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Jim C., Delegate, Panel 61, Area 65

This summer's activities have been many –starting with a successful North East Texas Area Summer Assembly in Dallas which featured the full report on the 61st General Service Conference. This activity at our Assemblies helps ensure inclusion of all the Groups with the General Service Structure and is a vital link in our communication. It further helps to keep the upside down triangle properly positioned. I was honored to provide that report and the many others at Districts and Groups throughout the Area. It has been a great experience and opportunity to again see what a wonderful way we have of doing things in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Up next is our Fall Assembly and Convention in Dallas beginning Friday September 17 at 6pm (Registration starts at 4pm) and continuing through Sunday, September 19. We have scheduled some great speakers, including our new SW Region Trustee – Clayton V. and our new Grapevine Executive Editor/Publisher – Ami B. Come for the Convention – Stay for the Assembly!

October 7-9 is the SW Regional Forum. The Forum will be in Wichita, KS. Don't miss it. Forums provide a unique opportunity for AA members and local trusted servants throughout our region to exchange information and provide experience with representatives of the General Service Board, AAWS, and AA Grapevine and the General Service Office. If you are currently involved in our Third Legacy of Service, plan to be involved in the future, or even know someone who is involved, make plans to attend. There are a number of people who are willing to share rides, rooms, and expenses. Most Districts are working to assist in teaming people up to make the experience even more enjoyable. It is a wonderful experience that should not be missed.

My email address is delegate61@neta65.org (Area Web Site: www.neta65.org)

Mo. N., Alternate Delegate, Panel 61, Area 65

The Northeast Texas Roundup invites you to attend the conference held August 19-21 2011 at the Doubletree hotel at LBJ and Midway in Dallas.

You are cordially invited to the Southwest Regional Forum to be held during the weekend of October 7-9, 2011 at the Hilton Wichita Airport Executive Conference Center, Wichita, Kansas. Representatives of the General Service Board and members of the General Service Office and Grapevine staffs will be present at the Forum to share experience, respond to questions and hear suggestions. It will be a weekend of lively participation for all concerned.

Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7, 2011. The

opening session will start at 7:00 p.m. Friday and the Forum will close at noon on Sunday, October 9, 2011. There is no registration fee for the Forum.

You may register online at the GSO Web Site: www.aa.org. All persons registering online must include their full name and postal address. Online registrations must be received before Monday, October 3, 2011 in order to be processed. If you miss the deadline, we welcome on-site registration. It is not necessary to call G.S.O. to pre-register; advance registration simply helps their planning.

Hotel reservations at the Hilton Wichita Airport Executive Conference Center can be made by phone: (316) 945-5272. Be sure to mention "Southwest Regional Forum" when you call. For the special room rate, you must register no later than Friday, September 21, 2011. You can also go to the Forums portal on www.aa.org where there is a link to hotel reservations for the Southwest Regional Forum. Please note that the Hilton Wichita Airport Executive Conference Center will also accept hotel reservation forms by mail or by fax at (316) 945-7620. SOUTHWEST REG FORUM Hilton Wichita Airport Executive Conference Center Wichita, KS

Jana A., Area Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

At our last Assembly the Delegate gave his report on his trip to New York and the actions taken at the Conference. Jim did a great job giving the report and gave a pictorial presentation of his trip to New York giving us the feel that we were there with him.

We also had a presentation on the new Area Website by the PI Committee. It has been redesigned to be more user friendly and to allow information to be uploaded in a timely fashion. Please check it out at www.neta65.org.

Our September meeting is an Assembly and Convention to be held on September 17-19, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel in Dallas. More information on the Assembly and Convention is reported in the Newsletter. Please join us for the Area Assembly and the great line up of speakers for the Convention.

Please let me know if there is anything that I can do to be of service to you.

Tom M., Alternate Area Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

Upcoming Workshops are as follows:

- Sunday, July 17, 1:30 - 3:30 PM, ODAAT Group, 2109 W Parker Rd, Ste 728, Plano, 75023, "How to Chair a Meeting"
- Saturday, July 23, 2:30 - 5:00 PM, Paris Downtown Group, 1704 Lamar Ave., 75460, "How to Chair a Meeting"
- Saturday, August 13, 2:30 - 5:00 PM, Paris Downtown Group, 1704 Lamar Ave., 75460, "Sponsorship"
- Tuesday, October 4, 8 - 9 PM, Greenville Traditions Group, 5928 I-30 (West Frontage Road), 75402, "Internet: Friend or Foe?"
- TBA, Cleburne Alco Group, 413 E. Henderson St., 76031, "Internet: Friend or Foe?"

Please notify me if your Group or District would like to have a Workshop. You need your Group Conscience approval and please have two possible dates in mind when you contact me.

James V., Convention Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

The Summer Assembly at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fort Worth was a success. We registered 170 attendees, including 110 voting members and 60 others. We had 2 days of Assembly activities including 3 AA meetings. We were contracted for 98 room nights; with an 80% attrition clause, the number of required room nights was 79. Thanks to everyone who stayed at the hotel, we ended up with 90 room nights. Our coffee and food coupon income was greater than our expenses, and we paid only \$180 for meeting rooms. Our budget for Summer Assembly is \$700, yet we only spent \$252.

The Fall Assembly will be held at the Doubletree Hotel near the Galleria, located at 4099 Valley View Ln., Dallas, Tx 75244. This Assembly is also a Convention featuring renowned AA and AI-Anon speakers. It is a 3-day event, beginning Friday September 17 at 6 PM (Registration starts at 4 PM) and continuing through Sunday, September 19. Registration forms can be downloaded from the new NETA65.ORG website. We do charge a registration fee of \$10 for the Fall Assembly/Convention since we are inviting speakers and paying their expenses. Contact the hotel to reserve your room (\$74 plus tax) by September 1st at 972-385-9000. Please register NOW and encourage your fellow AA members to come join us for a fun filled weekend.

Keith D., Secretary, Panel 61, Area 65

Please let me know if you want to receive your Newsletter by email, or if you have a change in your email address.

Olga R., Alternate Secretary, Panel 61, Area 65

Thanks to the Language of the Heart Group in Colleyville for hosting the Spring Newsletter mail out. The summer mail-out is scheduled for August 6th at the Irving Group, 618 East Irving Blvd, Irving, TX. Subsequent mail-outs are scheduled for December 3, 2011, at 1:30 PM at Bruton-Terrace Group, February 4, 2012 at 2 PM (tentatively) at the ODAT Group in Texarkana; May 12, 2012 at Greenville Traditions Group and August 4, 2012 at McKinney Fellowship Group. A host is needed for December 1, 2012. GSRs and DCMs are requested to ask your Group or District to host a mail-out. I can be contacted via the NETA 65 website or by phone 254-624-8526.

Keith C., Archives Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

After 4 months of review and discussion the Archives Committee has completed the update and revision of our Archives Committee

Guidelines and they have been presented to the Area Committee for approval. Thanks to Arthur S. for drafting the revisions and the rest of the committee for patience and tolerance during this process. We are interested in creating job descriptions which better reflect the evolving nature of our committee, but primarily in instituting formal financial oversight procedures which enable us to be more transparent and accountable with the funding we receive from Area 65 and our fellowship at large.

We welcome Terry C. as Alternate Archives Chair, after his approval by the Area Committee in July, and I anticipate utilizing his business experience and acumen to tighten and focus the committee. We have also elected a secretary, Alison K., who will further serve as our Conservator, based on her training in the library sciences industry. We welcome the addition of her expertise and service in our mission.

Beyond these housekeeping issues, the committee has remained steadfast in our ongoing commitment to provide history presentations and memorabilia exhibits to the Fellowship as requested, except when these requests conflict with a prior scheduled event. Arthur S. and Terry C. took the traveling display to the State Convention in San Antonio. We have had exhibits at the Heart of Texas conference in Waco and the Gathering of Eagles in Dallas, as well as many other events too numerous to mention here, and are especially looking forward to pulling out all the stops at our display for the North Texas Roundup in August. Look for an addition to our usual exhibits, and check out the new "E-book" that Arthur has compiled for our committee fundraising.

As always, we welcome 7th Tradition or gratitude financial contributions to the committee, (please send or give these to Bill N., Archives treasurer), and we also welcome people willing to contribute time in service or historically valuable memorabilia, books, pamphlets, Grapevines, or other literature to the North East Texas Area Archives collection.

Thanks for allowing us to serve you. Please let us know if we can be of better service in any way.

Rick P., Corrections Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

You can get TDCJ (Texas Department of Criminal Justice) Certified or recertified on August 20, 201 from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon at the Doubletree Hotel on LBJ and Midway Rd. Dallas, Tx.

AA Volunteers are needed in local Northeast Texas Jails and Prisons. Whenever anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible. If not you, who?

Lajeane B., Grapevine Chair, Panel 61, Area 65

The Grapevine is your meeting in print. Please check your NETA65.org Calendar for our Grapevine meeting times and places. Our next meeting will be at the Freedom Group July 31, 2011 from 2 to 4 PM. The Grape-A-thon will be October 16, 2011 at the Harbor Group in Fort Worth TX. We are having a Grape-A-thon flyer contest. The Grape-A-Thon flyer will be available soon. We have requests to present "the Man in the Bed play" and to present the Grapevine. District 54 Grapevine Representative has been invited to set up a display at the Singles in Sobriety.

Grapenut Day is the last Friday of every month. Have fun and show your support by wearing something purple. "The Prison Issue" of the Grapevine is available. Go ahead! Go get yours! The Digital Grapevine is a real steal at this time. Please feel free to contact us. We look forward to serving.

Dusty W., Newsletter Editor, Panel 61, Area 65

The second quarter Newsletter was reduced in size to 8 pages from 16 and was printed within our budget. To do this we removed repetitive and non-news information. The Secretary's Minutes were included but without the "Addendum", which is the Area Committee and Area Assembly Trusted Servant's Reports. That is the same information that appears as their Newsletter articles.

The next Newsletter Article Deadline is Friday, November 4, 2011. Subsequent upcoming article deadlines are Friday, January 6, 2012; Friday, April 13, 2012; Friday, July 6, 2012; Friday, November 2, 2012. Please make your articles short, concise, and to the point.

Phil G., Alternate DCM District 21, Panel 61, Area 65

District 21 welcomes the Ponder Group to our District. The Ponder Group came to our District meeting in July and we look forward to having them active in our District. They meet Thursday nights for a Closed BB Study.

Delegate Jim C came to our July Meeting and gave a brief rundown of his week at the General Service Conference. Thanks Jim!

District 21 will be hosting a joint PI & CPC workshop on July 23, 2011 from 11 am to 2 PM at the Frisco Group's St. Phillips location. Our District PI/CPC chair and both our Area PI & CPC Chairs will be giving presentations on what PI and CPC is and does. It is open to any AA member who would like to attend; we hope to see many new and old faces! For more information on the location you can visit the Frisco Group website www.frisco-aa.org or email info@frisco-aa.org.

Eddie D., Alternate DCM Dist 55, Panel 61, Area 65

Our District will be hosting the next Newsletter mail out August 6, 2011 at the Irving Group 1:00 PM. We anticipate a good turnout. On July 9, 2011 the Simply AA Group will be celebrating their Anniversary starting at 5:00 PM and The Gift of Sobriety Group will also be celebrating their 23rd Anniversary July 30, 2011 starting at 8:00 am.

Jerry W., DCM District 56, Panel 61, Area 65

Greetings everyone! The Summer Assembly was absolutely a breeze and very informative too. A big Thank You to Dusty Walker for making the Newsletter simple and keeping the mailing/printing costs to a minimum.

District 56 has a new volunteer to fill in as our Grapevine Representative. Renee V. sat in on the Grapevine committee at the assembly and was inspired to be of service.

The Athens Group sent us a letter stating that they desire to switch to District 42 for economic and travel time reasons. I will present this to the Area Committee meeting next week.

**Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Summer Assembly - June 18-19, 2011
Crowne Plaza - 100 East Altamesa Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76134
Saturday June 18th, 2011 Business**

Area Chair Jana A called the assembly to order at 8:35 AM. The proceedings opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and a reading of "Why Do We Need a Conference" by Jaime. Jana reviewed the assembly agenda.

Delegate Jim C attended the 2011 General Service Conference in New York, NY, beginning May 1st, 2011. He distributed his report of the 61st GSC Conference Advisory Actions, Additional Committee Considerations, along with synopsis of Conference discussion and debate. Followed by a Q&A session, moderated by Jim C.

Secretary Keith D made a statement that he made another mistake made for the mail-out – the 35 GSR's that are listed at wanting a mailed copy of the newsletter were mistakenly not included in the labels and instead the newsletter was mailed out to 150 GSR's that had indicated they wanted an email version only (the difference for printing was 115 copies.)

Old (Unfinished) Business

None

New Business

Motion presented by Newsletter Chair, Dusty W, on 4/10/11 at A.C.M.: 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: Tabled to the end of business, and then withdrawn.

Motion presented by Alternate Treasurer, Pam C, on 4/10/11 at A.C.M.: 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: Withdrawn.

Area Chair Jana A requested a sense of the assembly on different options for the meeting times of the Area Standing Committees. The consensus was evenly split between the option of having the committees meet before, after and during breaks and the option of not having the Saturday evening presentation, so that the committees can meet during that time slot.

Area Chair 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 June 19th, 2011

Area Chair Jana A called the assembly to order at 8:35 AM. The proceedings opened with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and asked Jan L 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 the minutes are in an addendum to the minutes as combined Assembly and Area Committee reports that will be available electronically via email or the website (<http://neta65.org>)

Secretary's Report – Keith D: The minutes of the Spring 2011 Assembly were read and accepted with amendments.

Alternate Secretary Report – Olga R: Thank you to the Language of the Heart Group in Colleyville for hosting the Spring Newsletter mail out. The summer mail-out is scheduled for August 6th at the Irving Group, 618 East Irving Blvd, Irving, TX. Subsequent mail-outs are scheduled for December 3, 2011, at Bruton- Terrace Group, February 4, 2012 (tentatively) at the ODAT Group in Texarkana; May 12, 2012 at Greenville Traditions Group and August 4, 2012 at McKinney Fellowship Group. A host is needed for December 1, 2012. GSRs and DCMs are requested to ask your respective group and/or district to host a mail-out.

Treasurer's Finance Report – Roy A: Distributed and reviewed the 1/1/11 – 6/18/11 Financial Statement. The beginning Operating Account balance was \$17,371.21 with contributions of \$16,487.50 and budget items paid of \$33,388.37. Panel 59 Trusted Servants returned funds in the amount of \$1,479.44. The ending operating account balance was \$1,479.44. The Prudent Reserve Account beginning balance was \$10,343.06 with interest of \$8.56 for an ending balance of \$10,351.62.

Alternate Treasurer's Report – Pam C: Referred to the policy that if you don't turn in receipts for two assemblies, you will not get a check.

Convention Chair Report – James V: Convention/Assembly Report from 1/1/11 – 6/14/11. Beginning account balance of \$0.00, income of \$8,100.95 expenses of \$7,053.50, and bank charges of \$15.00 with an ending account balance of \$1,032.45. There are prepaid deposits of \$700.00 for the Doubletree for the Fall Assembly. For the Spring Assembly, there were 73 coffee cards sold totaling \$73.00, coffee bar donations of \$5.00, 70 breakfast food coupons for \$770.00 and 62 lunch & dinner coupons for \$930.00, and meeting room credit of \$808.00. Spring Assembly expenses included \$32.47 for registration supplies, \$900.00 room expense, and \$1,700.00 for food coupons for total expenses of \$3,256.47. Income versus expenses was \$(13.47.) Attendance was 207, with 92 voting members registered.

Alternate Area Chair Report – Tom M: We've done 14 workshops this panel. Future workshops are listed in the Addendum section.

Alternate Delegate Report – Mo N: Provided a written report that included several upcoming events including the Summer Area Committee meeting at the Show Me Group in Denton, TX on 7/10/11 at 1:30PM.

Delegate Report – Jim C: If you would like a conference report done at your district, please get with me and we'll try to schedule it.

Structure Committee Report – Past Delegate, Joe P: Structure committee electronic newsletter motion and consensus was that the motion might save the area money, but “At what cost?”

Delegate Jim C: Moderated a session of “What’s on your mind?”

The assembly concluded with the Lord’s Prayer at 11:15AM.

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Summer Committee Meeting - July 10th, 2011
Hosted by the Show Me Group of District 21
1622 W. University Drive, Suite 104, Denton, TX 76201

Area Chair Jana A called the meeting to order at 1:35 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 Linda Winter.

Officer and Service Committee Reports not shown in the main body of the minutes are in an addendum to the minutes as combined Assembly and Area Committee reports that will be available electronically via email or the website (<http://neta65.org>)

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

Alternate Secretary Olga R: Upcoming Summer mail-out will be at Irving Group on 8/6/11.

Treasurer Roy A: Distributed and reported on the Financial Statement for 1/1/11 thru 7/8/11. The beginning Operating Account balance was \$17,371.21 with contributions of \$17,294.33 and budget items paid of \$34,963.37, Panel 59 funds returned of \$1,479.44 for an ending Operating Account balance of \$1,181.61. The Prudent reserve had interest of \$10.26 for an account balance is \$10,353.32. Current projected deficit for 2011 is \$13,218.73.

Alternate Treasurer – Pam C: Reported on current status of receipts and that the Expense Form is not on the new website yet.

Convention Chair James V: Summer Assembly income included \$500.00 for 50 coffee cards, \$6.00 for coffee bar 7th tradition donations, \$550.00 for 50 breakfast coupons and \$690.00 for 46 lunch coupons for total income of \$1,746.00. Summer Assembly expenses included \$74.45 for registration supplies, \$504.00 for coffee expense, \$900.00 for meeting room expense, \$720.00 for meeting room credit and \$1240.00 for food coupons, for total expenses of \$1,998.45. Income versus expenses was \$(252.45). Attendance was 170, with 110 voting members registered.

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.

2012 Winter Assembly: January 21-22, 2012. Tanglewood Resort, 290 Tanglewood Circle, Pottsboro, TX 75076, (800)833-6569, Room rate is TBD. Cut off for reserving rooms is January 6th, 2012. Reserve “in house” to get special room rate.

Alternate Delegate Mo N: Reported on incorrect address for Summer ACM location. Provided an updated list of upcoming events in Area 65.

Delegate Jim C: Reported on new GSO staff member, Grapevine eBook initiative, literature sales, aa.org website changes to help with finding meetings, finance (contributions), upcoming member survey, Grapevine online trial subscription.

Structure Committee Report – Past Delegate Panel 57, Bill N: Reported on the electronic newsletter motion submitted by Arthur S. at the 2011 Spring Committee Meeting. This motion was withdrawn at the Summer Assembly.

2010 Area Inventory Review Ad-Hock Committee Report – DCM District 53, Zach M: We are currently reviewing the November 2010 Area Inventory notes and are formulating our individual recommendations for any changes to the Area Policies and Procedures or other Area guidelines. We anticipate meeting before the Sept. 2011 Assembly to finalize our committee recommendations. Will be in touch with the Area Chair this month to discuss the most appropriate mechanism for bringing these recommendations to the Area (directly to Area Assembly or through Area Committee, as motions or just a report, etc.).

Old (Unfinished) Business

Motion presented by Archivist, Arthur S:

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: Withdrawn by presenter.

New Business

Motion presented by Area Chair, Jana A:

Any motions that have been presented to the NETA Area Committee and not forwarded to the Assembly for consideration may be brought to the Assembly as a floor motion. After all the old and new business the Area Chair asks if there are any floor motions. Floor motions to be considered must be presented in writing to the Assembly. Time will be allowed for questions and clarification. A simple majority vote will be taken to see if the motion will be considered. To ensure all groups in NETA are fully informed the floor motion shall be deferred and placed automatically on the next regular assembly agenda. If the Assembly does not vote to consider the motion no further action will be taken on the floor motion.

Outcome: Vote was taken to send the motion to the Structure Committee so that it would be added to the P&P. Vote failed. Statement will be added to the currently used Process of a Motion.

Area Chair Jana A reviewed the Fall 2011 Assembly Agenda.

Area Chair Jana A reviewed site and date selection for the Winter Committee meeting on 2/19/2012 from 1:30PM to 4:30PM at the Clean Air North Group, 16517 Addison Rd, Suite 108, Addison, TX 75001

Archives Chairperson, Keith C, presented the new Area Archives Committee Workbook to be reviewed and approved.

Outcome: Forwarded to Fall Committee meeting for approval (to allow for further review time)

Petition for Redress presented by Archivist, Arthur S regarding decisions made by current area officers as to what is or isn't a valid expense to be reimbursed out of the NETA Budget.

Outcome: Forwarded to the Finance & Budget Committee by Area Chair, Jana A – requested that the committee develop guidelines.

Archives Chair, Keith C presented Terry C as the new Alternate Archives Chair for disapproval.

Corrections Chair, Rick P presented Freda W as the new Alternate Corrections Chair for disapproval.

Area Chair Jana A reported on letter from chairperson of ICYPAA in 2012.

Alternate Chair, Tom M gave report on ad hock committee to review on bylaws.

Motion presented by DCM District 56, Jerry W:

Motion to the Fall Assembly to accept a request from the Athens Group to change from District 56 to District 42.

Background: District 56 received a letter from the Athens Group with this request for reasons of economics & time travel. The contacted District 42 DCM and their district accept the proposal as does District 56.

Outcome: Forwarded to Fall Assembly for disapproval.

Motion presented by Area Delegate, Jim C:

The North East Texas Area Endorses the attached GSR agenda item proposed and endorsed by Area 62, South Carolina.

(Motion from attachment inserted here for reference, background information available upon request)

The General Service Conference reaffirm that the General Service Conference is the guardian of the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and that no A.A.s within the United States or Canada can change the Twelve Steps without the written consent of the three-quarters of the A.A. groups worldwide that respond to such a proposal.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer at 4:30 PM Respectfully submitted, Keith D, NETA Secretary



North East Texas Area Agenda
Fall Assembly and Convention – September 17-19, 2011
Doubletree Hotel – 4099 Valley View Line
Dallas, TX 75133 (Tel: 972-385-9000)

Theme for the 2011 General Service Conference
“We Are Responsible for A.A.’s Future– Let *It Begin With Us*”

Friday – September 17, 2011:

- 4:00 Registration Opens
- 5:00 Hospitality Suite Opens
- 6:00 NETA Fall Convention Voice: Suzy M.
NETA Past Delegates Speak – Chair: Jim C. - NETA Panel 61 Delegate
- 7:45 Break
- 8:00 AA Speaker Meeting, - Jim C., Chair
Speaker: **Laura V., Sikeston, MO, Panel 61 Delegate – Eastern Missouri**
Close: Lord’s Prayer

Saturday – September 18, 2011:

- 8:00 Registration Opens
- 8:30 Welcome - Area Chair: Jana A.
- 8:45 Reports: Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Treasurer, Alt. Treasurer, Convention, Alt. Chair, Alt. Delegate, Structure Committee, and Delegate
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 GSR/DCM Sharing Sessions
- 11:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Standing Committee Reports - Archives, CPC, Corrections, Grapevine/LaViña, Intergroup, Literature/AV, Newsletter, PI, Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibility
- 2:00 Old Business
New Business
- 4:00 Break
- 4:15 What’s on Your Mind – Questions to the Delegate
- 5:00 Dinner
- 6:45 NETA Fall Convention Voice: Suzy M.
AFG Speaker Meeting – Chair: James V., Chair
Speaker: **Cindy K., Lewisville, TX – West Texas Area Al-Anon Delegate**
- 7:45 Break
- 8:00 AA Speaker Meeting – Chair: Mo N. - NETA Panel 61 Alt Delegate
Speaker: **Clayton V., Sikeston, MO – Southwest Regional Trustee**
Close: Lord’s Prayer

Sunday – September 19, 2011:

- 8:30 Welcome - Area Chair: Jana A.
- 8:45 Trustee’s Report – Chair: Jim C. - NETA Panel 61 Delegate
Speaker: **Clayton V., Sikeston, MO - Southwest Regional Trustee**
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 NETA Fall Convention Voice: Suzy M.
AA Speaker Meeting – Chair: Pam C., Chair
Speaker: **Ami B., Executive Editor/Publisher Grapevine**
- 11:30 Close: Lord’s Prayer

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