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

Delegate, Tom M.

Our spring assembly is coming up quickly. We hold mock committee meetings Saturday morning at the assembly to discuss items the General Service Conference will consider in April. If you would like to chair or co-chair these meetings, let me know ASAP.

I invite folks who are committed to participating in the mock committee process (as opposed to folks who "might come" or "will try to come") to participate in the mock committee of their choosing if they email me in advance at delegate65@neta65.org with their preference(s). The cutoff will be March 14. I will put an email together and will ask our secretary to blast it out, and I will ask the DCMs and standing committee chairs to please help me spread the word to the groups in your districts and to the members of your committees.

In my experience, reading the background material was VERY helpful in learning more about general service. I would be happy to share the background, but by request only. I will not be posting it to the website, nor will I be sending it via mass email. I ask that people not distribute it to others, but that they instead ask others to contact me directly so I can impress upon them the importance of respecting the confidential nature of the background, for use only within the Fellowship.

If you haven't heard, the California lawsuit was dismissed as to AAWS and the General Service Board. The plaintiffs have the right to appeal the dismissal, and they have until around March 21 to exercise that right.

The Trustees' PI Committee is looking for an appointed committee member with experience in social media, social networks and online communications. If you have this kind of experience and would like more information about the position, please let me know.

Finally, it is not too early to start thinking about scheduling delegate's reports. Requests will go on my calendar on a first-come, first-served basis. DCMs, please let me know when you would like me to come to your districts to give a report on the Conference results. I'm also available to come to your districts before the

Conference to discuss the Conference agenda. I'm here to serve the groups and districts in our area as best I can. Kindly let me know what I may do for you.

Alternate Delegate, Keith D.

Upcoming events

- Southwest Additional Regional Forum 2016 (Area 10 Colorado). June 3-5, 2016, DoubleTree Hotel, 4040 Quebec St, Denver, CO 80216. Register at aa.org. Volunteers – Dianne D. 970-846-4818 & Erica C. 303-956-3034.
- Texas State Convention 2016. June 24-26, 2016, DoubleTree Hotel, 6505 I-35 North, Austin TX 78757. txaaconvention.org, austinAA2016@gmail.com
- SWRAASA 2016 (Area 4 Arkansas). Oct. 21-23, 2016, Embassy Suites Hotel Northwest Arkansas, 3303 Pinnacle Hills Pkwy, Rogers, AR 72758. SWRAASA2016@arkansasaa.org, swraasa2016.org
- Southwest Regional Forum 2017 (Area 68 Southwest Texas). Oct. 20-22, 2017, San Antonio Marriott Northwest, 3233 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78213. 214-377-3900.
- SWRAASA 2018 (Area 39 Western Missouri) Oct. 5-7, 2018, Branson Hilton & Convention Center.

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Area Chair, Tina P.

This past January, our annual orientations were put on in Tyler at the Downtown Suburban Group, then in Eastland at the Eastland Group, followed by our centrally located one at the Town North Group. Thank you to the trusted servants who participated in the coordination, hosting and sharing in the presentations given to better inform our new GSRs, DCMs and anyone else interested in learning about our General Service structure.

Sadly, I report that our Convention Chair Greg F. has stepped down for personal reasons to address other obligations and responsibilities. We thank him for his service and wish him well. Roy A. has been

approved by the Area Committee at our most recent meeting in Wichita Falls and will step up to the plate in planning our future assemblies for the remaining panel this year. Please welcome him back into the NETA 65 fold, for he previously served as our Treasurer two panels ago, and did a fine job as District 21's DCM last panel.

We now can look forward to our next Spring Assembly at the DoubleTree Hilton near Midway and LBJ in Dallas March 19-20. Tom M., our delegate, is coordinating our Mock Committee deliberations, so that our Assembly body can practice our "right of participation" per Concept IV, on the Conference Agenda Items. This will help Tom be better informed of our collective NETA group conscience for his participation at the General Service Conference in April. Our next Summer Assembly will take place at the Cleburne Convention Center June 18-19. This will be Tom's opportunity to report back to the Assembly body on the outcome of each of the agenda items, while entertaining any questions we may have along the way.

Alternate Chair, Olga R.

To date, 29 workshops have been presented and 7 are scheduled. 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.

Secretary, Kat C.

Hello Area 65! 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 are a GSR, Alternate GSR, DCM or Alternate DCM and 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.

GSO is in the process of updating their Regional Directories. DCMs should be receiving an email and/or group listing by the Spring Assembly to ensure the accuracy of group's addresses and contacts. If you would like to check on your group individually, please let me know and I would be happy to assist. The deadline for updates is Friday, May 6th.

Treasurer, Lore L.

This is the first financial update since the Area Committee Meeting (ACM) on 10/17/2015. Matters including the reconciliation of the accounts since the financial problems with the Convention Committee expect to be cleared up after the new Convention Committee Chair has been approved. Final 2015 reports will be presented at the Spring Assembly after feedback and review by our CPA, and 2015 tax returns will be submitted for review before May. Prudent reserve balance as of Feb. 5, was \$15,411.94. Operating balance after 1Q2016 checks was \$19,970.26. For contributions, make checks pay to the order of NETA 65 and mail to Lore L., NETA 65 Treasurer, PO Box 815, Rio Vista TX 76093-0815.

Alternate Treasurer, Wayne H.

- The NETA 65 expense report can be downloaded from the NETA 65 website.
- 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. Not submitting your receipts in a timely manner makes determining a reasonable budget for your position for the coming year impossible.
- If you have received NETA 65 money please provide me with receipts for those funds. I should have received receipts for expenditures through the Summer Area Assembly. Unused funds that you wish to return can be sent to the NETA 65 Treasurer.
- Trusted servants who have not turned in receipts for at least 50% of advanced money will not receive addition checks until that threshold has been met.
- I prefer expense reports and receipts to be sent to me electronically. I will accept paper expense reports and help you fill them out. Please do not give me anything you do not keep a copy of.
- Paper reports can be mailed to: Wayne Hall @ PO Box 219, Weston, Texas 75097. You can call me at 972-571-4799 or email at 69wdhall@gmail.com or alttreasurer65@neta65.org.
- 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.
- Expense receipts are accepted for Assembly and Area Committee events as stated in the NETA 65 Policy and Procedures. When committee chairs are asked by Conventions and other non NETA 65 venues to set up tables, hotel expenses will no longer be acceptable expenses without preapproval, but mileage is an approved expense. A few committee chairs are going over budget due to usage of budget for hotel stays and other non-NETA 65 expenses. Additional ways of attending these events are to find someone on your committee who lives in the area to cover the table, ship the table contents, ask the host of the event to assist in

covering your expenses, or ask for pre-approval from the Area Committee.

Archives Committee, Chuck B.

The Archives Committee is still looking for an alternate archivist. Anyone who is interested can call me at 817-235-8793. Any group that would like the Archives to be displayed at its function can call me at the same number.

Convention Committee, Roy A.

The summer assembly June 17-19 in Cleburne will have an estimated room rate of \$70; meeting room cost will be \$800. The projected cost to NETA for the Spring Assembly may exceed \$3,500. The budget is \$700, so we need to discuss budget increases. The summer assembly should more or less break even. We need volunteers to staff the registration and coffee desks in Cleburne.

The fall assembly cost may exceed \$4,000 if held in Dallas or Fort Worth; I am considering nearby locations within 50 miles of D/FW Airport.

Corrections Committee, Bill W.

The 4th quarter of 2015 saw continued financial support from area groups, but order requests for literature decreased slightly. The NETA 65 Corrections, and annual event prescribed by the Area P&P, was held in Richland Hills in December. It included a Volunteer Training/Orientation session conducted by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. There were 27 AA volunteers registered for the orientation.

Several AA volunteers shared their experiences in corrections service. Speaker Jim S. of the Chicago Group in Dallas gave his perspective as an alcoholic who served AA for many years from "inside the walls" and who now works to give back to those still behind them.

The Orange Can campaign received 68 donations totaling \$5,841.45. The Corrections Committee delivered \$6,438.39 of literature and has \$2,432 literature on hand at current cost value.

CPC Committee, Jose G.

I am following up professional contact received from GSO. Future plans include a district talk in February and a district workshop in March. I sent email to joint CPC PI Committee regarding Spring Assembly to set 2016 committee objectives and to support the mock committee process. I attended the three GSR/DSM orientations.

Special Needs Committee, Jamie C.

We had a workshop on November 14, 2015, titled ADA in AA, which was very interesting and informative. Special thanks to Blair B., Dallas Intergroup, and all who attended the meeting.

I am very excited that the Area approved two flyers for SNAC. Thank you to the Area Committee for approving these flyers. Also, I would like to thank Blair B. from District 54 for the creation of these wonderful Informative flyers. They may be viewed and printed by going to the NETA65.org web site, clicking on Committees, then click on Special Needs. Then click on the following: SNAC_ServiceAnimal_Flyer.pdf and SNAC_THE_ADA_IN_AA_FLYER.pdf.

I have been trying to schedule time to meet with each District which does not have a SNAC Chair. If your district does not already have a SNAC Chair and we have not already set up a time for me to meet with your district, please contact me. I may be reached at 817-880-9292 or SPN65@NETA65.org.

Once a district has a SNAC Chair, it is very important that each District Special Needs Accessibility Committee host regularly scheduled meetings for groups within their district. Thus, groups are pro-active, instead of being re-active; they already know what to do when an AA member with Special Needs enters the rooms of AA. Providing the same message to all members, including those with Special Needs and Accessibility needs, is very important.

Our next Area Special Needs Accessibility Committee meeting will be on March 19.

Webservant, David L.

Keith D. had a simple but excellent idea. Place something on the NETA homepage that stated "if you need help and want to talk to someone, send an email here." Since that time I receive weekly emails from newcomers, family members, even fellow AA members traveling here from all over the country. Being able to respond immediately has been amazing. It has been a very manageable and several DCMs and GSRs have been very helpful reaching out and providing 12 step calls and help. Thank you for all who help.

As far as I know all the calendar items are up to date but if you need to add something to our event calendar let me know. If you think it should be on the NETA 65 calendar and it isn't, it's because no one informed me.

I provided Bill W. an online tutorial on uploading his Area Committee documents to the Correctional Facilities page. If you need a similar tutorial please schedule one with me.

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Fall Assembly – September 19-20, 2015
Doubletree Hotel- 4099 Valley View Ln Dallas, TX 75244
Saturday September 19th, 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.

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 Summer 2015 Assembly were accepted with corrections.

Alternate Secretary Report/Newsletter Editor – Ed C altsecretary65@neta65.org 682-438-2807: We did the last mail-out on Aug. 9th at the Clean Air group. It was well attended. We will be having our next mail-out at the Town South group. We still need two more groups or districts to host for next year, I would like to ask that everyone who can get email to receive the newsletter via email to cut costs on doing the mailout. We added the Assembly and Committee meeting minutes to the newsletter. I would like all articles by Saturday December 19th so we have plenty of time for translation

Treasurer's Finance Report – Lore L treasurer65@neta65.org 817-517-3850: Financial update since the Area Committee Meeting report 7/12/2015. A current 7th Tradition Contributions spreadsheet is included with this report. The NETA VISA credit card application had been approved and was received. The card has a \$5000 limit.

2016 budget considerations: There are motions to be presented at the Fall Assembly which may require changes for the 2016 budget. If changes are required, the Finance Committee may need to review. If possible, the Finance Committee will meet before the Area Committee Meeting in October 2015. If possible, the Treasurer will report the recommended 2016 budget at the Area Committee Meeting in October 2015. Previously approved 2015 budget = \$ 49,105.00

Prudent Reserve:	Balance at bank	12/31/2014	\$ 11,900.60
	Earned interest YTD		\$ 8.64
Balance at bank		9/17/2015	\$ 11,909.24
Operating Account:	Balance in Accounting	1/02/2015	\$ 28,937.02
	Deposits YTD		
	Group Contributions	9/17/2015	\$ 26,288.98 1*/2*
	Panel 63 Refunds	9/17/2015	\$ 1,331.38
	Expenses YTD	9/17/2015	-\$ 40,468.93 3*
	Balance in Accounting	9/17/2015	\$ 16,088.45 3*
	Actual balance in bank	9/17/2015	\$ 25,586.24 4*

Notes: 1* Cash contributions collected and deposited as of 9/16/15, 2* Orange Can contributions have been separate since 5/29/2015 and not included here, 3* Includes checks written for 4Q2014 advanced expenses, not as yet cleared

4* Does not include checks written and not cleared

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

Feel free to contact me anytime: Call/text 817-517-3850

Email: treasurer65@neta65.org

Alternate Treasurer's Report – Wayne H alttreasurer65@neta65.org 972-571-4799: The NETA 65 expense report can be downloaded from the NETA 65 website. 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. If you have received NETA 65 money please provide me with receipts for those funds. We are now nine months into panel 65. I should have received receipts for expenditures through the Summer Area Committee Meeting. Unused funds that you wish to return can be sent to the NETA 65 Treasurer... (Receipts to me ---Money to Lore). Trusted Servants who have not turned in receipts for at least 50% of advanced money will not receive addition checks until that threshold has been met. I prefer expense reports and receipts to be sent 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. Keep a copy of everything for your own records. Paper reports can be mailed to: Wayne Hall @ PO Box 219, Weston, Texas 75097. You can call me at 972-571-4799 or email at 69wdhall@gmail.com or alttreasurer65@neta65.org. 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. Expense receipts are accepted for Assembly and Area Committee events as stated in the NETA 65 Policy and Procedures.

Alternate Area Chair Report – Olga R altchair65@neta65.org 254-624-8526: 9 workshops have been presented and 6 more are scheduled. 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: There were 192 registrations for the Fall Convention and 14 for Assembly only. We are right there for self-support. An Alternate Convention chair has been identified and will be brought to the Area Committee for disapproval.

Delegate Report – Tom M delegate65@neta65.org 972-922-1014: I have been slow to distribute to the area info that folks may find to be of interest, due in part to work and in part because of some health-related issues. We often joke that one of an alternate's duties is to pray for their counterpart's good health. While Keith has surely been diligent about this as he is with everything, perhaps he could use some help from all of you in the praying department; thanks in advance. Stay tuned to your email for some updates from me in the coming weeks. I regret that I've not done a better job, and I'll try to do better going forward. I have given all but one last scheduled delegate's Conference report. This last report will be held in District 9, at the First United Methodist Church in Mexia on Saturday September 26 from 1:30-5:30. I am particularly excited about giving this report, in large part because District 9 is so excited to host it. We have not had much District 9 participation here at the area in recent years, so I'm hopeful this report may lead to increased participation. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to join me in welcoming our invited out-of-town guests for the weekend: Tami R. from Colorado, who was our speaker last night; Billy N. from Georgia, who will be our speaker tonight at 8:00; Yoli F., our new SW Regional Trustee from San Antonio, who will be giving her first trustee's report to NETA tomorrow morning; and Rick W. from GSO staff in New York, who will share with us tomorrow morning. GSO staff rotation took place on September 14; perhaps Rick will share with us a bit tomorrow about what that process looks like. The GSO & Grapevine office space is currently being renovated. Although the office is open for business during the renovation, there will be no tours given until construction is completed, which is expected to be by November 30. As I have previously announced, current GSO General Manager Phyllis H. is retiring at the end of the month. Current Publishing Director Greg T. has been selected to be the new GM, and he will assume the GM's duties as of October 1. (A new Publishing Director has not yet been named.)

We are accustomed to having final General Service Conference reports available here at the fall assembly. However, they are due to ship sometime next week, so I will have them at the area committee meeting next month. Additionally, you may recall that the Conference took its inventory over the last three years, and the final inventory report will be published and distributed sometime in the fall. There are three projects underway in the Trustees' Literature Committee: a complete overhaul of the "A.A. for the Woman" pamphlet; a revision to the "A.A. and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic" pamphlet to include shared experience from transgendered and gender nonconforming A.A. members, especially regarding sponsorship and being a newcomer; and efforts to develop literature for the alcoholic with mental health issues. The Trustees' Literature Committee is asking A.A. members for their written shared experience for these projects, and the submission deadline is October 15, 2015. I have, for all three projects, copies of a memo outlining the submission details. If you're interested, please see me for a copy. Finally, it's not too early to start thinking about next year's General Service Conference. In fact, this is the last assembly before the agenda deadline, which is December 15, 2015. If you have something you would like considered, please reach out to me ASAP to hammer that out.

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

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/>

Additional Regional Forum 2016 (Denver, CO) June 3-5, 2016- DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, Denver, CO

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

1. **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."*
2. **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."*
3. **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 Al-anon portion of the Area AA General Service Convention (6-1 favor).

Chair Report, Tina P: chair65@neta65.org (214)566-7561: Welcome to all new NETA 65 Attendees. An ad-hoc committee has been appointed to address issues with the Convention. Our Area Inventory is being scheduled for end of the year. Upcoming Area Committee meetings: October 10th 1:30-4:30 Unity Group First Christian Church, 1203 Fulton, Denton TX 76201 and Feb 7th New Life Group in Wichita Falls, TX 1406 Beverly Dr. Wichita Falls, TX 76309. The Area Orientations are tentatively scheduled for East-Tyler Jan 10th; West- Jan 17th; DFW- Jan 24th tentative.

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.

Old (Unfinished) Business

None

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: *Passed unanimously*

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

Outcome: For- 62/Against- 29

Vote to revoke: Passed by majority

Revote: For- 40; Against- 52- *Motion Failed*

Motion presented by Thomas P, Grapevine/La Vina Chair- The Grapevine/La Vina Committee is requesting an additional \$524.64 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: For- 81; Against-8- *Motion Passed*

Sunday September 20th, 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 Jill.

Southwest Regional Trustees Report – Yoli F. – Discussion of available literature and digital resources for AA members- new aa.org website, aagrapevine.org; anonymity on social media, reaching the Spanish-speaking community, success of International Convention in Atlanta- 57,000 attendees and 4,000 volunteers, staff update at GSO- 2 new staff members and new General Manager, GSO Finances

The meeting closed with "The Lord's Prayer" at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Kat C, NETA Secretary

**Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Fall Committee Meeting –October 18th 2015
Hosted by the Shalom Today Group 3730 E McKinney, Denton TX 76208.**

Area Chair- Tina P chair65@neta65.org (214)566-7561: called the meeting to order at 1:58 PM and opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading of "Why Do We Need a Conference" by Christy Hh.

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

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

Alternate Secretary – Ed C altsecretary65@neta65.org 682-438-2807: We are set up to do the next mail out at Town South group. I will get with the new Newsletter chair and see what plans are for the next newsletter and dates. Once I have that I will be able to put a hard date on when the mail out will be.

Treasurer – Lore L treasurer65@neta65.org 817-517-3850: Under PI budget, the budget increase was removed and the budget will remain the same as FY15. Under past delegate who are no longer receiving budgets, we added "voluntarily inactive." A line item was added for Texas State Convention of \$270 for the immediate past delegate to be funded to serve on the Texas State Convention Board. The new budget amount is \$51,615. An additional \$3,500 will be moved from our Operating Account into the Prudent Reserve and a line item will be added to next year's budget. A Finance presentation will be held on November 11th, 2015 at the Meadowbrook group- time to be announced.

Financial update since the Area Assembly/Convention 9/17/2015- A current 7th Tradition Contributions spreadsheet is included with this report. Finance Committee Meeting was held @ 12:15pm on 10/18/15, before the ACM Agenda items:

Review and approve the 2016 budget review, Discuss and set date for Delegate Tom M. to present the 2015 GSO Finance presentation, Consideration and approval to move \$4000 NETA funds into the Prudent Reserve

Prudent Reserve:	Balance at bank	12/31/2014	\$ 11,900.60	
	Earned interest YTD		\$ 9.13	
	Balance at bank	10/17/2015	\$ 11,909.73	
Operating Account:	Balance in Accounting	1/02/2015	\$ 28,937.02	
	Deposits YTD			
	Group Contributions	10/17/2015	\$ 30,750.18	1*
	Panel 63 Refunds	10/17/2015	\$ 1,331.38	
	Expenses YTD	10/17/2015	-\$ 41,722.12	2* 3*
	Balance in Accounting	10/17/2015	\$ 19,297.04	1*
	Actual balance in bank	10/17/2015	\$ 14,280.62	4*

Notes: 1* Includes + \$2,724.61 Contributions not as yet deposited in bank, 2* Includes - \$4,090.71 charges paid by NETA Debit Card for Fall Assembly/Convention, 3* Expenses noted in the 9/17/15 Fall Assembly Report were in error, 4* Does not include Contributions (1*) or checks written but not as yet cleared
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Alternate Area Chair Report – Olga R altchair65@neta65.org 254-624-8526: As of this date, 11 workshops have been conducted. Two more workshops are scheduled How to Chair a Meeting and Safety and Respect in AA. Please let me know if you would like a workshop.

Convention Chair – Convention Chair Report – Greg F convention65@neta65.org 214-215-8097:

Fall Assembly and Convention Reconciliation

Costs: Banquet Facilities Bill: \$3195.75 Guest Rooms: \$894.96 Guest Travel: \$1095.00 Speaker Gifts: \$105.00

Total Cost: \$5290.71

Revenue: Pre-Paid PayPal: \$479.00 Cash: \$2865.00 Checks: \$175.00

Total Revenue: \$3519.00

Budget: Fall Event: \$700 Hotel/Convention Chair: \$975

Final Balance: -\$96.71

Spring Assembly – March 18-20, 2016 Double Tree Quadrupled meeting room rent to \$2000/day, Searching for alternative space. Will attempt to follow similar model to “out of town” assemblies

Summer Assembly – Cleburne Convention Center – June 17-19, 2016 Need to make deposit to hold space - \$550.00

Will require advance against next year's budget

Requirements for Spring Assembly- 3600 Square foot meeting room, at least 6 break-out rooms, \$700 budget

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

Southwest Additional Regional Forum 2016 (Area 10 - Colorado) June 3-5, 2016 DoubleTree by Hilton Denver, Denver, CO 4040 Quebec St, Denver, CO 80216 Register on aa.org Volunteers – Dianne D. 970-846-4818 & Erica C. 303-956-3034

SWRAASA 2016 (Area 4 Arkansas) October 21-23, 2016 Embassy Suites Hotel Northwest Arkansas 3303 Pinnacle Hills Pkwy, Rogers, AR 72758 SWRAASA2016@arkansasaa.org <http://www.swraasa2016.org>

Southwest Regional Forum 2017 (Area 68 Southwest Texas) October 20-22, 2017

San Antonio Marriott Northwest 3233 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78213 214-377-3900

SWRAASA 2018 (Area 39 Western Missouri) October 5-7, 2018 Branson Hilton & Convention Center Texas State Convention- June 24-26 2016, Austin, TX at DoubleTree

Delegate- Tom M delegate65@neta65.org (972)922-1014: I gave my last scheduled delegate's report in Mexia last month; however, it's not too late to schedule a delegate's report in your district if you haven't already done so. I will be presenting the GSO finance report to the area for the benefit of those who are interested in our Fellowship's financial affairs. The presentation will be held at Meadowbrook Group on Sunday, November 22 from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. For those of you who attended the recent SW Regional Forum in St. Louis, you may have heard David Morris's presentation there, which was a portion of what he presented at Conference and what I will present on November 22. If you missed the recent SW Regional Forum, there will be an additional SW Regional Forum held in Denver on June 3-5; Keith's report has all the details. I plan to attend, and I hope to see many of you there. If you have never been to a regional forum (or if you have), please make plans to come to Denver; it will be your last opportunity to attend a forum in our region until October 2017. I have printed quarterly contribution reports for each DCM, so DCMs, please be sure to get your reports from me before you leave today. If there are groups on your report that aren't really in your district, or there are groups not listed that should be, please let me know. If any listed groups

are inactive, please let me know that too. Also, please look over the "no district" reports that are circulating to see if any of the groups belong in your district. Thanks very much.

Ad-Hoc Committee- Convention A preliminary meeting was held at the last Assembly and a formal report will be given at the next ACM.

Unfinished Business

New Business

CPC Chair- Jose G- presented Tom G. as his Alternate Chair to be effective Jan 1. 2016. No disapproval.

Grapevine Chair- Thomas P- presented Brandy H as Alternate Chair. No disapproval.

Melissa Mc was presented as Newsletter Editor. No disapproval.

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

Spring Area Committee Meeting- Sunday April 10th 1:30-4:30pm-The Gift in Irving Tentative

Summer Area Committee Meeting- Sunday July 10th 1:30-4:30- Unity Group in Abilene, TX

Special Needs Chair, Jamie C presented Special Needs Service Pieces for Area Committee Approval- ADA in AA and Service Animals in AA.

Outcome-Postponed to the next Area Committee Meeting

Area Orientations- January 10th 12:00-3:00 Downtown Suburban Group in 1034 E. Lake St Tyler, TX; January 17th 2:00-5:00 Eastland Group 302 N. College St. Eastland, TX; January 24th 1:00-4:00 Town North Group.

Area Inventory- December 13th Cornerstone Group 6760 Abrams Rd, Ste 215 Dallas, TX 75231 12:30-4:30

The meeting closed with "The Lord's Prayer" at 4:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kat C, NETA Secretary



Northeast Texas Area 65



Spring Assembly – March 19-20, 2015
DoubleTree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Ln.
Dallas, TX. 75244 972-385-9000

Theme for the 66th General Service Conference:
“Our Spiritual Life: Steps, Traditions, and Concepts”

Saturday – March 19:

- 7:15 Registration Opens
- 8:00 Welcome: Tina P. – Serenity Prayer / “Why Do We Need a Conference?” / Opening Remarks
- 8:15 Delegate’s Report / Final GSC Agenda: Tom M.
- 8:30 GSC Mock Committee Breakout Sessions
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 GSC Mock Committee Breakout Sessions, continued
- 11:30 Lunch
- 1:00 GSC Mock Committee Reports to Delegate and assembly body
- 2:15 GSC Q&A: Delegate Tom M.
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 GSR/DCM Sharing Sessions
- 4:30 GSR/DCM Sharing Session Report Backs
- 5:15 Dinner
- 7:15 Committee Meetings
- 8:15 Break
- 8:30 Workshop/Sharing Session (Alt. Chair’s choice) – Chair: Alt. Chair, Olga R.
- 9:30 Close with the Lord’s Prayer

Sunday – March 20:

- 8:00 Registration Opens
- 8:30 Welcome: Tina P. – Serenity Prayer/“Why Do We Need a Conference?” / Opening Remarks
- 8:45 Reports: Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Convention, Alt. Chair, Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Structure, Ad Hoc, Archives, Archivist/Historian, CPC, Intergroup, Literature/AV, PI, Special Needs, Translation Services, Treatment, Corrections, Grapevine/LaVina, Newsletter
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 Old Business / New Business
- 11:15 What’s On Your Mind? / Delegate Send-Off – Chair, Tina P. & Delegate, Tom M.
- 12:00 Close with the Lord’s Prayer