



NORTHEAST TEXAS AREA 65

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RF? SWRSAA? Alternate NETA 65 delegate Keith D. explains the differences

One of the things that came out of the mock committees this year was the lack of understanding of the Regional Forums and the Southwest Regional AA Service Assemblies. I highlighted some of the aspects of the RFs at the assembly during my report, but as it was suggested in the committee, here is a very brief comparison (some of the highlights only).

Regional forums:

- Paid for by our contributions to the GSO – meaning, there is no registration fee and the host committee does not have to pay for anything either, so since you have already paid for it, you might as well go!
- Host committee acts as a liaison for GSO staff to the local resources, but the agenda and most of the preparation is handled by GSO staff, manager and the trustees.
- The focus is on the overall status and process of the GSO, the General Service Board, the two corporate boards and AA as whole.
- What I have gained: a greater understanding and connectedness to AA as a whole and a change in thinking from “those people” in New York, to “my fellows.”

SWRAASA:

- Paid for with registration fees (any shortfall or surplus is the responsibility of the host committee).
- Host committee is solely responsible for the organization of the event, while the agenda is handled by the host committee under the SWRAASA guidelines.
- The focus is on AA service in the Southwest Region – concerns, difficulties and processes are shared in order to improve our effectiveness as a region.
- What I have gained: I have gotten to meet and “grow up with” AA members involved in general service throughout our region – we have shared in struggles and solutions over the years.

News from NETA Chair Tina P.

Thanks to our Convention Chair Roy A. and our hosts from District 65 for a wonderful Summer Assembly in Cleburne June 17-19. A lot of coordination and planning goes into these events, and I appreciate all the hard work and warm hospitality we received throughout the weekend. And after that, our friends in District 71 and at the Eastland Group were very gracious hosts July 10, when we had our summer Area Committee Meeting. Thank you all for your efforts on behalf of Area 65!

It's hard to believe that we're into the last quarter of Panel 65 already, with elections for our next Panel (67) Area Officers taking place at our Fall Assembly and Convention Sept. 16-18 in Denton, and then elections for Standing Committee Chairs at the Duncanville Group during our Area Committee Meeting scheduled October 9 at 1:30pm. If you've never witnessed our 3rd Legacy Procedure (see the AA Service Manual, pages S20-21 & S36) in action at the Area level, it can be quite engaging, entertaining and spiritual! [Editor's Note: See further explanation of the Third Legacy Procedure on pg. 2.]

I invite everyone to come out to Denton for a full weekend of NETA Fall Assembly and Convention activities Sept 16-18 at the Hilton Garden Inn, 3110 Colorado Blvd., Denton, TX., 76210. The NETA room rate is \$119.00 with a hot breakfast included. They've blocked off 50 rooms at that rate if booked by Sept 1. You'll be updated with officer, standing committee, and SW Regional/GSO reports, enjoy elections for new Area 65 Officers, and visit with new friends in the fellowship. Registration is \$15 for the convention, and we have some great speakers lined up for Friday and Saturday nights, and Sunday morning. Come join us for a lot of fun as you learn about and get inspired into service opportunities galore!

More upcoming NETA 65 events to look forward to:

- October 9, 2016 – 1:30pm; NETA Committee Meeting & Standing Committee Chair elections – Duncanville Group, 223 West Camp Wisdom Rd, Suite B&C, Duncanville, TX 75116. (972-709-8553)
- January 15, 22, & 29, 2017 – GSR/DCA Orientations and General Service Structure presentations; locations (usually East, West, and DFW areas) and times TBA

- February 12, 2017- 1:30p; Winter NETA Committee Meeting – Likely Clean Air Group, but will confirm
- March 18-19, 2017- Likely District 22 will host, with dates and location to be confirmed soon.

Thank you all for the privilege of serving NETA 65!

Anatomy of a Fall, by Treasurer Lore L.

I do not profess to have all of the answers, or even the majority of them. But I know where to find them; in the Big Book (BB) of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). This and many other writings from Bill W. help guide us on our spiritual journey. The key points are that we cannot give up. We cannot stop. And we cannot pretend that we are like other people. We are alcoholics. We are not doomed. We are blessed because we have the solution. This article is about what I have painfully witnessed with many alcoholics when they stop following our roadmap of recovery as defined in the first 164 pages of the BB.

First everything else in their world becomes more important than working the AA program. They stop going to meetings. They do not call other alcoholics. They pull away from their AA friends and isolate themselves. While they think they are having a great time of life, their disease is out there doing pushups.

When all other priorities make it impossible for them to find time for AA, they start losing their AA insurance. When things and stuff are more important than AA, life becomes stressful. That common irritable, restless and discontentment starts. The thought of a drink may not enter the picture quite yet, but emotional decay has started.

When the phone calls and texting stops, it is because life has become so full of busy-ness that there is no time left for AA related activities. There are always excuses as to why AA is not a priority. Alcoholics often become so self-absorbed and self-centered that there is no thought of others or their AA program of recovery. At this point, exhaustion tends to make relief sound like a good idea. The thought of a drink creeps into their minds. They often believe that there are justifiable reasons for their escape.

Dry drunks go out emotionally and mentally way before they actually drink. Plus, they are stone cold sober when they go to the liquor store or bar to buy that first bottle, can, or six-pack. The thought is often 'one small drink, or one small bottle will be ok. What could it hurt? These alcoholics have lost the strength to fight insanity. They succumb to their belief of relief, and drink.

Unfortunately, by the time their work, families or loved ones find out about their transgressions, they have already become filled with self-loathing and guilt. Soon the temporary relief has been replaced with misery. It is a vicious cycle. But it does not need to be this way.

The program of AA is a WE program. With the help of other AAs and their Higher Power, they can recover again if they want to work at it. We AAs understand

each other like no one else. We understand the fear and the internal fight with ourselves.

Together we can break this destructive nature before it starts. The AA program keeps us right sized with humility and compassion. Our reprieve from this condition comes from studying the Three Legacies of AA as well as getting our daily dose of hugs and laughter. This support is part of the framework that help keeps insanity and alcohol in check. Service work is part of the answer; AAs helping others.

Yes, many of us need personal time out. I make mine AA days filled with multiple meetings and AA events around the Northeast Texas Area. These spiritual timeouts fill me with gratitude and help to refocus my priorities. No life is without challenges, but with the help of AA, we learn to face each day with a smile, in peace, and without alcohol.

"There is no more aloneness, with that awful ache, so deep in the heart of every alcoholic that nothing before could ever reach it. That ache is gone and never need return again." BB, 4th edition, page 276.

Group count update from Secretary Kat C.

Hello NETA 65! Since the last newsletter our General Service Office has been working on the Regional Directory updates. The Regional Directory provides information on groups by providing addresses and contact information. Thank you to all of the DCMs for getting in contact with the groups in your districts and help in getting them as accurate as possible. Last newsletter there were approximately 500 groups listed in the NETA and with the help of the DCMs we were able to identify about 100 groups that are no longer active. We also were able to get some listed with GSO that are active and open. The new approximate total of groups in the NETA is about 415. Thank you so much for your help!! It is an honor and a privilege to be able to serve as your Secretary and have learned so much and continue to learn more as I trudge this road with you all.

More about the Third Legacy

[Editor's note: The following information is quoted directly from page S21 of the AA Service Manual.]

"AA's Third Legacy Procedure is a special type of electoral procedure, used primarily for the election of delegates and regional and at-large trustees. It is considered to be unique to AA, and at first glance, appears to introduce a strong element of chance into a matter that should depend solely on the judgment of the majority. In practice, however, it has proved highly successful in eliminating the influence of factions or parties that seem to thrive on most political scenes. The railroading of a candidate for election is made difficult, if not impossible, since voters have a wide selection of candidates to choose from. More importantly, a second-place candidate who may be extremely well qualified but without early popular support is encouraged to stay in the ballot rather than withdraw."



Northeast Texas Area 65



Fall Assembly & Convention – September 16-18, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn, 3110 Colorado Blvd
Denton, TX, 76210 940-891-4700

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

**Bold, Italicized agenda items are Convention activities*

Friday – September 16:

- 4:00 Registration Opens
- 5:00 Hospitality Room Opens
- *6:30 NETA Fall Convention – Voice of the Convention: Christy H.**
NETA Past Delegates Panel – Chair: Tom M.
- *7:45 Break**
- *8:00 AA Speaker Meeting – Chair: Sheila W.; Speaker – TBA**

Saturday – September 17:

- 7:15 Registration Opens
- 8:00 Welcome: Tina P. – Serenity Prayer / “Why Do We Need a Conference?” / Opening Remarks
- 8:15 Reports: Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Alt. Chair, Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Ad Hoc
- 8:45 Standing Committee Reports: Archives, Archivist/Historian, CPC, Convention, Corrections, Grapevine/LaViña, Intergroup, Literature/AV, Newsletter, PI, Translation Services, Treatment, Special Needs-Accessibility
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Standing Committee Meetings
- 10:30 GSR/DCM Sharing Sessions
- 11:15 GSR/DCM Report Backs
- 11:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Elections
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Elections (continued)
- 4:30 Break
- 6:00 Dinner
- *8:00 AA Speaker Meeting – Chair: Alt. Delegate-Elect; Speaker – Jennifer D.**
- 9:00 Break
- 9:15 Elections (continued, if necessary)

Sunday – September 18:

- 8:30 Registration Opens
- 9:00 Welcome: Tina P. – Serenity Prayer/“Why Do We Need a Conference?”
- 9:15 SW Regional Trustee’s/GSO Report – Chair: Chair Elect; Speakers: Julio E. & Tom M.
- 9:45 Question & Answers (regarding previous report), Ask It Basket, What’s On Your Mind? – Chair: Tom M.
- 10:15 Break
- *10:30 NETA Fall Convention – Voice of the Convention: Christy H.**
AA Speaker Meeting – Chair: Delegate-Elect; Speaker – Julio E.
- noon Close with the Lord’s Prayer**

**Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Summer Assembly – June 18-19, 2016
Cleburne Convention Center- 1501 W. Henderson St. Cleburne, TX 76033**

Saturday June 18th, 2016

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 Greg. 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 17-23, 2016. He distributed his report of the 66th 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

2017 Budget Approval – Presented as approved by Area Committee

Outcome: Motion passed unanimously

New Business

Motion presented by Sarah P, DCM District 53:

To change Section 2.2 of the P&P which currently reads: A general election is held during the Fall Committee meeting of even-numbered years for purpose of electing all Chairpersons for the Area Service Committees (see 1.1 above) using Third Legacy Procedures. Selection of committee order for election will be randomly selected by the current Area Chair. Each candidate will give a brief verbal resume prior to election.

To read: Chairpersons for the Area Service Committees (see 1.1 above), chosen from lists of NETA Trusted Servants who have indicated willingness to serve in the positions, shall be agreed upon by both the incoming and outgoing Area Chairpersons, subject to NETA Assembly disapproval.

Outcome- For-11 /Against-78

Vote to revoke- For-14/ Against-71

Motion Fails

Motions presented by Roy A- Convention Chair to be effective Panel 67:

1. Motion to eliminate Section 4.8 of P&P and amend Section 4.5 to eliminate the paragraph “The AI-Anon and Ala-Teen speakers and chairperson shall be the responsibility of the Convention Chairperson.” And insert the following: “Delegate will consult with the Treasurer and Convention Chair regarding budgetary restrictions before inviting speakers.” The amended Section 4.5 would read: **The agenda for the Fall Assembly and Convention shall be responsibility of the Area Committee. AA Speakers, Chairpersons, and Voice of the Convention shall be the responsibility of the Delegate and be submitted to the Area Committee for approval. Delegate will consult with the Treasurer and Convention Chair regarding budgetary restrictions before inviting speakers. The Agenda is to be finished by May 1 in order to assure ample time for planning, printing, and mailing by the Convention Committee.**
2. Motion to amend Section 4.9 of the P&P to eliminate parts A, B, and C and add the words “AA Speakers” to end. The amended Section 4.9 would read: **The Northeast Texas Area Fall Assembly and Convention shall pay for the transportation, lodging, meals, and registration for the AA Speakers.**
3. Motion to amend Section 4.2 of the P&P to add the following at the end: **The Convention Chair will utilize DCMs as a critical communication link to the groups to encourage attendance at the Convention.**
4. Motion to add new item to Section 4 at the end: **The Area Committee will only bring motions to the Fall Assembly that require immediate action (e.g. items requiring budgetary votes or items needing resolution prior to the March Assembly).**

Formal Amendment made by Jamie C.- Special Needs Chair- to separate points 1 and 2 for voting and then points 3 and 4 for voting.

Motion made to call the question and end discussion on the formal amendment For-92 Against-0

Outcome of Formal Amendment- Motion failed

Outcome of Motion- For- 83/Against-8- Motion Passes

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 19th, 2016

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 Pepper.

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 2016 Assembly were accepted as read.

Alternate Secretary Report – Ed C altsecretary65@neta65.org 682-438-2807: We did the Area Mail-Out at Town South in May- had a great turn-out and a lot of fun.

Treasurer’s Finance Report – Lore L treasurer65@neta65.org 817-517-3850: The NETA 65 “Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax, Form 990-EZ” was submitted to the IRS. NETA 65 files under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code. Should anyone be interested in reviewing this filing, please contact the treasurer via email.

The Treasurer’s financial documents of this report have been given to the NETA Secretary and limited printed copies will be provided at the Summer Assembly. These documents have also been submitted to the Webmaster to be posted to the NETA website. These include: Treasurer’s report for Summer Assembly and NETA 65 2016 Contributions - 7th tradition spreadsheet, YTD 2016. Please review the 2016 Contributions spreadsheet and send any updated information as directed. This will help us to reduce any confusion or errors. Remember that should a group or individual submit a contribution “earmarked” for Corrections, Orange Can, Archives, or Conventions, those funds are not reflected in the attached contributions spreadsheet. Those funds will be reported by the chairperson of each of their respective committees.

Reported Committee	Archives Committee	5/31/2016	\$416.35
Bank Accounts:	Conventions Committee	6/15/2016	\$158.94
	Corrections Committee	6/15/2016	\$405.08
Prudent Reserve:	Balance at bank	1/01/2016	\$15,410.73
	Earned interest YTD		\$3.70
Balance at bank		6/15/2016	\$15,414.43
Operating Account:	Balance in Accounting	1/02/2016	\$21,355.94 1*
	Deposits YTD	6/14/2016	\$22,004.87
	Expenses YTD	6/15/2016	-\$24,053.91
	Balance in Accounting	6/15/2016	\$19,306.90
Balance in Bank		6/15/2016	\$21,098.21 2*

Notes: 1* Checks for the 3Q2016 for trusted servants have been written but not as yet deducted from “Accounting.” These checks may be handed out at this weekend or at the ACM on 7/10/2016.

2* There are a few 2016 NETA 65 checks not as yet cashed. If you are holding a check, please deposit ASAP.

Contributions: Pay to the order of NETA 65 Send to Lore L., NETA 65 Treasurer PO Box 815 Rio Vista, TX 76093-0815

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 6-17-2016 reflects all transactions that I received on or before 6-17-2016. 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 within 3 months of receiving the advanced funds. Receipts for 50% of advanced funds are expected before receiving subsequent advances. We are now ¾ through Panel 65. Please submit all receipts for this panel by 15 December 2016. Expense receipts are accepted for Assembly and Area Committee events, and service performed on behalf of NETA 65. See NETA 65 Policy and Procedures for specific information. If you

have doubt, ask for clarification before incurring the expense, Expenses are not accepted for any sort of AA speaker, Step or Tradition meetings. NETA 65 does not perform AA meetings. Expenses are not accepted unless specified in the NETA-65 P&Ps or otherwise specifically approved by NETA 65.

Alternate Area Chair Report – Olga R altchair65@neta65.org 254-624-8526: We have conducted approximately 45 workshops. District 91 How to Chair a Meeting and Sponsorship July 9th at 6pm, District 64 Safety and Respect in AA and Sponsorship July 9th at 1pm, Athens Group July 16th at 1:30pm How to Chair a Meeting, Athens Group Inventory August 6th at 1:30pm, Saginaw Group August 27th at 1pm, How to Chair a Meeting and Sponsorship, District 91 Service Manual Workshop Sept. 10, and Apathy and 3 Legacy Sponsorship Arlington Central August 23rd. It is suggested that you serve some type of food, but not necessary.

Convention Chair Report – Roy A: roy@andersonspecter.com (940) 368-1967: Huge thanks to District 65 for a fantastic Assembly here in Cleburne! Our next Assembly/Convention will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Denton- please note that the tables for the Standing Committee Chairs will not be in the main room due to space. At the next Area Committee Meeting, I would like to line up hotels and locations for the next year. Cash in bank as of 6/14 \$174.94- detailed financial report available upon request.

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:

Texas State Convention 2016 - June 24-26, 2016 DoubleTree Hotel 6505 IH 35 North, Austin TX 78757
<http://txaaconvention.org> AustinAA2016@gmail.com

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://swraasa2016.org>

National AA Technology Workshop (NAATW) - November 18-20th, 2016 Winston-Salem Marriott 425 N Cherry St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101 <http://naatw.org> info@naatw.org

Southwest Regional Forum 2017 (Area 68 SW 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

Structure Committee – Jimmy D: jdean@halfile.com 214-674-7836: No report.

Delegate, Tom M., and Area Chair, Tina P, moderated a session of “What’s on your mind?”

The meeting closed with “The Lord’s Prayer” at 12:00 PM

Respectfully submitted, Kat C, NETA Secretary

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Summer Committee Meeting – July 12th, 2016
Hosted by the Eastland Group and District 71

Area Chair Tina P chair65@neta65.org (214)566-7561 called the meeting to order at 1:30 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.

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Secretary – Kat C secretary65@neta65.org 817-875-6284: The minutes of the Spring 2016 Area Committee Meeting were accepted as read.

Alternate Secretary – Ed C altsecretary65@neta65.org 682-438-2807: We have Language of the Heart set up for the next mail-out. We have Town North set up for the Winter Mail-out. I would like a group to volunteer for Spring Mail-out so the incoming Alt Secretary won't have to figure out where.

Treasurer – Lore L treasurer65@neta65.org 817-517-3850: Contributions are less than normal and the current “Balance in Accounting” is only \$ 9,021.17. Based on normal contributions, we can anticipate around \$3000 in contributions by the Fall Assembly and another \$4000 by year end. The Budget for the 4Q2016 is \$16,008. Expense checks are written in September at the Fall Assembly. At this time, there will be insufficient funds. I will thus need to transfer funds from the NETA Prudent Reserve Account into the NETA Operating Account. The amount to be transferred will need to be determined around 9/10/2016. With this being the last six months of Panel 65, please make sure to examine your advanced expenses and your reported expenses. If you are in need of your last check for 4Q2016 at the Fall Assembly, then you must make sure that you get your expense reports to Wayne H., Alt. Treasurer no later than Wednesday, 9/14/2016. If you will not need your 4Q2016 advanced expense check, this will be appreciated and help NETA meet its obligations. Additionally, if you have not spent all of your advanced expense funds by the end of Panel 65 (12/31/2016), then you will need to write a check to reimburse NETA for your advanced funds. If possible, it would be nice to have the refunds returned to me before Christmas 2016 so we will be able to close out the year and Panel 65 on time. Remember expense reports submitted to Wayne, checks written to NETA 65 and sent to me.

Prudent Reserve:	Balance at bank	1/01/2016	\$ 15,410.73
	Earned interest YTD		\$ 4.33
	Balance at bank	7/09/2016	\$ 15,415.06
Operating Account:	Balance in Accounting	1/02/2016	\$ 21,355.94
	Deposits YTD	7/11/2016	\$ 24,945.34
Expenses YTD		7/09/2016	\$ 37,280.11
	Balance in Accounting	7/11/2016	\$ 9,021.17
	Balance in Bank	7/09/2016	\$ 11,921.16

Contributions: Pay to the order of NETA 65 Send to Lore L., NETA 65 Treasurer PO Box 815 Rio Vista, TX 76093-0815 During the Fall Assembly 2016 the Treasurer for Panel 67 will be elected. The new address for 2017 contributions will be sent out by the new Secretary and posted on www.neta65.org.

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 7-9-2016 reflects all transactions that I received on or before 7-9-2016. 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 within 3 months of receiving the advanced funds. Receipts for 50% of advanced funds are expected before receiving subsequent advances. We are now ¾ through Panel 65. Please submit all receipts for this panel by 15 December 2016. Expense receipts are accepted for Assembly and Area Committee events,

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Alternate Area Chair Report – Olga R altchair65@neta65.org 254-624-8526: We have presented two additional workshops since the last Assembly. One in Waco and one at Harbor Group in Fort Worth. Upcoming workshops are in Athens and in District 53 at Cornerstone Group on Technology in AA. Please contact me if you would like a workshop. I have a list of topics available if needed.

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

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

Convention Chair – Convention Chair Report – Roy A roy@andersonspectator.com (940)368-1967: Presented by Bill N. Fall Assembly September 16-18, 2016 Hilton Garden Inn 3110 Colorado Blvd Denton, TX 76210 (940)891-4700 \$119.00 at 50 rooms each night.

Fall 2016 Area Committee Action Items: Registration Costs? Each committee chair will have a table in the foyer. Registration by Sept. 1st. 4 major restaurants within walking distance.

Spring 2017 Area Committee Action Items: District 22 has offered to host Spring Assembly. How much of NETA budget is seed money, \$2,000? Does Area Committee want Friday night speaker?

Summer 2017- Need groups or districts to volunteer and need to select location by October 2016. Longview possibly. I'm compiling a list of suggestions to host Assemblies. Please send comments or notes to the following.

Spring Assemblies: Within 50 miles of DFW Airport, seating capacity of at least 300 to fit in committee tables, at least 6 separate breakout rooms with seating for 25 each room, needs A/V system as part of contract with minimal cost, auditorium, breakout rooms and coffee should cost less than \$2,500 (negotiate a cap for coffee costs), room rate less than \$100 per night unless hot breakfast is included with 60 room/night commitment maximum for each night, 12 volunteers for registration, 12 coffee table volunteers if we are buying coffee by volume and selling limited coffee cards, need volunteers and supplies for hospitality suite

Summer Assemblies: Should be outside immediate DFW area, seating capacity of at least 260 to fit in committee tables, needs A/V system as part of contract with minimal cost, auditorium, breakout rooms and coffee should cost less than \$1,000 (negotiate a cap for coffee costs), room rate less than \$100 per night unless hot breakfast is included with 45 room/night commitment maximum for each night, 8 volunteers for registration, and volunteers and supplies for hospitality suite

Structure Committee Report- Jimmy D jdean@halfile.com (214)674-7836: No report.

Unfinished Business

NETA Inventory Ad-Hoc Results presented by Chair Joe P.- Chair will be sent a copy to be electronically sent out to the Area.

New Business

Presented Frank W. as Alternate Archives Chair- No disapproval

Fall Assembly and Convention Agenda- approved with corrections

Fall Area Committee Meeting- Duncanville Group October 9th 1:30-4:30

Area Orientations- January 15, 22, 29, 2017- tentative dates

Winter Area Committee Meeting- Clean Air North (tentatively) February 12th 1:30-4:30

Presented Clyde R as Alternate PI Chair- No disapproval

Motion presented by Ed C, Alt Secretary: To change the mid-panel GSR Orientation to a mid-panel Service Assembly. The workshops will be set up by the Alternate Chair.

Outcome- Motion withdrawn

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

Respectfully submitted, Kat C, NETA Secretary

Addendum to the Minutes 2016 Summer Assembly/Committee Meeting

Archives Chair – Chuck B archives65@neta65.org (817)235-8793: The Archives Committee has gotten fairly busy up till now and will slow down considerably after next weekend's visit to Austin for the AA State Convention. The good news is that I found an Alternate for Archives Chair who will be presented at the next Area Committee Meeting- Frank G from Preston Group. If you would like an archives presentation, please contact me.

Archivist/Historian Report – Keith C archivist-historian65@neta65.org 972-974-5299: I attended the additional Forum in Denver and had a lot of fun. I encourage anyone who is able to attend the Regional Service Assemblies. Everything is on track with digital archive materials. I have identified a replacement for next Panel.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair – Jose G cpc65@neta65.org 817-371-8921: Since the last assembly the committee conducted 4 CPC Workshops in Dallas, Dennison, Lewisville and Longview. We had great turnouts for these events. Thanks to the district members who made these workshops possible. If your district or home group is interested in doing CPC work and you would like some assistance, please call Tom G or Jose G to make arrangements

Corrections (CFC) Chair – Bill W corrections65@neta65.org (817)282-4400: The NETA65 Corrections Conference for 2016 is scheduled for October 29 at the Brookside Center in Hurst, the same site as the 2014 Conference. However, there will not be a TDCJ Orientation as there are opportunities statewide throughout the year to be certified for service in state jails and prisons. This year's conference will be comprised of speakers and panel discussions primarily intended to attract new additional volunteers. We are always interested in having additional districts become more involved in the area of Corrections service. There is a new AA Prison Group in our area recently chartered by the GSO. It is the Turning Point Group, at the Federal Corrections Institution (FCI) at Seagoville, having been established through the ongoing efforts of the Lake Highlands Group. The Corrections-Orange Can Report for the 2nd Quarter of 2016 will be on the Area website which is www.neta65.org. If interested in servicing in state jails and prisons, visit the TDCJ website which is very user-friendly. It is www.tdcj.state.tx.us. For service in Federal or County facilities, contact me, Bill W at 817-282-4400 or email corrections65@neta65.org or Bill H, 817-917-2028 or hoffbill@gmail.com. Also, regarding county facilities, we suggest contact through your County Sheriff's Office. For those unable to qualify for certification under rules of any governmental agency or authority, usually those with records of specific past offences, there are still other open areas and opportunities available, such as participation in the Corrections Correspondence program (see pamphlet P-26) or volunteering to speak at a post-release facility, sometimes referred to as a "halfway house" or "Therapeutic Transitional Community" such as VOE, the ABODE in Fort Worth. There is no extensive listing of such facilities currently available but one is in the process of being compiled.

Grapevine / La Vina (GV/LV) Chair – Thomas P grapevine65@neta65.org 706-567-8012: Grapevine is doing a year-long sweepstakes on which state can get more subscriptions and that state will get their own edition. Texas is 4th overall and 2nd in our region. The Grapevine is always looking for written stories or you can call in to have your story recorded. Stories,

artwork, and jokes can be submitted online. Grapevine Area Conference calls are going well. They are typically scheduled the last Sunday of the month. The Annual Grape-a-thon will be celebrating the 25th Anniversary of La Vina on October 16th from 1-4 at the Town North Group. A writing workshop will be held at the Grape-a-thon. How can the Grapevine/La Vina serve your group, district, or Area as a whole? Please let us know.

Intergroup Liaison Chair – James J intergroup65@neta65.org (469)853-1247: I would like to give my sincere thanks to everyone who continues to give their time and financial support to your Intergroup or Central Offices. All of the offices throughout NETA 65 continues to seek help with members willing to answer phones after hours, members willing to speak at groups, and members willing to simply come down to the office and offer your time in whatever manner is needed. There are many task that do not require long term sobriety, and they are always in need of help; regardless of length of sobriety.

Dallas Intergroup- Hours - Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, and the 2nd and 3rd Saturday each month from 10am-2pm Night Watch – Service opportunities are still available if your group or individual members would like to volunteer to receive phone calls after hours. To volunteer call 214-887-6699. Intergroup Rep Meetings - are every 2nd Thursday of the month at 8pm. Meeting at First United Lutheran Church, 6202 E Mockingbird Lane. www.aadallas.org

Fort Worth Central Office- Hours – Mon-Friday 8:45am-4:45pm, and the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays from 9am-noon. After hours Hotline – 817-922-9859. Service opportunities are available and help is need answering the after hour phones. This is an excellent service opportunity. Contact the office to volunteer. Central Office Rep Meeting – The Steering Committee and the COR meetings are the second Tuesday of even numbered months. SC is at 6pm, and COR is at 7pm. www.Fortworthaa.org Office needs – 8 ½”x 11” paper, HP95 and HP 98 printer ink cartridges.

Tyler Central Service Office – 401 E. Front St, Bldg 3, Suite 145-B, Tyler Tx 75702. Phone # 903-597-1796 Hours – Mon-Fri 9am-4:30pm Service Opportunities – The office is staffed by AA volunteers in half day shifts. If you would like to volunteer please contact the office. www.tyler-aa.org

Central Texas Intergroup – 3201 Franklin Avenue Suite 9, Waco Texas Trustees Meeting – The second Monday of every month at 6:30pm at the intergroup office. Intergroup Rep Meeting – Third Monday of every month at 6:30pm in the building across from St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 1401 Washington Avenue. 254-754-3336 (answered 24-7) Office Needs – more volunteers are needed for after-hours phone service. There have been times the phones have gone unanswered due to lack of volunteers. The office also receives request for Big Books to be donated to the local jail facilities. If you would like to buy a book or two, and donate them it would greatly help this service. centexintergroup.com

Literature / Audio-Visual (AV) Chair – Bill H literature65@neta65.org (903)269-6905: I attended the Gathering of the Eagles Conference and was able to give out some literature.

Newsletter Editor – Melissa Mc neta65newsletter@gmail.com The NETA 65 newsletter was 400 copies in English and 90 copies in Spanish. The total expense was \$514.88. The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter will be July 15.

Public Information Chair (PI) – Joe H pi65@neta65.org (719)491-0898: Clayton R., Public Information Coordinator with the General Service Office Staff, sent an email with 6 attachments/communications:

1) 6.16.16 P.I. Activity Update EN.pdf – Provides a wide variety of general information with links to resources for New Trusted Servants, PI Committee Resource Page and the Press/Media Page with Actions from the 2016 General Service Conference. Action Request: Please send sharing about anonymity – An Ongoing Challenge. Please share with the P.I. desk here at G.S.O how your local A.A. fellowship addresses he ongoing challenge, so we can pass along to others what is working for you. Here are some questions that might help your committee explore ways to inform local A.A. members about this vital principle: What can be done locally to ensure that AA members are well informed about the multiple reasons AA members maintain anonymity (as a safeguard for the newcomer, to practice humility and preserve sobriety for the existing member, and to protect AA as a whole)? How does your committee strive to share information about anonymity with all local groups, not just those who attend service events? How does your committee utilize a variety of ways to share this information? How does your committee regularly share information about anonymity, so that existing members are reminded, and newcomers are quickly informed about this vital principle? What has your committee found to be effective? Not effective? 2) Public Information Discount Packages F-55 EN.pdf – this is a listing and pricing of P.I. literature packages with pricing and order form. 3) Anonymity Letter to Media (F-21 English 2016).doc - A Note of Thanks and a Request for Continued Cooperation. Anonymity Letter to Media from the General Service Office of Alcoholics

Anonymous. 4) Anonymity Memo to Tapers.doc – Anonymity note to Audio Recording Professionals. 5) 2016 P.I. Advisory Actions.doc – Conference Advisory actions (4). 6) 2016 P.I. Committee Considerations.doc - Conference Committee Considerations (6). VIP and repeat offender: Did you know there are 10 Victim Impact Panel opportunities across the DFW Metro area every month and at least 2 of those are for Spanish speaking opportunities? These are instances where you have an opportunity to discuss with what AA is and isn't directly with potential future members of our fellowship. You can find opportunities at <http://www.madd.org/local-offices/tx/north-texas/victim-impact-panels/> Myra at 214-637-0372 ext 4826. Still seeking an Alternate Chair.....

Webservant- David L webservant65@neta65.org (972)894-2459: I would do this report all in emojis to show my social media prowess but that would be a little pompous. First and foremost I'd like to assure everyone that the website is in fact still on the Internet. You might have noticed not much is on the calendar. When you notice that you may wonder, "Why this is not on the calendar?" The answer is because no one sent me an item to be posted on the calendar. I love posting calendar events. I love God, my family, freshly glazed donuts, and posting calendar items on the NETA website in that order. Please send me anything you wish to have on the calendar for the remainder of the year. We continue to receive emails asking questions about AA and meeting locations. It's my favorite part of this service position. Thank you to everyone who helps me out with this vital service. I did make one minor change to the website, the "Find a Meeting" page now provides links to the various North Texas intergroup sites. This drastically cut down on the emails of people looking for meetings but they still email to ask questions. They are all new and curious! That is all. Let me know if there is anything I can do for you.

Special Need-Accessibilities Chair- Jamie C spn65@neta65.org 817-880-9292: I have attended several districts, groups, and Conferences to give Special Needs presentations. Several districts have open positions for Special Needs reps. There is a wealth of information about Special Needs on the NETA website neta65.org. The Area did approve two service pieces that are available for any group to use- Service Animals in AA and ADA in AA.

Treatment Facilities Chair- Joanne N treatment65@neta65.org (515)360-5442 I have sent the agenda item we have been working on to get feedback from the districts to discern if it is useful. Goals and Activities for 2016: 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 to work with GSO to educate districts on what the protocol is for providing literature to clients in treatment facilities, Continue to work with District Treatment Committee Members who are currently or want to carry AA's message into treatment centers, to connect them with sources to gain entry into local treatment facilities.

Translation Services- Tomas G translation65@neta65.org (972)979-7327: Thanks to the Committee for all of the help with translations- JJ and Jose. We are continuing to translate all of the documents that are sent and real-time translation at Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies.

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