SOUTHEAST TEXAS AREA 67
QUARTERLY ASSEMBLY MEETING
SUNDAY OCTOBER 8, 2006

I. Open – Betsy G and Terri V

Betsy opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer. Terri read the preamble to the SETA Policies and Procedures Manual. She noted there were 168 people registered, including voting and nonvoting, which is a great attendance, and she wanted to thank District 33 who did a great job hosting. She asked for a sense of the Assembly about having the Oakwood Room instead of the Ballroom for the permanent meeting room for the Assembly. She will get a quote for both rooms for it to be presented at the next assembly. Betsy recognized Don M, past Delegate from Colorado and a past Director of World Services, Past Regional Trustee and Past Delegate, Beth R (Panel 39), Past Delegates Marvin W (Panel 51), Mike D (Panel 49), Rodney R (Panel 45), Linda O (Panel 41) and Paul M (Panel 53). Jane S (Panel 47) is here in spirit and will be connected by phone during the elections.

II. Roll Call – June C (Please see attached)

III. District Count – Terri V

District	Count	District	Count
10	2	60	4
20	16	63	5
31	15	64	5
32	10	65	1
33	18	66	12
40	9	70	11
51	10	81	16
52	11	82	7
		90	24
		Total	140

IV. Approval of July 2006 Area Assembly Minutes – Emily M

Minutes were approved as written.

V. Treasurer's Report – Barbara C

See Saturday Committee Meeting for Treasurer's Report. Treasurer's Report was approved as amended.

VI. Delegate's Report – Charles P

My term as your Delegate is almost over, but the work of carrying the message to those who still suffer is never over as long as God may need us. Communication is the key to a healthy fellowship and an informed group conscience. That's what we do here and in our DCM/Delegate sharing sessions, and that what my responsibility is as your Delegate -- to help inform Southeast Texas Area DCMs so they better carry the message.

Gus and I have been making visits to your districts and groups giving PowerPoint presentations on the Conference Report and handing out typed up Delegate Reports so you have information to share with your groups and members. We've been seeking the group conscience on how the Districts and Fellowship feel about having a Class B Trustee chairing the General Service Board. We've enjoyed the visits and the fellowship.

For the last two years Gus and I have talked about self support, and the groups have certainly stepped up to the plate. You're asking now for contribution envelopes for General Service Office, and for birthday envelopes. Vince Keith, Treasurer of the General Service Board, made the following statement, "When we embrace the 7th Tradition and decline outside contributions, we take on the personal responsibility to pay our bills from group and member contributions." This is a responsibility every member of Alcoholics Anonymous shares. Shared responsibility works only when every member shares. It's a spiritual act of gratitude.

There's still lots to be done, and the new people here are stepping up to do the work. As my work as your Panel 55 Delegate comes to a close, I'm reminded of Bill's writings in the 12x12 on page 124 which says, "True ambition is not what we thought it was. True ambition is the deep desire to live usefully and walk humbly under the grace of God." This is how I try to live and serve. This experience of a lifetime has been overwhelming as I realize how much trust, love and support each of you have shown to me. Thank you for allowing me to serve the Fellowship that saved my life and allowed me to develop a relationship with God.

VII. Alternate Delegate's Report – Gus H

It's been an honor to serve as your Alternate Delegate of Panel 55, Area 67 the last two years, along with Charles. I now think we need to add a couple of things to the job description. #1 would be that the Alternate Delegate needs to be prepared to chauffeur the Delegate where ever he needs to go, and #2 the Alternate needs to be a pack mule for all the Delegate's supplies. On the road trips, we had the meetings before the meeting and the meetings after the meeting. So many times I'd find I was all wound up about something I just didn't have any business worrying about.

Thank you, Area 67 for this opportunity. Any way I can be of service to you and your districts, please don't hesitate to contact me.

VIII. 2007 SETA Convention – Bonita W, Chair

The 45th SETA Convention will be held at Moody Gardens in Galveston on January 12-14, 2007. The theme of the convention will be ". . . the steps we took." from Alcoholics Anonymous page 59. Room rates will be $105 + tax. We have one hospitality room still available so if your district is planning on hosting a hospitality room please contact me at SETA2007@hoston.rr.com as these rooms must be approved by the Chair.

Once again we are accepting pre-registrations and want to thank all those who have already taken the time to register. We are again asking that everyone announce the convention at their home groups and stress the importance of pre-registrations. Our convention will be listed in the Grapevine in one of the upcoming issues. We need the help of everyone attending Area Assembly to pass the word at meetings about the importance of pre-registering! To date we have 110 pre-registered. Our current room count is one hundred one! Remember to reserve a room as soon as possible. The last time the convention was held at Moody Gardens they ran out of rooms.

The Committee will be kicking it into high gear in these final months before the convention, and we are still working on tweaking the program to allow plenty of time for meals and fellowship between activities. We would like to invite the Standing Committees to be present with their respective displays. Please contact this Committee if you plan on having a display and we will make sure there is a table for your display!

Thank you for this opportunity to be of service.

IX. 2008 SETA Convention – Tim C

We've just begun working on locating a facility. It's my understanding a new convention center will be available in College Station by September of next year, so we're working to get a facility nailed down. Please contact me if you'd like to be a part of this convention. There's plenty of work to do.

X. Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Procedures – Patrick C

An Area Action passed in January to separate the convention funds from the SETA budget and Betsy would appoint an ad hoc committee to revise the wording in the Policy and Procedures Manual. That was what this committee was formed to do – to change the wording in the Policies and Procedures Manual to back up this position. The Committee brought a recommendation to the Assembly in July and received feedback for other changes to that recommendation. The final recommendation for changes to the Policies and Procedures Manual is ready for a vote and comes out of the Committee as a motion and a second. The motion passed.

XI. Ad Hoc Committee on Funding the Gratitude Dinner – Paul M

The Ad Hoc Committee members really did a lot of work, and we needed someone on Archives to go back to the beginning of the Gratitude Dinner so we could see how it began and how it's been funded through the years. Along with the recommendations, we had some additional considerations the new Chair may want to have a committee look into. The recommendation we were charged with is, "The Annual Gratitude Dinner to be funded by voluntary contributions of AA members in Area 67. Contributions can be made throughout the year and by passing the basket at the event." The motion passed.

XII. Ad Hoc Committee on Pie Chart in SETA Minutes – Barbara C

The Ad Hoc Committee was formed to research and make a recommendation on the following motion: In the interest of keeping with our stated Area conscience of wanting to do away with the printing of pie charts with respect to recommended group contributions, the motion was made to remove the pie charts from the 7th Tradition information page which is printed on the last page of the SETA quarterly minutes. Also, to change the sentence in the second paragraph to, "Please support each of these group services with contributions from your group treasury after all group expenses have been met, in accordance with your informed group conscience." And finally, to strike the last sentence in the second paragraph which reads, "Groups in this area generally follow the plan shown in the pie chart to the right."

After research of the General Service Conference's history of Advisory Actions concerning pie charts, the discussion points were: the charts in the General Service Conference pamphlet are general guidelines directed to all AA areas; SETA is able to do what the General Service Conference cannot, which is to be knowledgeable about the activities and costs of the service entities in this area; SETA has a responsibility to its groups to provide guidance based on its knowledge of the Area.

The Committee recommendations are:

1) The SETA pie charts should remain in place as they are.
2) In the second paragraph, after the first sentence, add two new sentences, the first one explaining the purpose of the chart, and strike the last sentence. The paragraph would then read: "Please support each of these group services with contributions from your group treasury after all group expenses have been met. As a guide to deciding how to distribute group funds, SETA, with its knowledge of the local activities and costs of these services, suggests the percentages in the chart to the right. All group contributions should be made in accordance with your informed group conscience.

The motion was made by ZBM and seconded by Randee B to table the recommendations and have a workshop in April. The motion passed.

XIII. Ad Hoc Committee on Prudent Reserve for State Convention – Betsy G

Betsy appointed Beth R as Chairperson for that committee. Beth will work with Betsy and the next SETA Chair to form an Ad Hoc Committee and Beth will report back in January.

XIV. Ad Hoc Committee on January Area Committee Meeting – Betsy G

The Ad Hoc Committee on whether SETA needs to have an Area Committee meeting on Saturday morning at the SETA Convention in January. Betsy appointed Charles P. as Chairperson of this committee and he will work with the next SETA Chairperson to form a committee and will have a report in January.

XV. Roll Call for Voting – June C

Ninety-eight (98) voting members were present. Sixty-six (66) = 2/3 majority.

XVI. Elections

The following list gives the position title and the person elected for the next two years top fill that position:

Southwest Regional Trustee	Rodney R
Delegate	Gus H
Alternate Delegate	Betsy G
Area Chairperson	Bonita W
Alternate Area Chairperson	Tandy B
Secretary	Deborah D
Alternate Secretary	Tom K
Treasurer	Don B
Alternate Secretary	Katie G
Registrar	Bill B
Alternate Registrar	John O
Literature	Randee B
CFC	Bob B
CPC	Gary S
Finance	Barbara C
Grapevine	Open
Multi-Lingual	Everardo P
Newsletter	June C
Public Information	Patrick C
SCAP	Beth L
Treatment Facilities	Marcia P
Webmaster	Marshall W
Brazos Intergroup	Teresa O
Houston Intergroup	Terri V
District 90 Intergroup	Gerald T
Spanish Office Intergroup	Open
Hispanic Intergroup	Anghelov M
2009 SETA Convention Chair	Debra R

XVII. New Business – Betsy G

Barbara C requested funds previously for a mail out to about 600 groups, about half received thank-you letters for their contributions. The other half had not sent contributions in the last two years. Five groups that hadn't responded in two years sent a contribution. She still has funds left over for another mail out and made a request to send out another letter. Carol E made a motion that the Treasurer be allowed to do another mail out that doesn't require additional funds. David H seconded the motion. The motion passed.

XVIII. Announcements – Terri V

- The Committees eligible for the April 2007 hotel suites are CPC, Finance, and PI.
- There is no host district for April 2007. If your district would like to host that weekend, please get with Tandy.
- The 45st Annual SETA Convention will be held January 12-14, 2007 at Moody Gardens in Galveston.

XIX. Close – Terri V

We closed in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily M
SETA Secretary

Area Actions

- **The motion passed to make the recommended revisions of the wording in the Policies and Procedures Manual on changes to the Guidelines for the Convention funds.**
- **The motion passed to fund the annual Gratitude Dinner by voluntary contributions of AA members in Area 67. Contributions can be made throughout the year and by passing the basket at the event.**
- **The motion passed to permit the Treasurer to send another mail out to the groups.**