



# NORTHEAST TEXAS AREA - NETA 65 NEWSLETTER

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**Jim C., Delegate, Panel 61, Area 65** WE all look forward to our upcoming assembly at the Crowne Plaza in Ft. Worth. This will be your opportunity to hear the Conference Report of the 61st General Service Conference. Actions and considerations made at the Conference in behalf of our fellowship will be reviewed and there will be ample time for questions, discussion, and comments. This is a significant event in our service work and instrumental in the two way communications between the Groups and AA as a whole. Just on the horizon is the AA State Convention in San Antonio June 24-26.

It is time to make your plans to attend the Southwest Regional Forum to be held in Wichita on October 7-9 for everyone involved in service, thinking about getting involved in service, or just curious as to what this "service" thing is all about. A Regional Forum is an experience not to be missed. This is where the GSO and Grapevine staff come to us for all of our questions, concerns, and discussion of the AA Fellowship. My contact information is [delegate61@neta65.org](mailto:delegate61@neta65.org) or other information may be found regarding the Area at the Area Web Site: [www.neta65.org](http://www.neta65.org)

**Mo N., Alternate Delegate, Panel 61, Area 65** I attended SWRDA (Southwest Regional Delegate's Assembly) the previous weekend. I would just like to say how much I appreciate all the past Delegates and Trustees that were there that weekend to assist and support Jim and me as well as our fellow current Delegates and their Alternates. It is important to note that the "pasts" pay their own way to SWRDA just to share their experience, strength and hope so that all new Delegates from our Region will be prepared when they go to NYC for the Conference. I am grateful for the generosity of their time and experience.

**Jana A., Committee Chair, Area 65 Panel 61** I want to say "Thank You" to CD6 for hosting the Hospitality Suite and to James V., Hannah B., Brad B., and all of the people who worked the registration desk for a job well done.

**Tom M., Alternate Chair, Panel 61, Area 65** One of the Area Alternate Chair's primary Areas of responsibility is to coordinate Workshops at the request of Groups or Districts within our Area. We have had six Workshops since the beginning of the panel, with a number of Workshops coming up:

- **Tuesday, April 5, 8-9 pm, Greenville Traditions Group**, 5928 I-30 (West Frontage Road), 75402, **Public Information & Cooperation with the Professional Community**

- **Saturday, April 16, 5-8 pm, One Day at a Time Group**, 4505 Elizabeth Street, Texarkana, 75503, **How to Chair a Meeting**
- **Saturday, April 30, noon-2 pm, Frisco Group**, 6400 Stonebrook Parkway, 75034, **How to Chair a Meeting** email [info@frisco-aa.org](mailto:info@frisco-aa.org)
- **Sunday, May 1, 2-4 pm, Town South Group**, 2539 Balomede Suite 108, Lancaster, 75134, **How to Chair a Meeting**
- **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**

All of the scheduled Workshops are posted on our NETA 65 calendar at [www.neta65.org/calendar.php](http://www.neta65.org/calendar.php). Please feel free to contact me for more details about a particular workshop. My email address is [altchair61@neta65.org](mailto: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](http://www.neta65.org/contact.php). If you would like to hold a workshop at your Group or District, please let me know.

**James V., Convention Chair, Panel 61, Area 65** Thanks to all the Districts, GSRs and volunteers who have given their time, talent and

money to help us have two very successful Assemblies in 2011! So many of you stepped up to help with Registration, Coffee Bar, Hospitality Room, passing out reports, chairing assembly AA meetings, Mock Committees and all of the other important service work involved in our first two Assemblies...., and the Convention Committee THANKS YOU!

The Summer Assembly will be at the Crowne Plaza South Hotel, 100 E. Alta Mesa Blvd., Ft Worth, TX 76134 (just east of I-35). We will have a couple of Standing Committee meetings and an AA meeting on Friday evening, June 17, and the Assembly Agenda appears later in this Newsletter. \$10 Coffee Cards and discounted Breakfast & Lunch coupons will again be available. To help us plan for the meals, please buy your food coupons when you register! We have a 100-room commitment, so please reserve a room by June 3; call 817.293.3088 & mention "NETA"; our NETA rate is \$79.00 per night.

Fall Convention/Assembly will be Sept. 16-17-18 at the Doubletree Hotel near the Galleria (I-635 at Midway) 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX 75244. Reserve by Sept.1; \$74.00 rate; call 972.385.9000. The Convention begins Friday night with a fabulous speaker meeting, plus 3 additional speakers on Saturday and Sunday. Committee email at: [ConventionChair61@neta65.org](mailto:ConventionChair61@neta65.org)

**Keith D., Secretary, Panel 61, Area 65** I did not get access to the Fellowship New Vision (FNV) until the middle of March. Some of the GSR's did not get their information entered timely because of this, but those that are new (unless they are new from the Spring Assembly), should be entered and good to go. I hope we all push to take the Newsletter electronically, if we can (voluntarily), as it saves quite a bit of time and money. The Assembly and Committee Minutes are available on the NETA webpage or via email, as is the Newsletter.

If you are an Area Committee member look for the form already prepared for you at the upcoming Assemblies, as it saves me a lot of time and improves my accuracy am working towards having pre-printed registration forms for the GSRs at the next assembly.

**Olga R., Alternate Secretary Panel 61, Area 65** The next 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 6<sup>th</sup> at the Irving Group hosted by District 55 and December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Bruton-Terrace Group hosted by District 56. The mail-out on February 4, 2012 is tentatively scheduled at the ODAT Group in Texarkana, TX.

Please ask your Group or District to host a mail-out. Be sure the Group Conscious approves. Dates available for hosting are May 12, August 4, & December 1 of 2012. Please contact me, Olga R., if you can host a mail-out. My contact information is [alsecretaryneta65@gmail.com](mailto:alsecretaryneta65@gmail.com) phone# 254-624-8526, or listed on the NETA65 website [www.neta65.org](http://www.neta65.org).

**Roy P., Treasurer, Panel 61, Area** NETA operates on a thin budget and contributions are down. We need Groups, Districts and individuals to participate now more than ever. Check with your Group Treasurer and help when you can. Please send your checks to:

NETA 65 Treasurer  
C/O Roy P. Anderson, CPA  
222 E. McKinney, Ste 100  
Denton, TX 76201

**Keith C., Archives Committee Chair, Panel 61, Area 65** We turned in receipts for just a little more than our NETA budget last quarter. That means we are going to need help from the Groups and Districts in the Area to keep carrying our message. Thanks to those Groups that are contributing a regular monthly or quarterly amount to our Committee. We will extend a call soon to all of the NETA Groups to help with the financing of our Area Archives, to expand and diversify our exhibits more and continue to maintain high preservation standards. Thanks to those Groups and Conferences that are able to pass a basket or make a one-time Seventh Tradition contribution to us when we set up displays at your events.

Do not forget about the Power Point presentations that Arthur has made famous. A multi-media presentation makes our history come alive and a number of us can do those presentations at your Groups. It brings new life to the Forward to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, and invigorates the Traditions and the history of the Big Book. Look forward to CDs of AA history and documents that we are going to make available to you at a reasonable price that you will not find anywhere else.

**Rick P., Corrections Chair, Panel 61, Area 65** The next Area Corrections Committee Meeting will be held Saturday, June 18th at the Summer Assembly during the lunch break. The Corrections Committee met March 19 at the Assembly & discussed the needs of the Area prisons and jails, and A.A. member inmates within those facilities. We discussed the growing need for volunteers. I have received requests from 5 facilities to provide volunteers for A.A. meetings. 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 discretion of the specific facility or managers of those units. It is NOT A REQUIRED to be and ex-convict or offender to be of service. For information or needed paperwork please e-mail me, Rick P., at [corrections61@neta65.org](mailto:corrections61@neta65.org) or call 214-293-6131

With these requests comes the need for AA Big Books and literature; so we discussed money. GSO is sending requests for AA literature back to the local Corrections Committees in the inmate's Area. Without the support of the membership, Groups or Districts within Area we will have difficulty meeting these needs. We discussed the Orange Cans program, which provides the opportunity for your Group to collect donations specifically for the purchase of AA literature to be distributed by the Corrections Committee directly to A.A. member inmates within the Area. The Orange Can allows us the opportunity to spread the literature to the maximum number in the Area. Please consider picking up an Orange Can and using it in your Group. Send Orange Can donations to: NETA 65 Corrections, 2404 Plateau Dr., Plano, TX 75075

**David M., Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair, Panel 61, Area 65** A combined PI/CPC Committee meeting was held at the Spring Assembly. The next combined meeting will be held Friday evening of the Summer Assembly at 7:00 PM.

The Committee shared two days of A.A. at the Association of Professional Chaplains March 25-26, 2011 in Dallas. Special thanks to Randy R. for assisting with this event.

I attended the Southwestern Medical School, Dallas, TX, and it was a tremendous help to both the students and A.A. The CPC Committee thanks the Dallas Intergroup, and Mike L., for an outstanding job coordinating all the speakers.

CPC Committee upcoming events are as follows: 1) Midwestern School of Nursing, Wichita Falls on April 19, 2011, from 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon. 2) Heart of TX Conference, in Waco, TX on April 29 – May 1, 2011. 3) The 25<sup>th</sup> Gathering of Eagles, in Dallas, TX, May 27-29, 2011. If you would like the Committee to assist in any way, please contact us by E-mail at: [davidmbiz@yahoo.com](mailto:davidmbiz@yahoo.com); or phone at: 254-592-8051.

**Lajeane B., Grapevine Chair, Panel 61, Area 65** The Grapevine Committee is getting workshop requests. Please ask your Group Conscience. District 54 Grapevine Representative Hollie F. did a workshop. The Grapevine Committee has been invited to the Gathering of Eagles. Grape-A-Thon planning is coming together. The Grape-a-Thon theme is "Reach for the stars", and is planned for October this year. Our next Area Grapevine Committee Meeting is April 17, 2011 from 2 pm to 4 pm at the Freedom Group in Mesquite, Texas.

Grape Nut Day is the last Friday of every month. Wear something purple for the Grapevine on Friday. New District and Grapevine Representatives that need to be enrolled may contact me by telephone at 972-216-3663 or cell 214-557-0143, or email [neener451@hotmail.com](mailto:neener451@hotmail.com) or the Alternate at [emilymitchell@hotmail.com](mailto:emilymitchell@hotmail.com).

**PJ HR, Intergroup Liaison, Panel 61, Area 65** Below is the contact information for Intergroups and Central Offices in the NETA.

- Dallas Intergroup Association: 6162 E. Mockingbird, Dallas, TX, Phone: 214-887-6699, [www.aadallas.org](http://www.aadallas.org)
- Fort Worth Central Office: 316 Bailey Ave #100, Ft. Worth, TX, Phone: 817-694-0841, [www.fortworthaa.org](http://www.fortworthaa.org)
- East Texas Central Service Office –Tyler: 401 East Front St. #145, Tyler, TX, Phone: 903-597-1796, [www.tyler-aa.org](http://www.tyler-aa.org)
- Central Texas Intergroup – Waco: 3201 Franklin, Suite 9, Waco, TX Phone: 254-754-3336, <http://centexinterGroup.org>
- Oficina Intergrupala Hispana De AA – Ft. Worth: 502 W. Central Service, Fort Worth, TX, Phone: 817-694-0841
- Oficina Intergrupala Hispana De AA – Dallas: 5415 Maple Ave. Ste. 318, Dallas, TX, Phone: 214-905-0770

Both the Dallas Intergroup Association and Fort Worth Central Office are in need of volunteers. Please contact the offices at the numbers provided above if you are able to volunteer.

Alternate Intergroup Liaison, Jan L., and I attended meetings at Dallas Intergroup and Fort Worth Intergroup and been in phone contact with the Tyler and Waco Intergroups. Our goal this quarter is to visit the East Texas Intergroup in Tyler, Central Texas Intergroup in Waco and both of the Hispanic Intergroups. Thanks to Luis P who

will be helping us with the Hispanic Intergroups. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

**Dusty W., Newsletter Editor, Panel 61, Area 65** The upcoming Newsletter deadline for article submission is Friday, July 1, 2011. Printing costs have risen. The last 2 Newsletters were printed over budget. This current Newsletter has been radically changed to adhere to printing budget constraints. Please keep all articles factual and brief. Remember that the Newsletter is available on the NETA Web Page as well as through email distribution to your email mailbox. There is NO COST to the Area when your Newsletter is sent to you via email or off of the web. Let the Area Secretary know if you can accept your Newsletter via email. Email articles to: [mrdustywalker@yahoo.com](mailto:mrdustywalker@yahoo.com)

**Randy R., Public Information Chair, Panel 61, Area 65** We attended 5 District Meetings giving presentations on Public Information. If we have not been to your District yet we would love to come. We have been working closely with the Dallas Intergroup and Ft. Worth Central Office and plan to work with the others in the Area fulfilling requests that are pouring in, such as health fairs at local school districts, a National Conference on Crimes Against Women at the downtown Dallas Sheraton, and presentations at local college campuses. One opportunity was to talk to 400 second year medical students at Southwestern Medical College.

We attended the National Convention of Chaplains held at the DFW Hyatt Regency. Thanks Mike L. at Dallas Intergroup and Pat R.C. of the Ft. Worth Central Office for including us. One of the benefits of being invited to a District is that we leave one of our two displays with for their members to set up in their own Home Groups. We are getting copies of meeting schedules to Hotel Concierge desks throughout the Area.

We have found a candidate willing to serve as the Area's Webmaster. She is Camille K. from the Georgetown Group. Anyone wanting to participate in PI work can contact us thru [www.NETA65.org](http://www.NETA65.org) or your DCM. My cell phone number is 214-354-5616.

**Phil G., Alternate DCM District 21, Panel 61, Area 65** District 21 currently meets the first Sunday of every month from 2-4pm. Locations rotate within the Groups from our District. Our DCM and Alternate DCM have started visiting all inactive Groups in our District to inform them about what we do and why it is important; hopefully we will get them excited about our 3<sup>rd</sup> Legacy of Service!

We invited NETA 65 Treasurer, Roy A. to our February District meeting to talk about the new Not for Profit laws and how they may apply to our Groups

We are still in the process of reviewing our Bylaws, and have a Committee of 5 people reviewing them. We also have a finance Committee working on our first budget ever.

The Unity Group in Denton will have their Group Anniversary on April 9 from 12:00 to 5:00 PM at the First Baptist Church, 1100 Malone Denton, TX with a Potluck from 12:00 to 1:30 PM and then an Al-Anon, Al-Ateen and A.A. Speaker.

The Lewisville Main St Group will celebrate their Group Anniversary on May 1 starting at 1:00 PM at Memorial Park in Lewisville. For more information call 972-436-4516.

District 21 will host a joint PI & CPC workshop July 23 from 11:00 am to 2:00 PM at the Frisco Group St. Phillips location with presentations on what PI and CPC is and does. Visit [www.frisco-aa.org](http://www.frisco-aa.org) (Frisco Group website) for more information or email [info@frisco-aa.org](mailto:info@frisco-aa.org).

**Dale V., DCM District 42, Panel 61, Area 65** On Friday June 10, 2011 and Saturday June 11, 2011 there will be a Founders Day Celebration at the Lake Street Clubhouse. Friday night after the 8:00 PM Meeting we are starting with a 1930's theme dance and then Saturday we will have meetings, food & fellowship all day to commemorate the Founders. We will be sending out flyers closer to the event!

**David S., DCM District 54, Panel 61, Area 65** We held a District Inventory at the end of Panel 59, and now have an ad-hoc Committee bringing their recommendations in the form of motions to the District. We held a GSR Orientation in January. All our trusted servant positions are filled, including our Standing Committee Chairs. Thanks to our Public Information Committee Chair.

**John R., DCM District 55, Panel 61, Area 65** As of April all District 55 officer and Committee Chair positions are filled. Randy R. and Steve W. came to our District Meeting in March to speak about the Public Information needs and goals in the Area. Rick P. presented a

great Corrections Committee overview at our April meeting. Thanks to these men willing to give their time to carry the message and serve Area 65.

District 55 held our first "visitation night" in March when five members met for a sandwich and fellowship then visited a Group in the District to share what we are doing as a District. Our plan is to make this a regular part of our District activity.

**Lex L., DCM District 64, Panel 61, Area 65** District 64 was well represented at the Area assembly and participated fully in the mock Committees. We wish Jim the best as he heads to New York and know he will represent our District and Area well.

The new Panel of GSR's are settling in well and bring much enthusiasm to all they are doing. Through Combined District 6 we are working with new Standing Committee Chairs carrying the message and working on a few budget items.

**Bobby Wayne F., DCM District 52, Panel 61, Area 65** I am chairing the DCM breakout Session at Summer Assembly and want to talk about how to make our District Meetings more interesting and attractive.

**David S., DCM District 54, Panel 61, Area 65** We held a District Inventory at the end of Panel 59, and have an ad-hoc Committee bringing their motion recommendations to the District. We held a GSR Orientation in January. All of our trusted servant positions are filled.

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

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**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**

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**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**

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**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)

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**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.

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**Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> 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 to 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 11:40 AM

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**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**

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**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

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**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.

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**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 Greenville. 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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**North East Texas Area 65  
Agenda: Summer Assembly – June 18-19, 2011  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 100 East Altamesa Blvd.  
Fort Worth, TX 76134 - 817-293-3088**

**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 – 61<sup>st</sup> 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

**Saturday – June 18: (Continued):**

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

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