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Area Committee Meeting Minutes (Winter 2019 – Panel 69) February 10, 2019, (Approved minutes 4-7-19)

Austin Ave. Methodist Church, 1300 Austin Ave., Waco, TX 76701

Meeting opened with prayer and Area Chair Lynn & Guillermo reading “Why We Need A Conference.” Chair took a quick consensus of the room on whether to read the previous ACM minutes and the general consensus was no. Chair shared that the January Orientations were well attended and the ACM is working on revamping the Orientations for 2020 (e.g., a Central location [more space]) More information forthcoming.

Alternate Chair Report: Workshops scheduled: **January** • Emotional Sobriety in Tyler • 3 Legacies at Serenity Group in Sherman - **February** • Sponsorship at Waxahachie Group- **March** • 3rd Annual Service at Wylie Group. Any group or district that is wanting to host a workshop, please let me know. Please also let me know if you would like to be added to the list of presenters for workshops or have workshop topic ideas. For more info, contact: Sarah P. / 214-274-0677 / Altchair69@neta65.org

Treasurer Report -The Finance Committee met prior to this ACM meeting. They will be recommending to the body at the Spring Assembly to add a new line item for the Technology Committee to the budget totaling \$1200. That number may change at some point once additional information is available. For more information, contact: Tom G. / 903-826-1741 / Treasurer69@neta65.org

Alternate Treasurer Report -Please provide all expense reports to Olga, either printed or digitally. For more information, contact: Olga R. / 254-624-8526 / Alttreasurer69@neta65.org

Secretary Report -Area Email Distribution List: I will be sending out all emails for the area. Each time that our Alt. Secretary, Joe H. makes modifications to records in FNV (the G.S.O. database), if there is an email change or addition, he has been and will continue to send me those changes and additions so that I can update our area email distribution database. If you are not receiving emails from the area, please send an email to me at secretary69@neta65.org and I will make sure you get added to our email distribution list. Email Distribution Schedule: In an effort to both respect our area body members and to effectively communicate important information out to the body, I will be sending out a SINGLE email blast containing all meeting agendas, meeting minutes, committee reports and any other additional information needed for upcoming meetings. This single email will go out ONE (1) WEEK prior to the ACM or the Area Assembly. If you are responsible for getting documents to me that need to be emailed out, I need to receive both English and Spanish versions of those documents no later than TWO (2) WEEKS prior to the meeting. If you do not get them to me two weeks prior to the meeting, they will not be sent out. Please respect your fellow area trusted servants in doing their jobs to the best of their ability by doing YOUR job to the best of YOUR ability. The one caveat to this is that there will be times where our Area Delegate will receive time sensitive information that will need to be sent out immediately, and we will of course get that information sent out ASAP. For more information, contact: Rick W. / 917-698-0722 / Secretary69@neta65.org

Alternate Secretary -Joe addressed timing issues in getting data input into FVN. He has input all information from Orientations. The Alternate Secretary also addressed return newsletters that we received and asked for direction on how to take care of them. He will work with Alt. Secretary (Panel 67) to get this taken care of. For more information, contact: Joe H. / 719-491-0898 / Altsecretary69@neta65.org

Delegate Report -The roller coaster ride has begun, and I'm incredibly grateful for the growing opportunities that I have already been blessed with by serving as your Delegate in this new Panel 69. The Final Agenda Items have been sent out, with background information on its way by the end of this next week. That's when I begin studying the massive amount of material. I hope to familiarize myself with this so as to be as prepared as is possible for inquiries from NETA 65 and for the Conference in May. I find it ironic that I've been assigned to serve on the Conference PI committee, when that is an area that I have least experience with! I'm happy to say that our committee had a conference call with the Chair of the Trustees Committee on Public Information, Peter L, before the last GSB weekend, as he was seeking input regarding proposed items being considered for disposition to the Conference PI Committee. I see this as a step forward with involving the delegates in their agenda item deliberations. As we have done with previous Mock Committees, I will be counting on Past Delegates, Standing Chairs, and DCM's to assist with presenting pertinent background material as they lead the committee discussions regarding each agenda item. I have approached many already in being committee cochairs. I am also expecting more participation from our Spanish members, as I extended an invitation at an event last weekend for them to come together as a group to discuss agenda items of most interest to them. I am still in the process of coordinating with Sheila, our Convention Chair, regarding the number of breakout rooms we'll have at the Spring Assembly, and what committees will be combined for more efficient use of the time we have available on our agenda. I'll be keeping you posted when final plans are made. Tina P. / 214-566-7561 / Delegate69@neta65.org

Alternate Delegate Report Upcoming Events:

- **73rd Texas State AA Convention (SETA 67)**, June 7-9, 2019, Westin Galleria Houston 5060 W. Alabama, Houston, TX. 77056, 713-770-6270 Room rate is \$129.00 single/double, \$139-\$149 triple/quadruple; mention "2019 TX State Convention", <https://txaaconvention.org>.
- **National AA Technology Workshop**, September 20-22, Holiday Inn University Plaza Sloan Convention Center, 1021 Wilkinson Trace Bowling Green. KY, 42103 270-745-0088 / 800-465-4329. Room is rate \$115, Code # AT6
- **Southwest Regional Forum 2019 (SETA 67)**, Houston, October 11-13, 2019, Sheraton North, 15700 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX. 77032, 281-442-5100. Room is rate \$82/night.
- **National AA Corrections Conference 2019 (SETA 67)**, Houston, Nov. 1-3, Doubletree at the Intercontinental, 15747 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX. 77032, (281) 848-4000 Room rates are \$89 per night single room or \$95 double room (breakfast included).
- **SWRAASA 2020 (NWTAA 66)**, October 9-11, 2020, Embassy Suites Hotel, 550 S. Buchanan St., Amarillo, TX 79101, 806-803-5500. Room rate is \$135.00/night. Overflow Hotel – Courtyard Marriot S., Polk St., Amarillo, TX, 79101, 806-553-4500. Room rate is \$129.00/night.
- **International AA Convention** – Detroit, MI - July 2-5, 2020 Check aa.org and Box 459 as more info becomes available. Convention registration and housing reservations will be available Fall 2019. For more information, contact: Wayne H. / 972-571-4799 / Altdelegate69@neta65.org.

Treasurer from Panel 67 gave an overview report on final Area financials for the previous rotation. Alternate Treasurer, Panel 67 gave an overview report on final expenses and payouts for the previous rotation.

Area Standing Committee Reports:

Archives Report- We are planning to set up displays at: Gathering of Eagles, North Texas Roundup, Texas State Convention and possibly other events. The Archives Chair (Panel 67) has the balance from the previous chair's budget to pay back at the NETA 65 Winter ACM 2019 on 02/10/2019. Please let the Archives Chair or Alternate Chair know if you have any questions or concerns. Contact: Chair, Greg L. / 214-477-7778 / Archives69@neta65.org

Corrections Panel 67 Wrap Up Report - (from Panel 67 Chair) Chair Report: An overview of how I used NETA 65 Corrections CHAIR money will be provided to the incoming Corrections Chair for Panel 69. Collin County Jail will/has begun an AA meeting for Veterans. Orange Can monies have been used to provide several AA literature items and start up literature as follows: Slogans, On the Beam/Off the Beam, I am Responsible, 12 Steps and 12 Traditions, AA Grapevine book: AA in the Military, and AA in the Armed Services Pamphlets. District 24 Corrections Committee has begun a meeting inside Collin County Jail, working with the Veterans Court Program. Orange Can monies have provided literature and other AA items for this new meeting. Big Book (by the case) request: a) County Jails: Eastland, Henderson, Collin, Tarrant, Dallas, Denton, Weatherford. b) Prisons: Beto / Gurney, Breckenridge, French Robertson, Walker Sayle, Bradshaw, Powledge, Coffield. c) GSO Correspondence/Pre-Release: 1. Pre-Release: (2). 2. Literature Requests: (0). 3. Literature Requests sent to another TX Area: (0). 4. New Meeting Requests: (0). 5. Pre-release request from to another TX Area: (0). Announcements and Upcoming Events: a) National Corrections Conference, November 1-3, 2019, Double Tree Hotel, Houston, TX. Orange Can: Send contributions to: NETA 65 Treasurer, 222 E McKinney, Ste 100., Denton, TX 76201 - check/money order must have "Orange Can" in the 'memo' section.

Panel 69 Corrections Chair Report - Addendum to Panel 67 Report: Committee is nearly formed, and the Alternate will be presented at the Feb ACM. Financial oversight and account access arrangements are being set up with Area Treasurer. Contributions to Corrections Committee and Orange Can Fund should continue to go to the same address as last panel.

Activities:

- Contacted Corrections Committee Chairs in SETA and SWTA; awaiting response from NWTAA.
- NETA 65 Corrections Committee will have a role, TBD, in the National Corrections Conference in Houston in November.
- Committee is being formed to put on NETA 65 Corrections Conference, date TBA probably late September or early October.
- Kelly H, District 22 Corrections Chair received an inquiry from Federal Women's Correction facility at Carswell. We are working on an appointment to get meetings reestablished in that facility.
- A Spanish meeting has been approved by the Warden at the Gurney unit in Tennessee Colony. We're working to get Spanish speaking volunteers trained and approved to go into that facility.
- TDCJ requirements to become approved volunteer: if on parole or probation, 18 months out or since disposition of case, with an approval letter from PO attached to application, and 1 yr. sober. If not on paper, 1 yr. sober.
- Please contact NETA 65 Corrections Chair Bill H. or NETA 65 Alt Chair Sarah P. regarding workshops or presentations on Corrections work and carrying the AA message behind the walls.
- Corrections Financial report will be available at ACM.
- Tentative date for NETA 65 Corrections Conference is October 5, 2019. Co-chairs Kelly H. and Sherry P. are finalizing details of location and agenda.
- We are experiencing growth in volunteers and making progress into federal and county facilities.
- We are improving communication with Spanish speaking committees. A new Spanish meeting has been approved at Gurney unit in Tennessee Colony. Currently getting Spanish speaking volunteers approved.
- Attended 1st anniversary of the Last Chance Group at Diboll.

For more information, contact: Chair, Bill H. / 817-917-2028 / Corrections69@neta65.org

Convention Report: No changes from the Panel 67 wrap up report. For more information contact: Sheila W. / 214-926-0268 / Convention69@neta65.org

Cooperation with the Professional Community Report: As soon as I get the list of DCM's / GSR's for the incoming panel, I will be in touch with each of you to explore CPC needs in your community and provide guidance to you / group / district. New incoming CPC Chairs...make sure you obtain a CPC Workbook and Kit (it's purple); you can obtain a kit from your local intergroup or request from the GSO. it is simply guidance as to how to conduct CPC work with professionals in the community.

Upcoming Events and Announcements:

1) GSO has been in contact with me since late December 2018. The National Bar Association will be in Dallas, Texas, from March 7th – 9th, 2019. NETA65 CPC members are encouraged to staff the booth, be available to answer questions, provide literature, and serve as a resource for those professionals who stop by. I have a sign-up sheet, if you are not here in Waco, please call me if you are interested until I know the CPC Chair's for districts and groups.

2) The GSO subcommittee of the trustees' CPC/Treatment and Accessibilities is looking at ways to carry the A.A. message to active duty, reserve and retired military personnel. a) A vital part of this activity is the service that local members, groups, and committees are involved. b) The GSO subcommittee asks for your shared experience with cooperation with the Armed Services. Please send your sharing by February 28, 2019, to access@aa.org.

3) About AA. There are hundreds of past articles for “Newsletters for Professionals”. I encourage all NETA65 members to take some time and look through them and provide 1-2 of these articles to professionals you currently work with in your AA service position.

4) AA Grapevine. The website below has numerous readings and audio topics for professionals:

www.aagrapevine.org/topic/professionals

For more information, contact: Chair, Nicole S. / 254-485-1413 / Cpc69@neta65.org

Grapevine/La Viña Report: We setup a booth at CityWide Dallas on January 12, 2019. Over 1000 people were in attendance. It was a great experience. For more information, contact: Chair, Bill B. / 214-205-7676 / Grapevine69@neta65.org

Intergroup Liaison Report

-The Dallas AA central office is located at 6162 E Mockingbird Lane, Suite 213, Dallas Tx 75214. Dallas Intergroup Office is looking for an Office Manager to manage its office. This position reports to the Dallas Intergroup Board. The ideal candidate is a member of Alcoholics Anonymous with 5+ years of sobriety and excellent business acumen and knowledge of business tools. E-mail office@aadallas.org [please note, position has now been filled].

-The Dallas AA Spanish Intergroup Office is located at 3530 Forest Lane suite 323, Dallas Tx 75234. The Dallas AA Spanish Intergroup Office will celebrate their 34th anniversary with a public information forum about Alcoholics Anonymous. This event will be on February 17, 2019 and will be held at SALON FISHES HIGH ALUMS ASSOCIATION INC, 910 NORTH NEEDMORE ST. ATHENS, TX 75751. E-mail oficinaintergroupal@hotmail.com

-Tyler Central Office: I will get in contact with the Tyler Central Office to see if they can post our NETA 65 up-coming events on their website. I will visit this office on their next meeting.

I will be visiting ASAP all of the intergroup/central offices of the NETA 65, Fort Worth Central Office, Fort Worth AA Spanish Intergroup Office, Tyler Central Office, Waco Central Office and Texarkana Intergroup to ensure a two-way flow of information between the AREA 65 and the INTERGROUP/CENTRAL OFFICES, contact: Chair, Victor R. / 214-994-5706 / Intergroup69@neta65.org

Literature-AV Report If your District needs literature, or you have questions about sourcing brochures, books etc., please let me know. I will be attending the Spring Assembly and will have a display there with additional brochures. If you did not have an opportunity to pick up the brochures at orientation, there is good chance I will have some for you to pick up then. Also, should your District wish to have a literature display for an upcoming event, workshop etc., please let me know. I will make every effort to arrange something for you. For more information, contact: Chair, Joe P. / 636-288-7532 / Literature69@neta65.org

Public Information Report

1. Supported Dallas Citywide Speaker Meeting assisted by members of District 54.

2. Scheduled to conduct PI workshop for D54 on February 18, 2019 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

3. In process of contacting Fort Worth area colleges and universities to schedule health fairs and workshops nursing and medical schools.

4. Conducted a workshop for the Tarrant County Probation Office in December of 2018.

5. Will reach out to all District Committee Members to offer support to their districts

For more information, contact: Chair, Jose G. / 817-371-8921 / Publicinfo69@neta65.org

Special Needs/Accessibility Chair Report -I met with the previous chair for a smooth transition and we are working with GSO to get new Special Needs info sent out. Things are looking good for the Spring Assembly. If anyone is interested in being Alternate Chair, please contact the chair. Contact: Chair, John A. / 817-964-8813 / Specialneeds69@neta65.org

Technology Report: We have created email addresses for the Area Officers and Area Committee Chairs. I am still in the process of forming the committee and if anyone would like to volunteer please contact me. This morning I met with the finance committee to start the process of creating a budget for the committee. More on that in new business. John will be stepping down as the webmaster and I would like to thank him for his service. At this time Chris B. has expressed interest in assuming this role and I will be presenting him to the body in new business. One thing we are looking at is giving the area the ability to have ACMs and Area Assemblies remotely broadcasted via webinar or similar means. First off this is secured. Only people with the access link will be able to view the webinar. If approved, we will be setting up 2 remote locations and 1 location wherever the ACM or assembly will be. These hubs will be set up by the technology committee and monitored by the committee. More details to come. For more information, Chair, Robert S. / 214-476-8537 / Technology69@neta65.org

Translation Report: Our service is to translate every meeting in the area for the Hispanic community, starting with the translation in District #90 on 12/9/2018 with the participation of our delegate Tina P. Additional meetings:

GSR/DCM Orientation Meetings: Sunday 1/13/19, Eastland Group, Eastland TX, Sunday 1/20/19; Open Door Group, Vernon, Sunday 1/27/19; La Esperanza Group, Dallas, TX. All this is taking on the legacy of unity and carrying the message of A.A. Being able to serve the A.A. community is now a privilege and motivation to keep helping those who need it. For more information, contact: Chair, Julian F. / 214-659-3244 / Translation69@neta65.org

Treatment Report: I attended the NETA65 Orientation at Eastland and provided our Intergroup Liaison, Victor, with various pamphlets in Spanish to distribute to the Spanish Intergroups. February 3rd, I attended the CD6 Treatment meeting at Meadowbrook and coordination has begun for the Treatment workshop in March. CD6 and I have agreed to combine our workshops to get the most attendance from the Area. We have finalized our date for the Treatment Workshop. It will be March 30, 2019 at the Harbor Club, 3000 W. 5th St., Ft. Worth, TX, 76107.

NETA65's Treatment Committee will provide individual workshops, upon request, for those outlying areas or Group Districts unable to make the workshop such as Eastland, Texarkana, Tyler etc.

I am also coordinating with Victor and the 7 Intergroups and Central Offices to have a short Treatment/Bridging the Gap presentation at their monthly business meetings. I will be attending the Ft. Worth Central Office Steering Committee and COR meeting on the 12th of February. I will also be attending the Ft. Worth Spanish Intergroup meeting on the 17th of February and the Waco Central Office meeting on the 18th of February to give a short overview on Treatment and Bridging the Gap.

NETA65 Treatment has been invited to provide a Treatment table at the “CityWide AA Meeting” in Dallas on April 13th and again in November.

Please let me know if you would like a Treatment/Bridging the Gap workshop or a short Treatment presentation for your Group or District or any activity you might be having that would benefit from Treatment setting up a table. I have gotten several calls from new Treatment officers from various groups and I am continuing to assist them in getting meetings to treatment facilities in their areas as well as continuing education on Bridging the Gap.

Kimberly T. was nominated and approved as my Alternate Treatment Chair. Steve J., current CD6 Treatment Chair, has agreed to assist the NETA Treatment Committee as necessary so that we can provide maximum support to those that need us. For more information, contact: Chair, Deborah S. / 254-702-1142 / Treatment69@neta65.org

Ad Hoc Committee Reports & Special Presentation

Structure Committee: Jim C., member of the committee, stated they have not met since last summer. They will meet if and when new/old business from this meeting requires it.

Special Presentation Panel 67 Alternate Treasurer: A PowerPoint presentation was shown to explain the ACM Expense Report.

Old Business

- Newsletter Chair (Open Position): Pj H. made herself available; has served at the group level, not at the district or area level in Texas (one position in CA). No other people made themselves available – Chair moved for any disapproval? None given – she was elected.
- Area Handbook Revision Review: Alternate Chair Panel 67 let the ACM know she had made several changes and there are still several tweaks to the handbook that need to be made. Chairs need to review it with previous chair, and the Alternate Chair P67 needs any changes that need to be made submitted to her (send changes only (line item) to the Panel 69 Alternate Chair no later than March 10. A revised version will be available at the Spring Assembly. It will be given to the Translation committee for Spanish translation as well.
- Area Inventory: Area Chair let the committee know it was decided at the last ACM of Panel 67 that an inventory needs to occur in Panel 69 and that the ACM needs to determine when it will occur. The Chair opened the floor for comments. Chair called for a motion: Motion was made “to hold our area inventory on Sunday, November 10, 2019” and seconded. No questions for clarification were called for. Christy H., Past DCM D22 will check to see if her District can host it. Tom D. DCM D54 can serve as a backup. Vote: Majority approved. One minority option was presented “Veteran’s Day weekend maybe a challenge.” Motion to Reconsider: When asked if the body would like to revoke – 2 ppl raised their hands – Motion stands with area inventory being on Sunday 11/10/19. Jim C. suggested the Districts who have offered to host come back to Spring ACM with proposals to host.

Election of Standing Committee Alternate Chairs

- Archives: Greg L. made himself available as Alt. Chair. No disapproval. Steve W. resigned from Chair position. New Chair, Greg L., presented Steve W. as Alt. Chair, Steve W. made himself available. No disapproval.
- Corrections: Kelly H. made herself available. Service resume: North TX Roundup for 2 years / Danes for 2 years / Took meetings into Lew Sterrett Justice Center/ Started service Fair at D54 / Alt GSR & GSR / GSR Allen Group / District Treasurer and CPC (D54) / No disapproval
- Convention: No one made themselves available
- CPC: No one made themselves available
- Grapevine/La Viña: No one made themselves available
- Intergroup Liaison: Sherry J. (D54) made herself available. Service resume: Intergroup rep for her group, literature, PI, alt GSR, GSR, District Intergroup PI, CPC, Gathering of Eagles, worked for Intergroup for 8 years as a volunteer / No disapproval
- Literature-AV: No one made themselves available
- Newsletter: No one made themselves available
- Public information: No one made themselves available
- Special Needs/Accessibility: No one made themselves available
- Technology: No one made themselves available – but Chair presented new webmaster candidate, Chris B. Chris is currently serving as Alternate DCM for D54, has some HTML knowledge but not a lot (has served in other areas), served as D54 webservant for last 3 years (district54.org). Conflict was discussed (holding both Webmaster & Alternate DCM positions), Chair shared that since webmaster is not a voting position there is no conflict. Past Delegate, Jim C., shared the thought there was no conflict as well. No disapproval
- Translation: Guillermo made himself available, ready to serve. No disapproval
- Treatment Facilities: Kimberly T., made herself available. Service resume: Did work in treatment facilities in early sobriety, answered nightline at FWCO, FWCO Secretary, Alt. GSR for 2 years, had done hospitality for several area assemblies / No disapproval

MOTIONS:

- Motion made by the Alternate Chair, “To hold the Summer ACM on Sunday, July 14, 2019”. 2nd: Alternate Delegate. Questions for Clarity: None. Discussion: Location. Jess D., DCM from D56 will check with District to confirm they can host. Shelley T., DCM D42 said they are willing to be a backup. Vote: No disapproval. Minority Opinion: none. Motion to Reconsider: none. Outcome: Motion carried.
- Alternate Chair made motion, “To hold the Fall ACM on Sunday, October 20, 2019”, 2nd: Technology Chair. Questions for Clarity: None. Discussion: Location. DCM D55 to check and see if they can host it and will advise Area Chair. Vote: No disapproval. Minority Opinion: none. Motion to Reconsider: none Outcome: Motion carried.

- Discussion: Area Chair asked ACM to review agenda for the 2019 Spring Assembly and then opened floor for discussion – some suggested changes were discussed for new business and old business. The workshop on Friday night workshop was discussed and it was decided to remove the workshop on Friday night, registration will be open on Friday evening – no other changes made. Vote: No disapproval. Outcome: Agenda was approved with those modifications.
- Technology Chair made a Motion “To add a line item to the annual NETA65 Budget for the “Technology Committee”. This line item will be used to pay for expenses incurred by the Technology Committee. Items that this account will be used for include, but are not limited to, the following: Mileage, hotel, food, printing. The amount of funding needed for 2019 will be \$1,200. 2nd by Archives Chair. Questions for Clarity: None. Discussion: Motion above includes a friendly amendment offered by Alternate Delegate. Vote: Yay: 36 / Nay: 0. Minority Opinion none. Motion to Reconsider none. Outcome: To be sent to body @ Spring Assembly.
- Technology Chair made a Motion, "The Technology Committee requests approval to create Remote Viewing locations, henceforth called “Hubs”, to be used for Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies. The hubs will be located as follows; one in the eastern portion of NETA 65, one in the western portion of NETA 65, and one in the central portion of NETA 65. The estimated cost for each location will be \$1,000.00." 2nd by Alternate Treasurer. Questions for Clarity: None. Some discussion took place. Vote: Yay: 32 / Nay: 2. Minority Opinion: Gregg, DCM D22 is concerned it will restrict participation. Motion to Reconsider: none. Outcome: To be sent to body @ Spring Assembly.
- Motion: “To extend the ACM meeting since we are past 4:30pm cutoff.” Motion carried.
- Motion will be to move to the Structure Committee: Alternate DCM D54 made Motion to Change SECTION 2.1 – FROM “The Northeast Texas Area Committee conducts Spring, Summer, and Fall Assemblies;” TO “The Northeast Texas Area Committee conducts Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall Assemblies;” Change SECTION 4.3 – FROM “In the first quarter, there shall be 3 orientation / workshops” TO “In the first quarter of the first year of each panel, there shall be 3 orientation / workshops.”

What’s on your mind? DCM D61 asked that street addresses be removed from Area Contact List. Outcome after discussion: Secretary will remove address from area roster, but will leave city, state and zip and redistribute at Spring Assembly (and email out). Motion to adjourn and closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

In love and service, Rick W., Area Secretary (Panel 69) secretary69@neta65.org mobile-text: 917-698-0722

Spring Assembly was held March 16-17, 2019, in Dallas.
The Minutes will be presented for corrections/changes/edits and approval at the Next Area Assembly at Cleburne in June, and will be published in the Summer Newsletter. The Preliminary Minutes and Reports were eblasted on March 22nd.

REMINDERS-SAVE THE DATES:

2019 Summer Area Assembly

June 14 @ 5:00 pm - June 16 @ 12:00 pm
Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W Henderson St.’ Cleburne, TX 76033

2019 Summer Area Committee Meeting (ACM)

July 14 @ 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Ray of Hope Group, Seven Points

2019 Fall Area Assembly / Convention

September 20 @ 5:00 pm - September 22 @ 12:00 pm
Cascades Conference Center at The Colony,
5909 Stone Creek Dr,’
The Colony, TX 75056

2019 Southwest Regional Forum – October 11 to 13th
Sheraton North, 15700 John F Kennedy Blvd, Houston, TX. 77032, 281-442-5100

October 20 @ 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at Cleburne Group, Saint Mark's Church

- Do we recognize the need for group officers? What is our criteria for election? Do we sometimes give a position to someone “because it would be good for them”?
- Do I set a positive leadership example?

Concept X: Every service responsibility should be matched by an equal service authority, with the scope of such authority well defined.

- Do we understand “authority” and “responsibility” as they relate to group conscience decisions by G.S.R.s, D.C.M.s and our area delegates?
- Why is delegation of “authority” so important to the overall effectiveness of A.A.? Do we use this concept to define the scope of “authority”?

Concept XI: The trustees should always have the best possible committees, corporate service directors, executives, staffs, and consultants. Composition, qualifications, induction procedures, and rights and duties will always be matters of serious concern.

- Do we understand how the roles of nontrustee directors and nontrustee appointed committee members help serve and strengthen the committee system?
- How do we encourage our special paid workers to exercise their traditional “Right of Participation”?
- Do we practice rotation in all our service positions?

Concept XII: The Conference shall observe the spirit of A.A. tradition, taking care that it never becomes the seat of perilous wealth or power; that sufficient operating funds and reserve be its prudent financial principle; that it place none of its members in a position of unqualified authority over others; that it reach all important decisions by discussion, vote, and, whenever possible, by substantial unanimity; that its actions never be personally punitive nor an incitement to public controversy; that it never perform acts of government, and that, like the Society it serves, it will always remain democratic in thought and action.

- How do we guard against becoming a “seat of perilous wealth or power”?
- How do we practice prudent use of our Seventh Tradition contributions and literature revenue?
- Do we insure the spiritual liberties of all A.A. members by not placing any member in the position of absolute authority over others?
- Do we try to reach important decisions by thorough discussion, vote and, where possible, substantial unanimity?
- As guardians of A.A.’s traditions, are we ever justified in being personally punitive?
- Are we careful to avoid public controversy?
- Do we always try to treat each other with mutual respect and love?



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