



NORTHEAST TEXAS AREA - NETA 65 NEWSLETTER

*News from "an important middle position in the Conference
Structure"**

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A Declaration of Unity

This we owe to AA's future; to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.*

I Am Responsible...

When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.*

Upcoming Service Related Events

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- ✓ **Summer NETA Assembly** - June 19-21, 2015 - Maude Cobb Convention Center- Longview, TX
- ✓ **Summer NETA Committee Meeting**- July 12th 1:30-4:30 p.m. 5740 Bagby St. Waco, TX 76119 (Central United Methodist Church)
- ✓ **National AA Technology Workshop** Oct 2-4, 2015 - (Proposed Date) St. Louis, MO <http://www.naatw.org>
- ✓ **Southwest Regional Forum** - 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** - October 21-23, 2016 Embassy Suites Hotel- Rogers, AR altdelegate@arkansasaa.org
- ✓ **International Convention** - July 2-5, 2015 Atlanta, Georgia <http://aa.org>
- ✓ **Texas State Convention** - August 14-16, 2015 - The Midland Center - 105 N. Main St., Midland, TX 79701 - Double Tree – (800) 722-6131 <http://txaaconvention.org>

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Intergroup Info

- **Dallas Intergroup**- monthly meetings the second Thursday at 8pm at First United Lutheran Church, 6202 E. Mockingbird Lane, Dallas TX.
- **Tyler Central Office**- 401 East Front Street, Tyler TX 75702 9:00 am -4:30 pm Monday-Friday. www.tyler-aa.org
- **Fort Worth Central Office**- 1501 Hemphill Street, Ft Worth, TX 76104: 817-922-9859. The FWCO Steering Committee meets the second Tuesday of even numbered months at 6pm, and the Central Office Representatives meet at 7:00 pm. Meetings are at the Harbor Group, 3000 West 5th Street, Ft Worth, TX 76107.
- **Central Texas Intergroup** - Waco, TX

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Committee Meeting - February 8th, 2015
 Hosted by the Downtown Suburban Group
 1034 E. Lake St - Tyler, TX

Area Financials and Committee Business - Brief Summary

Treasurer's Financial Report:

Prudent Reserve Bank Balance 12/31/2014 \$11,900.60
Operating Bank Balance 2/7/2015 \$11,903.64
Operating balance on final report 12/31/2014 \$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)

Unfinished Business:

- Spring Assembly Agenda- Accepted as presented by Area Chair with the addition of Delegate Send-Off in What's on Your Mind? and change of dates in header section

New Business:

- Secretary requested approval by Area to look into using mass email software to help facilitate communication by email - No disapproval
- Presentation of Alternate for Treatment Committee- Kenneth S. from Burleson Group approved unanimously

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer at 4:07 PM

Topic Submissions:
"How has service in NETA
positively affected your
sobriety?"

JoAnne H., Treatment Chair
Joannen90@yahoo.com

I have been truly blessed with service at NETA. I have been to an Assembly for the first time in Northeast Texas, as an elected servant and had the good fortune to have a great turnout for the first Treatment Committee Meeting. My first Mock Committee, serving as a co-chair was wonderful with great participants and Trusted Servants available to make it a fantastic learning experience. I'm looking forward to the next events, Heart of Texas and a Texarkana Conference, and hopefully even more events as the year rolls out. The gift of carrying the message is one of the greatest opportunities we can have as recovered alcoholics. Looking forward to more learning and giving this year!

Yours in Service,
JoAnne N.

Keith D., Alternate Delegate
214-906-5183 / me@laurinkeithdavis.com

Greetings to the NETA,

We have a busy year coming up, with our Assemblies, the International Convention, the National AA Technology Workshop and with the Southwest Regional Forum. I plan at being at all of these events and look forward to seeing many of you there.

I was asked to give a talk at a newcomer's meeting once about the General Service Structure....in general (pun intended). My first thought was, if I was a newcomer, "Why do I care if there is a service structure? What does that have to do with me?" So that is what I gave my talk on - the fact that when I was a newcomer, I had that thought and I know most of us probably did (if we even knew the service structure existed).

The book says that selfishness, self-centeredness, that we think is the root of our troubles, that we had to be rid of that selfishness, and furthermore, that we could not be rid of that selfishness without God's help.

What does it have to do with me? Nothing.

That's the point - God makes that possible, but he doesn't just rip that selfishness out of me, like a lobotomy. Instead, he places opportunities for service in my path and gives me a sponsor, the Steps and all of you as examples (good and bad) which give me enough humility to recognize my need for service.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Keith D., Alternate Delegate, Panel 65

Topic Submissions:

"How has service in NETA positively affected your sobriety?"

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your NETA 65 Area Treasurer in Panel 65. This has been something that I wanted to do since the middle of the last panel. I had been DCM for District 65 and Secretary and Treasurer for my District before that. I have also held many positions at my home group and served as a volunteer for CPC/PI.

What an honor to be voted into a NETA trusted servant position. In speaking with my sponsor before standing for the position last September, we discussed the politics and people side of the equation. While I am good with numbers, I wanted to make sure that I was up to the challenge of working with people. It was important for me, and everyone around me, for me to be able to treat everyone with dignity. I have to practice humility on a daily basis.

Numbers are easy for me; and I enjoy them. I was only concerned with making sure that I could live up to the simple process of reporting the financial documentation the way AAs in our area are used to seeing things. But the accounting system at NETA, while not complicated, is not what I am used to. So I have been getting used to conforming to what is normal for other people. Again, I have to practice more humility.

I love AA and NETA. I am growing on a daily basis. I love that our program of recovery impacts all corners of our lives. For me, I am still a work in progress, but I enjoy the learning process. I am working for the AAs in NETA and I am here to serve.

In love and service.

Lore L.

“Our Common Welfare”

As a past Delegate, I began to be aware of a disturbing trend that I noticed over a decade ago in our Fellowship as a whole. I realize that it has been going on long before I really saw it firsthand. The trend is one of creating “Special” members in our Fellowship which I see more and more as each Panel passes by.

Tradition One clearly states that we have a “Common Welfare” and that our recovery depends upon AA UNITY. Even more so, we get Tradition 3 where it reminds us that “Any two or three alcoholics gathered together for sobriety may call themselves an AA Group, PROVIDED THAT, as a group, they have NO OTHER AFFILIATION.”

What I continue to see in AA is literature and members’ actions designed to separate us into special classes of Alcoholics based on age, sex, sexual orientation, race and so on. Even more disturbing is our NY entities promoting such efforts in our Boards, Trustee Committees and the Conference itself. Truth is that if we continue to focus on the things that separate us, we will eventually lose sight of one the thing that binds us all....RECOVERY FROM ALCOHOLISM. And AA offers a “one size fits all” solution for everyone. Thank God!

Bill Neal – Past Delegate, Panel 57

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Spring Assembly
Tanglewood Resort- 290 Tanglewood Blvd. Pottsboro, TX 75076

Saturday March 28th, 2015

Area Chair Tina P chair65@neta65.org (214)566-7561 called the assembly to order at 8:00AM. The proceedings opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading of “Why Do We Need a Conference?” by Carmen. Area Chair reviewed the Assembly agenda.

Delegate Tom M delegate65@neta65.org (972)922-1014 explained the committee process at the General Service Conference and provided copies of the 2015 GSC agenda items for review. After explaining the organization and break-out room locations, the assembly broke into mock Conference committees to review their respective agenda items. After the lunch break, the Delegate moderated the mock committee reports and recommendations, as well as Q&A.

GSR & DCM Sharing Sessions: Assembly broke into respective groups and discussed concerns and issues relating to their positions. The GSR and DCM report backs were given after the dinner break.

Sunday March 29th, 2015

Area Chair Tina P called the assembly to order at 8:38AM. The proceedings opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading of “Why Do We Need a Conference?” by Louisa.

Officer and Service Committee Reports not shown in the main body of these minutes are included in an addendum to the minutes as combined Assembly and Area Committee reports.

Secretary’s Report – Kat C secretary65@neta65.org 817-875-6284: The minutes of the Fall 2015 Assembly were read and accepted with amendments.

Alternate Secretary Report – Ed C altsecretary65@neta65.org 682-438-2807: We had our last mail-out at the How it Works group last month. I was glad to see so many folks show up and chip in. There were a lot of folks who got to

experience service work outside of the home group for their first time and they had a blast. I am looking for groups or districts to host future mail-outs. They need to be held 5-6 weeks prior to the Assembly. If your English speaking group received a Spanish newsletter, I am sorry. We have extra English newsletters in the back.

Treasurer's Finance Report – Lore L treasurer65@neta65.org 817-517-3850: Thank you for this opportunity to serve. The first and second quarter advances were handed out to trusted servants at the Area Committee Meeting in Tyler, TX on 2/8/2015. Expense reports will need to be sent to Alt. Treasurer Wayne H. Trusted servants who are current on their expense reports will be given their third quarter advance at the Summer Assembly in June in Longview, TX. It is recommended to send in expense reports to Wayne on a monthly basis.

Prudent Reserve:	Balance at bank	12/31/2014	\$ 11,900.60
	Earned interest		\$ 4.41
	Balance at bank	3/36/2015	\$ 11,905.01
Operating	Balance in Accounting	1/2/2015	\$ 28,937.02
Account:	Deposits YTD	3/26/2015	\$ 16,207.70 *
	Expenses YTD	3/26/2015	\$ 15,659.32
	Other expenses & fees	3/26/2015	\$ 1,486.20 **
	Balance in Accounting	3/26/2015	\$ 27,999.20
Actual bank balance	12/31/2014	\$ 26,639.05 ***	
Actual bank balance	3/26/2015	\$ 31,524.72 ***	

Note: * Contributions shown in Itemized Categories report as \$14,710.50

** Other expenses, charge-backs, and bank fees that do not show in the Expense Categories

*** Actual amounts differ as bank does not consider written and un-cashed checks

Send Group Contributions & Orange Can Contributions to:

Lore L., Treasurer PO Box 815 Rio Vista, TX 76093-0815

Alternate Treasurer's Report – Wayne H alttreasurer65@neta65.org 972-571-4799: Reviewed final expense report for Panel 63 and initial expense report for 2015. Anyone who still needs to submit Orientation Expenses, please submit them 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). The NETA 65 expense report can be downloaded from the NETA 65 website. Panel 63 expenses need to be reconciled. We are already 3 months into the new panel and still have 7 trusted servants who need to settle up with receipts or refunds. 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 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. You need to keep a copy of everything for your own records. If you turn in expense reports to me at an Assembly or an Area Committee Meeting, I will not record them 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. Area Committee expenses should be turned in by the next assembly. Receipts are expected 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.

Convention Chair Report – Greg F convention65@neta65.org 214-215-8097: Spring Assembly attendance- 109 Registered Voting Members, 61 registered non-voting members for a total attendance of 170.

Finances- All hotel/convention financial commitments from the previous panel have been paid, we have a clean start to the budget with this panel. A \$900 deposit was paid to Tanglewood for this Assembly in the previous budget year. Our Hotel and Convention Bank account and checks for deposit total of \$2,202.00.

Summer Assembly- June 19-21, Maude Cobb Convention Center, Longview, TX- Hotel arrangements are being negotiated. Reservation numbers will be available next week and will be sent out by email. Maude Cobb Convention Center is reserved and awaiting our attendance.

Fall Assembly and Convention- Dates and location TBD and dependent on the outcome of discussion in Spring Assembly business

Help Needed- need registration volunteers for both Summer and Fall Assemblies and need hospitality volunteer (group or district) for Fall Assembly

Alternate Area Chair Report – Olga R altchair65@neta65.org 254-624-8526: This panel we have presented two workshops- Burleson and Downtown Suburban Group. What makes a good workshop? Fun, food. How to schedule a workshop? Pick two dates approved by group conscience and pick a topic.

Delegate Report – Tom M delegate65@neta65.org 972-922-1014: It is my pleasure and privilege to serve as your delegate this panel. Just when you thought you'd heard enough from me this weekend, here I am again. These are some other things I'd like to share with y'all: An important part of my responsibility to you as members of Area 65 is to keep you informed about what goes on at the bottom of our upside-down triangle. As I get info that I think may be of interest to folks in the area, I will post it to the NETA 65 website, usually to the Delegate Report and/or General Service Documents page, or to another more relevant page, such as GV for GV info. I also try to post everything available en español to the Spanish Documents page. In addition to posting this info to the website, I have been asking our secretary to send out an email blast that lets everyone know what I've posted and where on the website they can find it. If you are not getting these emails, please check with our secretary to be sure she has your current contact info.

Another good way to stay informed is by reading Box 459, our quarterly newsletter from the General Service Office. GSRs and DCMs should get a copy in the mail; if you didn't get a copy, you can read the online version at www.aa.org. For those who have read the Spring 2015 issue, you already know that GSO General Manager Phyllis H. has announced her retirement, and the search committee is accepting resumes until April 15. Also, the trustees' Literature Committee is looking for an appointed committee member (ACM); the resume deadline is also April 15. If you don't know what an ACM is, you can learn more on page S71 of the current "secret" Service Manual. There is also an opening for a position as a member of the GSO staff, for which the application deadline is May 1. If you would like more information about any of these openings, please let me know.

There were already 34,000 people registered for the 2015 International Convention as of Board Weekend at the end of January, which is more than were registered by the end of January 2010 for the 2010 International Convention. I brought some registration brochures in both English and Spanish for folks to use for themselves or take back to their groups. Folks can also register for the 2015 International Convention online at www.aa.org. Please see Keith or me if you'd like more details.

AAWS continues to expand its catalog of e-book offerings. There are currently eight titles available in English, and several of those eight titles are also available in Spanish and/or French. Please go to www.aa.org for details. Additional titles and other Spanish and French translations are in the planning and production stage.

For the year ending December 31, 2014, AAWS had a net profit of \$1,376,656; Grapevine had a net profit of \$325,827. As encouraging as these numbers are, we still face challenges with our retiree liabilities; our pension liability has increased by \$5 million and our retirement medical liability by \$1 million.

Finally, Keith and I had the pleasure of attending our first SW Regional Delegates Assembly (SWRDA) a couple weeks ago in Oklahoma City. It was great to visit with our region's delegates and to have an opportunity to learn more about the Conference process from folks who have been there before.

Alternate Delegate Report – Keith D altdelegate65@neta65.org 214-906-5183

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altdelegate@arkansasaa.org (501)231-4825 <http://arkansasaa.org/swraasa-2016/>

Structure Committee – Bill N. pastdelegate57@sbcglobal.net (817)680-0806: Structure committee meeting was held Friday, Mar. 27th. Jimmy D. is the chair and Jim C. is the secretary. The purpose of the Area structure committee was reviewed for the Area Assembly.

Old (Unfinished) Business

Motion presented by Past Treasurer, Tina P: To eliminate the convention portion of the Fall Assembly, effective as of Panel 65 Section 4 of the NETA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WOULD BE AMENDED TO THE FOLLOWING: (see attachment for exclusions to made from current P&Ps)

SECTION 4: AREA POLICIES FOR ASSEMBLIES

4.1 The Convention Chairperson for the Northeast Texas Area shall appoint all necessary committees to ensure successful Area Assemblies. (formerly 4.2)

4.2 The locations of the regularly schedule Area Assemblies are to be determined by the Area Committee. The dates of all Assemblies are to be held on the third weekend of the scheduled months, when possible. The Spring and Fall Assemblies will be held in the DFW area, and the Summer Assembly will be held in the hosting district outside of the DFW area, when possible. In the first quarter, there shall be 3 orientation workshops, one in the Western section of the Area, one in the DFW area, and one in the Eastern section of the Area. Locations and schedules to be determined by the Area Committee. (formerly 4.3)

4.3 The Agenda for the business portions of each Area Assembly will be determined by the Area Committee (formerly 4.4)

4.4 Only General Conference approved literature, tapes, Grapevine materials and guidelines to be displayed and/or sold at the literature table during any Northeast Texas Area Assembly. (formerly 4.11).

4.5 The Southwest Regional Trustee shall be invited to attend the Fall Assembly by the Delegate. (formerly 4.12)

4.6 The Northeast Texas Area shall pay for the transportation, lodging, and meals of the Southwest Regional Trustee. (formerly 4.9)

Background: The Area Finance Committee has determined that this motion is a necessary precedent for determining the Assembly Hotel expense portion of next year's proposed budget, in order for the Assembly body to make timely considerations regarding the budget during the assembly. With the rising costs of airfare and hotel accommodations, the convention portion of the Fall Assembly and Convention has had difficulties being self-supporting. The last one in 2013 sustained well over a \$2,000 shortfall. The process of voting for the next panel's officers during the even year assemblies has often lingered until very late at night in order to continue after the Convention's portion of the event. This has hindered voting attendance and prudent, thoughtful considerations when voting. Many feel that a more effective Northeast Texas Area Convention would be better served as a separate entity in the future.

Outcome: Motion to Postpone, then withdrawn
Question called- Passed with simple majority
Failed- For-38 / Against- 44
Vote to Revote – Passed with simple majority
Question called- One minority opinion– Passed with simple majority
Failed- For-54 / Against-28

No New Business

Delegate, Tom M., moderated a session of "What's on your mind?" and Delegate Send Off.

The meeting closed with "The Lord's Prayer" at 12:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kat C, NETA Secretary

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Spring Committee Meeting
Hosted by the Cornerstone Group Dallas, TX
6760 Abrams Rd, Ste 215, Dallas TX 75231

Sunday – April, 12, 2015

Area Chair Tina P chair65@neta65.org (214)566-7561 called the meeting to order at 1:33 PM and opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading of “Why do we need a conference” by Stephen.

Presented slate of Standing Committee Chairs to Area Committee for disapproval- Aaron N- Newsletter, Tom P.- Grapevine/La Vina, Bill W- Corrections, Bill H- Literature/AV

Outcome- No disapproval

Intergroup/Central Office Chair- JJ presented Dave C. as Alternate for Intergroup/Central Office Liaison

Outcome- No disapproval

Special Needs Chair- Jamie C. presented Edith C. as Alternate for Special Needs

Outcome- No disapproval

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Secretary – Kat C secretary65@neta65.org 817-875-6284: The minutes of the Winter 2015 Area Committee Meeting were read and accepted with corrections.

Alternate Secretary – Ed C altsecretary65@neta65.org 682-438-2807: The next scheduled mail-out will be May 9th in Texarkana. Have interest from Clean Air North Group and the Eastland Group.

Treasurer – Lore L treasurer65@neta65.org 817-517-3850: Following our recent Finance Committee Meeting and Spring Assembly in March 2015 at Tanglewood Resort, there have not been a lot of deposits or expenses. However, I have been able to improve the identification and reporting of our deposits and expenses. I will continue to grow in this position with your assistance. Trusted servants who are current on their expense reports will be given their third quarter advance at the Summer Assembly in June in Longview, TX. It is recommended to send in expense reports to Wayne on a monthly basis.

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	Balance at bank	4/09/2015	\$ 11,906.53
Operating Account:	Balance in Accounting	1/02/2015	\$ 28,937.02
	Deposits YTD	4/09/2015	
	Group Contributions		\$ 8,547.56
	Orange Can Contributions *		\$ 6,758.96
	Panel 63 Refunds		\$ 1,331.38
	Expenses YTD **	4/09/2015	\$ 18,878.21
	Balance in Accounting	4/09/2015	\$ 26,696.71

Notes: * The Orange Can contributions are “earmarked funds” only for the purchase of AA literature for taking AA meetings to prisons. Cases of books may be ordered for these purposes directly from the Treasurer.

** This includes literature ordered directly from GSO for Corrections

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Treasurer or provide me with receipts for those monies. 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. You need to keep a copy of everything for your own records. If you turn in expense reports to me at an Assembly or an Area Committee Meeting, I will not record them until I return home from that meeting. Do not expect a check on the day or weekend you turn in receipts. We are now 4 months into the new panel and I have not received receipts and expense reports from the majority of NETA 65 Panel 65 Trusted Servants. Receipts from Area Assemblies should be turned in by the next Area Committee meeting. Area Committee expenses should be turned in by the next assembly. Receipts are expected 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.

Alternate Area Chair Report – Olga R altchair65@neta65.org 254-624-8526: Workshops presented to date are as follows: 1/17/15 How To Chair a Meeting, Olde Town Group Burleson, 3/21/15 Inventory – Looking Back To Move Ahead, Downtown Group Texarkana. 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 for us to pick from, Saturday and Sundays early afternoon start times work best, Have food, Pick a topic (we will provide a list if requested, of suggestions only, but the group / district will usually have topics they need discussed) Please email your request to altchair65@neta65.org.

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Delegate- Tom M delegate65@neta65.org (972)922-1014: Nothing new to report

Convention Chair – Convention Chair Report – Greg F convention65@neta65.org 214-215-8097: 109 voting, 62 non-voting members present at Spring Assembly
Spring Assembly Reconciliation:
\$874.00 – Coffee and Hospitality Donations
(\$232.00) – Hospitality Supplies
\$642.00 – Net Cash

\$1864.02 - Total Hotel Expense
(\$900.00) – Deposit made by Panel 64
\$964.02 – Final Bill
\$86.89 – Name Badges and Supplies
\$408.91 – NETA 65 Panel 65 Budget Impact
\$1308.91 – Total cost of Assembly

Upcoming: Summer Assembly: June 19 -21 Maude Cobb Convention Center Running Online hotel bid process. Will have results this week Anticipated cost of Summer Assembly - \$350.00, \$250 – Insurance Policy, \$100 – Administrative expense (Name Badges, Supplies)

Fall Convention: Sept 18-20 – TBD?? Target Locations: Holiday Inn (Mockingbird and US 75, Dallas)
1010 Collins – Meeting Convention center in Arlington Entertainment District, Richardson Civic Center, Collin County Community Colleges
Convention Update: Had more than 12 people approach offering marketing assistance for the Fall Convention. Will have a committee formed in May to begin spreading the word of the event.
Financial: Working to transition bank account signature authority.
Current balance: \$547.44 (NETA 65 Hotel and Convention Account)
Cash on Hand: \$640.00
Total: \$1187.44

Structure Committee Report- no report

Unfinished Business

Fall Area Committee Meeting- October 18th, 2015 from 1:30PM to 4:30PM at the Unity Group in Denton, TX.

Summer Assembly Agenda reviewed- amendments suggested and discussed- Consensus Vote For: Original Agenda-17
Against- 12
Outcome- Original draft passed

New Business

Motion presented by Lore, Area Treasurer - Add to the end of P&P Finance 3.10- Committee Chairs who have a separate bank account for NETA contributions are to provide quarterly finance reports to the NETA Treasurer (Reports by March 1, June 1, Sept. 1, and Dec 1 each year).

Note: A recommended report template will be made available for the NETA 65 Handbook and neta65.org website

Outcome: Forwarded to Structure Committee

Motion presented by Ed C., Alt Secretary- Starting next panel, do away with the Newsletter Editor position and merge the responsibilities into the Alt. Secretary's job.

Outcome: Forwarded to Structure Committee

Motion presented by Greg F., Convention Chair- That the Annual Service Convention held in association with the Fall Assembly be scheduled on an every two year basis, held only during non-election years.

Outcome: Forwarded to Structure Committee

What's on Your Mind? Moderated by Area Chair, Tina P.

The meeting closed with "The Lord's Prayer" at 4:36 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kat C, NETA Secretary

Addendum to the Minutes 2015 Spring Assembly/Committee Meeting

Archives Chair – Chuck B archives65@neta65.org (817)235-8793: I would like to thank everyone who has the Archives display this weekend. The Archives Committee has gotten fairly busy over the past month and now we have a long list of events which we have attended and will be attending this year. If you're interested in have the archives set up a display at your group for any type of AA event, please call or email me. Also, if anyone is interested or know of someone interested in becoming the Alternate Archives Chair, please contact me as soon as you can. And lastly, the next Archives Meetings will be at the Town North Group on Thursday, May 7th at 7:30 pm in the Al-anon Room.

Archivist/Historian Report – Keith C archivist-historian65@neta65.org 972-974-5299: Chair presented an overview and purpose of the Archives committee. A lot of the archives collection has been donated by members of Area 65 and other surrounding Areas.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair – Jose G cpc65@neta65.org 817-371-8921: Chair responded to GSO request to man CPC booth at 2015 International Convention and a request to contact a treatment professional in the Area. CPC will have a booth at Gathering of the Eagles and will be inviting PI to join. CPC chair was invited to attend the UTSW medical school “sharing session” which is great CPC work. We are working on contact list for committee and contacting DCMs and Dallas Intergroup to let them know how the CPC committee can be of service. An Alternate CPC chair is needed.

Corrections (CFC) Chair – Bill W corrections65@neta65.org (817)282-4400: A brief meeting was held Sat. March 28th. We are working on finding an alternate chair and transitioning the position over from the past Corrections chair. I had the pleasure of attending the finance committee this morning where we discussed the large amount of Orange can contributions available for books. I am looking for new facilities where we can bring meetings in and I need help from District reps and DCMs. We are waiting on a list of facilities where meetings are brought, but for now you can go to tdcj.gov to get information on where meetings are being taken.

Grapevine / La Vina (GV/LV) Chair – Thomas P grapevine65@neta65.org 706-567-8012: During this weekend, we discussed the material for General Service Conference, in our Mock Committees. One of the main topics was how do we promote subscriptions to our meeting in print. Currently our meeting in print is having a contest, which is this running through out this year, “AA Grapevine Subscription Challenge”. The Challenge is a state, province, and territory-wide challenge to increase new* Grapevine and La Viña subscriptions in 2015. The Challenge works by any new* (A new subscription is one that has not been active in the past 6 months.), paid subscription between January 26th, 2015 — December 20th, 2015 qualifies, including subscriptions for: Grapevine or La Viña in Print, Grapevine Digital, Grapevine Complete, & Redeemed Subscriptions Gift Certificates. Now like any alcoholic we want to know “What’s in it for me?” Well the price is a special Grapevine or La Viña featuring members’ stories from the state, province, or territory with the greatest percentage growth in new*, paid subscriptions or subscription gift certificates. It would certainly be outstanding to see the Lone Star State represented in our own Grapevine or La Viña edition.

There are countless ways to increase the subscriptions to the Grapevine and La Viña, one way that my sponsorship family contributes, is rather than giving someone a trinket or a small picture with the Serenity Prayer on it. We buy a year’s subscription to the Grapevine and send it to the celebrant. Speaking for myself, it is one of the best gifts I have ever received on my sobriety birthday. Another idea that was brought up at assembly is for Groups, Districts, and even the Area to use some of the change in our “Orange Cans”, use what is left after a case of “Big Books”, and order a subscription to the Grapevine and/or La Viña for the local jails and state prisons.

As many know, the Grapevine is more than just a monthly magazine printed and mailed to our homes and groups. The A.A. Grapevine also continues to print various literature such as Spiritual Awakening I&II, Young and Sober, and Language of the Heart. All of these books and many more are now available on digital format. Grapevine is always looking for submitted stories, but a few other ways to contribute to the Grapevine are jokes, pictures, and telephone stories.

I am truly honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve our Area; I look forward to working with our NETA Grapevine/La Viña committee, and working with the districts and groups. I will be more than willing to travel throughout the Area and talk about our meeting in print (Only if invited of course). Thank you for allowing me to serve. Looking for groups to host grape-a-thon or Grapevine meetings and willing to host table at group/district events.

Intergroup Liaison Chair – James J intergroup65@neta65.org (469)853-1247: I would first like to apologize to the assembly for not having a report in the Newsletter. This was not intended, I simply made the mistake of thinking I knew the procedure for having a report placed into the Newsletter. As usual my thinking was not correct. You will see a report in the future. I welcome each of you to contact me with suggestions on how I may better serve the Area, and to what types of things you would like for me to report: both to the Intergroups/Central office from the Area, and from the Intergroups/Central offices back to the Area. My email is intergroup65@neta65.org, and my phone number is 469-853-1247. I am also currently looking for someone interested in serving as the Area 65 Alt. Intergroup Liaison. If you or

someone you know is interested please contact me. The Dallas Intergroup Rep meeting is the second Thursday of each month at 8:00pm. The office is located at 6162 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas TX. The phone number is 214-887-6699. They recently had a chilli cook-off that was a success. Numbers were down a little due to a scheduling conflict with another conference taking place the same weekend. They will try to be more conscious of other events in the future. The winners of the contest were: 1st place- Cornerstone Group, 2nd place - Friendship Group, and 3rd place went to We Agnostics. The winner of the cornbread contest was Clean Air Group. On April 1st a group of AA volunteers will be speaking to a panel of medical professionals. If you are planning to attend the panel please contact the office for more information. The 12th step list for Night Watch has been updated and the new 12th Step Initiative has been a great success. It has resulted in hundreds of face to face 12th step calls with alcoholics and potential members.

The Central Service Office in Tyler is located at 401 East Front Street Suite 145-b, Tyler Texas. The phone number is 903-597-1796. You can find more information about meeting times and locations, AA birthdays, a local events on the website Tyler-aa.org. The newsletter "The Way Out" can be read online, or you can get a subscription for \$3.00. Office hours are Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm and is operated by AA volunteers serving half day shifts. They always welcome everyone to come down to the office and help out. No certain length of sobriety is required to volunteer. The pay isn't much but the rewards are great!

Central Texas Intergroup is located at 3201 Franklin Avenue, Waco Texas, and the phone number is 254-754-3336. The office is open Monday-Friday 11:00am -2:00pm. If you would like to visit the website and read the newsletter "Central Texas Messenger" you can find them at centexintergroup.com. They welcome you to share information in the newsletter. Articles, group events, and aa related information can be emailed to the office at centexintergroup@grandecom.net

The Fort Worth Central office would once again like to remind everyone they are no longer at the Bailey St address. The new office address is 1501 Hemphill Street, rm A, Fort Worth TX 76104. The office number is 817-922-9859. Office hours are 9am-5pm Monday- Friday, and 9:00-noon on Sunday. The central office will not be having an open house in May, but will be having one in August. They need a lot of help to plan the open house and welcome volunteers to come to the office anytime to help out. They will be having the annual chili cook-off in October so be watching for the fliers to be sent out, and plan to attend. The steering committee and COR Reps recently voted to make all pamphlets one set price in order to make it easier for groups and the central office to process orders. All pamphlets are now 22 cents regardless of the actual price they cost from GSO. They are having an 80th anniversary sale of the book Experience Strength and Hope for \$5.00.

Please update your individual contact information, group information, and meeting schedule with your Central office or Intergroup office. Most all of the offices need more contacts for people willing to take 12th step calls. Also, please frequently check to make sure they have all the correct information about your groups meeting times, and location.

Literature / Audio-Visual (AV) Chair – Bill H litterature65@neta65.org (903)269-6905: No report

Newsletter Editor – Aaron N navyvet98.04@gmail.com (904)234-1304: Newsletters are sent to all groups registered as active with GSO. Please contact me with input on ways to save money on printing the newsletter. Also, I am seeking the Area Committee's guidance on whether we want to have 3 newsletters or 4 per year. I am working on giving newsletters a theme for submissions and reformatting the newsletter.

Public Information Chair (PI) – Joe H pi65@neta65.org (719)491-0898: On March 14th Joe Hh and Marie H conducted a workshop for District 91 in Waco, TX titled "Social Media and the World of AA & Cooperation with the Justice System." On March 19th Joe Hh attended the Victim Impact Panel in Denton, TX. AA was afforded a 20 minute opportunity to speak to a group of over 200 attendees. I worked through the DCM Sheila W. of District 21 who arranged for the speaker, John M. who did a terrific job for the event. I have been in contact with Michelle Ramirez with MADD who has forward us the April calendar of events conducted by MADD in over 30 counties in North Texas. I received an opportunity from the Fort Worth Intergroup and passed information to Karl F. who will be working a PI/CPC event Sponsored by the Grand Prairie Police Department on April 25th. We held our first PI/CPC Committee Meeting of 2015 where 2 CPC/PI District Committee Chairs, 10 DCMs and 9 GSRs were in attendance. We look to expand the list of participants once we disseminate this information through committee members to local groups. We've got a passionate group of committee members with some great ideas and will be looking for opportunities to assist this group in facilitating and conducting CPC and PI activities throughout NETA65. Since the Area Assembly, we participated in UTSW medical center. We need Spanish-speaking

volunteers for MADD victim impact panels. We were invited to November Texarkana Anniversary. I am still looking for PI alternate.

Webservant- David L webservant65@neta65.org (972)894-2459: Introduced himself to the committee as new "webservant."

Special Need-Accessibilities Chair- Jamie C spn65@neta65.org 817-880-9292: We had a Special Needs Committee meeting Saturday March 28th at the Assembly and I attended the Combined District 6 meeting on April 11th where we talked about the following: hearing-impaired members, members with visual impairments, member with physical challenges such as wheelchairs and walkers, members with mental challenges, such as learning disabilities where we have literature on CD, DVD, and cassette, home-bound members that are in the hospitals, assisted livings and nursing homes. How to get members to meetings was also discussed. Our next Special Needs committee meeting will be April 25th at Preston Group in Dallas from 2:30-3:30. Blair from the Clean Air North Group will be our guest speaker, where accessibility guidelines will be discussed and we will have a sharing session on Special Needs. I hope that all members with an interest in Special Needs will attend and if your district does not have a Special Needs Chair- please ask someone to represent for your area, especially those in the Dallas area.

Treatment Facilities Chair- Joanne N treatment65@neta65.org (515)360-5442: Attended Combined District 6 Treatment Facility Committee meeting February 1, 2015. Met with Wayne H (Panel 63 Treatment Chair) in order to facilitate a smooth transition into this new Panel. Attended NETA Orientations in Eastland and Language of the Heart. Works in progress to bring a meeting into the State Hospital in Vernon. Treatment and Special Needs Committees are a part of a pilot project to explore the viability of providing the Workbooks and other materials to the Treatment and Special Needs Kits through electronic means. Will have table at the Heart of Texas Conference in Waco.

Goals and Activities for 2015- Continue collecting information from the District Treatment Chairs and/or DCMs to discern what the needs are in the Area. Please contact me with the information on your District Treatment Chairs, Continue building a Treatment Committee from various Districts, Presentation at Combined District 6 Meeting in April, Attend Summer NETA Assembly, Hold Treatment Committee Meeting at Summer Assembly, Attend CD6 Treatment Workshop, Place the Treatment table at the Heart of Texas Conference, Solidify plans to put Treatment table in Texarkana for the Conference there in November.

Translation Services- Tomas G translation65@neta65.org (972)979-7327: Thanks to God and the community for giving me the opportunity to serve. I appreciate for all that I have achieved, I have always kept sober trying to serve something that is the basis to move forward, as a Committee we met two weeks before the Spring Assembly to talk about how to go about this service in the Assembly on March 28-29, 2015. Thanks to God and to you all it went well. We are now preparing for the next meeting of Committee of Area 12-15, 2015. This Committee have been working since we began with the orientations and meetings of committees of Area and Spring Assembly. We have translations made and are also translating all the documents, which we receive through the Secretary, Delegate and others. We are here to help and serve in any documents needed for translation.

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