

Southeast Texas Area Assembly



1st Quarter Area Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday January 24, 2026

Online via Zoom

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Humility in Action
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Open Meeting @ 8:00 AM

Serenity Prayer

Patty H.

The Area 67 Committee meeting opened with the Chair discussing the sudden cancellation of SETA Convention due to inclement weather.

Preamble to SETA Policies & Procedures Manual

Reino F.

ROLL CALL – Area Committee Attendance

Elizabeth G.

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PDF will be sent out quarterly

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Review & Approve Previous Area Assembly Minutes

Fernando B.

The Secretary reported that the meeting minutes were distributed approximately 30 days prior through the SETA Announce email system, and members should ensure they are subscribed in order to receive them. April reports were also sent using links from the SETA website, and members were reminded to ensure they are logged into their SETA email accounts if the links do not work.

Members were encouraged to submit reports before the deadlines, and any corrections to the minutes could be submitted if needed. It was also noted that the minutes had been condensed from about 50 pages to 23 pages for improved readability.

Since there were no questions or corrections, the minutes were accepted as submitted. It was also announced that printed copies of the minutes will be available at the April Assembly.

Treasurer's Report Presentation to Area Committee

Aliciea M.

The operating fund began on January 1, 2025, with a balance of \$95,203.19. During the year, the account received \$68,982.18 in deposits, while \$96,389.78 in checks were written from the operating account. As of December 31, 2025, the operating account balance was \$67,795.59.

For the fourth quarter, the total income was \$11,362.19, and expenses totaled \$42,352.60, resulting in a net loss of \$30,999.40. Despite this quarterly loss, the operating account ended the year with the previously noted balance of \$67,795.59.

The report also outlines several designated reserves. These include a State Convention Loss of \$3,000, a Prudent Reserve of \$25,351, a Convention Loss Reserve of \$7,500, and a SWARRSA Reserve of \$15,000, bringing the total reserves to \$50,851. After accounting for these reserves, the unrestricted funds available total \$16,944.59.

Additionally, the report notes that during the last quarter \$17,688.20 was paid to the hotel for the upcoming convention. The remaining pages of the report provide detailed breakdowns of expenses, deposits, and contributions from groups and districts.

There were no corrections to the Treasurer's Report.

SETA Ad Hoc Location Committee Report

Reino F

Since the end of November, the committee has been holding regular meetings and contacting various facilities to determine whether they can accommodate the Area Assembly's meeting needs. A facility criteria list was developed to ensure that the same information is requested from each potential location.

Some facilities require the committee to register online before receiving details about rental requirements, which has slowed the process. At this time, the committee has not secured a facility for the April 11 Assembly and continues to explore potential locations.

As a backup option, San Jacinto North Campus—the location previously used for assemblies—has confirmed availability for April 11 and can provide the same breakout rooms used in past meetings. An agreement for this location has already been sent.

However, San Jacinto North Campus will not be available for the July and October assemblies due to renovations, so the committee will continue searching for future meeting locations. The goal is to present additional facility options at the April Assembly.

Unfinished Business

Finance Committee - 2026 Budget

Kevin W.

The Finance Chair reported that the projected income for 2026 is \$59,519, while the projected expenses are \$52,813, indicating that the area is fully funded for the year. The proposed budget had previously been presented in October.

The Area Chair then asked the committee for a sense of the committee regarding approval of the 2026 proposed budget. Members were asked to raise their virtual hands if they were in favor. A total of 19 members indicated support, and no members opposed the proposal.

Based on this response, it was noted that the sense of the committee was in approval of the 2026 budget.

The Finance Chair presented the 2026 budget of \$52,813 with projected income of \$59,518.82, indicating that the budget is considered fully funded based on projected resources.

During discussion, clarification was made that this does not mean the full budget amount has been physically set aside in the bank, but rather that the projected income exceeds the projected expenses. It was noted that the area is getting closer to that level of funding, even if the funds have not been separately reserved.

The proposed 2026 budget was then brought forward for a vote and passed unanimously.

New Business

SETA Inventory on Convention Report

Troy B.

The Convention Inventory Committee presented results from the Assembly inventory conducted in July. The report reflected feedback gathered from members and summarized common themes identified during the review process.

The committee consolidated the input into a single purpose statement, which will be forwarded to the Convention Committee to incorporate into future guidelines.

Three motions emerged from the inventory discussion:

1. Hold the SETA Convention every other year instead of annually.
2. Establish a central location for the convention, to be determined at a later time.
3. Create an advisory committee consisting of 2-4 past convention chairs/co-chairs or past delegates with convention experience. This committee would assist the current convention chair and the Finance Committee by reviewing venue contracts, providing guidance, and supporting planning processes such as checklists and regular coordination.

Additional recommendations gathered during the inventory will also be forwarded to the appropriate committees for consideration. The motions will be discussed individually with questions taken for each.

Motions (Voting for Sense)

1- Recommends that the SETA Convention be held every other year

Troy B.

A question was raised about whether the motions were dependent on one another or whether they could stand alone. It was clarified that the motions were intended to be separate, meaning one could pass without the others, although all three could also pass together.

Additional discussion centered on the financial reasoning behind Motion 1. It was explained that the idea came from one of the small groups during the inventory process and was based on concerns that some recent conventions had lost money, particularly within the last few years. A request was made for verification of those losses, and it was noted that there had been two conventions within the last five years that lost funds. Another concern raised was the change in hotel payment practices, with hotels now requiring larger upfront payments, which places additional financial strain on SETA. It was also noted that the two conventions that lost money were both held in the Houston area.

It was further clarified that the 2027 convention contract has already been signed, so any decision to move to an every-other-year schedule would likely need to begin after that. There was also discussion about the need to confirm the time limit on the hotel credit from the recently canceled convention so that those funds are not lost.

A vote was then taken within the Area Committee on whether Motion 1 should move forward. The tally was 10 in favor and 9 opposed. However, because this was understood to involve a policy and procedure change, the committee determined that substantial unanimity was required, not a simple majority. As a result, despite the narrow majority in favor, the committee concluded that Motion 1 did not receive sufficient support to come out of committee as a seconded motion.

2- The SETA Convention be held in one central location

Troy B.

Discussion focused on whether having a consistent location could improve financial stability and negotiating power when working with hotels. It was suggested that returning to the same location regularly could provide leverage in future contract negotiations and potentially lead to more favorable agreements.

Concerns were also raised about relying on long-term agreements with a single facility, as hotel ownership changes or better offers from other groups could result in contracts not being honored. Additional discussion highlighted that past convention outcomes should be considered when selecting locations, noting that some conventions had been more financially successful than others depending on where they were held.

It was also mentioned that the 2027 convention is already scheduled at South Shore, and that the facility has been supportive of hosting the event. Some members expressed hope that this location could potentially become a successful long-term option.

During the minority discussion, concerns were raised that keeping the convention in a single location might limit participation for members who live farther away and may not be able to afford travel costs. Others noted that several factors remain uncertain, including the hotel credit from the recently canceled convention and how future locations might be determined. Some members suggested that continuing to rotate locations could allow more members from different districts to participate.

A vote was then taken on Motion 2. The initial vote resulted in 16 in favor and 5 opposed. After the minority opinion was shared, a small number of members indicated they would change their vote, but a motion to reconsider the vote did not receive a simple majority, so the original result stood.

With substantial unanimity reached, the committee determined that Motion 2 would move forward out of committee recommending that the SETA Convention be held in one central location to be determined.

3- Create SETA Convention Advisory Committee

Troy B.

This committee would work with the current convention chair and the Finance Committee to review proposed venue contracts, meet monthly to monitor progress, and help create a monthly checklist of responsibilities and deadlines.

During discussion, a question was raised about whether parts of this proposal were already included in the existing convention guidelines, since the guidelines already state that advisors must be involved and that contracts should go to the Finance Committee. It was clarified that the purpose of this motion was to place those expectations more formally into policy and procedures, since the guidelines have not always been consistently followed in practice.

Additional comments emphasized the value of having a more structured advisory process. Members noted that past conventions have not always benefited from updated guidelines or consistent handoff practices, and that an advisory committee could provide stronger oversight, continuity, and institutional knowledge. It was also pointed out that existing guidelines are outdated in some areas and need revision to reflect current convention practices and different location needs.

An amendment was then proposed to broaden the advisory committee, allowing it to also include past state convention chairs, co-chairs, and past delegates in addition to past CETA Convention chairs. The expanded advisory committee would also be responsible for updating convention guidelines and area policies and procedures, adjusting guidelines if a central location is not approved, and requiring handoff meetings between past and current committees.

A vote was taken on the amended motion, and the committee voted unanimously in favor.

4- SETA Finance Committee will review all contracts when SETA is fiscally responsible **Kevin W.**

The review would take place with a contract representative present and would involve going line by line through the contract so that all members clearly understand the financial commitments involved. The goal of the motion was to ensure that responsibility for reviewing contracts rests with the entire committee rather than a single individual, providing greater oversight and protection of SETA funds.

The background for the motion was explained as a situation in which the convention chair requested payment for the full contract amount after being informed that the hotel required immediate payment. This issue highlighted how changes in hotel staff or communication about contract terms can create confusion regarding payment expectations. As a result, the Finance Committee felt that a more structured contract review process would help prevent misunderstandings and ensure that the committee fully understands the financial obligations before contracts are finalized.

During discussion, a question was raised about whether contract terms should change when hotel staff changes. It was clarified that the issue was not necessarily a change in the contract itself, but rather differences in how the terms were communicated, which led to the unexpected need to pay a large amount upfront.

Following the discussion, a vote was taken. The motion received 20 votes in favor and no opposition, resulting in unanimous approval. As a result, the proposal will move forward to be included in Area policies and procedures, requiring Finance Committee review of contracts that commit SETA financially.

5- SETA Finance Committee will engage an attorney for all contract reviews **Kevin W.**

The committee reviewed a motion requiring that any contract that financially obligates SETA (such as hotel, assembly, or SWARRSA venue contracts) be reviewed by an attorney before being approved by the Finance Committee or signed by a SETA representative. The purpose of the motion was to reduce legal and financial risk, since past situations showed that contract terms and liabilities can create unexpected obligations that insurance may not cover.

During discussion, members asked about the cost of legal review, which was estimated to be roughly \$500 on average, though it could range between \$350-\$650 per hour or \$600-\$1,200 as a flat fee. It was suggested that legal fees would be included as budget items for convention, assembly, and SWARZA venue contracts.

Some members expressed concern that adding legal review, along with the new advisory committee and Finance Committee review, might create too many layers of oversight and slow down the venue selection process.

The vote resulted in 13 in favor and 7 opposed. After minority opinions were shared, a motion to reconsider the vote did not receive a simple majority, so the original result stood and the motion passed out of committee.

Reports

District Committee Member (DCM) Reports

(Reports are from either the Committee Meeting (Online) or from submitted Reports)

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[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](#)

No Report

[District 32 – Mark E.](#)

2nd Sundays at 1pm [Map](#) [Zoom](#)

No Report

[District 33 – Elijah K.](#)

3rd Saturdays 11am [Map](#)

No Report

[District 40 – Mike B.](#)

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

No Report

[District 51 – Kelvin S.](#)

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

No Report

[District 52 – Donna G.](#)

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

District 52 holds its meetings on the first Tuesday of each month in Stafford, Texas, with a Google Meet option available. Attendance has been somewhat low, and efforts are being made to encourage greater participation. The district continues to focus on increasing involvement in service work, as several positions remain open, including Secretary, Alternate Treasurer, Alternate Secretary, PI, CFC, and Grapevine.

Work is ongoing to clean up and organize the district website, and there is discussion about creating a District 52 newsletter, with volunteers currently being sought. The district currently has 107 groups listed, some of which have incomplete or unknown status, and the DCM plans to visit those groups to help get them active.

A Traditions, Concepts, and Fellowship workshop was held in November with good attendance, and the district plans to hold workshops quarterly throughout the year. During the December meeting, Pam F. joined via Zoom to discuss SWRAASA. Several groups in the district have also been active in hosting fellowship events, including speaker nights, bingo nights, and holiday gatherings.

Planning is underway for the 3rd Annual District 52 Unity Day on May 2, 2026, which will feature Bella as a guest speaker and include displays highlighting district service positions. The DCM also attended the October Area Assembly and the Regional Forum in November, gaining a better understanding of how the General Service Office supports AA. The report closes with gratitude for the district officers and committee chairs who continue to step up in service as the district works toward filling its remaining positions.

[District 60 – Eric V.](#)

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

No Report

[District 62 – Vacant](#)

Every 2 weeks on Saturday 6:00 pm

[District 63 – Antonio M.](#)

2nd Saturdays 6pm [Map](#)

No Report

[District 64 – Jose M.](#)

All Saturdays 6pm [Map](#)

No Report

[District 65 – Misael M.](#) [All Saturdays 6pm](#) [Map](#)

No Report

[District 66 – Ramses G.](#) [All Saturdays 6pm](#) [Map](#)

No Report

[District 70 – Sara B.](#) [2nd Wednesdays 7pm](#) [Map](#)

No Report

[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](#)

District 90 holds its monthly meetings on the first Sunday of each month at the I-10 East Club in Beaumont, Texas. The most recent GSR meeting had 35 members in attendance.

All committee positions are currently filled, with one alternate position still open. Members are encouraging all GSRs and committee members to attend the upcoming January Assembly in Beaumont.

The DCM also attended the Southwest Regional Forum in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where workshops such as "Anonymity in the Digital Age" and "DCM and How They Can Do More for the District" were particularly informative. The forum provided valuable learning opportunities and the chance to connect with members from other areas.

Service Committee Reports

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[Archives – Joel G., Chair](#) [Second Mondays @ 7pm](#) [Google Meet](#)

No Report

[CPC – Don M., Chair](#) [First Mondays @ 7:30pm](#) [Google Meet](#)

No Report

[CFC – Harold B., Chair](#) [3rd Wednesdays 7:30-9pm](#) [Map](#) [Google Meet](#)

No Report

[Finance – Kevin W., Chair](#) [3rd Wednesdays 8pm](#) [Google Meet](#)

No Report

[Grapevine – Terry P., Chair](#) [3rd Thursdays 7pm](#) [Google Meet](#)

No Report

[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](#)

The La Viña Committee meets monthly with Area 67 districts and participates in district meetings, assemblies, and conventions, where they display and promote La Viña literature. Members are encouraged to attend the monthly Zoom workshop led by the La Viña editor, which provides updates and information about La Viña publications.

The committee is also promoting quarterly La Viña workshops across the four districts and encouraging members to write and share recovery experiences related to the Steps and Traditions.

Updates:

- New products include “The Best of La Viña II” and new group journals/planners.
- As of December 18, 2025, there were 460 La Viña subscriptions reported across the four districts.

Next meeting: January 29, 2026, at District 63 (6:00 PM).

Literature – Jim M., Chair

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

The SETA Literature Committee continues to have strong participation and discussion during its monthly meetings, held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. All members are welcome to attend, and meeting information is available on the SETA Literature webpage.

Key Updates:

1. Literature Price Increase
At the December meeting of the A.A. World Services Board, a literature price increase was approved. Beginning February 1, 2026, book prices will increase by \$3 per item, and all other literature items (including booklets and pamphlets) will increase by 15%, with standard rounding applied.
2. What’s New in Literature
 - Young People Shorts: Five new YouTube videos under one minute long
 - “Markings on the Journey” video now available in the A.A. online store
 - New “12 Steps Illustrated” publication
 - Call for stories from Asian-American and Transgender members
 - 2025 General Service Conference Final Report now available in print

The committee continues to maintain strong attendance and plans to attend two District meetings next quarter. Additionally, a 32-inch screen has been purchased to improve the display of videos during presentations.

Multilingual – Luis P., Chair

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

No Report

Newsletter – Alise B., Chair

No standing meetings

No Report

Public Information (PI) - Vacant

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

No Report

SCAP – Vacant

Assembly Breakouts

No Report

No Report

Intergroup Liaison Reports

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Houston Intergroup – Bryon A., Liaison

3rd Thursdays 8pm [Map](#)

No Report

9th District Intergroup - Darlene

3rd Thursdays of even numbered months 8pm [Map](#)

The 9th District Intergroup had a fundraiser on 12/14/25. The speakers were great and we had loads of fun. We will be having our next fundraiser on Saturday 4/18/26. More will be revealed. If anyone wants to receive a copy of newsletter, The Stepping Stones, please send your email address to: steppingstones@aabeaumont.org

Oficina Intergrupala Hispana – Jose B., Alt. Chair Liaison

Saturdays 6pm [Map](#)

The Hispanic Intergroup Service Center continues supporting the Alcoholics Anonymous community through meetings, committees, and outreach efforts. Group Representatives (R.O.I.) and committee meetings are held every Saturday from 6:00-8:00 p.m., except when there are Area Assemblies or other Intergroup events. The office also collaborates with Intergrupo Hispano SouthWest monthly and participates in quarterly meetings with Texas Intergroup offices to share ideas on improving how the AA message is carried.

Several committees support the service center’s mission. The Twelve Step Committee answers calls and provides information about nearby AA meetings through a 24/7 hotline. The Message to Women Committee provides information and support to women seeking help and holds a weekly women’s meeting. The Public Information Committee participates in a weekly radio program on Radio María to share information about the AA program.

Additional committees support communication and outreach. The Newsletter and Archive Committee produces the “Transmítelo” newsletter and maintains the Houston group directory. The Events Committee organizes fundraising activities and coordinates special events, including the 43rd anniversary celebration of the Hispanic Intergroup Office. The Treatment Facilities Committee carries the AA message into treatment settings through meetings at local churches. The Website Committee manages the Intergroup website and social media platforms to provide information and connect individuals to nearby meetings.

The office operates with the support of a part-time secretary and currently serves 34 AA groups, with an average attendance of 15-23 group representatives participating in service meetings.

Intergrupo Hispano del SW (D66 & 62)

(no info) [Map](#)

- No Report

Announcements Reino F.

Founders Day - February 26, Plantation Group in Lake Jackson

District 60 Convention – April 17-19, 2026, Marriott Houston South (Hobby)

45th Annual District 90 Convention - August 7-9, 2026, MCM Elegante Hotel

2026 SWRAASA - October 9 - 11, 2026 Hyatt Regency Baytown - Houston

Close Meeting

Responsibility Statement - I am responsible....when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help; I want the hand of A.A. to always be there and for that, I am responsible.

Adjourned @ 8:42 AM

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Recognize: New GSR & DCMs, past Delegates

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Refer to the Committee Meeting Minutes for Report.

There were no further corrections.

Treasurer’s Report Presentation and Approval

Aliciea M.

Refer to Committee Minutes for Report. No further questions or corrections were made.

Roll-Call for VOTING

Elizabeth G.

53 voting members

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Reino F

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Motions (Voting for Sense)

1- Recommends that the SETA Convention be held every other year

Troy B.

The assembly discussed a motion recommending that the SETA Convention be held every other year, beginning after 2027, since a contract is already in place for the 2027 convention at South Shore Harbor.

Most discussion opposed the motion. Members shared that the annual convention is one of the few area-wide fellowship events, provides an important opportunity to carry the message, helps members build relationships across the area, and introduces newer members to service and assemblies. Several members also expressed concern that moving to an every-other-year schedule could reduce participation, weaken momentum, and create unintended issues with planning, location negotiations, and use of the current Beaumont hotel credit.

Some members felt that the real issue was not the frequency of the convention, but the need for stronger guardrails, including better budgeting, advisory support, and financial oversight. It was also noted that past conventions have generally been successful, with only a few losses over time.

After discussion was closed, the assembly voted on the motion. The result was 48 opposed and 2 in favor, so the motion to hold the convention every other year failed.

2- The SETA Convention be held in one central location

Troy B.

The assembly then discussed a motion recommending that the SETA Convention be held in one central location, with the specific location to be determined later. During discussion, members clarified that the idea referred more to a central area rather than one permanent hotel, and some noted that the original intent was to create more consistency and buying power when negotiating contracts.

As discussion continued, several concerns were raised. Members pointed out that keeping the convention in one location could reduce the spirit of rotation, limit participation from different parts of the area, and place too much

of the hosting responsibility on the same districts and members year after year. It was also noted that rotating locations allows different districts to be involved and helps more members participate in service and fellowship.

Additional practical concerns were discussed, including the Beaumont hotel credit from the canceled 2026 convention. It was shared that the credit likely must be used in 2026 or January 2027, making it unlikely to apply to a 2028 convention, though it might possibly be used for future SETA assemblies. Some members also suggested that if the motion had referred to multiple central locations rather than one fixed location, it might have been more workable.

After an initial vote in favor, minority opinions led to a motion for reconsideration, which passed. The motion was then discussed again and brought back for a new vote. On reconsideration, the assembly voted 49 opposed and 2 in favor, so the motion to hold the convention in one central location failed.

3- Create SETA Convention Advisory Committee

Troy B.

The assembly discussed a motion to create an advisory committee made up of 2 to 4 past CETA Convention chairs or co-chairs, Texas State Convention chairs, or past delegates with convention experience. The committee would support the current convention chair and Finance Committee by reviewing venue contracts, meeting monthly, creating planning checklists, updating guidelines/PMPs, and helping with handoff between committees.

Discussion centered on whether this was necessary or redundant, since convention guidelines already reference advisors. Supporters argued that the problem has been lack of consistency and follow-through, and that putting this structure into policy and procedures would help preserve institutional knowledge and provide stronger guardrails. Others felt it added extra bureaucracy and that the better solution was simply to follow and update the existing guidelines.

The motion was then voted on and passed 45 in favor to 3 opposed, showing substantial unanimity.

4- SETA Finance Committee will review all contracts when SETA is fiscally responsible

Kevin W.

The assembly considered a motion requiring the Finance Committee to review, as a committee, any contract that holds SETA fiscally responsible, such as hotel or assembly venue contracts. The purpose was to ensure that contracts are reviewed line by line so the full committee clearly understands the financial obligations involved, rather than leaving that responsibility to one individual.

During discussion, the motion was clarified through a friendly amendment, changing the wording so that the review would be conducted with a hotel contract representative. This was intended to allow the committee to ask questions directly and ensure everyone had a shared understanding of the contract terms.

Some concern was raised that this might create another layer of review on top of processes already in place, but supporters felt the added detail would provide stronger oversight and reduce confusion about contract obligations.

The motion was then voted on and passed with 46 in favor and 1 opposed, showing substantial unanimity.

5- SETA Finance Committee will engage an attorney for all contract reviews

Kevin W.

The assembly discussed a motion requiring that any contract holding SETA fiscally responsible be reviewed by an attorney before approval by the Finance Committee or signature by a SETA representative. The motion also proposed adding budget lines for legal fees for convention, assembly, and SWAARSA venue contracts.

Discussion focused on whether this level of legal review was necessary, practical, and affordable. Some members supported the motion, noting that past contracts created serious legal and financial risk and that attorney review could help protect SETA from hidden liability language. Others questioned the cost, the lack of clarity about who would retain the attorney, and whether this added another redundant layer of review on top of motions already passed. There was also discussion about whether stronger insurance coverage might address some of the same concerns.

After debate was closed, the assembly voted. The result was 25 opposed and 22 in favor, so the motion did not pass because it did not achieve substantial unanimity. Following the vote, members suggested the issue be sent back to the Finance Committee for further study, including exploring attorney costs, insurance options, and possible alternatives.

Floor Vote - July Assembly @ Holiday Inn Beaumont

An update was shared that the Holiday Inn in Beaumont can honor the July 11 date for a future assembly using the existing credit from the canceled convention. The hotel was not available for October 3, but possible alternative dates discussed were September 19, September 26, or October 24, pending confirmation.

There was discussion about whether SETA should try to use the credit for a two-day July assembly in Beaumont. Supporters felt this could help make use of the credit and provide more time for service work and committee participation. Others raised concerns about travel costs, hotel expenses, budget impact, and whether moving back to two-day assemblies was the right direction.

It was also noted that more information is still needed, including whether the hotel credit could cover meeting space only or also hotel rooms, and what dates and package options are actually available.

A motion was made to hold a two-day July assembly in Beaumont using the hotel credit. After discussion, the motion was voted on and failed, 25 opposed to 9 in favor.

Even though the motion failed, the Alternate Chair stated that he will continue working with the hotel to explore available dates and options for using the credit, including July and possible fall dates, and bring back more information.

Open Positions

2028 SETA Convention Chair

The assembly opened nominations for the 2028 SETA Convention Chair. It was noted that the position requires 4 years of sobriety, 2 years of SETA service, and prior convention experience. There was some discussion about whether the 2028 convention would follow the normal Houston rotation or potentially return to Beaumont, but it was clarified that Beaumont would not be able to use the current hotel credit for 2028, since the credit is only valid through 2027.

At first, no one volunteered. A suggestion was made about whether the 2026 convention team might want to host again in 2028, but that idea was declined due to changes in work and availability.

After further discussion, Mike B. noted that he has experience serving on the boards of several conferences, and stated that his current DCM rotation will be ending, allowing him time to serve.

A motion was then made to accept him by acclamation, and the assembly approved him as the 2028 SETA Convention Chair.

SETA Alternate Secretary

The assembly then opened nominations for the position of SETA Area Alternate Secretary. The qualifications were reviewed as 3 years of continuous sobriety, 2 years of previous area assembly service, and strong typing/computer skills.

One member expressed willingness to stand and shared service experience at the group and district levels, along with five years of sobriety. During discussion, concerns were raised about whether serving as GSR and Alternate Secretary at the same time would create a conflict, since the area position could create overlapping responsibilities and possible voting complications. It was explained that the general practice has been to avoid holding both roles at once, and that if someone takes the area position, they would typically need to step down from the GSR role or ensure their group is properly represented by someone else.

After hearing that, the member decided to put the welfare of the home group first and did not continue with the nomination. As a result, no one was elected, and the position of SETA Area Alternate Secretary remains open. Members were encouraged to think about possible candidates and bring them forward at a future assembly.

Delegate Reports

Delegate's Report - Christian S.

The Delegate shared updates on several General Service matters. A concern was reported about District 66 Houston being incorrectly listed on a rehab website as a women's detox, and assistance has been requested from the General Service Office's Intellectual Properties Department to help resolve it.

The Delegate also reviewed three proposed agenda items from Area 67. One proposal, regarding the General Service Board conducting an inventory every three years, was not forwarded, but will continue as a discussion topic. A second proposal, to study less costly locations for the General Service Conference, was forwarded for further consideration. A third proposal, to make final conference agenda items and background available by February 1, was not forwarded.

Additional updates included a literature price increase, with books increasing by \$3 each and other literature items increasing by 15%. Financially, contributions were reported as 11% below budget, while literature sales were 6% above budget, and the reserve fund remained below the target range. Concerns were discussed about the need for greater support if services are to continue at the General Service level.

The report also included updates on Grapevine and La Viña. Grapevine continues to operate at a loss, while La Viña also requires support from the General Service Board. Two new La Viña books are in development, and the upcoming 30th anniversary has generated interest in a commemorative reprint. A new partnership will allow Intergroups, central offices, and area offices to offer Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions and receive a 10% commission. Cost-saving measures are also being implemented, including reducing renewal mailings and increasing electronic reminders.

Alternate Delegate's Report

Bella L.

The Alternate Delegate provided an update on SWAARSA 2026 (Southwest Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly), which will take place October 9-11, 2026. Members who committed to the planning committee were reminded that SWAARSA planning meetings occur on the first Monday of each month, and everyone was encouraged to stay engaged and support the event.

SWAARSA was described as a regional service assembly that brings together members from the 11 areas in the Southwest Region to share experience in service, participate in workshops, and hear from trusted servants serving at the regional and General Service levels. The event provides an opportunity for learning, service development, and building connections across the region.

Members were encouraged to register, share flyers with their home groups, and promote attendance. Volunteers were also invited to participate in planning or service opportunities. It was noted that SETA has not hosted SWAARSA in 22 years, making the 2026 assembly a significant event for the area.

2026 SETA Convention Update

Malana Q.

Over the last quarter, the Convention Committee met monthly to prepare for the event, including a final walkthrough on January 11. The convention had received 404 preregistrations (AA, Al-Anon, and Alateen). At the time of the report, the committee's bank account balance was \$16,814.35, with \$1,345.69 in committee reimbursements pending.

On January 21, the Area Committee met to discuss whether the convention should be cancelled due to impending inclement weather. The committee initially proposed shortening the convention to Friday and Saturday rather than cancelling. On January 22, representatives met with the hotel to review the inclement weather clause in the contract. Because the disaster declaration issued by Governor Abbott did not include Jefferson County, the hotel was unable to offer a full reimbursement for cancellation. However, they agreed to provide SETA with a credit for a future event and to waive penalties related to cancelled room reservations and the room block requirement.

After this information was communicated to leadership, the decision was made to cancel the convention. At that point, two speakers had already traveled to Texas. The committee immediately worked to notify all registered attendees, and a cancellation email was sent through SETA Announce. Registrants will have 30 days to request refunds for registration and purchased items such as coffee and the nacho bar. Groups that contributed to hospitality rooms, which had been fully funded, will also have 30 days to request refunds.

Efforts are currently underway to return unused supplies and recover expenses where possible. Flowers, speaker gifts, programs, and printing had already been purchased. Additionally, Golden Croissant in Mid County issued a \$550 store credit, which will be provided to SETA for future use.

The convention had been paid in advance by SETA for \$17,688.20, and the hotel has provided a credit for the same amount for future events. After accounting for outstanding reimbursements of \$1,345.69, the committee has \$15,468.66 available to reimburse members for registration costs through Square or check.

One speaker has requested reimbursement for an airline cancellation fee, and the committee is waiting to determine whether the two speakers who traveled to Texas will also request reimbursement.

The 2027 Convention Chair reported that the committee has secured a venue at South Shore Harbor Resort after determining that hotels on Galveston Island were too costly, with food and beverage minimums between \$35,000-\$45,000 and room rates exceeding \$200 per night.

The South Shore Harbor Resort contract has been signed, and planning is underway. The committee held its first official kickoff meeting earlier this month, and meetings will continue on the second Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM, both in person at the resort and via Google Meet.

Most committee positions have been filled, though a few roles remain open, including Literature, Grapevine, Newcomers, Entertainment, and Multilingual. A full convention budget is still being finalized, and additional planning updates, including registration details and speaker announcements, are expected by the April Assembly.

The chair noted that a strong committee and advisory group is forming, and planning is moving forward with the goal of hosting a successful convention.

Announcements

Reino F. - Alt Chair

Refer to Committee Minutes Announcements

Close Meeting

Responsibility Statement - I am responsible...when anyone, anywhere reaches out for help; I want the hand of A.A. to always be there and for that, I am responsible.

Adjourned @ 12:08 PM

Area Assembly Roll Call			
Position	Name	Committee October 10th	Assembly October 11th
Area Officers			
Delegate	Christina S.	Present	Present
Alternate Delegate	Bella L.	Present	Present
Chairperson	Patricia H.	Present	Present
Alternate Chairperson	Reino F.	Present	Present
Registrar	Elizabeth G.	Present	Present
Alternate Registrar	Edwin C.	Not Present	Not Present
Secretary	Fernando B.	Present	Present
Alternate Secretary			
Treasurer	Aliciea M.	Present	Present
Alternate Treasurer	Brandi W.	Present	Present
Standing Committee Chairpersons			
Archives	Joel G.	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate Archives	Roland R.	Not Present	Not Present
CPC	Don M.	Present	Present
Alternate CPC	Octavia D.	Not Present	Not Present
CFC	Harold B.	Not Present	Present

Alternate CFC	Sarah E.	Not Present	Not Present
Finance	Kevin W.	Present	Present
Alternate Finance	Debi F.	Not Present	Not Present
Grapevine	Terry P.	Present	Present
Alternate Grapevine	Marcus S.	Not Present	Not Present
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.	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate Multi-Lingual			
Newsletter	Allise B.	Not Present	Not Present
Alternate Newsletter	Stephanie D.	Not Present	Not Present
Public Information (PI)	Daryl W.	Not Present	Present
Alternate PI			
SCAP			
Alternate SCAP			
TFC	Tony A.	Not Present	Present
Alternate TFC			
Convention Chairs			
2026 SETA Convention Chair	Malana Q.	Present	Present
2026 SETA Convention Co-Chair	Sommer S.	Not Present	Present
2027 SETA Convention Chair	Keith M.	Not Present	Present
2027 SETA Convention Co-Chair			
Intergroup Liaisons			
Houston Intergroup	Bryon A.	Not Present	Present
Ninth District Intergroup	Darlene S.	Not Present	Not Present
Ninth District Intergroup Alternate			
Oficina Intergrupala Hispana D63, 64	Jose B.	Present	Present
Oficina Intergrupala Hispana Alt D63, 64			
Intergrupo Hispano del SW D62, 65, 66	Martin M.	Not Present	Not Present
Intergrupo Hispano del SW Alt D62, 65, 66	Pedro H.	Not Present	Not Present
DCMs			
District 10 DCM			
District 10 Alt DCM			
District 20 DCM	Linda G.	Present	Present
District 20 Alt DCM	Holly D.	Present	Not Present
District 31 DCM	Jennifer C.	Present	Present
District 31 Alt DCM			

District 32 DCM	Mark E.	Not Present	Not Present
District 32 Alt DCM	Ivy L.	Not Present	Not Present
District 33 DCM	Cody R.	Not Present	Not Present
District 33 Alt DCM	Elijah K.	Not Present	Not Present
District 40 DCM	Mike B.	Present	Present
District 40 Alt DCM	Juan C.	Not Present	Present
District 51 DCM	Kelvin S.	Not Present	Not Present
District 51 Alt DCM	David L.	Not Present	Not Present
District 52 DCM	Donna V.	Present	Present
District 52 Alt DCM	Jim C.	Not Present	Not Present
District 60 DCM	Eric V.	Present	Present
District 60 Alt DCM	Jeff B.	Not Present	Not Present
District 62 DCM			
District 62 Alt DCM			
District 63 DCM	Antonio M.	Not Present	Present
District 63 Alt DCM	Lorenzo G.	Not Present	Not Present
District 64 DCM	Jose M.	Present	Not Present
District 64 Alt DCM	Arturo G.	Not Present	Not Present
District 65 DCM	Misael M.	Not Present	Not Present
District 65 Alt DCM			
District 66 DCM	Ramses G.	Not Present	Not Present
District 66 Alt DCM	Luis D.	Not Present	Not Present
District 70 DCM	Sara B.	Not Present	Not Present
District 70 Alt DCM	Victor T.	Not Present	Not Present
District 81 DCM	Danny G.	Present	Present
District 81 Alt DCM	Andrea W.	Present	Present
District 82 DCM	Jennifer W.	Present	Present
District 82 Alt DCM			
District 90 DCM	David S.	Present	Present
District 90 Alt DCM	Anette C.	Present	Not Present
Other			
Archivist	Julian L.	Not Present	Not Present
Webmaster	Cheryl M.	Present	Present
Alt Webmaster			