

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 continues to be my pleasure and privilege to serve as NETA 65's Panel 65 Delegate. In addition to the full Conference report I gave in Longview, I have also given the following reports: Gathering of Eagles; Districts 52, 53, and 56; District 54; District 22; and Districts 41 and 42. I have upcoming reports scheduled for the Southwest Group and for District 9. If you would like me to give a report at your district (or group), please let me know.

I have asked a slate of speakers (all current or past delegates) to save the date for our upcoming NETA Convention. Once we have an established budget by which I can make a firm commitment to our speakers for travel expenses, lodging, etc., I will make final arrangements. I am hopeful that everyone who plans to attend the Fall Assembly will support our Fall Convention, through their own pre-registrations and by helping spread the word (especially once the pre-registration flyer is available). If the convention is to be self-supporting, we must have enough paid registrants to cover the convention expenses. Also, per the P&P (4.12), we must invite a member of the GSO staff to attend. While he is not a member of the GSO staff, one of the scheduled speakers is a member of the AAWS Board; perhaps we could get a sense of the meeting sometime today to see if the committee would accept an AAWS board member in lieu of a GSO staff member.

I recently received three memos from the GSO Literature Desk asking for shared experience on three topics: (1) stories to update the pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman" including, **but not limited to**, stories from

single mothers, women in the military, and women of diverse backgrounds; (2) stories to update the pamphlet currently titled "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic," to include shared experience from transgender and gender-nonconforming members, and especially experience regarding sponsorship and being a newcomer; and (3) sharing from members with mental health issues and those who sponsor such members. I will post the memos to www.neta65.org and will distribute them by email, once I've had an opportunity to redact last names.

Finally, it appears that there is a growing interest in how items are selected for inclusion on the General Service Conference agenda. As you may know, delegates are not included in the current process, which is that matters sent to GSO for consideration as agenda items for the upcoming Conference are forwarded to a trustees' committee for review; it is currently the trustees' committees that decide what items make the agenda and what items don't. One or more delegate areas in our region are considering a motion to include delegates in the agenda-setting process. Once I have sufficient background material, I will send it around for everyone to review, and I would like to ask that we set aside some time in new business at the fall assembly to discuss the matter.

Keith D., Alternate Delegate, Panel 65 Area 65

Greetings NETA members, I am honored to serve you this panel as your Alternate Delegate. Although we've had a relatively light agenda at NETA (and the GSC) this year, we've been busy! For those that went to Atlanta, what an awesome experience we had, for those that

didn't put it on your calendar for 2010 in Detroit. I had the particular honor this year getting to speak at the International on 2 topics that are extremely important to me, "A.A. and the Internet: Adhering to Traditions". Thanks to all those that came and supported me (Spork!). I'm giving a similar talk in St. Louis at the Southwest Regional Forum in October – I hope that you will be there to support (or heckle) me. One of the things that has occurred for me as I've spoken with members across the NETA is as I've been asked the question of how the assemblies are going, I love that I get to respond so positively right now. I've been active in general service since 2002, when I was about 3 weeks sober, and we've had times of strife for certain, but right now I get to happily report that (for the most part) we are all working together to do what we were elected to do – facilitate more and better 12th Step work. Thank God.

Tina P., Area Chair Panel 65 Area 65

Greetings to all! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the opportunity to serve as your Area Chair. I want to welcome and thank all the new trusted servants that helped make our first assembly of Panel 65 a success. Our Spring Assembly was certainly an exciting one, filled with a ton of thoughtful considerations from a united area group conscience as we practiced our "right of participation" with the mock committees. I believe our Delegate, Tom M., had been well informed of Area 65's thoughts on each agenda item, as he prepared for his trip to the General Service Conference. We then heard his post conference report in June at our Summer Assembly in Longview, chocked full of great information on each of the agenda items and what his experience was at the conference. Thank you District 41, for your warm East Texas hospitality and keeping us well fed throughout the assembly.

In the meantime, I will continually do my best to follow in the footsteps of those wonderful chairs that have served before me, many of which are available to assist me in my service adventure. As I've heard before, "It's humbling to grow up in front of people, and learn as we go." But I wouldn't change one minute of the growing opportunities that service to NETA has afforded me over the years. I've made so many friends, and will get to meet many more, and have such a deeper respect for everything that goes on with our spiritual program of action. Keep coming back, and what may start out as an overwhelming and confusing mess of deliberations, can, in my experience, begin to feel like a bigger home group

– a great place to learn about and experience all three of our legacies of Recovery, Unity, and Service. See you at the Fall Convention and Assembly!

**Olga R., Alt. Chair Panel 65 Area 65 Greg F.,
Convention Chair, Panel 65 Area 65**

Kat C., Secretary, Panel 65 Area 65

Hello Area 65! It was great to meet so many of you at the Summer Assembly and put some faces with your names. A part of the Secretary's job is acting as Registrar and keeping the Area 65 database up-to-date along with the Fellowship New Vision Database (FNV) which is used by our General Service Office. If you have not received email from me and would like to, please send the following information to netasecretary65@gmail.com: First and Last Name, Mailing Address, Phone Number, Email, Service Position, District, Home Group, and Method to receive newsletter- Email, postal mail, both email and postal mail, or download from internet. Another duty of the Secretary is to print mailing labels for the Newsletters. The Area mails out Newsletters to all active listed as active with GSO. There are currently 495 groups listed as active in NETA 65! If your group has not received a printed Newsletter, please let me know to ensure that the correct mailing address is being used. District Committee Members (DCMs) if you would like a list of groups listed in your District, please send an email to netasecretary65@gmail.com

Lore Devra L., Treasurer, Panel 65 Area 65

Call to Action: Service and Our Three Legacies

Your average AA learns that most of their alcoholic misadventures of the past can be avoided with diligence in following the Steps. But they lack any real understanding of the Traditions and Concepts. What I see is that people come into AA a clean slate. Here good habits can be introduced as easily as bad ones. It is important that a strong sense of AA community be initiated. For this to happen, strong Sponsorship and Service work are essential.

I honestly believe that AA's Three Legacies: Recover - Unity - Service, need to be more commonplace within our groups. Helping to shape a better understanding of the Steps, Traditions and

Concepts will require everyone's support. While most groups in NETA 65 augment their Big Book studies with Step studies and an occasional Tradition study, the Concepts are generally ignored. Even more standard, Service outside of the group is not encouraged.

In AA recovery, I have seen people move from just surviving to living. The key to their greater self-confidence and happiness has been Service work; giving back that which has been so freely given to us.

I believe that Service is equally essential for the alcoholic's survival as well as the survival of AA. It starts with greeting newcomers and cleaning toilets to serving as a Trusted Servant for your Group, District or Area. When AAs are apathetic, our AA community suffers. Here again, strong Sponsorship will help in getting AAs out and about, participating and being constructive members of AA and their own futures. The typical "let someone else to do it" syndrome is spelling danger for alcoholics and AA. Everyone benefits when we get AAs involved and support each other

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

* 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.

Chuck B., Archives, Panel 65 Area 65 Keith C., Archivist/Historian, Panel 65 Area 65

Jose G., CPC Panel 65 Area

Please feel free to contact me at 817-371-8921 or Joseg47@att.net

Panel 65 Area 65 Bill W., Corrections Chair Area 65.

In the past 3 months, a new NETA 65 Corrections bank account has been set up so funds from the Orange Can Fund and monies for corrections service work other than those earmarked for literature can now be more readily accounted for and reconciled without being commingled with any other funds. This has enabled me to prepare an Orange Can report for the first 6 months of 2015 reflecting the actual contributions received and literature purchases during that period of time. That report has been emailed to all contributing groups and will be incorporated into a financial report to be sent to all GCRs and DCMs soon.

We also still have an adequate surplus of money in the Orange Can Fund carried over from the previous panel and solicit requests from groups or districts that are in need of use of those funds to purchase literature for correctional facilities they serve. Such requests should include the names of the requesting individual and/or group or district, the specific literature (usually B30 Big Books, softcover 12&12s, or softcover Daily Reflections), to whom and where they should be shipped, and the name of the facility(ies) in which the literature is intended to be used.

I've also had contact with several Area CFCs as well as individuals from groups in districts where there is no CFC and have learned a great deal about the successes, failures, and hurdles and obstacles which they have faced in their efforts to carry the AA Message to those "behind the walls." I hope to share these lessons learned with anyone and everyone in Area 65 interested in Corrections Service so we can, as the saying goes, benefit from our past experiences, be they good or bad.

There is a newly registered prison Group in the Area. It is the Turning Point Group at the B. Moore Correctional Center in Overton, TX and it has been carefully and effectively nurtured through the efforts of Richard Bolton and others mostly from his Home Group which is Alpha Group in Tyler. Congratulations to both groups!!!

During these last few months, it has also been my pleasure to attend and set up a booth at the Gathering of Eagles. This was my first time attending it and was most appreciative of the opportunity to represent the Area Corrections Committee at that function. I have been invited and intend to do the same at the Texas Roundup in August as well as being available at the Fort Worth Central Office on August 1 at which the corrections efforts will be represented with a display provided by the CD6 Corrections Committee. Northeast Texas Area. The facility(ies) in which the literature is intended to be used.

I have a lot of things I would love to see the Corrections committee accomplish and look forward to seeing if we can get it all done. If anyone would like to know more about anything covered in this article, about Corrections Service in general, or if you agree or disagree with any of it, I invite you to contact me at my email address which is corrections65@neta65.org or call me at 817-282-4400.

Tom P., Grapevine Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

Earlier this month, I had the privilege to attend the 2015 International Convention of Alcoholics Anonymous. While I was there, I volunteered at the Grapevine/La Viña booths. In doing so, I had the honor to meet and pick the brain of several members of the Grapevine and La Viña's editors and staff. As well getting to fellowship with fellow lovers of our meeting in print from all across the globe. This truly was an amazing experience. In the recent editions of the Grapevine and La Viña there have been several NETA sightings. In the May/June edition of the La Viña, Pablo R's article title "En cada parada un grupo". In the July/August edition, NETA has been represented in three separate articles. Francisco M. from Arlington, TX wrote "Mente abierta", Benjamin V. also from Arlington wrote "Oídos sordos", and Rafaela O. from Fort Worth who wrote "Inspirada". In addition, the Dallas North Group was featured in the June Grapevine "If Walls Could Talk" section.

The Grapevine/La Viña committee is working hard on our annual Grape-a-thon, which is scheduled for this October. If any district or convention/conference would like a Grapevine/La Viña committee member to bring the Grapevine display for an event. Please do not hesitate to invite us. Just send us an email to Grapevine65@Neta65.org. It is an honor and privilege to serve NETA 65. I look forward to seeing and meeting many fellow members as we continue to trudge the road of happy destiny.

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

It's been exciting getting to know everyone at the Area meetings! There are many activities going on at the various Intergroups and Central offices in our Area. As always, much help is needed around the offices, and with the 24 hour phone lines. Many volunteer task can be done regardless of your length of sobriety. It's a great opportunity to serve for everyone, and everyone's help is needed. If you need further information on how to contact your Central office or Intergroup, feel free to contact me. Intergroup65@neta65.org.

Phone 469-853-1247

Literature/Audio-Visual Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

Newsletter Editor, Panel 65 Area 65

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

Please contact me at Joe.Householder@yahoo.com. or call at 719-491-0898

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

Hello, my name is Jamie. I am enjoying serving NETA65 as the Special Needs Chairperson this panel. While there are no special AA members there are many members that have Special Needs. Many such members just show up at the AA Group and some contact Central Office/Intergroup for Special Needs Twelve Step Help... This includes those which have impairments with hearing, vision, speech, those who are homebound, chronically ill, use wheelchairs, walkers or crutches, and those members who are developmentally disabled or suffer from brain damage, stroke, etc. Whatever the disability may be, it is hoped that no one will ever be excluded from AA meetings, Twelve Step work or AA Service.

Many AA members do not have an issue in getting to a meeting and they have a wide choice of meetings to attend each day. Imagine there is only one meeting a week. Imagine if you are at this meeting and many AA members are reluctant to approach you. Or that there is a blocked wheelchair ramp or it is snow-covered and inaccessible to you. You may be sober for 20 years and eager to carry the message, but you are stuck home because of some physical challenge. Or AA literature may be hard for you to understand because, you read at a third grade level.

You may now have an idea of what it is like to be an AA member who is developmentally disabled, chronically ill, in a wheel chair, on crutches, elderly, homebound, etc. Like everyone else these AA members just want to be treated equally, yet a six-inch step can be an insurmountable obstacle.

We may take our physical and mental health for granted but if we were to experience the daily challenges of those with Special Needs, we might have a different point of view. We may not require Special Needs Twelve Step services today because we are a Temporarily Able-

Bodied Person. But if we don't drink and don't die, eventually we will need Special Needs.

My hope is that each group in the North East Texas Area will have a Special Needs Rep that will attend a Regularly Scheduled Special Needs District Meetings. Each District will have a Special Needs Chairperson to facilitate these meetings for the group Rep. and attend the Special Needs Committee for the Area. Notwithstanding, the Group is at the top of the Service Structure and needs to have the pertinent information so that when a person with Special Needs shows up at your group, you will be Pro-Active and not Re-Active. I am willing to help in any way I can.
(817) 880-9292 or SPN65@NETA65.org.

Tomas G., Translations Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

Hello, everyone at Area 65 in Northeast Texas. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve, and to be part of this area.

I thank the lord for everything and for helping me stay sober.

Since last summer Assemble, till this day the translation committee is making every effort to continue providing a great service. Our goal is translate all documents so that everyone is informed. Also, translate verbally when it's needed at different events such as the Committee area assembles or events we get invited to. I would like to thank Jose, J.J, Jeff, Mario and Gilberto for all your help.

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JoAnne H., Treatment Chair, Panel 65 Area 65

I am really starting to get a handle on my position as your Area Treatment Chair. I now have in place a great Alternate Chair, Nicole P. from District 21 and we are off and rolling with plans for an Area Treatment Workshop with tentative plans for February to be held in District 21. I have been warmly welcomed and given great help with assisting the Area with their treatment issues. I even have been given an opportunity to help a fellow

Treatment Chair in Oregon with connecting folks coming back to Texas from treatment. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve and my sobriety has been enriched. Hope to see ya'll at the Fall Assembly! You can contact me at Joannen90@yahoo.com

Webmaster, Panel 65 Area 65

Nicole S., DCM, District 71, Panel 65 Area 65

How has service in NETA positively affected my sobriety?

To be reminded God is in charge of what happens, how, and when in our fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. To be a trusted servant and be held

responsible to inform District 71 members what is happening in Alcoholics Anonymous outside of District 71 and how their help is needed as DCM. To take comfort knowing other members in Alcoholics Anonymous have the same joys and struggles as our district. To forget about me for a few hours and think of someone else; the newcomer who has not yet heard the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. I continue to be at awe of the time, energy, love, selflessness, service, and hope we all share with one another as the NETA65 family. I am especially grateful for the newcomers to NETA65 and the old-timers / past delegates who continue to share their experience, strength, and hope. We do not see eye to eye yet I have come to believe and know; we all love Alcoholics Anonymous. Thank you for your service.

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Spring Assembly – June 20-21, 2015
Maude Cobb Convention Center- 100 Grand Blvd. Longview, TX 75604

Saturday June 20th, 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 Racheal. Area Chair reviewed the Assembly agenda.

Delegate Tom M delegate65@neta65.org (972)922-1014 attended the 2015 General Service Conference in New York, NY, April 19-25, 2015. He distributed his report of the 65th GSC Advisory Actions, Additional Committee Considerations, along with synopsis of Conference discussion and debate. Followed by a Q&A session, moderated by Tom M.

Old (Unfinished) Business
None
New Business
None

Area Chair Tina P took a consensus of the Assembly to conduct a workshop on Safety & Respect in Alcoholics Anonymous: Dealing with Sexual, Financial, or Spiritual Predators in place of business. No disapproval.

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 June 21st, 2015

Area Chair Tina P called the assembly to order at 8:30AM. The proceedings opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading of "Why Do We Need a Conference?" by Sarah P.

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 Spring 2015 Assembly were accepted as read.

Alternate Secretary Report – Ed C altsecretary65@neta65.org 682-438-2807: We had a mail-out in Texarkana May 9th. It was a great time with lots of food and fellowship. We did the Spanish Newsletter mail-out at the "How it Works" on June 4th. I am sorry about the split in the mail-outs. I received them at different times. I am looking for groups to do mail-outs next year. Town South has requested the first one next year.

Treasurer's Finance Report – Lore L treasurer65@neta65.org 817-517-3850: I apologize for my not being at the Summer Assembly. Alt. Treasurer Wayne H. will present my report. Any questions may be submitted to him and I will get back to you by the end of June. Since the Spring Assembly in March 2015 at Tanglewood Resort, we have accomplished the following: The Finance Committee approved to obtain a NETA 65 credit card for Convention Committee hotel deposits, the necessary documentation has been filed, the card has been ordered, but not as yet received. Only the Treasurer will use of the card following a signed Assembly contract and instructions by the Convention Committee Chair, Greg F. Following the Finance Committee body (Preston Group 4/12/2015) and the Area Committee Meeting body (Cornerstone Group 4/12/2015) a motion to amend the NETA 65 Policies & Procedures 3.10 regarding separate NETA Standing Committee bank account reporting was forwarded to the Structure Committee. Access permissions for the NETA 65 Convention Committee bank account were granted to its Chair, Greg F. who will also report on its balances and expenses. A new bank account was opened for the NETA 65 Corrections Committee. Access permissions for this account were granted to its Chair, Bill W. who will also report on its balances and expenses. A total of \$5,828.70 in Orange Can contributions were transferred from the NETA 65 Operating Account into the new Corrections Committee account. This amount was the result of YTD contributions and literature deductions. The Corrections Chair will provide its own spreadsheet reporting on Orange Can contributions. The IRS 2014 tax return for NETA 65 was completed, reviewed and then filed. Copies are available by written request to the Treasurer. A current 7th Tradition Contributions spreadsheet is included with this report.

Prudent Reserve:Balance at bank12/31/2014 \$ 11,900.60
Earned interest YTD \$ 7.13
Balance at bank as of 6/10/2015: \$ 11,907.73
Operating Account:Balance in Accounting1/02/2015 \$ 28,937.02
Deposits YTD
Group Contributions6/09/2015 \$ 12,509.79 *
Panel 63 Refunds6/09/2015 \$ 1,331.38
Expenses YTD6/09/2015-\$ 24,241.24
Balance in Accounting6/09/2015 \$ 18,536.95

Notes:* Corrections Committee Orange Can contributions were previously included in both contributions and expenses. As of 5/29/15, these have now been separated into a new account and managed by the Corrections Committee Chairman, Bill W. Please send Group Contributions to: Lore L., NETA 65 Treasurer PO Box 815 Rio Vista, TX 76093-0815
Feel free to call, text or email anytime.

Alternate Treasurer's Report – Wayne H alttreasurer65@neta65.org 972-571-4799: The blank NETA 65 expense report can be downloaded from the NETA 65 website. The present expense worksheet dated 6-19-2015 reflects all transactions that I received on or before 6-18-2015. Panel 63 expenses are reconciled except for approximately \$50 owed by one trusted servant that is not presently involved on Area service. Continued efforts will be made to resolve this. I will not make any additional reports on Panel 63 expenses unless this changes. 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. 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:
1/16/15 How To Chair a Meeting Olde Town Group- Burleson
3/21/15 Inventory – Looking Back To Move Ahead Downtown Group-Texarkana
5/16/15 How to Chair a Meeting Clear Cut Directions Group- Southlake, TX
5/31/15 Servicio District 90 @ Grupo Paz Y Fortaleza- Ft. Worth, Tx
6/7/15 Tradiciones 1, 4, 12 District 90 @ Grupo Amigo- Arlington, TX
6/13/15 Safety & Respect in Alcoholics Anonymous: Dealing with Sexual, Financial or Spiritual Predators District 91-Waco
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)

Convention Chair Report – Greg F convention65@neta65.org 214-215-8097:
Summer Assembly Reconciliation:
\$52.27- Name Badges and Supplies
\$250.00- Insurance Payment
\$302.27 NETA 65, Panel 65 Budget Impact
Upcoming: Sept. 18-20- TBD? Fall Convention: Target locations- Holiday Inn (Mockingbird and 75, Dallas), 1010 Collins-
Meeting Convention Center in Arlington Entertainment District, Richardson Civic Center, Collin County Community Colleges
Financial: Working to transition bank account signature, almost complete. Current balance: \$418.42, Cash on hand: \$51.00,
Total: \$469.42

Delegate Report – Tom M delegate65@neta65.org 972-922-1014: Nothing additional to report

Alternate Delegate Report – Keith D altdelegate65@neta65.org 214-906-5183:
2015 International Convention July 2-5, 2015 Atlanta, Georgia <http://aa.org>
69th Annual 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>
National AA Technology Workshop 2015 October 2-4, 2015 Doubletree Westport 1973 Craigshire Rd, St. Louis, MO 63146
\$105 / night (code: NAATW) <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 Contact: Tom F.,
altdelegate@arkansasaa.org / (501)231-4825 <http://arkansasaa.org/swraasa-2016/>

Structure Committee – Jimmy D: jdean@half.com 214-674-7836: Overview of purpose and composition of structure committee was given. Last meeting was held at Meadowbrook Group on June 12th. Three motions presented at Area Committee meeting were discussed. Full report will be given at the next Area Committee Meeting in July.

PI chair- Joe Hh: presented his Alternate Lynn P. for Assembly disapproval- No disapproval

Treatment Chair- JoAnne N: presented her Alternate Nicole P. for Assembly disapproval- No disapproval

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

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Summer Committee Meeting – July 12th, 2015
Hosted by the On Awakening Group, 5740 Bagby Ave. Waco, TX 76712

Alt Area Chair- Olga R altchair65@neta65.org 254-624-8526: called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM and opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading of "Why do we need a conference" by Jeff.

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

Alternate Secretary – Ed C altsecretary65@neta65.org 682-438-2807: We have our next Area mail-out at the Clean Air North Group on Aug. 9th at 11am. Town South group has asked to do a mail-out and I am looking to do that in the Spring. I still need Summer and Fall of next year.

Treasurer – Lore L treasurer65@neta65.org 817-517-3850: Financial update since the Summer Assembly in Longview, TX:
Credit card application for Convention expenses rejected due to age of application (problem at bank, not due to NETA issue). Resubmitting new application after ACM with new signatures. A current 7th Tradition Contributions spreadsheet is included with this report.

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Notes: * Cash contributions collected at the Summer Assembly have been credited to the groups/districts but not as yet deposited into the bank. The cash will be received by the Treasurer at the ACM from Alt. Treasurer

** Orange Can contributions have been separate since 5/29/2015 and not included here

*** Includes checks written, but not as yet cleared the account

Please send Group Contributions to: Lore L., NETA 65 Treasurer PO Box 815 Rio Vista, TX 76093-0815

Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Alternate Treasurer – Wayne H alttreasurer65@neta65.org 972-571-4799: The blank NETA 65 expense report can be downloaded from the NETA 65 website. The present expense worksheet dated 7*12*2015 reflects all transactions that I received on or before 7-11-2015. Panel 63 expenses are reconciled except for approximately \$50 owed by one trusted servant that is not presently involved on Area service. Continued efforts will be made to resolve this. I will not make any additional reports on Panel 63 expenses unless this changes. 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. 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: Since the last Assembly the following workshops have been conducted: How to Chair a Meeting at Clear Cut Directions in Southlake, Servicio at Grupo Paz y Fortulazena in Fort Worth, Tradiciones and Conceptos for District 90, How to Chair a meeting at Mid-Cities Group in Hurst, Upcoming workshops- Aug 22nd Safety and Respect in AA District 21, September Sponsorship at Arlington Group How to Chair a Meeting/Sponsorship/Traditions Texoma Group, November Language of the Heart Safety and Respect in AA, AA and Mental Health (format to be determined- looking at Traditions) District 65, November 7th Safety in AA Friendship Group Lewisville, TX.

Alternate Delegate Report – Keith D altdelegate65@neta65.org 214-906-5183: Nothing new to report

Delegate- Tom M delegate65@neta65.org (972)922-1014: It continues to be my pleasure and privilege to serve as NETA 65's Panel 65 Delegate. In addition to the full Conference report I gave in Longview, I have also given the following reports: Gathering of

Eagles; Districts 52, 53, and 56; District 54; District 22; and Districts 41 and 42. I have upcoming reports scheduled for the Southwest Group and for District 9. If you would like me to give a report at your district (or group), please let me know. I have asked a slate of speakers (all current or past delegates) to save the date for our upcoming NETA Convention. Once we have an established budget by which I can make a firm commitment to our speakers for travel expenses, lodging, etc., I will make final arrangements. I am hopeful that everyone who plans to attend the Fall Assembly will support our Fall Convention, through their own pre-registrations and by helping spread the word (especially once the pre-registration flyer is available). If the convention is to be self-supporting, we must have enough paid registrants to cover the convention expenses. Also, per the P&P (4.12), we must invite a member of the GSO staff to attend. While he is not a member of the GSO staff, one of the scheduled speakers is a member of the AAWS Board; perhaps we could get a sense of the meeting sometime today to see if the committee would accept an AAWS board member in lieu of a GSO staff member. I recently received three memos from the GSO Literature Desk asking for shared experience on three topics: (1) stories to update the pamphlet "A.A. for the Woman" including, but not limited to, stories from single mothers, women in the military, and women of diverse backgrounds; (2) stories to update the pamphlet currently titled "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic," to include shared experience from transgender and gender-nonconforming members, and especially experience regarding sponsorship and being a newcomer; and (3) sharing from members with mental health issues and those who sponsor such members. I will post the memos to www.neta65.org and will distribute them by email, once I've had an opportunity to redact last names.

Finally, it appears that there is a growing interest in how items are selected for inclusion on the General Service Conference agenda. As you may know, delegates are not included in the current process, which is that matters sent to GSO for consideration as agenda items for the upcoming Conference are forwarded to a trustees' committee for review; it is currently the trustees' committees that decide what items make the agenda and what items don't. One or more delegate areas in our region are considering a motion to include delegates in the agenda-setting process. Once I have sufficient background material, I will send it around for everyone to review, and I would like to ask that we set aside some time in new business at the fall assembly to discuss the matter.

Convention Chair – Convention Chair Report – Greg F convention65@neta65.org 214-215-8097: Not present

Structure Committee Report- Jimmy D jdean@halfie.com (214)674-7836: Three motions forwarded by the Area Committee following the Spring NETA Committee were considered.

Standing Committee Chairs who have a separate bank account for NETA contributions are to provide quarterly finance reports to the NETA Treasurer. (Reports submitted by March 1, June 1, Sept. 1, and Dec. 1 each year). The committee unanimously recommended the motion be forwarded to the Area Assembly and include the phrase, "including most recent bank statement."

Starting next panel, do away with the Newsletter Editor position and merge responsibilities into the Alternate Secretary's duties. The committee unanimously recommended the motion be forwarded to the Area Assembly with the suggestion it be reworded to "Eliminate the Newsletter Editor position and merge responsibilities into the Alternate Secretary's duties."

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. The committee took no action but instead recommended that the NETA Chair form an ad-hoc committee to address issues with the annual Service Convention (unanimous) and suggested that the Area consider eliminating the AI-anon portion of the Area AA General Service Convention (6-1 favor).

Unfinished Business

Fall Area Committee Meeting- October 18th, 2015 from 1:30PM to 4:30PM at the Unity Group- First Christian Church, 1203 Fulton, Denton TX 76201.

Winter Area Committee Meeting- February 7th, 2016 1:30-4:30pm at New Life Group in Wichita Falls, TX 1406 Beverly Dr Wichita Falls, TX 76309

Fall Assembly and Convention Agenda reviewed- Committee added spot for Website review at 10:15- Passed unanimously

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 including most recent bank statement (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 Fall Assembly

Motion presented by Ed C., Alt Secretary- Eliminate the Newsletter Editor position and merge the responsibilities into the Alternate Secretary's duties.

Outcome: Forwarded to Fall Assembly

Area Committee in favor of having Area Chair form an ad-hoc committee to address issues with the annual Service Convention as presented by Structure Committee (see Structure Committee Report).

Motion presented by Thomas P, Grapevine/La Vina Chair- The Grapevine/La Vina Committee is requesting an additional \$921.60 in funds for FY15.

Background- Due to the committee chair living in the Far Northwest of NETA 65, the cost of mileage and need for hotel stays is greater than that of a committee chair living in the DFW area. Below is the projected remaining budget for FY15. Please note that

there is no additional conferences/district appears budgeted in. This does not mean that the Grapevine/La Vina Committee would not be represented if requested.

Outcome: Forwarded to Fall Assembly

Sense of Area Committee- AAWS speaker was invited to Convention instead of GSO staff member. Sense of Committee was not to have AAWS speaker instead of GSO staff member.

Motion presented by Ed C., Alt Secretary- NETA 65 will fund 3 members of the Structure Committee to attend each Area Assembly. The structure committee will decide which 3 will go to each Assembly. Each member of the structure committee will also be budgeted \$25 per quarter to cover costs of going to Area functions.

Background- We are currently budgeted for \$7,000 this year for 10 past delegates. The end of year last year (before Final accounting) we had 7 committee chairs go over their budget. I feel the AA dollar would go much further if we could use the extra money to fund our committee chairs so they don't have to come out of pocket. This motion would drop the earmarked budget for past delegates to \$3,025 per year and free up \$3,975.00 per year to go back to committee chairs.

Outcome: Area Committee voted against forwarding motion to Area Assembly For- 7; Against-15

What's on Your Mind? Moderated by Alt Area Chair, Olga R.
The meeting closed with "The Lord's Prayer" at 4:40 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kat C, NETA Secretary

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