

Northeast Texas Area 65 Panel 53

Spring Assembly 2004

Sheraton Grand Hotel

4440 West John Carpenter Fwy. Irving, TX.

Saturday March 27, 2004

Assembly was opened at 9:00 am. By Larry J. NETA Chairperson. Cody read, "Why we need a Conference".

The 2004 final Conference Agenda was presented by Joe P. NETA Delegate. Mock Committee Workshops on each of the Agenda Items were setup by numbers on badges at time of registration. Report backs were given from each workshop with consensus as part of report. The floor was opened for Questions and Answers regarding items pertaining to the Conference Report.

There was 52 GSR's in attendance for GSR concerns. There was 17 DCM's present for DCM concerns.

Sunday March 28, 2004

Larry J. NETA Chairperson opened the Assembly at 8:30 am. Jane G. read "Why we need a Conference".

Phil P. NETA Secretary read the minutes from the last Assembly. They were approved with changes.

Bill N. NETA Treasurer gave a financial report. As of March 27, 2004 we had a beginning balance of \$10,254.93 with contribution of \$4,525.88 and budget paid of \$7,356.25 and a bank charge of \$38.59 leaving an operating account balance of \$7,385.97. The prudent reserve had a beginning balance of \$5,122.60 and interest of \$2.43 leaving a prudent reserve of \$5,125.03. We have a total operating and prudent reserve of \$12,511.00.

Doug M. NETA Convention Chair. We had 188 registered for the Spring Assembly. We filled 73 room nights, but we will need 90 room nights for the Fall Assembly. Summer Assembly 2004 will be June 26-27 at Holiday Inn 2865 W. Washington St. Stephenville, TX. (254) 968-5256 or (877) 531-5084 at \$63.00 per night and \$10.00 for coffee star. Reserve by May 24th. The Fall Assembly 2004 will be September 10-12 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel 4440 West John Carpenter Fwy. (Hwy.114) Irving, TX. (800) 345-5251 \$69.00 per night for double and \$10.00 for coffee star. Reserve by August 27th. Winter Assembly 2005 will be January 15-16 at Best Western 3119 Estes Pkwy. Longview, TX. (903) 758-0700, \$52.00 per night and \$10.00 for coffee star. Reserve by December 15th. We had a beginning balance of \$739.72 and after all the expenses from the Spring Assembly are paid, we have an ending balance of \$1,291.54.

Naomi Z. Alt. Delegate. The 2004 Texas State A.A. Convention will be in San Antonio, TX. June 18th – 20th at La Villita Assembly Hall 401 Villita (Downtown – off Presa St.). Reservations: 800-848-7119. SWRAASA 2004 will be in Houston, TX. October 8th – 10th at the Clarion Inn/ Hampton Inn; 500 & 502 North Sam Houston Parkway. Reservations: (800) 424-6423 or (281) 931-0101 Room rate; \$49.00 per night. Free transportation from Bush Intercontinental Airport. Alternate Delegates of the Southwest Region have been working on guidelines for SWRAASA and we hope to have them ready soon. The International Convention will be in Toronto, Canada; June 30th – July 3rd, 2005. There are some restrictions in crossing the border; fact sheets are available for details. At the International Convention, some Areas want to have hospitality Rooms, but it was decided that each Area put in \$200.00 and let the whole Region be represented. The request that the six points be returned to the AA Group Pamphlet and it was sent to the Trustees Literature Committee to be considered.

Joe G. Alt. Chairperson. If your District or Group needs a workshop, please get approval from your Group Conscience before you call and make an appointment and get a least two dates. The workshops that we offer are Sponsorship, Chairing Meetings, Traditions, Service Structure and Our Singleness of Purpose. We have a Singleness of Purpose workshop in Wichita Falls on May 22nd, on July 10th, Traditions and How to chair a meeting at the Longview Greggton Group. After today the workshops will be on the web site.

Standing Committee Reports

Alferdo G. Grapevine/ La Viña. Our Committee is growing as we now have about 40 Reps. through out the Area. We have monthly meetings on the 3rd Saturday of each Month and the next one is April 17th at 2:00 pm at the Greenville Tradition Group. The Grapevine will be sixty years old this year and the Grapevine Committee is hosting a Grape-a-thon on June 5, 2004 at the Omega Group 11836 Judd Court, Dallas Texas. We now have a Spanish CD that we have been waiting for.

John C. Intergroup Liaison. All the Intergroups in the Area are doing well. Ft. Worth Central Service Office has a new Steering Committee Members. Their Annual open house is May 1st, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Central Service Office. They will have a raffle and a grand prize of a first edition of The Big Book 14th printing. As supplies of the 4th edition of the Big Book dwindle, the price will rise approx. \$1.00 a book. The web site is up and running. The Dallas Intergroup, their new Trustees have put to the Dallas Intergroup Association that are interested in having a convention similar to the Lone Star Roundup was, and they want information back from all the Groups if they have interest or not. The Cedar Creek Office in Malakoff is going good bur I have not got down there yet. On February 8th I spoke at Combined five on what Intergroups are, and brought Guidelines and showed how they fit in the Service Structure of AA and talked a little about what I do.

Bill M. P.I. Chair. The Spanish side of the web site is being worked on so it will work better, so we need the Spanish Groups need to mail us their information we will get it posted. At the past Area Committee Meeting a motion was approved that will have the Assembly vote, again, on creating a separate Special Needs Committee to become effective with Panel 55. Regardless of the outcome of that vote, for the remainder of Panel 53 Special Needs will remain a part of the Public Information Committee, and as a member of the PI Committee, David H. has been asked to head up the dissemination of information to the Area concerning Specials Needs. In February, District 82 Committee met and a presentation was made regarding the role of Public Information, as well as the resources Special Needs has available from GSO, and how this can be of service to the District and the Groups in the District. At the Combined five meeting this Month, David H. made a similar presentation

Martha C. CF Chair. Thanks for your donations, we were able to send a few cases of Big Books to Correctional Facilities. Please keep your donations coming there still is a great need for literature in facilities. Also we need your help with donations for our annual CF workshop which will be July 24, 2004, registration starting at 8:00 am and will end at 9:00 pm at Dallas Elks Lodge #71, 8550 Lullwater Dr., Dallas, 75238. NETA CF Committee meeting is the first Saturday of each month at the Grand Prairie Group at 2:00 pm. Please send your Group CF reps, District CF chairs. We will have someone speaking on different issues such as how to correspond with inmates, carry meetings into facilities and Traditions. Thanks to District 22 for inviting me out, 3/25/04, to participate in their service workshop. There was a great turn out and I look forward to going out to Greenville Traditions Group April 6th and participating in their service workshop. Call me if I can be of service.

Ron M. TF Chair. I went to Abilene and we set up bridging the gap. I attended a Combined five meeting. I have made a list of all Treatment Facilities that are licensed Residential Facilities in NETA. Please use this list to make sure we are carrying the message everywhere we can. I will be at Mesquite Big Town Group on April 3rd to participate in a service workshop. I have been asked to participate in the CF Conference. I am using the NETA website, so please e mail me.

Don C. CPC Chair. I want to thank all the people who volunteered to help man the booth at the National Convention of School Psychologists this week in Dallas. The number of volunteers was over whelming. I would like to recognize the efforts of my alternate Gerry S. We were invited to attend an outreach workshop that District 22 was putting on this Thursday. I was unable to attend so I ask Gerry to go in my place. The workshop was to be held at the Lakeview Group in Quinlin. He got there in time but could not find the Group. So he asked around a bit and it seems that no one could give him directions to the Group. So after driving around for over a half and hour he went home with out completing his mission. I told him it was the effort that counts. I do know that district 22 is having another outreach workshop on the 6th of April and it will be at the Greenville Traditions Group and we both know were that Group is. Last night Bobbi and I went to District 92 meeting in Whitney. Those folks are trying to get their district reorganized and moving again and can really use some help.

Dawn F. Newsletter Editor. Dead line for the newsletter is April 18th. The envelop stuffing will be at the McKinney Fellowship Group May 2nd.

Arthur S. Archives Chair. The Archives Committee met on March 18, 8 pm at the Richardson Group. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 8 pm at my house and will be for Archives Committee members only. Our main objective will be to focus on how to implement the planned Archives Workshop. Presentation materials have been developed. The display boards in the Archives exhibit show the AA history material that will be presented. Our next objective will be to conduct several practice sessions at Groups and fine tune the material based on attendee feedback. The AA history presentations are modeled after what was done at SWRAASA 2002. It consists of three timeline periods:(1st) history prior to 1935,(2nd) from 1935 to 1949 and (3rd) from 1950 to the present. A Q&A period occurs after each session. If any Group would like to have the AA history workshop, please contact me (817-468-7257) or Ted K. (972-231-6787). Remember to first clear this through your Steering Committee and Group Conscience meetings. We will need a 90 minute to 2 hour block of time for the full AA history workshop plus Q&A periods. As an alternative, the AA history material can also be presented in the format of a speaker meeting in a 1-hour time slot. Several speaker meetings have been conducted to date and the response has been favorable and enthusiastic. The Archives displays have pretty much become the full-time duties of Ted K., the Alternate Archives Chair. He is often assisted by Mike W. the past NETA Archives Chair. We have had a busy schedule of Archives Displays at AA anniversaries and events. Response continues to be very favorable and encouraging. Anyone who wishes to have an Archives display is encouraged to schedule it ASAP since our 2004 calendar is rapidly filling up and we can only do so many a month. We operate on first-come, first-served basis. Please remember to get permission from your group prior to scheduling a display.

Bill H. Audio/Visual. The new TV is working great so please call me. Go to Group conscience first. There is a list of videos in the newsletter.

Old Business

Motion:

To create the position of Area Special Needs Chair for the Northeast Texas Area. The duties of Special Needs are presently the responsibility of the Public Information (PI) Chair. This motion would create a separate position as a part of the Area Committee to begin with Panel 55.

Motion failed

Recall vote

Motion passed

Motion

To ensure that we allow enough time for NETA business at Convention/Assembly, limit speaker time to as scheduled.

Motion withdrawn by requester.

Motion: Change Policies and Procedures subsection 2.2 to read:

A general election is held during the Fall Assembly of even-numbered years. Volunteers sign up for service positions to be elected. Area Delegate, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and their respective Alternates, are elected using Third Legacy procedures. Service Committee Chairs (see 1.1.1) are elected by a different procedure.

A. The order of elections is decided by lot (from the hat). After a service committee name is picked from the hat:

1. The names of the volunteers who have signed up for the service position are announced to the Assembly.
2. Each volunteer is asked if he/she is willing to serve. A candidate may withdraw at any time.
3. Candidates willing to serve assemble at the microphone and each, in turn, briefly states his/her service experience.

B. Voting is by written ballot. If the first vote does not produce a simple majority ($\frac{1}{2} + 1$ of votes cast) then:

1. The candidates are reduced to the two highest vote counts (including ties).
2. If a second vote does not produce a simple majority, the election is decided by going to the hat.
3. When the election is completed, the next Service Committee Chair position to be elected is determined by lot (go back to step A.).

C. Service Committee Chairs recruit their Alternates and present them to the Area Committee for disapproval.

Motion failed

Recall vote

Motion failed

Delegate Send Off. Send Delegate to Conference informed but not instructed

Submitted by NETA Secretary