

Southeast Texas Area Assembly



3rd Quarter Area Committee & Assembly Meeting Minutes

Saturday, July 13, 2024

Online ONLY via Zoom
due to power outage at venue

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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, July 13th, 2024 9:30 AM

AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – Online

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

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

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

Unfinished Business

- **Area Bridging the Gap Committee Feasibility** – Mentioned with no action

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 9:46am

Saturday, July 13, 2024 10:00 AM

AREA ASSEMBLY

Open Meeting: Serenity Prayer – Bella L.

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

[Roll Call](#) – Assembly Attendance – Patty H – 64 voters

- Archives Chair, Charles H, and CPC Chair, Mike G, have stepped down

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

- Typo at the bottom: check for 2025 SETA Convention hotel deposit was written in November 2023, not 2032
- Non-group contributions:
 - TXCYPAA (Texas Conference of Young People in AA) \$1873.45
 - Coffee can at April Assembly \$350
- Treasurer will be challenging \$15 service fee from Chase
- Budgetholders section shows which committees have been spending their budgets for 12th Step work and which have not—members may want to ask committee chairs what they will do differently in their next position
- Cancelled insurance for San Jac venue for today since we aren't meeting there; money applied to October
 - Asked San Jac if they will be refunding the money; worst case, will be applied to October
- SETA Convention account \$17,428.65 after bills paid for 2024 Convention
 - \$14,428.65 transferred to savings, leaving \$3,000 seed money for SETA 2025
 - Joel aware that numbers did not match when he gave his SETA 2024 closing report
 - \$6500 of net revenue came from forgiveness of amount contracted with the hotel
 - Subtracting \$6500 from \$14,428 is ~\$11,000; subtracting \$3000 leaves about \$8000 net revenue, which is normal for Galveston
 - Suggests uniform spreadsheet with locked formulas that is used by every Convention so accurate figures are passed on to future Convention Chairs
- Group accounting
 - Lamplighters Foundation—need to know District [52]
 - Sisters of the 12 Steps in District 81 is behind the walls of TDCJ—not fully self-supporting and wants D81 to fund an anniversary party with food, etc.; will discuss with D81

- Returned check sent to “District Committee Member” that had no identification of District
 - Please note Group # and District # when sending contributions so they can be given the correct credit
- Groups can still contribute for this quarter online—will need a SETA email address and online account
- At the Texas State Convention, Cody was informed that their contribution check to SETA from last year is still outstanding—we never received it, so the Treasurer has asked them to re-issue
- The Treasurer and our CPA are working on CFC’s blue can money and filing our tax return
- The Alt Treasurer confirmed that the spreadsheets the Registrar has provided has been very helpful in reducing the number of groups with unknown Group Numbers; she does not have any requests to help her further
- We use Quicken and our accounts are with Chase. Treasurer Reports are generated by Quicken from the banking information. The Treasurer designates individual expenses to the budget holder and validates all expense reports. A report is given to the CPA to file our tax return.
- The Treasurer pays all bills and expenses approved by the Finance committee. The Alt Treasurer picks up mail from the PO Box in Houston and deposits and accounts for all group donations.

Tradition 10 – Long Form – No A.A. group or member should ever, in such a way as to implicate A.A., express any opinion on outside controversial issues—particularly those of politics, alcohol reform, or sectarian religion. The Alcoholics Anonymous groups oppose no one. Concerning such matters they can express no views whatever.

Job Fair Workshop – Troy B-D.

- How we learn about other positions to make an informed decision about service in the next rotation
- First 3 rounds will be Officer positions in breakout rooms
- Service Committee meetings during lunch—please discuss nominations for Chair positions for October elections
- SETA Convention Committee will meet during lunch
- Job Fair breakouts for Service Committee Chairs after lunch

Unfinished Business

- **Area Bridging the Gap Committee Feasibility Ad Hoc – Taylor C** – *Motion passed 40-11; After Minority Opinion, Motion to Revote passed; On revote, motion failed 33-22.*
 - **Motion:** To add a standalone position for a Bridging the Gap Committee to the Area P&P.
 - Full proposal was emailed on December 16th so that members could come to the July Assembly with their fully informed group consciences ready to vote. Full proposal also included in the January and April Minutes.

New Business

Motion for Area support for a Proposed Agenda Item (PAI): Make Final Conference Agenda Items, and background material available to the entire Fellowship no later than February 1 – Jim M *Motion passed: 50 For 5 Against; After Minority Opinion, 6 changed their vote; automatic Motion to Revote failed: 15 -30*

- Literature Committee has adopted the mission to help the Area understand how they can avoid feeling like “nobody told them.” To that end, having the information earlier will help the Fellowship reach a fully informed group conscience after prayer and meditation.
- A past Delegate pointed out that this date would really squeeze the GSO Staff that not only has to prepare the Background Material, but translate it into French & Spanish. The Committee did not consider asking the General Service Board to move their work back to the October meeting because they thought it best to let them decide what to move in order to meet the deadline.
- An Officer asked the Committee if they considered requesting that the Board release recurring items and any other items that Board is able to decide on after their November meeting so that we can get some of our work done before their January Board meeting.
- Our Delegate thanked the Literature Committee and District 82 for their hard work on this. With our upside down triangle, the Board should shift meeting dates if they need to. We have wonderful Staff members, so don’t want to put more strain on them. Perhaps consider moving the Conference a little later to give the Fellowship more time to consider the items.
- The 71st GSC passed an Advisory Action requiring that Background Material be released in all 3 languages at the same time. Staff and Board Members said it could not be done. When the 2/3 of the Conference made up of Delegates insisted and voted for the Action, GSO figured it out and it has been out by February 15th since then.

- Another Officer suggested that we may need to move our District meetings and group consciences to do our part as well as asking the Board to move their schedule.
- The Multilingual Committee wants everyone to know that the Spanish-speaking members want to fully participate in the Fellowship. They don't want to be sequestered in a small room or the back of the room.
- Minority Opinion: As Jim mentioned, there is a lot we don't know about the process and this PAI would really tie their hands. The Motion could be worked on some more to send a better PAI.

Recognize: New GSRs and past Delegates – Bella L

Delegate Reports

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Delegate's Report – Rick M

General Service Conference 74 Delegate's Report available on the [Delegate page](#).

Alternate Delegate's Report – Christina S

[SWRAASA](#) (Southwest Regional AA Service Assembly) happens in October in even-number years. This year's is October 11-13 at the [Renaissance Dallas–Richardson Hotel](#). Registration info is on the [Alt-Delegate page](#) at [aa-seta.org](#).

We still have not been given information about which standing committee table we will be hosting. The latest is that based on their June Host Committee meeting and the Alt Delegate responses, Area 65's Alt-Delegate, Olga, is now tasked with reviewing with the A65 Standing Committee Chairs:

- what tables need hosting
- supplying Volunteers to manage the tables
- supplying literature since some areas fly in and cannot bring large amounts of literature and table displays with them.

Their hope is to discuss the responses from A65 Committee Chairs during their July 9th SWRAASA Committee Meeting.

Several of you have reached out to me about serving at the standing committee table. While we do not yet know if we will be hosting a table, it's always better to be overprepared than under. If you are interested in serving let me know we would love the help.

SWRAASA 2026 will be hosted by SETA. I have reached out to several hotels. The DoubleTree and Sheraton IAH are not able to accommodate us. Most of the hotels big enough to host the event are asking for \$20,000 or more for the room rentals. We are waiting on a quote from the Royal Sonesta and are hopeful that we can get a rate similar to the State Convention's. Thank you Melissa R. for all your help with trying to get an answer from them. 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

Convention will be earlier than usual on **January 3rd–5th** so we could have a better rate. Flyer distributed through Chat and [attached](#). Fourteen speakers are scheduled with a full Spanish program except during the keynote speakers. 80s DJ for the dance–dress in 80s clothes if you can. [Setaconvention.org](#) in operation for \$30 advance registrations. Budgeted for 1300 people. Extra money in budget in case Registration needs additional Square card readers, etc.

Budgeted for 210 gallons of coffee @ \$57/gallon (\$80–90/gallon @ 40% discount + 26% service fee). Can serve coffee in Hospitality and there is a Starbucks in the hotel that has been forewarned they should be fully staffed. We used 330 gallons at last Houston Convention and hope to make up the difference through Hospitality Suites and Starbucks.

Contract: \$10,000 F&B commitment + 300 room-nights at \$149 (attrition allowed to 80%). Standing Committee Chairs should contact about table displays. Send questions or suggestions to conv-houston-chair@aa-seta.org.

- The Venue will be the Royal Sonesta Hotel in the Galleria area off of 610 & Westheimer. The room rate is \$149 per night. Reservations close Dec 13th.

- 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 facilitate feeding a large number of people during mealtimes.
- 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 150 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 for us to have a more interactive agenda, with various workshops and breakouts. Service Committee Chairs, please contact Elijah at conv-houston-chair-alt@aa-seta.org to reserve your space.
- We presented a [preliminary budget](#) to the Area and have an online schedule for [committee meeting dates](#).

SETA Convention 2026–Beaumont – Malana Q

January 23-25, 2026 at Holiday Inn & Suites on Walden Road. Contract signed and \$1000 deposit submitted; Treasurer also taking care of insurance. Rates: \$109 Standard/\$119 Double King—50 of each blocked to start. Budgeting based on 800 people since Beaumont is usually the smallest Convention. \$30/per person + coffee badge. We will provide coffee & extras and hotel will make it for us 7am-8pm saving us a lot of money. ~\$15,000 hotel cost. 1000 capacity in Grand Ballroom with 2 projectors on each side of the podium + 4 breakouts with capacities at 250, 125, 80 & 50.

A CPA has committed as Treasurer. Program Chair working on speakers; plan to have some simultaneous sessions like SETA 2025, Workshops, Old-Timers, etc. Committee spreadsheet created and committee being recruited. Contact conv-galveston-chair@aa-seta.org to volunteer or for questions.

78th Texas State A.A. Convention 2025 – Paul M for Melissa R

I and many of our committee attended the 2024 Texas State A.A. Convention in Dallas last month. Stuart R, the chair of the convention, and all of his committee members were very helpful; we all gathered a lot of information.

I received the seed money for our convention last week.

Due to the 4th of the July holiday and the subsequent storm, we weren't able to have our July meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 1, 2024. If you're interested in serving on the committee, contact me or Troy. We can always use volunteers!

The website hasn't been released to us yet and the hotel won't start accepting bookings until August. We'll let you know when the website is up. The venue is the Royal Sonesta Hotel/Galleria in Houston. Dates are **August 15-17th, 2025**—later than usual due to the International Convention.

Service Committee Reports

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[Archives](#) – OPEN

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

Mike G had to step down as Chair for medical reasons.

Every month we discuss a pamphlet and the Tradition of the month and how they can be used as a resource for CPC work. GSO passed on an invitation to present to the staff at the Harris Center for Mental Health, Jail Diversion Center.

We will begin a mail-out campaign to provide pamphlets to professionals who would benefit from having contact with our committee. We will be continuing to contact Districts until all districts are represented at our monthly meeting, to carry information back to the membership.

[Correction Facilities Committee \(CFC\)](#) – Tony W, Chair

Area voted to not support the Bridge the Gap motion due to conflicts between the committees that were not addressed by the Area although this is vital 12th Step work.

Blue Can donations for taking literature into facilities are coming back up to the normal range, but book orders--getting caught up from before and stocking newly open facilities--are continuing to rise.

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The joinder of SETA CFC and Houston CFC (the old Intergroup committee) fell thru. We prayed for the best but it didn't work out, so God must have another plan. We established some parameters to help guide our committee going forward. 'No one with ties to Houston CFC—as in someone receiving books from WHITE CAN donations—can order books from SETA CFC. SETA CFC, as a Committee of Area 67, cannot endorse or have collaborative actions with Houston CFC. As individuals, there is no problem working with individual members from Houston CFC, as it's impossible to not have some dealings with them, and as to our common purpose, where necessary, it's almost encouraged. In the end, the idea will always be getting meetings and books into facilities, and taking care of the people when they get out, to whatever degree possible and necessary.

We haven't heard back from Stephanie Lewis at Harris County Residential, Atascocita, on whatever came of needing approved volunteers. I know that the four-step process to get approved was rather daunting, but we did have people willing, and people right there local. I'll try to call again today and update this report if necessary.

First individually, then collectively, I heard from three gentlemen in Brazos County (BCS) about taking meetings in to the County Jail, and possibly even taking meetings in to Robertson and Madison County's as well, as they all had meetings pre-covid and short term post-covid. As far as we know, they haven't had meetings since fall last year. We're seeking the approved volunteer list and then putting something together.

Waller County isn't up and running yet, but we have gotten the approval process criteria laid out for us. This one is easy: sober with a sponsor, off paper for a year, and a Texas drivers license. Nice.

Our yearly CFC Convention is coming up, and everyone is asked and encouraged to participate, and bring a friend/sponsee/parent or child/complete stranger.... This year, September 6-8 at the Sheraton North Houston, we will have an ice cream social BOTH NIGHTS, great speakers, TDCJ in-person orientation for authorization to go into prisons for meetings, and the SETA Spanish members doing hospitality again. That's worth the trip right there! Flyers are everywhere, we have QR Codes to register and get banquet tickets, and to book the hotel at the room block rate. Look forward to seeing y'all! setacfcconference.net. The 7th National Corrections Conference is in Charlotte, NC, November 8-10. All information available at nationalcorrectionsconference.org/.

The Corrections Correspondence Service is still seeking people to correspond with the incarcerated. Sign up at 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. aa-seta.org/committees/cfc/.

Starting in February 2022, 451 facilities throughout the US now have digital access to AAWS literature. Over 25,000 people have accessed AAWS inside the walls.

Finance – Budget Report – Kristi N, Alt. Chair

We are still looking into a CD to get a better interest rate. If this moves forward a motion will come before the assembly.

We have met with the 2026 SETA Convention Chair to finalize the contract for the convention in Beaumont.

The Treasurer has kept us informed regarding the insurance we are using for the Area Assemblies. It is a one-day deal and is under \$300. She has discussed the insurance being included for the future SETA Conventions for the 3 days and suggests that they figure it in their budgets before presenting it to the Finance Committee.

[Reino F is] serving on the Steering Committee for the Area Assembly changes. On Saturday July 13th at 8:00 am [we planned to] be at the same venue, San Jacinto College North in the Student Center [but were thwarted by the storm].

Again, the 2025 Area Budget Committee will be doing their deal after the October elections. Then the current budget holders and the incoming budget holders and their committees will meet to come up with their particular budget and have it to the Finance Chair by October 26th. We will be sending the current individuals their budget sheets in later Sept. to assist in the mind-boggling process.

Grapevine – Terry P, Alt. Chair

Past Activities: I attended a GV workshop on Zoom on May 2nd. This online workshop was for suggestions or questions on improving the Grapevine. Our committee displayed at the 36th AA birthday of the Beginners Group in Lake Jackson, Texas, on June 15th. The GV committee gave away four subscriptions, which were well-received. We celebrated the 80th birthday of the Grapevine in Lake Jackson with a beautiful cake. We encourage all area GVRs to attend the monthly Grapevine meetings and register at aagrapevine.org. All AAs are welcome at area Grapevine meetings and workshops.

Future Events—We are working with D52 & D80 on Grapevine writing workshops and presentations. If any group or district is interested in a Grapevine writing workshop or presentation in 2024, please contact us—so far they have all been inspiring and informative. Something begins to happen when we start writing about any subject related to alcoholism.

Information Technology (IT) – **Sergey K, Chair** – Presented but no report submitted

La Viña – **Misael M, Chair** – No report

Literature – **Jim M, Alt. Chair** – See [Motion for Proposed Agenda Item](#)

Multilingual – **Janine B, Chair** – Presented but no report submitted

Newsletter – **Theresa S, Chair** – No report

Public Information (PI) – **Charlie W, Chair** – Presented but no report submitted

SCAP – **Ron S, Chair** – No report

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

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

The TFC Committee Inventory process is still ongoing. We have compiled the verbal and emailed responses to the Questionnaire, distributing them to our TFC membership. At the June TFC Meeting, the Inventory Assessment meeting was rescheduled to be held 1-hour preceding our July TFC Meeting: this Monday, July 15th. We hope to implement many of the ideas and recommendations brought forth from the TFC Inventory and better fulfill our Mission Statement.

Continued follow-up and utilization of the new administrative resources & databases created:

- for signing up and contacting TFC & Treatment Facility meeting Volunteers
- for signing up and contacting BTG & Temporary Contact Volunteers for Treatment
- for contacting Treatment Facilities and mapping Treatment Facility meetings
- 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 throughout SETA via a TFC Shared Drive... for all 12-step activities.

Continued proactive, in-person approach to present and provide AA resources to District members, Group members, TF Administrators, and TF Clients, regarding AA and AA Programs ...to obtain support and cooperation with bringing AA meetings inside Treatment Facilities and announcing BTG Activities. Visits to Area District Meetings, Area Events, Treatment Facilities, and interested Groups are underway & reported monthly.

To all DCMs, Alt DCMs, or your Treatment Facility designees attending this Assembly: TFC Updates, BTG Updates, and Treatment Committee Workbook information have been newly printed to update the Resource Binders provided to all Districts and are available upon request. I have sent electronic files to all DCMs/Alt DCMs/District TF Chairpersons and to those that requested one. A Shared Drive containing this information will be available soon. Please contact me at tfc-chair@aa-seta.org to arrange for hard copies for your Resource Binder.

Intergroup Liaison Reports

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Brazos Valley Intergroup – **Allise B for Rachel S**

There haven't been substantial changes or information to report since last Quarter's assembly. Our bookstore has been running smoothly with enough volunteers for the hours of operation. Our 24-hr. hotline has been keeping its efficiency with the number of volunteers to answer phone calls and take 12th Step calls. We're still pursuing an eligible and willing member to take over Intergroup Chair, as well as Treasurer and Secretary for next year/term. We are also implementing an additional locker outside the bookstore to make it easier for pick up orders outside bookstore hours.

[Houston Intergroup](#) – Taylor C – Presented but no report submitted

[9th District Intergroup](#) – Peter M – Presented but no report submitted (Get well, Peter!)

[Oficina Intergrupala Hispana \(D63, 64, 65\)](#) – José M, Alternate Chair – Presented but no report submitted

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

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

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[District 10](#) – Inactive

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

[District 31](#) – Jennifer C

District 31 keeps growing! We continue to encourage our committee chairs and GSRs to invite people to our meetings. We have filled our last open position, CPC Chair, along with an Alt. A few of us in D31 have committed to go to Intergroup to help with Archives the second Sunday of the month. DCM visitation has been rough due to the heavy rain & flooding in May but I was able to visit a few and revisit other groups.

We started to have a different Committee/Area chair give a presentation at our District meeting. Thank you to CFC, Archives, Intergroup and our Area Registrar for their informative presentations. Grapevine, TFC and IT are lined up.

Rick, our Delegate, came in June to speak to the District about his trip to GSO in New York. The room was packed and there were lots of great discussions. District 31 appreciates your service to our Fellowship, Rick.

Our Alt DCM along with the 1502 Group had a great workshop on the Traditions that was well-attended.

[District 32](#) – Kim C – Presented but no report submitted [District 33](#) – Tony A – Presented but no report submitted

[District 40](#) – Mike B, Alt DCM

D40 has been trudging along. The Grapevine and PI committees presented with a Q&A session. All committees are invited to our Traditions Dinner on August 17 to put up a display and interact—it is a great place to introduce new AA members to the service structure. Mark your calendar and bring some sponsees and spouses.

We had a well-received workshop on sponsorship and the three legacies presented by Paul M and his posse. The location did not have the capability to fulfill requests for it to be hybrid. In May, Patty from the pink table (our Area Registrar) and Chris from TFC presented with Q&A sessions. In the tradition of AA members who do not like change, we had Rick and Christina in June to hear about the GSC in April. He took Q&A and everyone participated. I think it is easier for the GSRs to get more one-on-one with our Delegates during these meetings and it gets them more involved in the process.

[District 51](#) – David D

On June 9 we had the pleasure of Area Registrar Patty H. sharing very helpful information. We are planning an Open House—a mini exhibit forum for the District to create awareness on how groups function, provide suggestions on effective group conscience meetings, explain the role of the GSR, etc. with a literature booth.

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

[District 60](#) – Roland R – Presented but no report submitted

[District 62](#) – INACTIVE

[District 63](#) – Juan D – No report

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

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

[District 66](#) – Luís P – No report

[District 70](#) – Kevin W – Presented but no report submitted

[District 81](#) – Danny G, Alt. DCM

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State of the district: very active and focused on our primary purpose. All committees are full and actively carrying the message. Group participation remains very strong. We're very excited for our upcoming election in September for new ideas and new voices!

Archives Committee: Digitizing our history to make it easier to look up our history of the district. **CFC:** Busy with meetings at Carol Young and Galveston County Jail. **PI/CPC:** Michelle and her committee are rock stars!!! They have been very busy renting Billboards and placing ads in local magazines and handouts. They are reaching the alcoholic that stills suffers using QR codes and handouts. **Grapevine:** Getting groups involved on committee. Friendly competition in our Grapevine drive. **Literature:** Informs us of new AA literature and any changes. **Finance & Budget (F&B):** We have a strong F&B and are fully funded for 2024. **TFC:** Carries the message to monthly meetings at treatment facilities. Holds workshops to grow committee membership. **Newsletter:** Highlights events, shares recovery stories and makes announcements. Now interviewing members on AA topics! **Web:** Chartered to Design, Build and Maintain our District website. aadistrict81.org is a repository for events, schedules and committee information. **Accessibilities:** Provides access to service commitments through hybrid meetings and thinks about ways to ensure access is available to all. **Workshop:** Put on a Service Fair where all standing committees talked about the benefits of service through their own experience. We grew our committees and district. Workshop on August 3rd on seeking spirituality.

District 82 – Jackie M – Presented but no report submitted

District 90 – Julian (Juliann) L

District 90 is gearing up for our Convention **August 16-18**. We hope you will come for our great speakers. The cutoff date for the Convention Rate is July 31st.

Next Area Committee Meeting September 28, 2024

Lunch Options for next Assembly–Voting Assemblies run long but we are limited to 9 hours by the facility

1. Area provides lunch *15 For*
2. Everyone brings their own lunch *14 For*
3. Seek Group or District Host(s) *3 For*

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 Hote](#)
- [43rd Annual District 90 Convention](#), August 16-18
- Other announcements were in the Chat during Assembly and can be sent through SETA-Announce@aa-seta.org

Close Meeting with Responsibility Statement

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Assembly Roll Call July 2024			
Position	Short Name	Committee	Assembly
Area Officers			
Delegate	Rick M		Present
Alternate Delegate	Christina S		Present
Chairperson	Bella L		Present
Alternate Chairperson			
Registrar	Patricia H		Present
Alternate Registrar	Elizabeth G		Present
Secretary	Allise B		Present
Alternate Secretary	Edwin C		Present
Treasurer	Catherine G		Present
Alternate Treasurer	Aliciea M		Present

Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Archives			
Alternate Archives			
CPC			
Alternate CPC	Kate E		Present
CFC	Tony W		Present
Alternate CFC	Harold B		Present
Finance	Reino F		Absent
Alternate Finance	Kristi N		Present
Grapevine	Darryl W		Absent
Alternate Grapevine	Terry P		Present
IT	Sergey K		Present
Alternate IT	Brad H		Present
La Viña	Misael M		Absent
Alternate La Viña			
Literature	Daniel K		Absent
Alternate Literature	Jim M		Present
Multi-Lingual	Janine B		Present
Alternate Multi-Lingual	Dulce A		Absent
Newsletter	Tracy S		Absent
Alternate Newsletter	Fernando B		Absent
Public Information (PI)	Charlie W		Present
Alternate PI	Theresa S		Present
SCAP	Ron S		Absent
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Christopher G		Present
Alternate TFC			
Convention Chairs			
2025 SETA Convention Chair	Cody R		Present
2025 SETA Convention Co-Chair	Elijah K		Absent
2026 SETA Convention Chair	Malana Q		Present
2026 SETA Convention Co-Chair	Sommer S		Present
2025 State Convention Chair	Melissa R		Absent
2025 State Convention Co-Chair	Troy B		Present
Intergroups			
Brazos Valley Intergroup	Rachel S		Absent
Houston Intergroup	Taylor C		Present
Ninth District Intergroup	Peter M		Present
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate	James K		Absent
Oficina Intergrupala Hispana D63, 64	Dimas S.		Absent
Oficina Intergrupala Alt Hispana (D 63, 64)	Jose M		Present
Intergrupo Hispano DelSW (D 62, 65, 66)	Martin M		Absent
Intergrupo Hispano Alt DelSW (D 62, 65, 66)			
DCMs			
District 10 DCM			
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Sarah L		Absent
District 20 Alt DCM	Linda G		Absent
District 31 DCM	Jennifer C		Present
District 31 Alt DCM	Jennifer N .		Absent
District 32 DCM	Kim C		Present
District 32 Alt DCM	Mark E		Present
District 33 DCM	Tony A		Present
District 33 Alt DCM	Cody R		Present
District 40 DCM	Doug D		Absent
District 40 Alt DCM	Mike B		Present
District 51 DCM	David D		Absent
District 51 Alt DCM	Kevin S		
District 52 DCM	Ricardo D		Absent

Appendix I to Bridging the Gap Motion, which begins on the next page

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)

(ENGLISH) Proposed Agenda Item for Area 67 Assembly

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

(1) Submit a clear and concisely worded motion.

Motion to add a standalone Bridging The Gap (BTG) position at our area service level.

(2) What problem does this proposed item address?

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:

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.

(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.).

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.

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

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.

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(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:

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



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AGENDA TO INCLUDE MULTIPLE STAGES

SPAN & ENG WORKSHOPS	YPAA SPEAKERS	80'S DANCE PARTY
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