

Area Committee meeting 4/13/2008:

The Chair provided the information below, in writing, to inform the Area Committee of the purpose, background, scope and members of the currently active "Ad Hoc Committee to Update the Area Handbook" and the newly formed "Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate the Assembly Structure."

Ad Hoc Committee to Update the Area Handbook

Purpose: Area Handbook has not been updated since original approval (2003)

Background: A number of Area Advisory Actions (motions) have passed which directly affect the responsibilities of the Area Trusted Servants. In addition, actual duties performed by Area Trusted Servants may vary slightly from the descriptions outlined in the current Area Handbook

Scope: The ad hoc committee should collect the aggregate changes and incorporate into a revised Area Handbook.

- Review actions taken at Area Assemblies
- Review actual position requirements and current duties with present and past Trusted Servants with experience in the position
- Provide a list of changes needed to reflect the current duties
- Investigate additional requirements and duties and provide recommendations

Members: Jana A. (NETA Alt Chair) - Chair, Pat C. (Delegate Panel 35, Area 65), Naomi Z. (Delegate Panel 55, Area 65), PJ H-R (NETA Treasurer)

Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate the Assembly Structure

Purpose: Explore means of making Assemblies more attractive and thereby increasing attendance of Area 65 GSR's.

Background: Motion presented (and later withdrawn) to change Assemblies from week-end (1½ to 2 days) to just a one day event. The presenter felt like this would help increase attendance. There have been many comments, both pro and con regarding this issue. It has been determined that it would be in the best interest of the Area Committee and the entire North East Texas Area for an ad hoc committee to look at a variety of ideas and provide recommendations to the Area Committee for the purpose of making an informed decision.

Scope: It is suggested that the ad hoc committee consider, but not be limited to, the following:

- Changing the length of the Assembly
- Changing the number of Assemblies
- Changing the dates (time of year) of the Assemblies
- Changing the nature/scope/format of the Assemblies
- Changing the location of the Assemblies

In each of the above:

- o Investigate whether attendance might increase or decrease
- o What would be the positives/negatives of the change

Members: Bill N. (NETA Delegate) - Chair, Bill M. (DCM Dist. 55), Mike W. (NETA A-V Chair), Joe C. (NETA CPC Chair), Richard R. (NETA Alt. Sec)