



NORTHEAST TEXAS AREA - NETA 65 NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter Note: To save space we have removed gratitude statements from individual articles in the Newsletter. Each of the Newsletter contributors expressed their gratitude for the opportunities during Panel 65 to be of service to A.A. and to the Area.

Tom M., Delegate, Panel 65 Area 65

It is my pleasure and privilege to serve as Northeast Texas Area 65's Delegate for the next two years, just as it was to serve as Area 65's Chairman for the last two years. It is an honor to have the opportunity to be of service to the nearly 500 Alcoholics Anonymous groups in our area, which extends from Abilene to Texarkana, and from the Red River to Waco.

The delegate's primary responsibility centers around the General Service Conference (often referred to as "the Conference"), which is the annual business meeting/group conscience meeting for groups in North America, to be held this year in New York City from April 19-25, 2015. However, attending and participating in the Conference itself is only part of the delegate's job.

Although Conference members are charged with considering what is best for Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, rather than representing A.A. members from a particular location, it is important that delegates understand the collective conscience of the groups in their respective areas. In this area, during the spring assembly, we conduct mock committee meetings that are set up to closely resemble the committees that each Conference member serves on and that review the same agenda items to be considered at Conference. We do this so your delegate can get a thorough understanding on where the groups stand on the agenda items before attending the Conference.

Reporting back to the area's groups with the results of the Conference after it is over is just as important as getting the groups' input before it begins. Here in Area 65, we do this via the delegate's report at the summer

assembly, and the delegate also gives reports at the invitation of districts across the area.

Our spring assembly will be held at the Tanglewood Resort and Conference Center in Pottsboro, on March 28-29, 2015. This is where we will hold the mock committee meetings I described above, so I hope to see many of you there. This is the way your group's voice is heard, as A.A. conducts its affairs.

Finally, I cannot stress enough that the essence of my job as your delegate is to be of service to the members of the A.A. groups in our area. I work for you, and I'm grateful to do it. Please feel free to call on me if I can be of service to your group, your district, etc. My email address is delegate65@neta65.org, and my 972.922.1014. phone number is

In love & service,

Tom M.

Keith D., Alternate Delegate, Panel 65 Area 65

• **National AA Technology Workshop** - October 2-4, 2015 (Proposed Dates) - St. Louis, MO
<http://www.naatw.org>

• **Southwest Regional Forum 2015** (Eastern Missouri Area 38) - October 9-11, 2015 - Sheraton Westport Chalet 191 Westport Plaza, St. Louis, MO 63146 314-878-1500 <http://sheratonwestport.com> \$119. / night (code Southwest Regional Forum))

• **SWRAASA 2016** (Area 4 Arkansas) - October 21-23, 2016 - Embassy Suites Hotel Rogers, AR
altdelegate@arkansasaa.org

Tina P., Area Chair Panel 65 Area 65

I am most grateful and excited to be serving as your Area Chair. Per our NETA 65 Trusted Servant Handbook, found on our website neta65.org, some of the chair's responsibilities are as follows: chair/facilitate and keep the area assemblies and committee meetings running smoothly, get the Area Committee's approval for the times and dates of committee meetings, the agendas and programs for the assemblies, making sure that all groups are notified, attend District meetings when possible, attend certain regional functions, help service committees as needed, appoint ad hoc committees to address specific issues as needed, and to keep the delegate informed as possible about what is going on in the area as well as keeping committee member informed about world services. I will do my best to serve you in this capacity, and in any other way that I can be helpful.

I want to thank those groups and members that helped in hosting our three GSR/DCM orientations in January. We were at the Downtown Suburban Group in Tyler Jan 11, at the Eastland Group on Jan 18, followed by the Language of the Heart Group in Colleyville on Jan 25. We had some AWESOME sharing by presenters Jimmy D., Joe H., Bill N., Lore L., Phil E., and my alternate, Olga R. We'll be having another round of orientations next January, but if there is anyone that could not make the most recent ones, get in contact with me at 214-566-7561 or tinapta1@yahoo.com, and I can see that you get the orientation material we had available. See you at the Spring Assembly!

Olga R., Alt. Chair Panel 65 Area 65

A workshop was presented for the Olde Towne Group in Burleson on January 17, 2015. The topic was "How to Chair a Meeting". There have been no other workshop presentations to date.

If your Group or District wants to request a Workshop presentation, the following items are suggested:

- Get 2 dates that are approved by Group Conscience so we can select one of those for the workshop.
- Saturday or Sunday early afternoon start times work best
- Have food

- Pick a topic (we will provide a list of suggestions if requested but the group or district will usually have topics they would like to discuss.
- Email request to altchair65@neta65.org

In Love & Service,

Olga R. Alternate Chair

Greg F., Convention Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

Kat C., Secretary, Panel 65 Area 65

Greetings Panel 65, I am privileged to serve as your Area Secretary this Panel. I have enjoyed meeting a lot of you at the Area Orientations and look forward to meeting many more at future Assemblies. If you registered at any of the Orientations, your information has been entered in the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) database. FNV serves as our link to the General Service Office (GSO) and hopefully you will be receiving your GSR and DCM kits soon. You should all be receiving email communications from me on a regular basis as part of the Secretary position is to send out emails on behalf of the Area Committee. If you were unable to attend the orientation and would like to get registered with GSO and the NETA prior to the Spring Assembly, please send the following information to netasecretary65@gmail.com or secretary65@neta65.org.

First and Last Name

Mailing Address

Phone Number

Email

Service Position

District

Home Group

Method to receive newsletter - Email; Postal Mail; Both

Email and Postal Mail; download from Internet

See you soon!

Lore Devra L., Treasurer, Panel 65 Area 65

Thank you for this opportunity to serve. Group contributions are typically slow at the beginning of the year. This is due to the holidays and a variety of inbound new group and area treasurers. Checks are being handed out to NETA 65 trusted servants today for both the first and second quarter expenses. These checks are based on the budget that was approved at the Winter Assembly in Dallas in September 2014. As soon as

additional checks are written today, the numbers that I am supplying will change. If you have any Orientation Expenses, please make sure that you get them to Wayne Hall, Alt. Treasurer. Moving forward in this panel, it is important that you get your expense reports to Wayne. He will address this matter further in his report. The final 2014 Treasurer's Report will be presented by Past Treasurer Tina Palmer.

Prudent Reserve Bank Balance 12/31/2014 \$11,900.60

Operating Bank Balance 2/7/2015 \$11,903.64

Operating balance on final report 2/31/2014 \$29,006.49

Account: balance at bank 12/31/2014 \$26,639.05

Deposits 1/1/15 ~ 2/7/15 \$5,884.61

Debits (checks & fees) 1/1/15 ~ 1/31/15 \$(405.00)

Debits (checks & fees) 2/1/15 ~ 2/7/15 \$(1,251.34)

Balance at bank 2/7/2015 \$30,867.32

Checks for 1Q15 expenses 2/7/2015 \$(6,422.50)

Checks for 2Q15 expenses 2/7/2015 \$(8,457.50)

New balance 2/7/2015 \$15,987.32

(Once the outstanding checks are cashed)

Mail Contributions to:
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Notes: * Difference based on cleared checks and fees available for the report.

** Need to access bank account to verify, will have true numbers for Spring Assembly.

Wayne H., Alt Treasurer, Panel 65 Area 65

* Please submit Orientation Expenses on a separate expense report. These expenses come from Alt Treasurer Budget and not from your position budget. I will cut you a check for those expenses from me (The Alt Treasurer).

* An electronic copy of the NETA 65 expense report can be downloaded from the NETA 65 website.

* Panel 63 expenses need to be reconciled. If you owe NETA 65 money please forward payment to the NETA 65 Treasurer or provide me with receipts for those monies... (Receipts to me ---Money to Lore) If you believe the most recent report is in error, please consult with me.

* I prefer for you to submit expense reports and receipts to me electronically (Scan & Email). I will accept paper expense reports and even help you fill them out if you are having problems. Please do not give me anything you do not keep a copy of. I have made, do make, and will make mistakes. You need to keep a copy of everything for your own records.

* If you turn in expense reports to me on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday at an Assembly or at an Area Committee Meeting, I will not record said transactions until I return home from that meeting. Do not expect a check on the day or weekend you turn in receipts.

* Receipts from Area Assemblies should be turned in by the next area Committee meeting and expenses from Area Committee meetings should be turned in by the next Area Assembly.

* Receipts for 75% or more of funds advanced to you are required before receiving subsequent advances.

* Expense receipts are accepted for Assembly and Area Committee events, Workshops, Presentations, and other service performed on behalf of NETA 65. Expenses include, but are not limited to, hotels, meals, mileage, printing, postage, and other expenses directly related to NETA 65 Service. Expenses are not accepted for any sort of AA speaker, Step or Tradition meetings. NETA 65 does not perform AA meetings. Expenses for Forums, SWRAASAs, SWRDs, or Conventions are not accepted unless specified in the P&Ps (Delegate / Alt Delegate) or otherwise specifically approved by NETA 65.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne Hall

NETA 65 Panel 65 Alternate Treasurer

Chuck B., Archives, Panel 65 Area 65

Keith C., Archivist/Historian, Panel 65 Area 65

Jose G., CPC Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

Alternate CPC Chair supported a CPC and PI workshop in November 2014 at the Freedom Group located at 2232 N Town East Blvd in Mesquite.

CPC Chair and Alternate CPC Chair supported a CPC and PI workshop on December 6, 2014 at the Language of the Heart Group in Colleyville. If there is any way I can be of service to your group or district please feel free to contact me at 817-371-8921 or Joseg47@att.net

Corrections Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

Grapevine Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

James J., Central Office/Intergroup Liaison, Panel 65 Area 65.

Carmen A., Literature/Audio-Visual Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

Hello Everyone

I will ask Kat to provide me with the list of all the DCMs for the Area so that I may contact them to see if I can get some members from their Districts to help to cover this large area. I am looking to try to set up conference calls so that it will be easier to speak to everyone and listen to any ideas they may have as to how to make literature become more useful for our AA members.

I am looking for someone who speaks Spanish so that I may also reach our Latino members because I believe language should not be a barrier to this wonderful program.

I am looking forward to meeting all who attend our first Assembly in Pottsboro, and if you wish to lend a hand or know of someone who would be interested in spreading the message with literature please have them contact me. Thank you,

Carmen A.

Newsletter Editor, Panel 65 Area 65

Joe H., Public Information Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

I am working to get a listing of PI Speaking engagements for Victim Impact Panels and Repeat Offender Programs and will be posting those opportunities to the NETA65.org website as soon as available. If you have interest in serving on the Area 65

PI Committee or know of PI service opportunities that you would like communicated to the Area, please contact me at Joe.Householder@yahoo.com. or by phone at 719-491-0898.

Thanks and happy trails
Joe H.

Jamie C., Special Needs Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

Hello, my name is Jamie C and I am looking forward to serving NETA65 as the Chairperson for Special Needs & Accessibility Committee during panel 65. Edith C. has agreed to serve NETA65 as the Alternate Chairperson. However, she is in California and will not be present at the Committee Meeting in February.

We had our first Committee Meeting on January 17, 2015, in Terrell, Texas. If you have an interest in Special Needs and would like to be an active member of the committee please contact me.

Please contact me, if your District or Group would like for our Special Needs Committee to present a Display or Presentation or Workshop. My contact information is as follows: SPN65@NETA65.org 817-880-9292

Sincerely, Jamie C.

Tomas G., Translations Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

Thank you for have given me the opportunity to serve in this committee.

I began with the help of JOE P. visiting Hispanic Districts asking for help and support. The outcome was a good one. We found an alternative for the Coordinator, whose name is JOSE S.

Group "Sendero de Vida" District 89 also joined with some volunteers to help and support.

Tina, our coordinator, brought in a translation equipment.

We've had orientation for our new members, on January 11th in Tyler, on January 18th in Eastland, and on January 25th in Colleyville.

We also recently attended the Area Committee Meeting in Tyler on February 8, 2015.

Our next upcoming meeting will be at the Assembly on March 28-29, 2015.

Sincerely,
Tomas Guerrero
tgmoncivais@yahoo.com
(972) 979-7327
God Bless

JoAnne H., Treatment Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

Hey Folks, I have started rolling into my new position as Area Treatment Chair. I am new to NETA, having sobered up 24 years ago in South Texas and having been in my home state of Iowa as well and I feel truly honored to be given an opportunity to be of service here. By the time you read this, I will have presented my Alt Chair for disapproval to the Area Committee. I have begun to attend District meetings and went to two Orientations (Eastland and Language of the Heart.) What an awesome way to get to know people from all over, many of whom are ready to launch into their new positions as well. Also, I got an opportunity to talk with past Trusted Servants who have so much great information to help me do my best in supporting each District with their service in the trenches to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Being a 'two-hatter' and working in Treatment for 23 years as a Licensed Counselor, I really understand that alcoholic patients in Treatment fail when they don't get into Alcoholics Anonymous from the start of their recovery. The members who tirelessly take meetings into the facilities are a Godsend. If you are in need of any help in your District with facilitating getting into a treatment facility, doing a workshop, or questions about how to handle the Treatment workers, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks again for the opportunity to be of service!

JoAnne Neal – Panel 65 NETA Treatment Chair

Joannen90@yahoo.com

Webmaster, Panel 65 Area 65

Desiree F, District 21, Panel 65 Area 65

District 1 is keeping sobriety happy, joyous and free with the events that have recently taken place and upcoming ones! Our Christmas Party, hosted by the Fourth Dimension Group of Mt. Pleasant was a fun, festive night of food and fellowship. Gary K did an outstanding job sharing his experience strength and hope as well as some of the history of AA. Thanks to all who helped with the food, decorations, clean-up and just showed up to show their support.

The year 2015 has brought changes for District 1's meeting schedule. We now hold our meetings on the 4th Sunday, every other month at 2:00. The New Boston Group will host the meetings since it is in a centralized location and makes for easier attendance. The District Round Robin Meeting schedule has also changed. We will now be hosting quarterly Round Robin Meetings instead of monthly. This will make it easier for all groups, regardless of size, to participate and help support their district. Our next District 1 Round Robin will be Saturday, February 21 at Serenity in Texarkana. It looks to have a great format including a three-panel speaker discussion starting at 2:30. Pork tenderloin dinner will follow at 5:45 and the main speaker at 8:00 will be Joe P. from New Boston. It's going to be a night of AA fellowship you don't want to miss ending with a 50/50 Raffle and Dance! So come and be a part of.

Finally, we have exciting news about our Anniversary Convention that will take place from Nov. 6-8. The Convention Committee has already held its first meeting of 2015 and there are some amazing speakers already lined up. Mark your calendar now so you can be a part of one of the best times you'll have in sobriety!! Remember we are NOT a glum lot and insist on having fun!

Northeast Texas Area 65

**Area Committee Meeting
October 19, 2014
1:30 to 4:30 p.m.
ODAAT Group, Plano, Texas
MINUTES**

The meeting was opened by **Tom M.** at 1:35 p.m. with the reading of AA's Legacy of Service.

Alternate Secretary, Jan L., read the minutes from the last committee meeting. They were approved as read.

Treasurer Report: Tina P., treasurer, stated that she is waiting on the final accounting to give her final report.

Alternate Treasurer: Bill H. asked for final expenses to be turned in as soon as possible so that refund checks can be dispersed by the end of the Panel 63.

Third legacy standing committee chair elections were held. The results were as follows:

Archives – Chuck B.	Literature/AV – Carmen A.
Archivist/Historian – Keith C.	Newsletter – Lajeane B.
CPC – Jose G.	PI – Joe H.
Conventions – Greg F.	Special Needs – Jamie C.
Corrections – Tom K.	Translation Services – Vacant
Great Vine/La Viña – Janice S.	Treatment – Joanne H.
Intergroup – James (JJ) J.	

Old (Unfinished) Business

Orientation schedules for upcoming orientations are as follows:

January 11, 2015 – Tyler Suburban Group at 12:00. January 18, 2015 – Eastland, Texas at the Eastland Group at 2:30 p.m. January 25, 2015, in Colleyville, Texas at The Language of the Heart Group at 1:30.

Winter Area Committee meeting for panel 65 will be February 8, 2015 at the Suburban Group in Tyler, Texas. Time 1:30 to 4:30.

New Business

There was discussion regarding a process for filling vacant Sanding Committee Chair Positions. It was the consensus of the body that the outgoing and incoming Chairs make an appointment for the interim to be approved by the voting body at the following Area Committee Meeting. There was no disapproval to this process.

Motion Presented By Aaron N, DCM District 92:

It is recommended that the 65th annual general service conference consider the development of an Armed Services Conference Committee (with the establishment of corresponding Armed Services General Service Board Committee and General Service Office Armed Services staff position) to develop strategies and services to assist active duty and veteran alcoholic members of the Armed Services, US and Canada, with gaining more efficient and expedient access to the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, both during their active duty services and post discharge.

Outcome:

The committee did not endorse the motion to be sent to GSO. It was suggested that the motion be presented to the Area Assembly for endorsement to be sent to GSO.

Terry C, Archives Chairperson , asked the Area Committee “What to do with duplicate and/or excess materials in our achieves?”

Outcome:

It was a consensus of the body to give the “Right of Decision” to the Archives Committee Chair as to what to do with the duplicates and/or excess materials.

The next area committee meeting will be held March 27, 2015 through March 29, 2015 at Tanglewood Resort and Conference Center 290 Tanglewood Boulevard, Pottsboro, Texas 75076. Reservations: (855) 389-5944. The meeting was adjourned.

CPC Report by Ed C.

We will set up the CPC table at the Texarkana 69th Anniversary on November 7, 2014 through November 9, 2014. We will set up the PCP table at the District 56 PCP-PI upcoming meeting. Lajeane has flyers.

We have a CPC workshop at Language of The Heart Group on December 6, 2014, at 9:30.

CPC committee is trying to set up a workshop in Waco.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your CPC chairperson.

Public information report by Maria R. chairperson.

1. PI will do a workshop at the Freedom Group on November 30, 2014
2. PI will do a workshop at Texarkana area on November 7, 8, and 9, 2014.
3. PI is sending info to GSO for a PSA in the Commerce, Texas area.
4. PI committee is talking to Dallas Public Library about donating 29 AA Big Books to the library.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

Maria R.

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