



**North East Texas Area 65 (NETA 65)
Virtual Fall Assembly & Service Convention Agenda: Sept. 18 ~ 20, 2020**



No Coffee Cards Needed!! | Convention Agenda Items in **BOLD**

Friday – September 18, 2020

- 5:00pm *Zoom Meeting open for fellowship (and will remain open during the breaks)*
6:00pm **Convention Opens:** Fall Convention Voice: Jackey B., DCM District 24
 Welcome, Meeting Notices, Serenity Prayer, Officer and Committee Position Introductions
6:15pm **NETA Past Delegates Panel:** Chair: Tina P. Panel 69 Delegate
 7:45pm *Break*
8:00pm **AA Speaker Meeting:** Chair: Wayne H. Panel 69 Alternate Delegate
Passage out of the first 164 pages of the Big Book, Reader, Marty S., McKinney Men’s Group
8:15pm **Convention Speaker:** Pam J., Past Delegate, Panel 62, SWTX Area 68
9:30pm **Close:** *AA Unity Statement: “Declaration of Unity. This we owe to A.A.’s future: To place our common welfare first; to keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives and the lives of those to come.”*

Saturday – September 19, 2020

- 7:00am *Zoom Meeting open for fellowship*
7:15am **AA Closed Discussion Meeting: (Breakout Session)**
 Chair, Terry C., GSR, Get in the Car Group, Grapevine, TX
 8:00am **Welcome:** Area Chair: Lore L.
 - Serenity Prayer
 - Assembly Weekend Guidelines
 - “Why We Need a Conference” [Deb S., Weatherford Group (English) / Jorge V., MCD Alt., Distrito 89 (Spanish)
 - Reminder of the Motion to Suspend the Rules Still Stands from the Summer Assembly
 8:15am **Officer Reports:** Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Alt. Chair, Alt. Delegate, Delegate
Standing Committee Reports: Archives, CPC, Conventions, Corrections, Grapevine/LaViña, Intergroup, Literature/AV, Newsletter, Public Information, Special Needs-Accessibility, Technology, Technology/Website, Translations, Treatment, Ad Hoc Committee on Special Programs
 10:15am *Break*
 10:30am **Old Business:** *(voting by unanimous consent or by substantial unanimity via roll call if needed)*

Motion #1: 2021 Budget. MAKER: Tom G., Treasurer

Motion #2: 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 \$1000. There will be a sunset trial period to last until the end of Panel 71 unless approved to continue at that time. MAKER: Robert S., Chair for Standing Committee on Technology.

Motion #3: To only mail hardcopies of the Area newsletter to Groups and/or Individuals presently identified by the Area 65 roster/registration, and that have no electronic ACCESS (email, web access, etc.). When the GSO Roster is reliable and updated, newsletter will only be sent to those without identified electronic access or email addresses. MAKER: PJ H., Newsletter Chair

Motion #4: Motion to amend Section 4 of the P&P as follows: Section 4: Area Policies for Assemblies / Biennial Convention / Biennial Service Workshop 4.3 The locations of the regularly scheduled Area Assemblies are to be determined by the Area Committee and the Convention Chairperson. The dates of all Assemblies and Convention to be held on the third weekend of the scheduled months, when possible. The Spring and Fall Assemblies, with the Fall being the Assembly / Convention in even-numbered years and the Assembly / Service Workshop in odd-numbered years, will be held in the DFW area, and the Summer Assembly will be held in the hosting district outside the DFW area when possible. In the first quarter, there shall be 3 orientation / workshops, one in the Western section of the Area, one in the DFW area, and one in the Eastern section of the Area. Locations and schedules to be determined by the Area Committee. 4.5.a

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. 4.5.b The agenda for the Fall Assembly and Service Workshop shall be responsibility of the Area Committee. Selection of speakers & chairpersons for the Service Workshop shall be the responsibility of the Delegate and be submitted to the Area Committee for approval. MAKER: Joe P., Standing Committee Chair for Literature

MOTION #5: "Add the following to Section 2.2 of P&P after the first sentence: "In the spirit of rotation, it is encouraged that people not serve in any position described by Section 1.1.A-I above if they have already served a full term in that position in any General Service area." MAKER: Gregg T., DCM, District 22, Panel 69

MOTION #6: "Change P&P Section 1: Area Committee. 1.1 The following shall compromise the Northeast Texas Area Committee to mirror in structure page S16 (Structure of the Conference) in the Service Manual. MAKER: Gregg T., DCM, District 22, Panel 69.

- 12:00 pm *Lunch Break*
- 12:30 pm New Business: Lore L. Orientation for Officers and Guidelines for Standing for Positions. Introduction of Third Legacy Voting for Election of Officers. (*Technology supported by Matt C., Austin, TX*). **Elections**: Chaired by Diana L., GSO Staff, CPC/Treatment Assignment. **Positions**: Candidate for the US Trustee at Large, Delegate, Alt. Delegate, Chair, Alt. Chair, Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Treasurer and Alt. Treasurer
- 2:30 pm *Break (or as convenient between officers)*
- 3:15 pm Continue with Third Legacy Voting Elections until completed
- 6:00 pm *Dinner Break*
- 7:00 pm **NETA Fall Convention Voice**: Jackey B., DCM District 24
- 7:10 pm **"AA Service Experience: Panel 69 GSR's Take-a-Ways (Teachable Moments)"** Chair: Rick W., Area Secretary. GSRs: Rhonda C. District 22. Paris Downtown Group; Bruce M. District 21. Shivering Denizens Group; Courtney H. District 66. Tuesday Night Speaker Group; Don S. District 42. Winnsboro Group; and Jason T. District 64. The Mansfield Group. ; Angie B., District 56, Ray of Hope Group
- 7:40 pm **AA Speaker Meeting Chair**: Incoming Panel 71 Alt. Delegate-Elect
Passage out of the first 164 pages of the Big Book, Reader, Randi B., O.D.A.A.T. Group
- 8:00 pm **Convention Speaker**: Beth R., Past SW Regional Trustee (1999~2003) and Past Delegate SETX, Area 67 Panel 39
- 9:00 pm **Close Convention**: AA Responsibility Statement: "I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible."
- (8:00 pm) Deadline for submission of service resumes for those interested in serving as Standing Committee Chairs
- 9:15 pm Service Resume Review: Current Chair, Incoming Chair-Elect, and Incoming Alt. Chair-Elect meet to review service resumes of those interested in serving as Standing Committee Chairs for selection for the Panel 71 slate.

Sunday – September 20, 2020

- 6:45 am *Zoom Meeting open for fellowship*
- 7:15 am Welcome: Area Chair: Lore L., Serenity Prayer, instructions for GSR/DCM sharing sessions, voting, reminder of the Motion to Suspend the Rules still stands from the Summer Assembly
GSR/DCM Sharing Sessions. Breakout rooms. Selection of date/time of next GSR/DMS meetings.
- 8:15 am GSR Sharing Report-Back
- 8:30 am DCM Sharing Report-Back
- 8:45 am Presentation of Panel 71 Slate of Standing Committee Chairs for Approval/Disproval
- 9:00 am Regional Trustee's Report: Jimmy D., Southwest Regional Trustee - followed by Q&A
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:15 am **NETA Fall Convention Voice**: Jackey B., DCM District 24
AA Speaker Meeting Chair: Incoming Panel 71 Delegate-Elect
Passage out of the first 164 pages of the Big Book. Reader: Rene W., Allen Group, Allen, TX
- 10:30 am **Convention Speaker**: Diana L., GSO Staff, CPC/Treatment Assignment
- 11:30 am "What's On Your Mind?"
- 12:00 pm Assembly Close: Lord's Prayer.