

Structure Committee Minutes

January 14, 2005

The Structure Committee meeting convened at the Best Western Inn, in Longview, TX January 14, 2005 at 4:00 pm. Those in attendance included Pat R., past Delegate, Panel 35, Jim T., past Delegate, panel 45, Luis P., past Delegate, Panel 49, Larry J., past Delegate, panel 51, Joe P., past Delegate, panel 53.

Chairperson Pat R. opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

First order of business: was to select a new chairman and a new secretary. Luis P. was selected as chairman, and Larry J. selected as secretary.

Luis P. opened discussion:

Item 1: Past Delegates from other areas to be part of area 65 structure committee.

The committee recommended that this be done on a case-by-case basis.

Item 2: Elect standing committee chairs by vote of area committee and to be presented to area assembly for disapproval. Not recommended by structure committee.

As a committee we felt no action was necessary.

Item 3: A committee of five to appoint standing committee chair people. The make up of this committee would be the incoming and outgoing area chairperson, and 3 appointed people from the DCM list and list of area officers.

As a committee we felt no action was necessary

Item 4: **Currently 4.3** Area policies and procedures reads as follows: "The location and dates of the regularly scheduled Area Assemblies will be determined by the Area Committee and the Convention Chairperson. The location of the Fall Assembly and Convention is to be centrally located and is to be held as close as possible to the last weekend in September, with the approval of the Area Assembly."

Proposed change: 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 conventions **will** be on the **third weekend** of the scheduled months. The Fall and the Spring Assembly is to be centrally located. The Winter and Summer Assembly to be held in out lying districts.

The Committee recommends the following change in this motion: **“The locations of the regularly scheduled Area Assemblies will be determined by the area committee and the Convention Chairperson. The dates of *the Assemblies and the Fall Convention will be the third weekend of the scheduled months, when possible* The Fall and the Spring assembly is to be centrally located, the Winter and Summer Assembly will be hosted by bidding districts.**

Item 5: Any person standing for a position in the North East Texas Area 65 be present at the election.

Result: The committee chose to take no action and this motion now goes back to area committee for final resolution.

Item 6: Motion: Request the NETA structure committee to revise the policies and procedures to discourage past delegates then appointed as the chair of a standing committee.

Revised Motion: Change policies and procedures to *eliminate* past delegates being appointed as a chair of a standing committee.

No action taken by the structure committee. This item is unresolved as of now.

Item 7: Policy/Procedures Change: 3.8 currently reads:

“The area treasurer shall disburse to area committee members (other than the delegate) general expense funds (for expenses other than those expenses specified in 3.5 and 3.6 above); the total of these funds shall not exceed for any area committee member, the amount specified in the current budget or as directed by area committee advisory action.

Proposed Change: to 3.8

The area treasurer shall disburse to area officers and committee chair people (other than delegate) general expense funds (for expenses other than those expenses specified in 3.5 and 3.6 above) Upon receipt of an expense report w/attached receipts. The amount to be equal to actual receipts but not to exceed the amount specified in the current budget. These checks are to be distributed at the area

committee mtg. Following the assembly and quarter which the expenses were incurred.

The committee referred this proposal to the budget and finance committee.

This concluded the NETA 65 Structure Committee Meeting. Committee Chairman Luis P. adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully, submitted,
Larry J.
Past Delegate Panel 51 Area 65
Structure Committee Secretary