) Provide a primary contact for the submission.

Primary Point of Contact:

Taylor C. email: taylor.c@aa-seta.org

Additional Contacts:

AREA 67 ad-hoc committee for bridging the gap feasibility

- Trusted Servant, Kendyl W. Kendyl.w@aa-seta.org
- Trusted Servant, Tony A. tony.a@aa-seta.org, 512-751-1210
- Secretary, Tina A. tina.a@aa-seta.org
- Chair, Taylor C. taylor.c@aa-seta.org

(7) Final comments:

It's the unanimous decision of the Area 67 BTG ad-hoc committee group conscience that a BTG standing committee can provide more efficient and better communications while serving the suffering alcoholic. A BTG Committee will be more flexible in providing services for TFC, CFC, Intergroups, CPC, PI, Districts and Groups, while providing more accountability. When discussing establishing a BTG Committee, BTG, TFC, CFC, and Intergroup members serving in other AREAs and Districts were in support of this agenda item. The AREA 67 detractor's common response was, "We can't fill the positions we already have. The AREA can't afford another Committee." As stated above, these positions are already being served by multiple committees and duplicating costs and manpower.

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

(8) Appendices:

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

Appendix I

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

Amend Page 5, THE AREA ASSEMBLY, to read:

8. Chairpersons of all Assembly approved committees:
 - a. Archives
 - b. Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
 - c. Correctional Facilities (CFC)
 - d. Grapevine
 - e. Finance
 - f. Newsletter
 - g. Public Information (PI)
 - h. Treatment Facilities (TFC)
 - i. State Convention Attendance Promotion Committee(SCAP)
 - j. Information Technology
 - k. Multi Lingual
 - l. Literature
 - m. La Viña
 - n. SETA Convention Committee
 - o. Bridging The Gap (BTG)**

Background Information

Ad-hoc Recommendations for Consideration:

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

Draft of Role Overview

BRIDGING THE GAP COORDINATOR

JOB DESCRIPTION

General Description: The Area Assembly elects the Bridging The Gap (BTG) Committee Chairperson to serve a two-year term that runs concurrent with the Area officers and is a voting member of the Area Assembly and the Area Committee. The Chairperson is elected at the October Assembly in even-numbered years.

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

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Attend the Area Committee meetings and functions.
- Schedule the BTG Committee meetings, arrange for the meeting site, prepare the agenda, and select members to fill the agenda slots.
- Maintain the Area volunteer database to ensure accuracy and security.
- Monitor the collaborative BTG mailbox and promptly respond to "Bridge" requests.
- Correspond with Committees from all Areas including Area 67, Districts, and facilities as needed to ensure "Bridges" are provided in a timely manner.
- Coordinate with the Districts for presentations and workshops.
- Ensure that the committee officers know their job responsibilities.
- Ensure that the BTG committee has an article in the newsletter.
- Prepare a written report for the Quarterly Assembly Meeting.
- Attend SETA Quarterly Assembly meetings or have the alternate present.
- Cooperate with other SETA committees and AA service arms.
- Maintain records of the committee to be passed on to the next chairperson.
- Coordinate presentations for the professional facilities and be sure that two committee members are signed up to make the presentations.
- Carry out requests of the Delegate and the Area Chairperson.
- Make sure that the committee secretary communicates with the Area.
- Submit information to the Area Website Chairperson as is appropriate to the office.
- Maintain an adequate supply of AA Literature for BTG presentations and for facilities.
- Ensure annual review of the BTG Workbook by the Committee.

- Prepare a budget and attend the Annual Budget Meeting.
- Job Descriptions will be reviewed or revised by April of every even-numbered year to reflect any necessary changes or additions to the position. In addition, the review or revision will be noted in the footer of the job description with a year of review or revision.
- The reviewed or revised job descriptions will be sent to the Area Secretary for the purpose of records and to the Information Technology Chairperson for the purpose of posting to the web.

Draft of Budget Table

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

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