

## ACM - Reports

Summer 2022

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# **Elected Officer Reports**

Delegate Wayne H. delegate71@neta65.org

It is my pleasure to serve as your Panel 71 Delegate for NETA 65. My goal of providing information to you that is timely, transparent, and easily accessed will continue.

September 15, 2022 is the deadline for submission of Proposed Agenda Items for the 73<sup>rd</sup> General Service Conference. I encourage all AA members, Groups, Districts, and committees to consider items to be submitted. The ideas, thoughts, concerns, and proposals must be submitted before the deadline to possibly make it to the floor of the GSC for discussion. I have forms with me, I can also forward them to you by emai, and the form is also posted on the Home Page of the NETA65 Website.

It is now time to begin thinking about standing in September 2022 for NETA65 Panel 73 positions and SWR Trustee. I encourage everyone to make themselves available for every position in which they are willing to serve and meet the requirements.

I value opportunities to visit Groups, Districts, and other events and am looking forward to the rest of panel seventy-one. I will continue to be where you ask me to be. Please do not hesitate to ask me to visit. I have invited a Class "B" Regional Trustee (Mike L. Nebraska), GSO Staff Coordinator (Jeff W.), and a Past Delegate (Shane S. A64 P70) to our 2022 Fall NETA 65 Assembly, Election, and Service Convention. They look forward to Northeast Texas Hospitality.

Our Southwest Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (SWRAASA) scheduled in Tulsa Oklahoma 7-9 October 2022 is approaching quickly. I invite and encourage all NETA65 members to register and attend (SWRAASA2022.org) NETA65 will host SWRAASA 2024... We are already working hard to prepare and need volunteers to help.

I thank you for your dedicated service to NETA 65 and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Love & Service

Wayne H.

Delegate71 NETA65

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Alternate Delegate Rick W. <u>altdelegate71@neta65.org</u>

Nothing new to report since the 2022 Summer Assembly.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve!

Rick W., Panel 71 Alternate Delegate / Northeast Texas Area of Alcoholics Anonymous (NETA65) / altdelegate71@neta65.org / 917-698-0722

## Alternate Chair

Brandy H.

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We have had a total of 25 requests for assistance with workshop facilitation, from 18 groups. 20 have taken place. Upcoming workshops are in July and November.

I would like to thank the presenters that have agreed to facilitate workshops so far. Should you be interested in presenting at a workshop please let me know.

## **Up-Coming Workshops:**

July 31: 1:00 - 3:00

- How to Chair a Meeting
- Hosted by Loop Group
- District 41
- In-Person

August 6. 2:00 - 4:00

- How to Present an Agenda Item
- Hosted by District 41
- Greggton Group
- In-Person

August 7. 1:00 - 4:00

- How to Chair a Meeting
- Hosted by Lewisville Group
- District 21
- In-Person

November 5: 2:00 – 5:00

- Technology in AA
- Hosted by McKinney Miracle Group
- District 56
- In-Person

Workshop	Past	Up- Coming	Cancelled
Emotional Sobriety	1		
Group Unity	1		
How to Chair a Meeting	4	2	
Mental Health in AA	1		
Safety and respect in AA	1	1	
Sponsorship Workshop	9		
Traditions & Service	1		1
12 Steps & Sponsorship	1		
Doctor's Opinion	1		
Traditions	1		
Technology in AA		1	
Service Workshop	1	1	
How to Present an Agenda Item		1	
Service Chair Workshop		1	
12th Step Calls		1	
Grand Total	22	8	1

Love & Service

Brandy H., 817-881-0970

Secretary	Chris B.	secretary71@neta65.org
Nothing new to report!		
Alternate Secretary	Ashleigh H.	altsecretary71@neta65.org
Nothing new to report!		
Alternate Treasurer	Joe P.	alttreasurer71@neta65.org

Dear NETA65 Trusted Servants,

On the back of this report, is a spreadsheet which shows 2022 YTD expenses by service position. The last column is the amount your committee/position has left to spend for the remainder of 2022.

If you were advanced money in 2021 and did not spend it all, your balance was carried over to 2022 and is reflected on the spreadsheet. You will not receive additional money for 2022 until you have submitted all expenses from 2021.

Per our NETA65 Policy and Procedures, you have the option to have your budgeted funds advanced to you, or you can pay as you go and submit your expense reports when you incur them. Either way, you are responsible for submitting expense reports - along with receipts of your expenses so that Sarah and I can record accurately to the GL.

Please include an address where you would like your check sent along with your expense reports + receipts when you submit them.

As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve, and for all that you do to support AA in the North Texas Area!

In Loving Service, Joe P. NETA65 Alternate Treasurer 636-288-7532 (cell) alttreasurer71@neta65.org

# Committee Chair Reports

Hey There Area Servants and Members!

Accessibilities committee continues working to serve the area in a number of ways. Many things have been dynamic this quarter. I would love to give you a breakdown of how this committee is working for you, our activities and our asks of the Area:

- Following the success of the Accessibilities workshop for the Spanish-speaking groups, the
  Accessibilities Committee has voted to allocate our committee funds to providing professional
  interpretation services for the Inclusive English/Spanish Mental Health Workshop we are planning.
  Details TBD but we will be certain to let the area know all about it when it is firmed up.
- Accessibilities has been asked by area members to put together something of a suggested committee manifesto/guideline in the hopes of helping future iterations of the committee. This is under consideration but would simply outline our multi-faceted approach to area accessibilities and what we have found most useful to the area during our panel. We hope this will prove useful and are open to suggestions from the area about content, structure or the suggestion of hubris. What have you found helpful in the work we have done? What have been the oversights or areas for improvement?

- Accessibilities is excited to help the International Women's Conference hosted here, in Dallas meet
  various accessibility needs. We are meeting to discuss various resources, considerations, technologies
  etc. we have found useful.
- We continue to ask all DCMs to source and respond to the following question after communicating with GSRs and groups in your district:
  - (Aside from hybrid meetings) How do homegroups in your district help meet the needs of single parent/caregiver AA's whose responsibilities to loved ones may pose a barrier to meeting attendance?

Please email or reach out to me at <u>Access71@neta65.org</u> or alt/co-chair Shannan C At <u>altaccess71@neta65.org</u> with input.

• We are currently seeking AA's interested in outreach and service to homeless AA populations around our area. We have a passionate and experienced committee member doing great work in District 22 and no additional subcommittee members for this important population

If you have a passion for service to marginalized members of our AA community and want to join one of our subcommittees OR you are passionate about a need we are not yet meeting, PLEASE JOIN US!!!! We meet on zoom at 10am every first Saturday of the month. The next meeting will be held on August 6<sup>th</sup> Zoom ID: 593 956 3322 PASSWORD: 2394

Remember: You do not need to hold an elected service position to be a part of a committee. I repeat: You do not need to hold an elected service position to be a part of a committee. Thank you, that is all.

In Love and Service, Jess D Accessibilities Chair Panel 71 Access71@neta65.org

Archives	Chair: Jon P.	archives71@neta65.org
Nothing new to report!		

Convention Chair: Gregg T. <u>convention71@neta65.org</u>

## • Fall Assembly 2022

Radisson North Fossil Creek September 16-18. District 61 will host. If you want the rate of \$109.00 + taxes and fees a night, both King and Double Beds, BOOK BY SEPTEMBER 1st.

#### Spring Assembly 2023

Waiting for contract details has been a challenge for Spring Assembly 2023. Looking at convention centers now in Plano, Denton, etc. Need to discuss if moving the event back a week to March 25-26 will work.

#### Summer Assembly 2023

Signed Contract with Longview Convention Center for June 24-25, 2023.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair: Tom D. cpc71@neta65.org

### **I. Monthly Meetings**:

- 3rd Saturday of each month, at 4:00 pm, for approximately one hour on Zoom (Meeting ID: 816 8618 0166; Passcode: 532589)
- Highlights Include:
  - o Presentations on CPC Literature

- Update on CPC Landing Page on NETA 65 Website
  - Go to neta65.org; Scroll down to Committees; click on CPC
  - Audio and PowerPoints from Workshops (Some with PI Committee)
    - "How to Speak at Non-AA Meetings"
    - "How to Build a Committee"
  - Spanish Language links available to much of the above
  - Special thanks to Cindy N., and Tahtianna F.
- o Sharing Session on Successful Projects and Initiatives from Group and District CPC Committees
- Q&A/Discussion and Sharing

### II. QR Codes:

- Connect Professionals to CPC Landing Page on aa.org.
- Spanish and English Codes

### III. Call-Out to GSRs/DCMs:

- o Without you, we cannot effectively do our job as Area Committees
- Please forward Contact Information for the CPC/PI Committee Chairs in your Groups/Districts so that we can offer them support in their efforts, invite them to our Monthly Meetings, and Events/Workshops, and refer them to our Web portal on the NETA 65 Webpage

Any inquiries regarding CPC questions, requests for information or support, or assistance with CPC Projects and Initiatives in the NETA 65 Districts and Groups should be directed to:

Tom D., Area CPC Chair (Cell: 214-551-5895; email: Cpc71@neta65.org)

Mark A., Area CPC Alt Chair (Cell: 972-971-6275; email: AltCpc71@neta65.org)

Corrections	Chair: Kelly H.	corrections71@neta65.org
Nothing new to report!		

Finance Chair: Sarah P. treasurer71@neta65.org

NETA65, Panel 71 Finance Committee Minutes

Date: July 12, 2022

Location: Zoom Meeting (online)

Meeting Opened at 6:32 pm with moment of silence, followed by the serenity prayer.

Sarah P. read a recap of the 3/27/22 Finance Committee Minutes and asked if there were any questions.

Lore L. asked if minutes can be uploaded to the Finance tab on the NETA website, Joe P. agreed to send to Chuck to have them uploaded.

Wayne H. requested that the wording in two spots be changed from "donations" to "contributions". Sarah P. made those changes to the minutes.

Lore L. made a motion to approve the 3/27/22 Finance Committee Minutes. Seconded by Robert S. and approved.

#### Old Business:

Sarah P. presented a summary of old business for discussion:

- Should we state prudent reserve recommendation of 9-12 months of annual budget be printed on the budget worksheet for transparency purposes
- Wayne H. suggested that we may want to decide on a policy for NETA65 should we exceed 12 months prudent reserve. Will need a motion to the floor to determine that
- Unanimously agreed to add statement at bottom of budget spreadsheet that states clearly that NETA will maintain a prudent reserve of 9-12 months of the annual budget

#### **New Business:**

- Recommended increase to Convention, Archives, Translations / Interpretations, Printing / Publishing budgets in 2023 to cover increased costs associated with those positions
- Two budget options were presented:
- o Option 1 \$105,405 included increases to all trusted servant budgets including past delegates. Also included translation services for ACMs
- o Option 2 \$96,710 included increases to the four committees stated above, but no increases for other trusted servant chairs
- Also proposed that we increase the mileage reimbursement from 30 cents/mile to 45 cents/mile due to significant increases in fuel costs
- Robert S. asked for clarification on areas that were proposed for increases and Sarah P. clarified that only Translations/Interpretations, Archives, Printing/Publishing, and Convention budgets were proposed for increases
- Lore L. stated that if individual Committee Chairs want increases to their budgets, NETA P&P states that they need to present a floor motion to the body
- Chris B. stated that he favors the more conservative budget of \$96,710 with some additional consideration for cost increases for mileage and hotels
- Bill N. stated high cost of convention halls in the DFW metroplex is a reality and NETA should be creative wherever possible to keep cost down
- Robert S. suggested having 2 of the 3 assemblies outside the metroplex to help keep cost down hotel blocks have advantages and disadvantages
- Sarah P. cautioned that we still had some COVID savings in early 2022, that we'll likely not have in 2023
- Robert S. asked what the results from the trusted servant surveys were relative to budget needs in 2023. Chris B. stated that about 10-12 responded and results were mixed 50/50 for respondents requesting more budget
- Sarah P. asked the committee if we should bring one or both budgets to the ACM for consideration unanimously agreed that we should bring one budget to ACM and Assembly for vote
- Joe P. stated that the additional 15 cents/mile increase being proposed would add approximately \$52 to each trusted servant position in 2023 and should be considered as an addition to the budget estimated \$1,500 total increase in 2023
- Wayne H. asked how we are trending to finish the year in 2022 budget, and Joe P. and Sarah R. confirmed that we will be close to using all our 2022 budget this year but will still probably have a little left over.
- Robert S. and Sarah P. suggested taking out \$4,800 for ACM interpretations line item because that was not stated as a critical need by the Spanish NETA community
- Bill N. requested that the 2022 budget be shown together with the 2023 proposed budget for full transparency and comparison purposes
- Unanimous agreement from all Finance Committee members to keep the past delegate budgets at 2022 levels since much of that has not been spent historically
- Chris B. suggested to move to fully funded budget in 2024 based on spending from 2023 should this be adopted to the P&P moving forward. Other Areas do it this way

- Wayne H. stated the importance for contributions to increase relative to spending or visa versa for this to work moving forward especially given the significant increase in budget allocated for interpretations
- Revised 2023 Budget Recommendation = \$99,805 Total (agreed to by all committee members present)
- o Includes increases to all trusted servant positions/committees of \$150 to cover mileage and hotel cost increases
- o Included additional increases to translations/interpretations, archives, convention, and printing/publishing budgets to cover additional costs associated with those committees
- Joe P. suggested to add column to 2023 budget proposal spreadsheet that clearly indicates the increase for each line item from 2022 to 2023 unanimously agreed by all
- Sarah P. asked if the Finance Committee members agreed with the 15 cent/mile increase recommendation all agreed to move forward
- Chris B. stated the importance of encouraging ride share to help ensure that we stay within budget in 2023
- Wayne H. stated the importance of updating and publishing the revised expense report to reflect the mileage rate reimbursement change
- All agreed that we should add a statement at the bottom of the budget worksheet highlighting the change in mileage and new form

8:06 pm Meeting Adjourned

Grapevine / La Viña	Chair: Dan M.	grapevine71@neta65.org
Nothing new to report!		

# Intergroup Liaison Chair: Nicole S. <a href="mailto:intergroup71@neta65.org">intergroup71@neta65.org</a>

NETA65 has English Intergroup / Central Offices (5) and Spanish Intergroup Offices (2). Volunteers are likely needed at your local office, give them a call, if you are able and willing to be of service.

Please call your Intergroup/Central Office and update your group details to allow the office and AA Meeting App, help the alcoholic who still suffers find your group.

### Information on Intergroups / Central Offices:

- 1. Dallas AA Central Office (monthly mtg)
  - a. 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Sat., Oct 1-2, 2022, 2:00pm-4:30pm
  - b. Manager has encouraged me to keep their office up to date with NETA65 events and I will do just that, thank you to the anonymous AA member who has done it for me.
- 2. Fort Worth Intergroup (Bi-Monthly Mtg)
  - a. Office is moving, the prayer is the location is functioning by August 1st!! AA phone lines will be in full swing, so no worries!
    - i. 3001W 5th St., Fort Worth, TX (across from Harbor Club) will need assistance with the move.
- 3. Tyler Central Office (Bi-Monthly Mtg)
  - a. Will reach out to them before end of July!
- 4. Waco Intergroup (Monthly Mtg)
  - a. Will reach out to them before end of July!

- 5. Texarkana Intergroup (Monthly Mtg)
  - a. I spoke with Intergroup Secretary and have connected them to an NETA65 contact to help with their website, it has been out of date for some time however, calls and the office are still rockin' and rollin'.
- 6. Oficina Intergrupal Hispana de AA-Dallas (Monthly Mtg) and Oficina Intergrupal Hispana de AA-Fort Worth (2x per Month)
  - a. I talked with Yami, she will be in touch with a Spanish speaking member to help me ensure both offices information is current and up-to-date. She reminded me the Spanish community is so proud and thankful to the whole of NETA65 for their support with Translation.

Be blessed and stay cool in the Texas heat.

Nicole S. NETA65 Intergroup Chair 254-485-1413 Intergroup 7 l@neta65.org

Literature Jackey B. <u>literature71@neta65.org</u>

The committee met 7.6.2022 and produced the following notes.

**Motion**-Committee considered a motion by Jayne C., To restore AA Service Manual Combined with 12 Concepts for World Service to the 2018-2020 Edition with the exceptions of information on service sponsorship and online/virtual meetings. Committee had healthy discussion on pros and cons of this motion and inevitably decided to forward the motion with approval. Mike L., Kirk S., Jackey B., Jayne C., 3 voting members and the vote was unanimous to approve and endorse the motion as stated.

**Expenses**-Mike L. Literature Alt chair's expenses were discussed. It was agreed that mike L. would await a check from Joe P. for \$300.00 for alt chair expenses and the remainder of alt chair expenses would be paid from literature budget.

(7.17----The actual expenses for Mike L. were \$305.62.)

New business- NA

**Remaining budget**-Committee chair discussed the purchase of a new literature committee tablecloth. Baby blue with a navy blue, blue people logo. However, Due to the logo being a trademarked intellectual property of GSO, a larger discussion has arisen as to the seemliness of this action. Any decision on the presentation of this graphic, will at a minimum receive the approval of the Literature committee.

It is the chair's intention to use any remaining funds to purchase accessories, carrying cases, carts for transportation, shelves for brochures, to enhance the ease at which the literature presentation can be setup.)

**Inventory**-Old-style General Service manuals will be given away to the fellowship. One case will be sent to Abilene. If any members of the Area would like to receive this older inventory, please inform the chair. The committee has been accruing this material, and short of keeping one copy of all these older style service manuals the bulk of them need to be done away with, so Literature chair is not carrying around too much product.

It has been my great pleasure to serve the Northeast Texas Area. To schedule Literature committee presentations or if there are any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Jackey L.

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Nothing new to report!		

Public Information	Chair: Amanda R.	pi71@neta65.org
Nothing new to report!		

SWAARSA 2024 Chair: Rick W. <u>altdelegate71@neta65.org</u>

Nothing new to report since the 2022 Summer Assembly.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve!

Rick W., Panel 71 Alternate Delegate & SWRAASA 2024 Chair (through Panel 71)

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Technology	Chair: Chuck G.	technology71@neta65.org
Nothing new to report!		

Technology: Webservant	Chair: Cindy N.	webservant71@neta65.org
Nothing new to report!		

Translation	Chair: Olga R.	translation71@neta65.org
Nothing new to report!		

Treatment	Chair: Hobie H.	treatment71@neta65.org
Nothing new to report!		