

Northeast Texas Area 65 Panel 53

**Winter Assembly
Ambassador Hotel
4250 Ridgemont Dr.
Abilene, TX.
January 10, 2004**

Larry J. NETA Chairperson opened the Winter Assembly at 9:00 am. Bobbie C. read, "Why we need a Conference".

Joe P. NETA Delegate presented the General Service Conference Preliminary Agenda Items. Questions and Answers from the floor were at the conclusion of the report.

There was 42 GSR's in attendance for GSR concerns.

There was 16 DCM's present for DCM concerns.

January 11, 2004

Larry J. NETA Chairperson opened the meeting at 8:30am and read, "Why we need a Conference".

Phil P. NETA Secretary read the minutes from the last Assembly. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Bill N. NETA Treasurer Chairperson. Financial statement beginning September 21, 2003 thru January 10, 2003 with a beginning balance of \$12,072.88. A total of \$5,007.02 in contributions. Budget items pay of \$5,254.20 and bank charge \$70.77. Transfer to Prudent Reserve \$1,500.00 leaving an Operating Account Balance of \$10,254.93. Prudent reserve Balance \$5,122.60. Total Operating and Prudent Reserve of \$15,377.53. Report Accepted.

Doug M. NETA Convention Chairperson. There are 157 in attendance for this Assembly. We had a beginning balance of \$966.43 and after all the expenses from the Fall Assembly are paid, we have an ending balance of \$739.72. We received \$81.82 from combined 5 for the Fall Assembly hospitality room and it will be deposited into the account.

From all the money raised from District 71 for the Winter Assembly, we will not need the \$500.00 from the Area budget. The Spring Assembly 2004 will be March 27-28 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 March 12th.

Summer 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 June 1st. 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 2005 will be January 15-16

at Best Western 3119 Estes Pkwy. Longview, TX. (903) 758-0700, \$52.00 per nigh and \$10.00 for coffee start.

Reserve by December 15th.

Naomi Z. NETA Alt. Delegate. The Southwest Regional Delegates Assembly will be in Oklahoma City, Ok. March 12th – 14th and Joe P. and I will attend. The 2004 Texas State A.A. Convention will be in San Antonia, TX. June 18th – 20th at

La Villita Assembly Hall 401Villita (Downtown – off Presa St.). SWRAASA 2004 will be in Houston, Tx. October 8th – 10th at the Clarion Inn/ Hampton Inn; 500 & 502 North Sam Houston Parkway

(281) 931-0101 Room rate; \$49.00 per night. Free transportation from Bush Intercontinental Airport.

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, (such as driving under the influence of Alcohol).

The 70th Anniversary Convention will be held in San Antonio, Tx. July 1st – 4th, 2010. More will be revealed.

Standing Committee Reports

Dave S. Alt. P.I. Chairperson. Thanks to Cody K. and the Website Committee for fine-tuning the NETA 65 web site.

Please visit it at www.neta65.org. Keith D and Mike W. have headed up the website Committee and their input and communication with Cody is clearly evident. The website is not being fully utilized by all Area Officers and Committee Chairs. Please email your reports to Cody to be posted. Area members also have the ability to email Officers and Committee Chairs. We now have a link to GSO, and are listed on the GSO website.

Communication with the Dallas Police Department is slow, but their interest in establishing a Group is alive and forward moving. There will be a meeting with a local TV station, after the first of the Year and more will be reported after the meeting.

Don C., CPC Chairperson. We took part in the annual drug and alcohol awareness day at the Hager Co. in Ft. Worth. A lot of good information was shared with those folks and we look forward to going back this year.

I have been asked by GSO to staff a booth at the annual state meeting of Psychologists in March of this year. So far that is all the information I have at this time.

Martha C., CF Chairperson. There is a list of facilities and contact people on the C/F table, take some and pass them out. If you are having problems getting inside a State Facility please contact me. Because of the break down in meetings in some of the facilities a lot of Literature has been lost. We need Groups and Districts to donate so we can get literature back inside facilities. Also there is a can for Literature donations, as some have to be sent from Central Offices or GSO. We also have cans for out NETA Annual Correctional Facility Workshop as funds are down. The Annual NETA C/F Workshop will be May 22 8:00am – 10:00pm location to be announced later. There next C/F Committee Meeting will be January 24th at the Grand Prairie Group starting at 2:00pm. Contact me if you would like to have a C/F workshop.

Ron M., Treatment Facility Chair. Jim S. has been approved as Alt. Chair. I gave a talk on Treatment Facilities and Bridging the Gap at the Irving Group. I participated in a Treatment Workshop for Combined 6 at Meadowbrook Group. We are in the process in getting literature (Big Books) out to a couple of Facilities that requested them. Jim has done 2 BTG orientations at Groups involved in the Dallas BTG. I'm scheduled to be back in Abilene the 1st Saturday in February to set up for BTG. We are getting our new 3 ring binder kit and if you would like to see it, let me know. I am talking to District 1 about a workshop.

Ted K. Alt. Archives Chair. On October 12th Mike W. and I brought the Traveling Archives Display to the NETA Committee Meeting. On October 18th we displayed the Archives at the Omega Group in Dallas. October 19th we setup the Archives at the Rowlett Group then attended the Combined 5 at the Aquarius Group. October 25th we setup the Archives at the Language of the Heart Group and picked them

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Dawn F., Newsletter Chair. January 25th is the dead line for submissions for the Newsletter. My new email is newseditor@neta65.org.

The Area mail out will be February 15th at the Grand Prairie Group at 1:30pm.

Lois W., Alt. Grapevine/ La Viña. We have been busy visiting Districts and Combined Districts five and six and have been to Spanish Districts 87,88,89 & 90. We are having monthly Committee meetings and the one this month will be at the Burton Terrace Group on January 24th.

The February meeting will be at the Olde Town Group in Burleson. This year the Grapevine will be 60 years old and we are planning a Grapevine – A – Thon on June 5th, 2004 with a lot of workshops, speakers and maybe the Traditions Play. We have a new workbook for the Area. The address for subscriptions has changed to, Grapevine, P.O. Box 1980, Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10163-1980. The web page is www.aagrapevine.org and there are some downloads. If you need a workshop, please give us a call.

John C., Intergroup Liaison. Dallas Intergroup has elected new Trustees and took office January 1st and they asked for some changes in the by-laws. Bridging the Gap at the Intergroup is going very slowly. Janis from the Dallas Intergroup and Patty from the Ft. Worth Intergroup attended the Intergroup/ Central Office Convention in California and brought back a lot of new ideals. The Ft. Worth Central office has changed their quarterly meeting to monthly meeting to try and generate more Participation and they are trying to set up a web site. A new Central Office is setup in Malakoff, TX. Is Called The Cedar Creek Central Service Office (903) 389-2253.

Bill H., Audio Visual Chair. Get approval from your Group first, and then call me to come out and show the Videos. The old T.V. will be raffled off at the next Assembly. I will be at the next Combined 5 January 18th at the Freedom Group in Mesquite.

Joe G., Alt Chairperson. Workshop report. Contact me by email joe.gray@sbcglobal.net. The workshops we do are Sponsorship, Chairing a meeting, Our Primary Purpose, Traditions and Service Structure.

New Business

Recommendation: to place on the agenda at the General Service Conference Assembly.

Request that the Group Pamphlet in it's return "the six points that define an AA Group".

79 Approved 6 Opposed

Call for revote

74 approve 11 disapprove

Proposed motion to change Policies and Procedures

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Amended motion

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	49 for	34 against	Motion failed
Recall vote	54 for	26 against	Vote recalled
Revote	53 for	30 against	Motion failed

Next Committee Meeting will be at the Nocona Group January 25th, 2004 at 1:30pm
Meeting adjourned

Submitted by NETA Secretary