

# Southeast Texas Area Assembly



## 1st Quarter Committee Meeting and Assembly Minutes

Saturday January 4, 2025  
Sunday January 5, 2025

Royal Sonesta Houston - Houston, Texas

Legends Ballroom

Online via Zoom

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

*This we owe to A.A.'s future; to place our common welfare first to keep our Fellowship united.*

*For upon A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.*

## Working Together - Increasing Trust

### Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 4, 2025 8:30 AM

Royal Sonesta Houston - Houston Texas

GSR WORKSHOP - (7:15 - 8:15) Hosted by District 40

### AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – Legends Ballroom and Online

Open Meeting @ 7:30 am

#### Serenity Prayer

Patty H. - Chair

Shoutout to District 40 for hosting GSR Workshop.

- o English - 57 (in person) & 11 (online)
- o Spanish - 16 (in person)

84 people attended (combined)

#### Preamble to [SETA Policies & Procedures Manual](#)

Reino F. - Alt Chair

#### ROLL CALL – Area Committee Attendance

Elizabeth G. - Registrar

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PDF will be sent out quarterly

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Several DCM's and Alternates are shown vacant, go to the registrar table and fill out the form.

#### Review & Approve Previous Area Assembly Minutes

Fernando B. - Secretary

No other corrections

#### Treasurer's Report Presentation to Area Committee

Aliciea M.- Treasurer

No report at the moment, past Treasurer has been ill.

Once complete it will be uploaded to the Treasurer's website

Will also send

Total Expense - \$13,546.03

Total Deposits - \$13,888.18

#### Unfinished Business

(No final voting today, may get a sense of the committee)

#### Finance Chair Report- 2025 Budget

Kevin W. - Finance Chair

See Assembly Minutes for Report

#### Revisions of Job Descriptions Report

Patty H. - Chair

Do not plan on reviewing Job Descriptions separately

Joel G. - Archives Incoming Chair , no chair for the Archives, letting know that Job Description will review and update job descriptions.

Will address it because next revisions will in 2026.

## Open SETA Positions

(No voting today, will vote tomorrow)

TFC Chair  
Ninth District Intergroup  
Intergroup Hispano Del SW (Districts 62 & 66)  
2027 SETA Convention Chair

## New Business

(No voting today, will vote tomorrow)

### Finance Committee Motions

Kevin W. - Finance Chair

1. Motion about the annual payment of CFC budgeted amount.  
No further questions or comments
2. Motion that CFC bank statements be sent to the SETA Treasurer monthly.  
Julianne - SETA treasurer on CFC account currently, answered "no"  
Harold - inaccurate, all are in computer files, never had any trouble, no idea where this is coming from, never had an issue.  
Reino - don't have access, this is why they want it sent, either get the treasurer on the account or have it sent to us.
3. Motion to update Area 67 Guidelines for the Disbursement of the SETA funds in P&P.  
No further questions or comments

## Announcements

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## Close Meeting

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**Adjourned @ 8:12 AM**

# Working Together - Increasing Trust

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Sunday, January 5, 2025 8:30 AM

Royal Sonesta Houston - Houston Texas

### AREA ASSEMBLY – Legends Ballroom and Online

Open Meeting @ 7:45 am

#### Serenity Prayer

Patty H., Chair

See Area Committee Minutes for Attendance for GSR Workshop that occurred yesterday

#### Preamble to [SETA Policies & Procedures Manual](#)

Reino F., Alt Chair

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#### Recognize: New GSR & DCMs, past Delegates

Patty H., Chair

#### Review & Approve Previous Area Assembly Minutes

Fernando B., Secretary

No Corrections, Approved as presented

#### Treasurer's Report Presentation and Approval

Aliciea M., Treasurer

See Treasurer's Report on Website

Group Contributions on back (error in printing), will correct

Going forward in 2025, Updated and Correct for next Assembly

Questions

- Paul M. - earmarked funds, 1. SCAP (\$3,000) State convention loss reserve, for SETA Convention loss reserve to clarify, not for SCAP, for reserve if loss at a state convention.

#### Delegate's Report

Christina S., Delegate

See Delegate's Report Below

#### Alternate Delegate's Report

Bella L., Alt-Delegate

See Delegate's Report Below

#### 2025 SETA Convention Update

Cody R.

See Convention Committee Report Below

#### 2026 SETA Convention Update

Malana Q.

See Convention Committee Report Below

#### 2025 Texas State Convention

Melissa R.

See Convention Committee Report Below

## Roll-Call for VOTING

Elizabeth G. - Registrar

90 voting members (90 in person and 0 online)

## Unfinished Business

### Finance Chair Report- 2025 Budget

Kevin W. - Finance Chair

#### Questions

Deborah T. - when referring to page 2 of the document, where is that available?

Kevin W. - it was sent out in email.

Reino F. - can also find page 2 and 3 can be found on the finance committee webpage and treasurers webpage. It was sent out on SETA announce earlier.

Came out of committee, has a 1st and 2nd, no motion needed

#### Discussion

Joel G. - it want to make it aware to the assembly that the finance committee made decisions all on their own to circumvent the whole process that did not include the committees attending the annual budget meeting.

Pam H. - could you restate that.

Joel G. - The committees (such as archives, literature and so forth) did not have annual budget meetings that we normally have to get all together to review ( in person or zoom), which was circumvented this past summer.

Reino F. - because of the newness of the process, the finance committee, I reached out to various committee members to get a sense of 19 budget holders and not everyone responded. We were not going to have a normal budget meeting, we were going to have individual meetings.

Joel G. - I am not trying to say this to say yall are bad people, it was a matter that there are processes for this and it was circumvented. It was not done how it is normally done. I know you reached out, I responded.

Reino F. - Everyone did respond with individual issues. There was no need for everyone to meet. That is going to be looked at in the future to verify if this is the best process for this. This is a whole new one time process.

Troy B.D. - This area agreed to change the budget policy and how we do our budget, the year before last. We will work the kinks out, up to this point for those who are not aware, budget holders were not allowed to do their own budgets, you were given one and that was for the person that was going to follow you. We changed the process so that as you are the incoming budget holder you prepared it, everyone was given fair warning this was coming. We asked for incoming work with outcoming. Sorry we didn't all get into a room but I don't think it was necessarily required. It was not in the best interest to sit and discuss everyone's budget, it was for budget holders.

Reino F. - 19 budget holders, only 3 did not have a previous outcoming chairperson. That was where some of the issues took place and it was discussed that we did not have a big budget meeting.

Allise B. - When it was held 3 budget holders showed up. It's understandable why they decided to do it that way.

VOTE - To approve the 2025 Budget as presented.

In Favor - 86 (76 in person + 10 online)

Against - 0

PASSED

## Revisions of Job Descriptions Report

Patty H. - Chair

This was done last year. SETA policy states that each job holder reviews their job description and recommends any revisions. Occurs even numbered years. Sent out August 28th, 2024 for review. On September 28th at the zoom area committee meeting, each job description was reviewed and discussed at length. Suggestions were made for final revisions, they were completed and sent out on December 4th to the area for review.

This has been discussed and reviewed based on area committee revisions.

**Joel G.** - because of the absence of an archives chair and being brought in kinda late of the year, it needs to be reviewed. Job description is not suited. If you move forward and the area decides to vote. If I need to, I can make a motion to change at the next assembly.

No more discussion.

No motion needed.

**VOTE** - To approve Job Descriptions as revised.

In Favor - 78 (68 in person + 10 online)

Against - 0

**PASSED**

## **Open SETA Positions**

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TFC Chair

- Tony A.

**Motion** - Christina S., **Second** - Bella L.

**Voted by Acclamation**

Ninth District Intergroup

- Katrina

**Motion** - Terry P., **Second** - Luis D.

**Voted by Acclamation**

Intergroup Hispano Del SW (Districts 62 & 66) (in Spanish) Translated

- Martin M.

**Motion** - Terry P., **Second** - Luis D.

**Voted by Acclamation**

2027 SETA Convention Chair

**VOTE**

- Kendyl W. - 8
- Deborah T. - 17
- Keith M. - 64 - **Won by Simple Majority** (out of 89 votes, 50% is 45)

## **New Business**

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### **Finance Committee Motions**

**Kevin W. - Finance Chair**

1. Motion about the annual payment of CFC budgeted amount.

**Harold B.** - walked into this new position and wasn't aware. I love alcoholics anonymous; there were a couple of lapses in reporting. Some of the information was inaccurate, all of the website documents are shown in the minutes. It will show registered reports to the finance committee. As far as motion goes, it was always done this way and it was always reconciled at the end of the year. It shows all of the blue can contributions. During COVID blue cans were supported and now we are currently down. I will personally go to districts to do workshops. We are not trying to hide anything, if you give us a chance as me being the chair. I think the guidelines have changed and I'm not sure of that.

**Terry** - do we pay every budget upfront of the year?

**Paul M.** - Thanks for your hard work, I am speaking in favor of this motion. Every committee should be treated the same, to submit expenses and get reimbursed so everyone can be on the same page. This is correct.

**Julian L.** - Does this involve anything that involves policies and procedures.

**Reino F.** - No it does not.

**Julian L.** - Where do we find that?

**Tony A.** - I've served on the finance committee, what is being requested here is already in the guidelines. What we would like to do is get it in the P&P.

**Reino F.** - Hold on, there are three motions. The first two are not regarding the policy and procedures. They are involved in the guidelines.

**Tony A.** - I support keeping it accurate, never accusing the CFC.

**Joel G.** - Go back and forth between these two, maybe put it in an Ad Hoc.

**Michelle** - You incur expenses and then are reimbursed.

**Harold B.** - the transparency is on the minutes, there has been no neglect. There were a couple of months before it was done.

**Reino F.** - The issue is in the guidelines it calls for monthly reporting. Treasurer's did not follow the guidelines, they were doing it at the end of the year. To get the next budget started for totals for the next year. The reporting guidelines say it should be taken care of monthly. To get effective guidelines, rather than pay at the end of the year, pay as you go monthly or as you turn in expenses. We don't feel we should have to go to the webpage of the committee.

**Harold B.** - We concur with that.

**MOTION - To stop annual payment of budgeted amount and funds spent, CFC will submit an expense report with receipts to SETA Treasurer for reimbursement.**

Came out of the finance committee, so it has been seconded.

**VOTE**

**In Favor** - 83 (82 in person + 1 online)

**Against** - 2

**Minority Opinion** - did not share.

**PASSED**

2. Motion that CFC bank statements be sent to the SETA Treasurer monthly.

**Harold B.** - this is already being done.

**MOTION - CFC banks statements to be sent to SETA Treasurer monthly for CPA to accrual account for blue can donations.**

Came out of the finance committee, so it has been seconded.

**VOTE**

**In Favor** - 77 ( 69 in person + 8 online)

**Against** - 2

**Minority Opinion** - did not share.

**PASSED**

3. Motion to update Area 67 Guidelines for the Disbursement of the SETA funds in P&P.

**Reino F.** - This is the one affecting policies and procedures, taking it from guidelines and making it part of policies and procedures.

**Bella L.** - Why is this not already in policy and procedures



**Reino F.** - These are about disbursement of funds, which is not in the policy and procedures and we reviewed that, we are asking for this to be placed there.

**MOTION** - Area 67 Guidelines for the Disbursement of SETA funds version 2 (October 20, 2018) in the Treasurer's Webpage to be added into the Policy and Procedures Manual in the Finance section.

Came out of the finance committee, so it has been seconded.

**VOTE**

In Favor - 72 ( 62 in person + 10 online)

Against - 2

Minority Opinion

**Bella L.** - It is currently a guideline, something we should be following. In order to put in policy and procedures and we don't have an answer as to why it is not in there. There may be a reason it is just a guideline.

**Joel G.** - Are we solving the problem? Doesn't seem to be solving the problem.

3 people wanted to change the vote due to minority opinion.

**Point of Order - Deborah D.** - If there is someone who changes their mind, do we want a revote? If majority then revote, if not then no revote.

Motion to Revote

**MOTION** - Joel G, Second - Bella L.

**VOTE**

In Favor - 5 ( 4 in person + 1 online)

Against - 51 ( 51 in person + 0 online)

Motion STANDS as **PASSED**

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**Announcements**

**Reino F. - Alt Chair**

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**Close Meeting**

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**Adjourned @ 9:01 AM**

**Delegate Reports**

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**Delegate's Report**

**Christian S.**

I received my Committee assignment and I am excited to be serving on the Conference Committee on Trustees. We are expecting to receive the final agenda items by February 17 to February 25.



Attention DCM's I will be reaching out too soon to set up time for Bella and I to visit your districts (if you'll have us). The Board has decided that this year the Proposed Agenda Items will not be sent to the fellowship until after the final agenda items have been sent out. The thought process was that sending out the PAI's in prior years has caused confusion for the fellowship.

Speaking of PAI's. I wanted to give you the information about the two areas discussed last year. First the trustees' General Service Conference Committee met on November 2, 2024 and discussed the proposed agenda item "Make Final Conference Agenda Items, and background material, available to the entire Fellowship no later than Feb. 1." The committee reviewed requests to distribute Final Conference Agenda Items, and background material to the entire Fellowship no later than Feb. 1; change the PAI deadline to November 30, or December 15th and took no action. The committee noted that the coordination and costs involved with translating Conference Background materials simultaneously in three official languages would not be feasible. The committee also noted the current Conference process for distributing the final Conference agenda and background to Conference Members involves Delegates circulating the materials to the Fellowship within their areas.

Secondly The trustees' General Service Conference Committee met on November 2, 2024 and discussed the proposed agenda item that Simple Majority Items be reported as suggestions rather than recommendations in the General Service Conference Final Conference Report, in accord with the AA Service Manual & Concepts definitions of Simple Majority Items as suggestions. (AA Svc Man, p.42, p.99). The committee reviewed a request that Simple Majority Items be reported as "suggestions" rather than "recommendations" in the General Service Conference Final Conference Report and took no action, noting that the topic was addressed at the 74th General Service Conference. The committee also noted the current Conference process for distributing the final Conference agenda and background to Conference Members, which involves Delegates circulating the materials to the fellowship within their areas.

The Plain Language Big Book has been released. It was priced at \$11 which is the same price as the Big Book. The idea is to allow individuals to choose the best book for them and not pick a book based on the price. The first printing of 70,000 copies sold out in two weeks. In the first printing there were items requested by the 74 th General Service Conference that were unintentionally not made. The items mainly revolve around the use of addiction. The second printing of 100,000 copies was released on Christmas week with the updates that were requested by the 74 th GSC.

An as an FYI The 2024-2026 Edition of The A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service in English is available for purchase. The Spanish version should be available next year.

The 2025 International Convention is July 3-6, 2025 in Vancouver. AAWS/GSB financial statements show as of September 30, 2024, total operating revenue is 3% more than the year to date (YTD) budget. Contributions were greater than budget and although gross literature sales and net literature sales were less than budget, the gross margin percentage on those sales was greater than budget due to lower-than-expected cost of goods sold

Total operating expenses before depreciation is 3% less than the YTD budget. Overall, operating expenses before depreciation were below budget. Except for employee benefits, payroll taxes, and printing postage and supplies, all expense categories were less than budget.

Grapevine net loss for the first nine months of 2024 was \$612k versus a forecasted budgeted loss of \$565k. This \$47k variance is due to subscription income which is 20% greater than 2023 but 2% below the forecasted budget. La Viña revenues and expenses for the first nine months of 2024 both approximate the budget. Currently in-app subs total 5,330, but subscribers with access to the apps total 13,771. The plan is to release the apps internationally this year.

The Reserve Fund Balance is \$11.82 million. Based on the expense budgets for GSO, Grapevine and La Viña the reserve fund balance is equal to 6.41 months of operating expenses. The goal range is coverage of 9 to 12 months.

Lastly I wanted to thank y'all for allowing me to serve as your Delegate Panel 75.

Love and Service

Christina Shirey

Delegate Panel 75 Area 67

## **Alternate Delegate's Report**

**Bella L.**

I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Alternate Delegate. I have been attending NAAD (North America Alternate Delegate) meetings on the 1st of each month. I have been getting acquainted with other Delegates in other regions and sharing with them the experiences from our area. I have been attending them with Christina S. since we were elected in October. I will have more to share as the year comes. I am looking forward to supporting the Delegate and meeting at your districts. Christina was telling me about SWRAASA, but I didn't know I was the SWRAASA Chair for this rotation. We have the honor to host it here in Houston in 2026. I have almost a full committee. For each committee there will be a chair and co-chair.

The SWRAASA date is October 9-11, 2026. Hosted in Houston at Hyatt Regency Baytown Houston. Address is 100 Convention Center Way. Baytown, Texas. We have a preliminary flyer.

We are asking for contributions from your districts. DCM's and GSR's, let your groups know we are accepting contributions for SWRAASA. You can mail contributions to 148 Dowlen Rd. PMB #21. Beaumont, Texas 77707.

Email will follow. It Will also be uploaded to the website to District and SETA. Lookout for the upcoming SWRAASA website.

For the next two years, I will concentrate on the Service Manual, the upside down triangle, and the Concepts. Also learning how to better serve the area.

May God continue to cover our Area and our Steps.

Thank you,

Bella LeBlanc

Alternate Delegate

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**\*Some items on this report were rearranged. Items that were not on written report submitted but were verbally reported at the assembly have been added.**

## Convention Committee Reports

### SETA Convention 2025 (Houston)

Cody R.

The Convention has been successful and we are very excited to turn over the reins to 2026 Beaumont.

Preliminary Numbers are as follows:

- Total Current Attendance 1077
- AA - 988
- AL-ANON- 89
- ALATEEN-8
- 40 scholarships

The budget that the convention committee submitted and had approved by the area finance committee estimated attendees at 1300. It looks like we are about 200 short of that number. Our coffee tag purchases were also below our projection. Preliminary analysis shows that our total expenses were under the submitted budget BUT our revenue target may not have been met.

This means there could potentially be a shortfall of \$4-7K depending on the final billing. Perhaps the convention date moving up to the first weekend affected this attendance shortfall but that is only speculation.

Full report will be presented in April.

Cody R.

2025 SETA Convention Chair

### SETA Convention 2026 (Beaumont)

Sommer S.

**Malana** - Sommer S. is going to give the report. We are excited and have seen some things that have worked. Come join us on the Broad Highway is our theme.

2026 Convention Committee positions are almost filled; speakers are being secured. The Committee will begin monthly meetings for planning in January 2025. Malana has been in communication with Cody and we will continue to collaborate with the 2025 convention committee to build on their experiences from this year's convention. Flyers will be distributed during the 2025 convention to help people "Save the Date" for the 2026 Convention.

"Additional information Presented in person at assembly"

- There has been a lot of support here from incoming chairs.
- We have secured some speakers
  - Saturday night - Todd K.
- Holiday Inn and Suites, Beaumont.
- January 23-25, 2026.

### 78th Texas State A.A. Convention 2025

Paul M. for Melissa R.

- Serving as advisor and reporting for Melissa R.
- Will be held in Houston at Royal Sonesta Houston
- August 15-27, \$25 per person, \$149 a night

- 40 registrations (in report) that number has gone up due to SCAP here at this convention
- 10 people won registrations this morning.
- SCAP committee will be giving out registrations for the next six months

## Service Committee Reports

(Reports were not given at the January Assembly, if report was submitted it will be in minutes)

### Archives – Joel G.

Second Mondays @ 7pm [Google Meet](#)

- No report submitted

### CPC – Don M.

First Mondays @ 7:30pm [Google Meet](#)

As the incoming SETA CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) chair, I'm excited to introduce myself and share our committee's mission. The CPC committee plays a crucial role in building relationships between AA and professionals who work with alcoholics. We aim to inform these professionals about AA, what we do, and how we can be a resource for them and their clients. I'm reaching out to our fellowship for dedicated volunteers to join our committee. We need individuals passionate about carrying the AA message and willing to engage with professionals in our community. Whether you have experience in public speaking, organizing events, or simply a desire to be of service, there's a place for you on our team. If you're interested in making a difference and helping AA reach more people who need it, please consider volunteering with the CPC committee. You can contact me at [don.m@aa-seta.org](mailto:don.m@aa-seta.org) for more details or to sign up. Together, we can strengthen AA's presence in our professional community and help more alcoholics find recovery.

The committee meets the first Monday of each month on Google Meet.

[meet.google.com/hgc-rxcm-mir](https://meet.google.com/hgc-rxcm-mir)

Don. M

CPC Chair

### CFC – Harold B., Chair

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

Good morning, everyone. As this is the first month of my rotation, this is my first report

There are some things that have been discussed in our assemblies and meetings which really do need to be addressed, and some things that haven't actually been discussed that may need our attention. Some things we should look at in the coming couple years are:

1) Making some recommendations and/or committees to address other corrections related entities in SETA and beyond. Bridging The Gap is one, in which CFC is actually tagged to that entity, both internally and nationally, even to the point of co-hosting a national conference with another SETA Committee, but there is no official committee in charge of that, hence no formal reporting or sharing of information. There are two ways we can go about this. Forming an Ad-Hoc to investigate and make a recommendation on our bond and relationship with non-formal entities, or actually forming new committees directly charged with the same.

2) Update our database that addresses corrections, meeting lists, meeting times and actual participation. I have met quite a few people going into meetings that have no knowledge of SETA or CFC, and the actual gate lists for the vast majority of our meetings are people not involved in SETA CFC, leading to a real disconnect between people wanting to and people getting to. Our past Chair Tony W, Roy E., and Bahija W., along with us in our committee made a current list. This will enable a solution to connect new volunteers to begin holding meetings inside.

There are some other small things that will be addressed throughout the year, but nothing so important as the aforementioned.

During the Assembly, 3 motions were presented by the Finance committee, regarding the dispersing of our annual funding from the Area, Bank Statements be sent Monthly to Area Treasurer, and the guidelines for the disbursement of funds be added to policy and procedures manual. All motions were voted for and passed.

Thank you all for what you do for the Area and thank you for allowing me to serve.

Area 67 Corrections Chair

Harold B.

## **Finance – Kevin W., Chair**

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

### **2025 Budget Report**

The 2025 proposed budget is being presented for a vote, so the assembly can start the year ready to serve the still suffering alcoholics.

- The goal is to fully fund the budget without using unrestricted funds to balance income and expenses.
- This year's budget is \$50,702.
- In comparison, the budget was \$61,444 in 2024 and \$71,657 in 2023.

The bank balance as of October 31, 2024, was \$88,956.68.

- The projected income is based on a 2% increase from 2023's actual income of \$57,944.28, making the estimate \$59,052. This follows the same method used by GSO.

Progress is being made toward a fully funded budget, but it will take a few more years to reach that goal.

Page 2 compares past budgets to actual expenses. The 2024 actuals were not available in time for this assembly but can be ready by the end of January.

Page 3 shows the breakdown of budget holder worksheets used to calculate total expenses.

## **Grapevine – Terry P., Chair**

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

Grapevine committee had a lot of traffic at the seta convention. Also contributed 2 subscriptions to the newcomer contest. We ended up giving away an additional 3 digital subscriptions and 3 Grapevine books in the drawing. Meetings have had good attendance and almost all positions were filled in January. We also did a mini writing workshop at the convention with almost 30 attendees that went very well. Next is the 2025 Unity conference which we will be attending and giving a 30 minute GVR presentation. We also ordered more display materials for grapevine table displays. We plan on being very active this year.

## **Information Technology (IT) – Brad H., Chair**

**Last Saturday 11am-1pm [Google Meet](#)**

- No Report

## La Viña – Elias L., Chair

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

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of this committee through La Vina. I feel very happy to serve for this 2 years to come. My name is Elias L. I am very happy to be a part of this committee, I have received support from districts 63, 64, 65 and 66 and I look forward to working with them. I have been in the last meetings of 2024 monthly, the 4 districts are working in their districts doing vineyard meeting workshops promoting the Revista La Vina and subscriptions. They currently report 470 subscriptions from La Vina in this year of 2024 between the 4 arrondissements. We meet on the last Thursday of each month. The meetings are rotated among the 4 districts.

## Literature – Jim M., Chair

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

The SETA Literature Committee has been very active during these exciting and interesting times in our Fellowship. Our purpose is to raise awareness for AAconference approved literature, audiovisual, and other special items. We meet on Google Meet on the 3rd Tuesday.

Last year we hosted 2 workshops. In the spring we hosted a workshop on "How to Handle Our Founders' Original Writings", which gave our Delegate a more informed group conscious. In the fall, we gave a workshop on the "Conference Connection" that gave an overview of our groups are connected to the General

Service Conference.

The Fellowship is constantly updating our literature and media resources that help us carry this message. And there are many revisions coming up for special literature for our service committees.

Literature continues to be a vital resource in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous, not only to the newcomer, but through our many different service committees.

For those in new positions for this rotation (almost all of us), the General Service Office offers Committee specific kits, workbooks, special items and discount packages to some committees. For new GSRs, DCMs, and Committee Chairs, please use the QR code to take you to the AA.org page for "new trusted servants".



Yours in love and service

Jim M.

[jim.m@aa-seta.org](mailto:jim.m@aa-seta.org)

## Multilingual – Luis P., Chair

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

Greetings to everyone.

As we just started with this service, we are just beginning to get familiar with it.

During the convention in January I invited some others aa members to join the committee and see if I can start working with it.

We are going to be holding our meetings for the committee the first Tuesday of the month in district 63 at 8:00 pm.



We just had our first meeting and we had a good group of people show up, we have a secretary and treasure for the committee already.

We will have our next meeting on March 4th.

We are trying to get as many people involved in the committee to help with translations and anything we can help with.

So far that's what I have, and I'm very grateful for the opportunity.

Yours in service!

Chair Luis Portillo.

## **Newsletter – Allise B., Chair**

**No standing meetings**

Greetings!

During our transition, I have consulted with the outgoing Chair, Tracy W, and Alternate Chair, Fernando B. I am continuing his search for a flipbook experience—or some other cell phone-friendly format for those who read the Newsletter online—at a price we can afford.

The Workshop Summary on page 35 of last year's General Service Conference Final Report says:

One visitor from the UK service structure said they put their service magazine online and nobody read it, so they went back to print. Gauging by responses, they feel more people are reading it in print, and they have more filled service positions. Despite the savings garnered by taking publications online instead of printing them, "We can't put a price on peoples' lives."

I compared quotes for black and white versus color and I compared a 4-page version with 8-, 12- and 16-page versions. Per quarter, we could go from a 4-page to an eight-page newsletter for only \$69 for all 350 copies. We could have color for only \$37 additional for all 350 copies. Unfortunately, it's a bigger jump to go to 12 pages (although not as a big jump from 12 to 16), so I submitted this year's budget with quotes for printing an 8-page, color newsletter, in both languages for \$453 per quarter. Hopefully these quantities will be enough to distribute print copies via the DCMs. If not, you only have to improve the budget increase; likewise if you want a longer newsletter.

Since I turned in the budget, Jim M. shared that he printed his District Newsletter at his local junior college at a nonprofit rate that is less than the commercial printing quotes. I will investigate further.

As all Panel 75 trusted servants know, we have been in our new positions for 3 days now. Last fall, I was temporarily insane and thought that I could produce the 1st Quarter issue of the Newsletter in time for this Convention. However, I was so busy as Program Chair for this Convention and Speaker Chair for our February District 33 Unity Conference that trying to do all 3—esp. after my Alternates stepped down—it was madness. Also, I ran into the conflict that I could not use the 2024 budget to pay for printing, and could not spend the 2025 budget until (1) the 1st of January and (2) the Budget is passed. So, there was no way to have Newsletters for you today even if I had time to collect and design it. Many people assured me that you would recognize that 3 days in the position is not enough to produce an issue. In order to prevent this problem for the next rotation, I will propose a 5-quarter budget next year with the idea that the outgoing & incoming editors collaborate during the transition and the incoming chair is not fully responsible for an issue until the 2nd Quarter from then on.

Finally, I surveyed the Past Delegates about whether it would be acceptable to run a contest for a Newsletter name more exciting than "Quarterly Newsletter." They encouraged me to proceed, so I'm announcing a naming contest and will offer a prize of an A.A. book for the winner. If the Area would like a new logo, I'll open a contest for that after we find a name. See the Newsletter for more details.

## **Public Information (PI) – Michelle C., Chair**

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

- No Report

## **SCAP – Charlie W., Chair**

**Assembly Breakouts**

- Gave away 10 Registration reimbursements at SETA Convention



- Contacting winners for one of three options-Mail a check, pick up in person at the convention or donating back to convention
- Feb 1 sending out 1st electronic notices to all Intergroups and Central offices in Texas and surrounding States
- SCAP reps will be attending both the Mouth of the Brazos Convention and the
- Unity Conference in February to encourage pre-registration
- Will be giving away another 10-15 pre-registration reimbursements at April Assembly
- Will start visiting Districts this spring to encourage early registration

Thank You

SCAP Chair - Charlie W.

## TFC – Tony A., Chair 15th of the month 7pm [Google Meet](#)

The Treatment Facility Committee Chair position wasn't filled until the January AREA 67 quarterly meeting. Tony A. was elected by the Assembly to serve as Chair for the panel 75 rotation.

There are still many positions within the committee available including Secretary, Treasurer, Bridging The Gap, Literature, and Spanish Liaison. We welcome everyone to our monthly meeting February 17th when we will be voting on the upcoming meeting dates.

Please contact me for more information or if you would like to serve.

In Love & Service

Tony A. TFC Chair P75, AREA 67

Tony.a@aa-seta.org

## Intergroup Liaison Reports

### Houston Intergroup – Bryon A., Liaison 3rd Thursdays 8pm [Map](#)

- No Report

### 9<sup>th</sup> District Intergroup 3rd Thursdays of even numbered months 8pm [Map](#)

- Vacant

### Oficina Intergrupala Hispana – Jose B., Alt. Chair Liaison Saturdays 6pm [Map](#)

- No Report

### Intergrupo Hispano del SW (D66 & 62) – Vacant (no info) [Map](#)

## District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

(Reports were not given at the January Assembly, if report was submitted will be in minutes)

### [District 10](#) – Inactive

### [District 20](#) – Linda G. 2nd Thursdays 7pm [Zoom](#)

- No Report

### [District 31](#) – Jennifer C. 3rd Sundays 2-4pm Hybrid [Map](#) [Google Meet](#)

We are very excited for this upcoming year in District 31!! The attendance is growing with enthusiasm with our new and current GSR. I am planning to set up a GoogleMeet this year to

host/chair a Traditions and Concepts study in effort to help our GSR's continue to learn about our service structure. This is in addition to our monthly district meetings.

I have continued to visit groups and attend their events and have felt very welcomed by all, especially in the smaller towns and I so enjoy meeting fellow alcoholics. As DCM I would like to work on improving the accessibility issue of getting the message to our older members. I have found on some of my visits some members do not have computers or smartphones but they want to be informed with what is going on in AA. It can be as simple as taking time to call or taking the information to them.

The district had elections and we have filled all except for Archives, TFC and PI. We also approved our budget for 2025. In 2024 it was voted to update our meeting directory, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed to take on this task. This last quarter they finished and it is being published for GSR's to take to their groups.

November 2, 2024 we had our District event "Old Timers Day" with over 60 people in attendance. Eddie R. with archives gave a presentation "How the Oxford Group Played a Part in Bill W and Dr. Bob's Life" and along with 4 speakers throughout the area who shared their experience, strength and hope. Thank you Donna F for all your hard work to make this a special event.

Love and Service

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**[District 32 – Mark E.](#)** **2nd Sundays at 1pm** [Map](#) [Zoom](#)

- No Report

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**[District 33 – Cody R.](#)** **3rd Saturdays 11am** [Map](#)

January 2025 - New Rotation Kickoff

Friends in Recovery,

Our district has emerged from challenging times with remarkable resilience and strength. In the years immediately following the pandemic I observed the district work hard to stabilize the disruptions to our local service structure and fellowship. Yet, through the dedication of trusted servants and the commitment of our members, District 33 is ever strengthening in our ability to carry the message of recovery in the Brazos Valley. I want to especially thank our most recent district committees and DCMs Tony W., Allise B, and Tony A. for being faithful trusted servants whose shoulders our current rotation is blessed to stand upon.

Our Post-Covid District Successes:

- Financial Stability: We transformed our district's financial landscape, developing and maintaining a comprehensive budget that provides a solid foundation for our service work.
- Service Reconnection: After pandemic-related isolation, we successfully reengaged with regional and area service conferences, rebuilding our connections and expanding our network of trusted servants in we can learn from.
- Procedural Improvement: Our district redeveloped and updated clear Policy & Procedures, clarifying old norms into clearer guidelines, so as to help future trusted servants in our district, while also creating more transparency.

- Unity and Healing: We worked hard to embrace "principles before personalities," and fostered a spirit of unity that has brought our district closer together and strengthened our collective recovery.

These accomplishments set the stage for our continued learning and service.

#### District Objectives for Current Rotation

As we begin our new two-year rotation, I'm excited to share our district's vision and immediate priorities. Our primary goal is to strengthen our district's ability to carry the message of recovery to still-suffering alcoholics through robust service, unity, and participation.

#### My Key Objectives:

- Fully staff and activate all service committees
- Increase group participation through engaged GSRs
- Host meaningful service workshops
- Maintain and build upon our district's unity and financial stability

#### Immediate Priorities for February/March

##### 1. Committee Restructuring

We are proposing some improvements to our committee structure:

- Separation of CPC and PI Committees
  - Cooperation with Professional Community (CPC) will focus on outreach to professionals who may refer alcoholics to AA
  - Public Information (PI) Committee will be restructured to include Hotline Volunteer responsibilities, in addition to its traditional work of PSA and literature placement.

##### 2. Blue Can Fund Reestablishment

Discuss and vote on formally reinstate the Blue Can Fund for correctional facility literature:

- Develop clear guidelines for fund management
- Ensure transparent allocation of resources
- Provide critical literature support to alcoholics in correctional facilities

##### 3. Finance Committee Formation

Proposal to establish a permanent standing Finance Committee:

- Create clear roles and responsibilities
- Ensure financial transparency
- Provide ongoing financial guidance for district operations

#### Upcoming Special Events

- Unity Conference - February 28 & March 1 at the Kurten Community Center
  - The Unity Conference Committee has been hard at work and are so excited to see everyone there. If you have not already please register \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

#### Area Delegate Presentation - March District Meeting

- Our Area Delegate will provide a special presentation on upcoming General Service Conference Agenda Items. This is a critical opportunity to:
  - Understand upcoming issues and the broader AA service work
  - Engage with conference proceedings
  - Participate in the wider AA service structure

Call to Action

We Need You!

- Are you interested in serving on a committee?
- Would you like to learn more about service?
- Can you help carry our message?

Every member has a place in service. Whether you have 30 days or 30 years of sobriety, your experience, strength, and hope are valuable.

Closing Thoughts

Our district stands strong because of your commitment to unity, service, and recovery. Together, we will continue to learn, support one another, and carry the message of hope to those who still suffer.

In Fellowship and Service,

Cody R.

District 33 DCM

Area 67 - Southeast Texas

"Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern."

**[District 40 – Mike B.](#)**

**2nd Tuesdays 7-9pm [Map](#) [Google Meet](#)**

- No Report

**[District 51 – Kevin S.](#)**

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

- No Report

**[District 52 – Donna G.](#)**

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

- No Report

**[District 60 – Vacant](#)**

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

**[District 62 – Vacant](#)**

**Every 2 weeks on Saturday 6:00 pm**

**[District 63 – Antonio M.](#)**

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

Greetings to everyone from AREA 67 from DISTRICT 63. District 63 is working with 9 groups and their committees. Regularly attended by 4 to 5 GSRs. They are active groups with the district. Together they are supporting the La Vina committee on Tuesdays and their events that they have with the district. They support the activities of Area 67 with the Spanish-speaking districts. We are participating in all the Hispanic assemblies and conventions and the permanent committee of the southern zone of Texas. We are beginning to work so that we have our future GSRs and DCMs ready for Area 67. Antonio M. and the alternate to the DCM is Lorenzo from the group December 31. We are working for the next committee members. We continue with the study of the service manual every Saturday for 30 minutes. It is shared on Tuesdays with the groups and with the groups that invite us.

DCM: Antonio M.

Alternate to the DCM: Lorenzo

## District 64 – Jose M.

All Saturdays 6pm [Map](#)

Fellow servants of Area 67, receive a greeting from our District 64 hoping that you are enjoying a new year 2025 in sobriety.

Our District 64 has 16 active groups of which 11 groups have their GSRs and are present at the meetings on Saturdays at 6-8pm and we have a study hour every 15 days.

Our District has three Committees: Grapevine (La Vina), Literature and Corrections. These committees meet on Tuesdays every 15 days at 8pm in District 64.

In our District 64 we have a role in sharing with the groups in our area and with the groups that invite us in their unit cycles. We are also present at these area conventions and assemblies and Hispanic assemblies. District 64 is beginning to work together with Districts 63, 65 and 66 in the next Hispanic assembly in South Texas, host city Houston.

DCM: Jose M.

ALT: Arturo G.

## District 65 – Cristian S.

All Saturdays 6pm [Map](#)

I'm Cristian, an alcoholic, my home group is group Renovacion.. The new DCM of District 65. Our district has 16 groups. This Thursday we had 4 GSR's show up, two which were new. Gabriela J., ALT GSR group Nueva Vida; Dimas. S, group Lunche por tu Vida. We have 3 committees in our district. Our corrections committee chair is Allazo D., Treasurer Clemente. L. this committee reunites on every Thursday to discuss business with district 64,66 and 63, as well goes to area meetings in 65 , every 3rd wednesday of the month. The Literature chair, Ruben and secretary Ada. La Vina is vacant. District chair- Arnulfo, Secretary - Pedra, Treasurer - Luis, Alt Treasurer - Sergio. The District rotates sharing to the 16 groups in the district every Thursday motivating service. We attend area assemblies as hispanic assembly.

Upcoming Group anniversaries

- Una Luz y Camino, 2-2-25, 2pm, 315 W. Buccaneer Dr. Winnie, Texas 77665.
- Group Renovacion, 2-23-25, 2pm, 420 Telephone Rd. Houston Texas 77023.

I am happy to be in service, thanks for your attention,

Cristian S.

## District 66 – Ramses G.

All Saturdays 6pm [Map](#)

Warm greetings to all of my fellow servants and especially to all of those who make up this area 67.

My name is Ramses and I am very grateful for the opportunity to be able to serve you. Our district is currently working with 20 active groups at the moment.

We meet every Saturday at 6:00 pm at our district office. We have CFC committees and also the La Vina committee which have their separate meetings during the week and we are trying to support any activity that has to be related to the area and also our activities at the Hispanic level.

We will be working to stay informed of all the activities of the area and to be able to keep the groups of our district informed to provide you with the best service at this time that we are beginning to work as the current MCD of my district. I hope to be able to serve you and thank you in advance for the opportunity that you give me.

DCM - Ramses G.

Alternate - Luis D.

Hello SETA 67!

As the incoming DCM for District 70 I am looking forward to serving our members. The incoming officers met recently to discuss our vision for rebuilding active committees, hosting effective workshops, training GSRs, and informing groups about District services and activities. We are currently reviewing our Policies & Procedures as well job descriptions for clarity and accuracy.

I am excited about the ideas discussed and impressed with the enthusiasm of the leadership team. One challenge I would like to get assistance with is inspiring and encouraging AA members to get involved and excited about the service opportunities at the district level. So if you are a current or past DCM with any insight on this, I'd love to hear your experience and will likely be reaching out to you. We have a lot of work to do to fulfill our vision, and we are excited and ready to work for AA in District 70!

**[District 81 – Danny G.](#)****1st Wednesdays 7-9:00pm [Map](#)**

- No Report

**[District 82 – Jennifer W.](#)****1st Sundays 1:30 pm [Map](#)**

- No Report

**[District 90 – David S.](#)****1st Sundays 1:30pm [Map](#)**

Our Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> District 90 GSR meeting had 46 in attendance. Currently all Committee positions are filled, and 3 Alt positions are open. WE are encouraging all GSR's and Committee members to attend the upcoming April Assembly. Maps were distributed for Assembly location. Myself and incoming Alt. GSR Annette C and I will be attending meetings with groups that do not participate in our GSR meetings, to see what we can do to assist. We are gearing up for our upcoming annual District 90 Convention August 8-10<sup>th</sup> 2025 at the Elegante Hotel in Beaumont Texas, and our Annual Traditions Workshop in September, a date to be confirmed soon. Our Area Delegate (Christina S) (and Alt (Bella L.) will be attending our April district meeting to give their reports.

David S.

<b>Area Assembly Roll Call</b>			
<b>Position</b>	<b>Short Name</b>	<b>Committee January 4th</b>	<b>Assembly January 5th</b>
<b>Area Officers</b>			
<b>Delegate</b>	Christina S.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate Delegate</b>	Bella L.	Present	Present
<b>Chairperson</b>	Patricia H.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate Chairperson</b>	Reino F.	Present	Present
<b>Registrar</b>	Elizabeth G.	Present	Present
<b>Alternate Registrar</b>	Edwin C.	Present	Present
<b>Secretary</b>	Fernando B.	Present	Present

Alternate Secretary	Hannah S.	Present	Present
Treasurer	Aliciea M.	Present	Present
Alternate Treasurer	Brandi W.	Present	Present
<b>Standing Committee Chairpersons</b>			
Archives	Joel G.	Present	Present
Alternate Archives			
CPC	Don M.	Present	Present
Alternate CPC			
CFC	Harold B.	Present	Present
Alternate CFC	Sarah E.	Present	Not Present
Finance	Kevin W.	Present	Not Present
Alternate Finance			
Grapevine	Terry P.	Present	Present
Alternate Grapevine			
IT	Brad H.	Present	Present
Alternate IT			
La Vina	Elias L.	Present	Present
Alternate La Vina			
Literature	Jim M.	Present	Present
Alternate Literature	Carol F.	Not Present	Not Present
Multi-Lingual	Luis P.	Present	Present
Alternate Multi-Lingual			
Newsletter	Allise B.	Present	Present
Alternate Newsletter			
Public Information (PI)	Michelle C.	Present	Present
Alternate PI			
SCAP	Charlie W.	Present	Present
Alternate SCAP			
TFC			
Alternate TFC			
<b>Convention Chairs</b>			
2025 SETA Convention Chair	Cody R.	Present	Not Present
2025 SETA Convention Co-Chair	Elijah K.	Present	Not Present
2026 SETA Convention Chair	Malana Q.	Present	Present
2026 SETA Convention Co-Chair	Sommer S.	Present	Present
2027 SETA Convention Chair			
2027 SETA Convention Co-Chair			
2025 State Convention Chair	Melissa R.	Not Present	Not Present



2025 State Convention Co-Chair	Troy B-D.	Present	Present
<b>Intergroup Liaisons</b>			
Houston Intergroup	Bryon A.	Present	Present
Ninth District Intergroup			
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate			
Oficina Intergruppal Hispana D63, 64, 65	Jose B.	Not Present	Not Present
Oficina Intergruppal Hispana Alt D63, 64, 65			
Intergrupo Hispano del SW (D 62, 66)			
Intergrupo Hispano del SW Alt (D 62, 66)			
<b>DCMs</b>			
District 10 DCM			
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Linda G.	Present	Present
District 20 Alt DCM			
District 31 DCM	Jennifer C.	Present	Not Present
District 31 Alt DCM	Taylor C.	Present	Present
District 32 DCM	Mark E.	Not Present	Present
District 32 Alt DCM	Ivy L.	Present	Not Present
District 33 DCM	Cody R.	Present	Not Present
District 33 Alt DCM			
District 40 DCM	Mike B.	Present	Present
District 40 Alt DCM	Juan C.	Present	Present
District 51 DCM	Kevin S.	Not Present	Present
District 51 Alt DCM	David I.	Not Present	Not Present
District 52 DCM	Donna G.	Present	Present
District 52 Alt DCM	Jim C.	Not Present	Not Present
District 60 DCM			
District 60 Alt DCM			
District 62 DCM			
District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM	Antonio M.	Not Present	Not Present
District 63 Alt DCM			
District 64 DCM	Jose M.	Present	Present
District 64 Alt DCM	Arturo G.	Not Present	Not Present
District 65 DCM	Cristian S.	Present	Not Present
District 65 Alt DCM			
District 66 DCM	Ramses G.	Present	Present
District 66 Alt DCM	Luis D.	Present	Present

<b>District 70 DCM</b>	Sara B.	Present	Present
<b>District 70 Alt DCM</b>	Hope B.	Present	Not Present
<b>District 81 DCM</b>	Danny G.	Present	Present
<b>District 81 Alt DCM</b>	Andrea W.	Not Present	Present
<b>District 82 DCM</b>	Jennifer W.	Present	Present
<b>District 82 Alt DCM</b>	Libby T.	Present	Present
<b>District 90 DCM</b>	David S.	Present	Present
<b>District 90 Alt DCM</b>	Anette C.	Not Present	Not Present
<b>Other</b>			
<b>Archivist</b>	Julian L.	Present	Present
<b>Webmaster</b>	Cheryl M.	Present	Present
<b>Alt Webmaster</b>			