

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Spring Assembly - March 19-20, 2011
Crowne Plaza - 100 East Altamesa Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76134
Saturday March 19th, 2011 Business

Area Chair Jana A called the assembly to order at 8:30 AM. The proceedings opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading of "Why Do We Need a Conference." Jana reviewed the assembly agenda.

Delegate Jim C explained the committee process at the General Service Conference and provided copies of the 2011 GSC agenda items for review. After explaining the organization and break-out room locations, the assembly broke into mock Conference committees to review their respective agenda items. After the lunch break, the Delegate moderated the mock committee reports and recommendations, as well as Q&A.

Old (Unfinished) Business

Motion presented by Arthur S, Archivist, Historian on 6/13/10:

"On a 6-month trial basis, beginning July 2011:

1. Produce only an electronic version of the minutes and newsletter and eliminate the printing and mailing costs associated with their distribution.
2. For assembly business, have the Area Chair and Secretary produce a hard-copy agenda for the assemblies where the front page is the assembly agenda and the back page lists the business items to be discussed at the business meeting.
3. The matter would be evaluated at the 2011 Summer Assembly.

Outcome: The presenter moved that he be allowed to withdraw the motion and submit a new motion at the next area committee meeting.

Motion presented by Lonnie H on 1/15/11:

To change the area 65 Policies and Procedures to read as follows under Section 2 / Area Assemblies as stated in the AA Service Manual on Page 36 "That is only G.S.R.'s who in group Assembly meetings (or in caucus) can name committee Members and finally name the Delegates." That is only Area Officers, D.C.M.'s, and G.S.R.'s can elect Area Committee Chairs, Officers and the Delegate.

Outcome: Withdrawn

New Business

Motion presented by Jim C, Alternate Delegate on 10/17/11:

Add the following sentence to the end of the preamble of the Northeast Texas Area Policies and Procedures: "In the event of emergency or unforeseen events, the Area Committee and Assembly may suspend any part of the policies and procedures necessary to conduct area business. Suspension requires substantial unanimity of 3/4 majority."

Outcome: Motion Passed (84 For, 5 Opposed), Motion To Re-Vote Made and Failed (8 Votes)

Jana A announced appointments for Area Inventory Review Ad-hoc Committee and Area Handbook Review Ad-hoc Committee.

GSR & DCM Sharing Sessions: Assembly broke into respective groups and discussed concerns and issues relating to their positions.

Sunday March 20th, 2011

Area Chair Jana A called the assembly to order at 8:30AM. The proceedings opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and asked Kathryn to read "Why Do We Need a Conference." Jana reviewed the assembly agenda.

Officer and 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 – Keith D: Informed the assembly of his mistake in not sending the newsletter to the groups, but only to the A.C and the GSR' and also that access to the FNV was not attained until March 7th due to a technical problem on the side of the G.S.O. and this affected the accuracy of the lists we were using for the mail out, as well as the various electronic communications we have sent. The minutes of the Winter 2011 Assembly were read and accepted with amendments.

Alternate Secretary Report – Olga R: The Spring mail-out of the NETA Newsletter will be hosted by the Language of the Heart Group, 4121 Colleyville Blvd, Colleyville, TX on 5/7/11.

Treasurer's Finance Report – Roy A: Distributed and reviewed the 1/1/11 – 3/15/11 Financial Statement. The beginning Operating Account balance was \$17,371.21 with contributions of \$6,660.79 and budget items paid of \$11,980.00. Panel 59 Trusted Servants returned funds in the amount of \$1,479.44. The ending operating account balance was \$13,531.44. The Prudent Reserve Account beginning balance was \$10,343.06 with interest of \$3.35 for an ending balance of \$10,346.41. Roy stressed the concern of the NETA's contributions not meeting our current budget needs.

Alternate Treasurer's Report – Pam C: Pam indicated a correction needed to be made to the 2011 Budget where a line item was approved for the Chairperson that did not have a description – that line item was for printing and other costs associated with preparation for Agenda. Review your own line items, as at least one mistake was made (Corrections.)

Convention Chair Report – Johanna B (Alternate): Convention/Assembly Report from 1/1/11 – 2/28/11. Beginning account balance of \$0.00, income of \$3,832.95, expenses of \$2,772.03, and bank charges of \$0.00 with an ending account balance of \$1,060.92. There are prepaid deposits of \$450.00 for the Doubletree for the Winter Assembly which will be held over to the Fall Assembly and \$900.00 for the Crowne Plaza Hotel for the Spring Assembly. For the Winter Assembly, there were 85 coffee cards sold totaling \$850.00, coffee bar donations of \$186.95, 54 breakfast food coupons for \$594.00 and 87 lunch & dinner coupons for \$1,305.00, and miscellaneous income of \$10.00. Winter Assembly expenses included \$19.83 for copy expenses (paid from coffee donations), \$83.98 for registration supplies, \$695.57 for coffee, \$580.50 for meeting room expense, \$392.00 for meeting room credit, and \$1,899.00 for food coupons for total expenses of \$2,867.05. Income versus expenses was \$78.90. Registration was 228

Alternate Area Chair Report – Tom M: Tom's report was given in absentia by Jana A; workshops are listed in the Addendum section.

Alternate Delegate Report – Mo N: Reported on attendance of SWRAADA. Provided a written report that included several upcoming events including the Spring Area Committee meeting at the Proctor Community Center (3rd Bldg.) in Proctor, TX on 1/30/11.

Structure Committee – Joe P: Discussed motion regarding change in area voting procedure. Concerns were expressed on the motion regarding the electronic only newsletter. Specific concern regarding motions requesting action take on a "trial basis."

Delegate Report – Jim C: Final Conference Agenda is posted to the neta65.org website. Please contact me if there are any questions. G.S.O. will be hiring an additional A.A. staff member in 2011. If you are interested in applying and need assistance with the process, let me know. GSO reported contributions in 2010 from the Fellowship increased by 1.8% over 2009. GSO reported that distribution of all books for 2010 was down 23% compared to 2009. The A.A.W.S. Board has approved recommendations from its Ad Hoc Committee on E-Technology allowing G.S.O. to proceed with plans to create and distribute A.A.W.S. publications in digital form. The budget was approved by the Trustees' Finance and Budgetary Committee during the General Service Board week-end in January 2011. The current project timeline calls for availability of the Big Book and Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions in English, French and Spanish in the second half of 2011. GSO is planning to develop its own capabilities for the sale and distribution to ensure full control. It is my opinion that the planning, budget, and readiness activity is necessary should we decide that e-publishing is desired. But prior to implementation, the process should receive full review and Conference approval. The Conference approval process appears to have been bypassed up to now and I believe that should be corrected.

The final agenda items, Delegate, Jim C., moderated a session of "What's on your mind?"

Delegate Send Off.

The assembly concluded with the reciting of "The Unity Declaration" at 11:40AM

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Spring Committee Meeting - April 10, 2011
Hosted by the Stephenville Group of District 65
611 S Graham St, Stephenville, TX 76401

Area Chair Jana A 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 "AA's Legacy of Service by Bill W" by John R.

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

Secretary – Keith D: read the minutes of the Winter 2011 Area Committee meeting. Corrections made to dates and location of Summer Assembly. Minutes were accepted with corrections.

Alternate Secretary – Olga R: The Spring mail-out will be at the Language of the Heart Group on 5/7/11

Treasurer – Roy A: reported that the Financial Statement for 1/1/11 thru 4/9/11, had contributions of \$8,946.15 and budget items paid of \$23,978.46, Panel 59 funds returned of \$1,479.44 for an ending Operating Account balance of \$3,818.34. The Prudent reserve had interest of \$3.35 for an account balance is \$10,346.41. Current projected deficit for 2011 is \$13,494.20.

Alternate Treasurer – Pam C: Do not have receipts for 8 trusted servants.

Convention Chair – James V: Spring Assembly income included \$730.00 for 73 coffee cards, \$7.00 for coffee bar 7th tradition donations, \$770.00 for 70 breakfast coupons and \$930.00 for 62 lunch coupons for total income of \$2,437.00. Spring Assembly expenses included \$32.47 for registration supplies, \$624.00 for coffee expense, \$900.00 for meeting room expense, \$808.00 for meeting room credit and \$1,700.00 for food coupons, for total expenses of \$2,448.47. The balance of the Spring Assembly was shortfall of \$(11.37).

2011 Summer Assembly: June 18-19, 2011, Crowne Plaza Hotel – Alta Mesa and IH 35 W, 100 E. Alta Mesa Blvd, Ft. Worth, TX 76134 (817)293-3088. Room rate is \$79.00 (double occupancy). Cut off for reserving rooms is June 3, 2011. Reserve "in house" and mention NETA to get special room rate.

2011 Fall Assembly and Convention: September 16-18, 2011. Double Tree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas TX 75244 (972)385-9000. Room rate is \$74.00 (double occupancy). Cut off for reserving rooms is September 1, 2011. Reserve "in house" and mention NETA to get special room rate.

Alternate Delegate – Mo N: provided an updated list of upcoming events in Area 65.

Delegate – Jim C: reported on speakers and agenda for the 2011 NETA Fall Assembly & Convention and general issues with the GSC.

Structure Committee Report provided by Past Delegate Joe P: No report

Old (Unfinished) Business

Jana A reviewed the request to look into Floor Motions. The finding is that the motion in question was not passed as change to the P&P. Jana will get with Bill N to clarify the issue and look at how this should be added to the P&P and Process of a Motion.

New Business

Jana A reviewed the Summer 2011 Assembly Agenda.

Jana A reviewed site and date selection for the Fall Committee meeting – 10/23/2011 – 1:30PM to 4:30PM – Greenville Traditions Group – 5930 I30 West, Frontage Road, Greenville, TX

Motion presented by Dusty W, Newsletter Chair Panel 61: Move to increase the NETA Panel 61 Printing Budget beginning with the second quarter of 2011 to \$600.00 per quarter.

Background: The budget for printing has been set at \$400.00 per quarter for several Panels. Printing costs, as well as the cost of paper, have gone up over time. During Panel 57 our printing was done by a shop that was owned by members of Alcoholics Anonymous. That print shop closed during Panel 59 and printing quotes were sought out and the printer used was Minute Man Printing in Greeneville. That printer went up on their cost and the Newsletter printing for the last quarter of Panel 59 (the previous Panel to this one) had printing costs of \$535.00, which was \$135.00 over budget. The first quarter of Panel 61 (the current Panel) was over budget as well. We were able to get that printing done on a one time only basis (due to the print shop staff error that they would partially honor that one print job) for \$405.00 total. We have gotten over a dozen quotes from shops in Dallas, Greenville, Fort Worth, and the Mid-Cities. All the print shops were approached with the same information: printing to be done for a nonprofit organization, 16 tabloid pages with a single half-fold, 20 to 24 lb. weight paper, and the job to be shopped around and awarded to the lowest bidder. We currently have a low bid of \$525.00 from one shop, based on that manager's goodwill. When the manager leaves that shop, the price will have to be renegotiated. The higher bids from other shops ranged from \$700.00 to \$1200.00 per printing. We are requesting a budget of \$600.00 with the intention of remaining under budget whenever possible by utilizing the current low bid of \$525.00, but with the understanding that print costs remain somewhat fluid and may be raised by the print shops at any time. A budget increase to \$600.00 should allow some adjustment to the cost of printing without having to come back so soon in the near future with a motion to request another budget change increase.

Outcome: Forwarded to Summer Assembly

Motion by Keith C, Archives Chair Panel 61: That a one hour or 90 minute time slot be provided during the Area Assembly for standing committees to meet.

Outcome: Motion withdrawn and a request was made and agreed upon to forward to Assembly to get a sense of the assembly

Motion presented by Arthur S, Archivist Panel 61:

Minutes of Area Assemblies, Area Committee meetings, Agenda of the next Assembly, along with the NETA Newsletter, shall be mailed and / or electronically distributed five to six weeks before the next NETA Assembly, to all groups in the Northeast Texas Area, all members of the Area Assembly, past NETA delegates, General Service Conference members, NETA Intergroup / Central Offices, as well as the General Service Office. [7]

- a. Electronic distribution is as at no cost and may be accomplished by email or downloading from the NETA website.
- b. Distribution by postal mail shall be self-supporting on an annual subscription basis to offset publication and mailing costs. The annual subscription amount shall be recommended by the Finance Committee as part of the annual proposed budget.

Outcome: Forwarded to Structure Committee

Motion presented by Pam C, Alternate Treasurer Panel 61: The NETA Newsletter be condensed to a size that would cost no more than what is budgeted for Printing / Publishing.

Background: Do away with the letters from every area trusted servant and DCM in NETA. The area is looking for ways to reduce the cost of the Newsletter. Most of these articles are repetitive and unnecessary. A list of upcoming events, important information, and possibly an article from the Delegate and Area Chair could be included.

Outcome: Forwarded to the Summer Assembly.

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

Respectfully submitted
Keith D,
NETA Secretary

**Addendum to the Minutes
2011 Spring Assembly/Committee Meeting**

Alternate Delegate – Mo N: I had the privilege and honor of attending the Southwest Regional Delegates Conference in OKC last weekend. This was an eye-opener to train what exactly the Delegate can expect at the General Service Conference in May. The past Delegates from our Region even explain and showed what was available in the hotel room from cotton balls to laundry. No stone was left unturned of what to expect. Even ice cream places to go. On Saturday we had an early meeting with our Trustee Conley B at 7am followed by that afternoon session with Mock Committees of past Agenda Items so we could get a clear idea on how each Committee would hold their specific meeting. I can promise you our Delegate won't be one of the New Delegates attending the Conference with that deer in the head lights look. I also attended the Alt Delegates meeting where there are 7 new Alt delegates that just rotated in and 4 that have been in office for a year already and will rotate off next January. Our meeting was to work on the guidelines of the SWRAASA Conference as well as any new business that comes in pertaining to the next one being held in New Mexico in 2012. I left there Sunday with the appreciation and gratitude of how lucky we are in this part of the country because not all Area's and regions offer this kind of guidance to the Delegates as well as their Alternates before they leave to go to the Conference. Provided a written report that included several upcoming events including the Spring Area Committee meeting at the Stephenville Group in Stephenville, TX on 4/10/11.

Alternate Chair – Tom M: I recently had some technology issues with my electronic calendars, so if any of this information is incorrect or incomplete, or if a workshop is missing from this list, kindly let me know right away. All of the scheduled workshops are posted on our NETA 65 calendar at www.neta65.org/calendar.php. Please feel free to contact me or the listed group contact for more details about a particular workshop. My email address is altchair61@neta65.org, and my phone number is 972.922.1014. You may also reach me via the Contact page on the NETA 65 website, at www.neta65.org/contact.php. If you would like to hold a workshop at your group or district, please let me know. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Upcoming Workshops:

- **Saturday, April 16, 5-8 pm, One Day at a Time Group**, 4505 Elizabeth Street, Texarkana, 75503, **How to Chair a Saturday, April 30, noon-2 pm, Frisco Group**, 6400 Stonebrook Parkway, 75034, **How to Chair a Meeting**
- **Sunday, May 1, 2-4 pm, Town South Group**, 2539 Balomede Suite 108, Lancaster, 75134, **How to Chair a Meetin**
- **Tuesday, May 3, 8-9 pm, Greenville Traditions Group**, 5928 I-30 (West Frontage Road), 75402, **How to Chair a Meeting**
- **Sunday, May 22, 1-3 pm, Cleburne Alco Group**, 413 E. Henderson St., 76031, **Service**
- **Saturday, June 4, 1:30-4:30 pm, Language of the Heart Group**, 4121 Colleyville Blvd, Colleyville, 76034, **Internet: Friend or Foe?**
- **Tuesday, June 7, 8-9 pm, Greenville Traditions Group**, 5928 I-30 (West Frontage Road), 75402, **Singleness of Purpose**
- **TBA, Cleburne Alco Group**, 413 E. Henderson St., 76031, **Internet: Friend or Foe?**
- **TBA, Paris Downtown Group**, 138 Clarksville St., 75460, **Sponsorship**
- **TBA, Paris Downtown Group**, 138 Clarksville St., 75460, **How to Chair a Meeting**

Alternate Secretary – Olga R: The Spring mail-out of the NETA Newsletter will be hosted by the Language of the Heart Group at 4121 Colleyville Blvd, Colleyville, TX, Saturday May 7, 2011 at 1:30 pm. Subsequent mail-outs are scheduled for August 6th at the Irving Group and December 3rd at Bruton-Terrace Group. The Winter mail-out on February 4, 2012 is tentatively scheduled at the ODAT Group in Texarkana, TX. GSRs and DCMs are requested to ask your respective group and/or district to host a mail-out. Dates available for hosting are May 12, August 4, & December of 2012.

Archives Chair – Keith C: Met last night (3/18). Next meeting will be 4/21 at The Gift of Sobriety in Irving at 8PM. Contributions for the committee should be mailed to me or Bill N. Have a full schedule for April & May. Will be at the Heart of Texas, Gathering of Eagles, Texas State Convention, and some group anniversaries. Terry C is acting as our alternate (will be presented at Summer Assembly.) Please, do not send checks to Vince K.

Archivist/Historian Report – Arthur S: Close to completion of major revision of Archives committee guidelines. Archives committee is working on a CD of AA history that would be sold to raise funds for travel.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair – David M: A productive combined PI/CPC committee meeting was held at the Spring Assembly on 18 March, 2011. It has set both committees off to solid and successful start for this new Panel 61. The next combined meeting will be held on 18 June, Friday evening of the Summer Assembly at 7pm.

This committee had 2 very good days of sharing AA information (what AA is, and what AA is not) with the Association of Professional Chaplains on 25-26 March, 2011 in Dallas. There was a lot of great questions asked and great interest from Chaplains wanting to know what they could do to help in every imaginable way. I was very moved and motivated by the overwhelming responses from the

Association and individual chaplains. It was my understanding that our Fellowship will be invited back next year where ever the convention is held. I also want to give a special thanks to Randy R. for his assistants with this event.

The CPC Chairman was in co-attendance at the Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX, on Wednesday, 30 March, from 3-4:30pm, and reports that it was a tremendous help to both the students and AA as a Fellowship. Personal gains and benefits are too many to list. It was an event well organized, and this committee would like thank the Dallas Intergroup, Mike L., and everyone else involved, for an outstanding job on coordinating this event. This CPC Committees Alternate reports that a Health Fair held in Flower Mound, at Forestwood Middle School, on 7 April from 5:30-8pm, was a great success, and thanks to all the volunteers involved that made it a success. This CPC committee has several upcoming events that we are looking forward to, and will have a display set up at. They are as follow:

- 1) Midwestern School of Nursing, Wichita Falls on 19 April, 2011, from 9am – Noon.
- 2) Heart of TX Conference, in Waco, TX on 29 April – 1 May, 2011.
- 3) 25th Gathering of Eagles, in Dallas, TX, 27-29 May, 2011.

Corrections (CFC) Chair – Rick P: Your Area 65 Corrections Committee met Saturday, March 19th, at 1pm, here at the hotel. We discussed the current needs of North East Texas Area prisons and jails, as well as the inmates within those facilities. We found ourselves discussing two primary subjects. One, the growing need for volunteers to practice our twelfth step legacy of service. Since the first of the year I have received or have been informed of 5 locations of prisons, jails, and juvenile detention centers requesting AA volunteers to bring them meetings, these sites are located in Breckenridge, Mineral Wells, Bonham at the Cole and Moore units, Winnesboro and as always there are countless available needs at Tennessee Colony Prisons. (Beto, Coffield, and Powledge) which meet each Saturday. Just yesterday one of our group here this weekend shared with me of her sons incarceration at a local prison, she shared that they currently only have one AA meeting a month, the inmates are requesting our assistance to increase this to once a week. All of these current needs along with the new request could easily keep 150-200 AA men and women actively practicing in our 12th step of service to these folks. It simply takes the commitment to get TDCJ or jail certified and approved. You must be at least one year sober and currently not on parole or probation, however each person's background will be checked and approval is at the pleasure of the specific facility or managers of those units. It is not a requirement to be an ex-con. They already know how to be locked up, what they need and want from AA is our experience, strength and hope to stay sober one day at a time and to be free of the lash of Alcoholism. Secondly, with these entire requests come the need for AA Big Books and pamphlets which are provided to any inmate which request them. So we had to talk about money, GSO is sending request for AA literature back to the local Corrections Committees in the inmates area. Without the support of the membership, groups or districts within the Northeast Texas Area we will have difficulty meeting these request. It was brought up and I will now discuss somewhat the program commonly called the Orange Can. This is an opportunity if your group chooses to participate to collect donations specifically for purchase of AA literature for inmates in the Northeast Texas Area by the Area Correction's committee. Without these donations being sent directly to the Area Corrections chair to be spread among the different request, heavily populated regions would have money and books, but many of our prisons are located in sparsely populated regions and small groups do not have the needed resources alone. The Orange Can allows us the opportunity to spread the literature to the maximum number in the area serving a greater good. Please consider picking up an Orange Can and utilizing it at your groups. Donations should be sent to NETA65-Corrections, 2404 Plateau Dr., Plano, TX. 75075. A financial statement is available to you all, and I will continue to keep you as informed as possible. I thank you for this opportunity to serve you, and the Corrections Committee stands ready to bring workshops to your groups or districts when ever asked.

Literature / Audio-Visual (AV) Chair – Paul W: Available to bring Literature Display and / or Videos to your group. Flyers with list of videos currently available. Please talk to your Group Conscience for approval. Had a video night at the Greenville Traditions group in February. Going to attend the Heart of Texas conference in Waco 4/29/11. Have Literature Reps contact me – have not had a meeting yet. Donations in January were about \$6. Donations at current Assembly were \$249.00.

Grapevine/La Vina (GV/LV) Chair – LaJean RB: After setting our clocks forward, The Grapevine, our meeting in print, is getting workshop requests! Hollie F. District 54 Grapevine Representative did a workshop. We have more planned. Please contact me to schedule your group's workshop, Grapevine speaker meeting, or a Grapevine discussion meeting. We have been invited to the Gathering of Eagles. More to be revealed! Stay tuned. More and More of the Grape-A-Thon is coming together. The Grape-A-Thon theme is "Reach for the Stars!" We have assigned committees to get thing in order. Our annual Grape-a-thon is 10/16 from 1pm to 5pm. Our next Area Grapevine meeting is April 17, 2011, 2pm-4pm, at the Freedom Group. Grape nut Day is the last Friday of every month. We will be at the Heart of Texas: 4/29 – 5/1. Please collect some food items raffle items, (in the spirit of AA) and /or some monetary donations for our Grape-A-Thon. You can bring items to our next assembly.

Intergroup Liaison Chair – PJ HR:

Dallas Intergroup Association (DIA): 2011 YTD contributions are up, sales and revenue are down. Vote on proposed DIA bylaw changes will occur at 4/11 meeting. DIA is holding explanatory/interest meeting for Seniors in Sobriety. DIA Treatment Committee compiling master list of TF meetings. DIA Volunteers needed. New feature allows Website to be translated into 10 different languages. Ft. Worth Central OFFICE (FCO): Credit/debit sales going well. Additional Conference-approved AA literature being considered for website. New website feature allows website to be translated into different languages. Ad-hoc committee is reviewing Office Operating Procedures Manual. Spring Open House scheduled on 5/21/11, 10 am-2 pm. M-W-F PM Volunteers needed. East Texas Central Service Office – Tyler: ETCSO manager has requested updated NETA map with districts and groups. Would like names/contacts of DCMs, District and group treasurers. Central Texas Intergroup–Waco: Visited office on Friday 4/8/11. Office Hours: M-W-F: 11am – 2pm, IG Rep meeting 3rd Monday at 6:30pm at 400 Washington St. Oficina Intergupal Hispana De AA – Ft. Worth & Dallas: Luis P assisting me with these.

Newsletter Editor – Dusty W: Over budget for the last three quarters: submitting a motion to increase the Newsletter printing budget due to increases in the cost of printing. Newsletter is available to you on the NETA Web Page as well as through email distribution. NO COST to the Area when Newsletter is sent via email and Newsletter arrives much sooner than if mailed through the postal system. Let the Area Secretary know if you can accept your Newsletter via email. Space is provided on the Assembly Registration Forms to note your preference for email delivery. Please consider getting your Newsletter by email. Email articles to: newslettereditor61@neta65.org. Alternate Newsletter Chair, Don G., started translating Newsletter and Assembly and Committee Meeting Minutes into Spanish. The upcoming Newsletter deadline for article submission will be Friday, July 1, 2011. Do not use last names. Do not include telephone numbers without permission from the owner for the number. Newsletter is a confidential document, until it is mailed or put on the web page; after that anyone can see it.

Public Information Chair (PI) – Randy R: We held our first combined Area PI/CPC Committee Meeting on Friday night at the Spring Assembly. Attendance was excellent with 31 people participating. Our next combined PI/CPC Committee meeting will be on Friday, June 18th at 7:30 pm our Summer Assembly. The PI Committee is excited and enthusiastic about our new Webmaster, Camille K. She is well qualified to handle the task of helping our past Webmaster, Joe W. finish our new NETA65.ORG website. We are lucky to have her. Our Committee has been cooperating with the AREA CPC Committee to better help the Districts do their work. We have found that most of the Districts in our Area combine these two Committees so it is helpful for us to work together when we can while still remembering that although these two committees share the same Primary Purpose, the way in which the message is carried is quite different. We have been making a concentrated effort to work with Central Offices and Intergroups in our Area as well, since many service opportunities originate there. We would like to thank Pat at Fort Worth Central Office for allowing us to participate in a PI presentation at Texas Wesleyan University. We would also like to thank Phil G., Alt. DCM 21 for inviting us to Collin College Feb. 24th to set up a display at a PI/CPC event. There have been no less than 5 events between the end of February and the middle of April that has resulted because of our cooperation with Central Offices and Inter-groups. One of the ones we are most excited about is on March 30th at Southwestern Medical School where we have an opportunity to share with 400 second year medical students. This commitment has been spread out to include 40 members from our Area. What an opportunity! We would like to thank Mike L. who sits at the "desk" of PI/CPC at Intergroup for asking us to help. We have been able to cover 4 districts so far, Dist. 55 and the 3 Districts contained in CD6, with PI presentations at their District Meetings. We want to thank John R., DCM 55 and Kenneth S., Alt. DCM 64, for inviting us. Thanks to Zach M., DCM 53 for the invitation to his District Meeting on April 3rd. We welcome all requests to come to a District Meeting and give a short talk on PI to generate enthusiasm and interest. We have an AREA workshop coming up on Tues., April 5th, 8pm in Greenville. The title of the workshop is "PI/CPC 101 – Forming a New Committee". Thanks to Jane G., GSR of the Greenville Traditions Group for asking us. We would love to do more of these at other groups or districts. Other upcoming events include setting up and manning displays at The Gathering of Eagles in May in Dallas and The Heart of Texas Conference in Waco in April. We have also been asked to sit in on a workshop at the Heart of Texas titled "Electronic AA/ Social Networking and Anonymity". As you can see there is a lot of work that needs to be done and we need workers. Anyone interested in being of service can contact us thru the NETA65.ORG website. We would like to allow everyone that wants to be of service with our Committee to have that opportunity.

Treatment Facilities / Special Need-Accessibilities Chair (TF / SN / AC) – John VB: Committee meeting was held Saturday night at the Spring Assembly. Clarification was given on B.T.G. Looking for a location for an April 30th meeting. Flyers for the BTG workshop on Sept. 9-11 are on the table. Compiling lists for each group / district for volunteers for temporary contacts. Need GSR's email for forms to be sent. Working on a tri-fold & use of DVD's instructions.



North East Texas Area 65
Agenda: Summer Assembly – June 18-19, 2011
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Theme for the 2011 General Service Conference
“We Are Responsible for A.A.’s Future– Let It Begin With Us”

Saturday – June 18:

- 8:00 Registration Opens
- 8:30 Welcome: Jana A, Area Chair
Serenity Prayer/ “Why Do We Need a Conference?”/Opening Remarks
- 8:45 Delegate’s Report – 61st General Service Conference – Jim C.
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 General Service Conference Report Continued – Jim C.
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Questions and Answers on General Service Conference Report – Jim C.
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Unfinished Business
New Business
- 5:00 Break
- 5:15 GSR Sharing Session - TBD
DCM Sharing Session – Bobby Wayne F. – DCM, Dist 52
- 6:15 Dinner
- 8:00 Interactive Presentation of NETA website – PI Committee
- 9:00 Close with the Lord’s Prayer

Sunday – June 19:

- 8:00 Registration Opens
- 8:30 Welcome - Jana A., Area Chair: Serenity Prayer/Why Do We Need a Conference
- 8:45 Reports: Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Treasurer; Alt. Treasurer, Conventions, Alternate Chair, Alternate Delegate, Delegate, Structure Committee
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Standing Committee Reports – Archives, CPC, Corrections, Grapevine/LaViña, Intergroup, Literature/AV, Newsletter, PI, Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibility
- 11:15 What’s on your mind? – Delegate Jim C
- 12:00 Close with the Lord’s Prayer