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Jim C., Delegate, Panel 61, Area 65

As Panel 61 reaches the halfway point, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation and gratitude for all of those involved in service and working to make our Fellowship the best it can be. Thanks to all your hard work and dedication, our Fall Assembly & Convention was a great success as were the many workshops and conferences hosted by our standing committees and districts. I believe we are well represented and prepared to continue our efforts throughout the coming year.

I know there are some who are concerned from time to time about the "politics" or controversy that sometimes finds us. Bill W. wrote several times regarding this and generally concluded that differences of opinion and paying attention to our critics can be good for us – good for our growth as a Fellowship and individual growth. My concern is that when our differences erupt into personal attacks upon each other, the result leads to disunity and a lack of trust in one another. It's great that we feel passionate about AA, but when we disagree, we must draw the line at character assassination and ensure that we stick to principles. It is a shame that such behavior exists, especially when the issues are minor, but none of us has reached perfection yet. Still, it is very disappointing when such actions lead to the dissolution of friendships and causes the creation of factions within AA. These attacks also set a poor example of AA Service that discourages others to join us and experience the satisfaction that comes from helping and giving of ourselves. Hopefully, we are all involved in Service because we love AA and want what is best for our Society, and not to bolster our egos. I will continue to examine my own motives and to pray for harmony and unity for us all. We should all keep in mind what Bill wrote about Step 10: "Finally, we begin to see that all people, including ourselves, are to some extent emotionally ill as well as frequently wrong, and then we approach true tolerance and see what real love for our fellows actually means."

On a positive note, there is much to be excited about in 2012. We are returning to our tradition of two "in town" and two "out of town" Assemblies this year, starting with the Winter Assembly at Tanglewood hosted by District 24. Soon after, we

begin the Conference process when we get the Conference Agenda and background material and prepare for our mock committee discussions at our Spring Assembly. If your District or Group is interested in having an Agenda Presentation prior to the General Service Conference, let me know as soon as possible so that I can get it on my calendar. And, of course, it's never too early to start scheduling Conference Reports to discuss the events and proceedings from the 2012 GSC in April. Thank you again for your service. My phone number is 214-227-9922 and my email address is delegate61@neta65.org (Area Web Site: www.neta65.org)

A.A.'s Declaration of Unity - "This we owe to A.A.'s future, to place our common welfare first; to keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come."

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

The Area Committee met on October 23rd and approved the agendas for the next couple of Assemblies. You can download a copy from the website at www.neta65.org. We look forward to seeing you all there. We can't function properly without your participation. As always, 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

It is my pleasure and privilege to serve Area 65 as your Alternate Area Chair for this panel. 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 eighteen workshops since the beginning of the panel, with the following workshops coming up:

- **Saturday, December 10, 1:00–3:30 PM, Legacy Group**, 5685 Westcreek Dr #309, Fort Worth, 76133, **Internet: Friend or Foe?** (817-292-3325)
- **TBA, Cleburne Alco Group**, 413 E. Henderson St., Cleburne, 76031, **Sponsorship** (817-202-8848)

- **TBA, Harbor Group**, 3000 W. 5th St, Fort Worth, 76107, **Step 11** (817-336-5255)

All of the scheduled workshops are posted on our NETA 65 calendar at www.neta65.org/index.php/calendar. Please feel free to contact me or the listed group contact for more details about a particular workshop. My email address is altchair61@neta65.org, and my phone number is 972-922-1014.

If you would like to hold a workshop at your group or district, please let me know. You can suggest your own workshop topic (e.g., How to Chair a Meeting, Sponsorship, the Twelve Traditions, the Twelve Concepts, Anonymity in the Digital Age, etc.), or go to www.aaoklahoma.org/workshops_topics.html for a list of some other ideas. (Our friends from Area 57 have graciously offered to share their workshop materials with us.)

If you would like to suggest someone as a workshop presenter or if you'd like to make yourself available to participate in a workshop, please let me know that too (even if you've let me know before). Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Fall Assembly/Convention a big success! We had great Speakers, Sharing Sessions, Food, Fellowship and a little bit of business. Our new SW Trustee was a hit! Special Thanks goes to the registration volunteers, the coffee volunteers and the fabulous hospitality room hosted by District 54. You may contact me by email at: ConventionChair61@neta65.org

- The Winter Assembly will be held at Tanglewood Resort on Lake Texoma: 290 Tanglewood Circle, Pottsboro, Tx 75076. Dates are January 21-22. \$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 90-room commitment, so please call before December 19th for your reservations: 1-800-833-6569. Rooms are \$73.00 or \$103.00 plus tax. Be sure to mention "NETA".
- Spring Assembly will be March 17-18 at the Doubletree Hotel near the Galleria (I-635 at Midway) 4099 Valley View Ln, Dallas, TX 75244. Reserve by February 21; \$74.00 rate; call 972-385-9000.
- Summer Assembly will be in Glen Rose on June 16-17. Call Comfort Inn for reservations before May 21st. \$75.00 or \$89.00 rates are available; call 254-898-8900.

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

Thanks to District 55 and the Irving Group for hosting the Summer Newsletter mail out. 568 newsletters at a cost of \$97.18 were mailed out. The Fall mail-out was scheduled for December 3rd at the Bruton-Terrace Group, 2414 E Hwy 80 Suite 160 in Mesquite, TX. Subsequent mail-outs are scheduled for February 4, 2012 at the ODAAT Group in Texarkana; May 12, 2012 at Greenville Traditions Group and August 4, 2012 at McKinney Fellowship Group and December 1, 2012 at Glasshouse Group in Fort Worth. I can be contacted via the NETA 65 website or by phone 254-624-8526.

Roy P., Treasurer, Panel 61, Area 65

As of Mid-October, we have \$ 5,598.43 in our operating account and \$ 7,858.13 in our Prudent Reserve. So far this year we have operated at a deficit of a little more than \$ 14,000. We have now paid substantially all of our year's expenses and will continue to collect contributions for the rest of the year. My best estimate is that we will end our year down about \$ 8,500. The main difference from 2010 to 2011 has been the fourth assembly in 2011 plus we are now funding some Alternate's expenses. Our groups are responding and we have been receiving checks almost every day.

We need to seriously consider alternatives as we look at 2012. If you were at our Fall Convention, you know the Finance Committee is recommending a 20% budget cut for 2012. I very much support this idea as I think we need to be cautious given our economy. The 2012 proposed budget is posted on our website for your consideration. I welcome all of your ideas. I know the budget is on our agenda in January and if you need my help in formulating suggestions, call me or send me an email.

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

We've been busy displaying your exhibit at numerous events, including the Texas State Convention, Greenville Anniversary, North Texas Roundup, Edge of the Woods Conference, the NETA Fall Assembly/Convention, the Dallas Intergroup Association anniversary, (thanks to Dano B., Combined District 6 Archivist/Historian), as well as ODAAT, Golden Triangle, and Language of the Heart Group Anniversaries.

We now have the long-awaited "E-book" data CD compiled by NETA Archivist/Historian Arthur S. available for a \$5 contribution. We began with over 60 a couple months ago and they're going fast. We distributed many in San Antonio at the state convention and at the North Texas Roundup. Many thanks to the Fellowship for very generous contributions in our 7th Tradition can, helping to defray the costs of our traveling exhibits.

We are continuing the ongoing process of conservation and protection of your artifacts and memorabilia, and creating new displays of material, (for instance, check out the new framed

display of panoramic photos in our exhibit from the last couple of International Conventions).

Remember also that we have separate bank accounts for NETA funds and contributed money, with separate administrators for each account, and this committee will provide itemized spread sheets of our expenses and contributions at the end of this year and at the end of the Panel, detailing our accounting of these funds. Within the next few months we will also be taking our yearly inventory of the items we hold in care for the Northeast Texas Area Fellowship, and providing that list to the Area Chairperson to distribute or post as she sees fit.

Many thanks to Terry C., approved at the last Area Committee meeting as my alternate, Dano B. from CD-6, and Arthur S., who attended the National Archives Workshop in Montana (who are paying his expenses as one of their featured speaker/presenters), thanks also to the past Delegates and past Archive Chairs and all the others who serve A.A. and this Area on our committee, and thank you for allowing me to serve you.

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

The Corrections Committee is available to bring a workshop to your group or district. Workshops can be 5-10 minute updates on Corrections or available service opportunities. They can also be interactive question and answer sessions to discuss Corrections and involvement at jails or prisons as a service to others. We can discuss how to get certified, the Orange Can program and many other topics.

Our next Corrections Committee meeting will be held at the next Area Assembly January 12th during the lunch break.

To the groups participating in the Orange Can program, we thank you for your support. Due to this support we have now expanded A.A. groups to two additional prisons. Those meetings are attended by over 35-50 men weekly. Not to forget the AA ladies, they are continuing their efforts with support at local jails, the Dames program at North Texas Prisons, and Carswell Federal Prison. Volunteers are always needed. Contact: corrections61@neta65.org

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

Hello Grapenuts! Grapenut day was November 26. Got purple? The last Area Grapevine meeting was Sunday, November 27th at the Freedom Group in Mesquite Texas. The annual Grape-a-thong went well. The Harbor Group was a great host. If you would like a Grapevine Workshop, or a new Grapevine Representative, then please contact me at neener451@gmail.com. 972-216-3663, 214-557-0143 or Emily 214-289-1649 and we will set you up: with an attitude of gratitude.

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

The last Newsletter was again printed under budget. Thanks to all who have contributed articles.

The next Newsletter deadline for submitting articles will be Friday, January 6, 2012. After that, the subsequent deadlines are; Friday April 13, 2012; Friday July 6, 2012; and Friday, November 2, 2012. Please make your articles short and informational. Email to MrDustyWalker@yahoo.com.

It would be helpful to alert your fellow members that instead of having the Newsletter "snail" mailed to them, they also have the option of notifying the Secretary Keith D. that they would like to have the Newsletter emailed to them instead. As always, the newsletter is available on the Web Page: www.neta65.org

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

The District 21 DCM & Alt DCM attended the SW Regional Forum; it was very informative and we both had a great time!

The Little Elm Group celebrated its 6th Anniversary on Saturday, November 19th from 5:30-8:30 PM. The Speaker Meeting was from 7-8 and the rest of the time was food and fellowship. If you did not know, they have won the DIA Chili Cook Off in the past! The address is 101 W. Eldorado Pkwy, Little Elm, TX 75068.

The Carry the Message Group in Flower Mound had its Anniversary on Thursday, December 1st; potluck started at 6:30 and the Speaker Meeting at 7 PM. The address is 2660 Forest Vista, Flower Mound, TX. They have also just started a Wednesday noon meeting (same location); this is the only meeting in Flower Mound at noon.

A Daily Reprieve Group in Flower Mound had a special Speaker Meeting on Tuesday, December 6th; pot luck at 6, Speaker Meeting at 6:30 PM

Dale V., DCM District 42, Panel 61, Area 65

At this time of year our thoughts here in District 42 turn towards several Anniversaries. The first was for one of our oldest groups, the Serenity Group. They celebrated 45 years of service to AA here in Tyler. It was a day of food, fun and speakers held November 19, 2011 at the Metro Building on Gentry Parkway.

This year the Tyler Anniversary celebrates 65 years. Most of the groups in our District actively support the Tyler Anniversary by supporting our monthly Intergroup meetings: a bargain here in East Texas, plus a slate of solid AA and Alanon speakers. The contact person for the Tyler Anniversary is Shea S. 903-312-4830. Please come and join us here in East Texas!

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

Greetings everyone! The Fall Assembly/Convention was a super fun time. All the speakers, past Delegates share, and Panel 61 reports were excellent. The voting process was gentle and meeting new attendees along with seeing old friends of NETA is always a pleasure.

District 56 had eight registered voters and several District group members; it sure made this DCM proud. Our District is getting its strength back in participation at both Assemblies and at District level. It is exciting to be a small part of that. We

have reached out to our groups and have embraced them; and they have reciprocated.

We have a group member that is interested in becoming the PI/CPC Committee Chair for the District level. We also have a new GSR from the Bruton Terrace group, Linda W., and have hopes to fill our other empty Committee Chairs with members from her group.

NETA PI Chair and Alternate, Randy and Steve, performed a presentation and brought displays at our October District meeting. Excitement is in the air. Service work is Awesome.

**Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Fall Assembly - September 17-18, 2011
Double Tree Hotel, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas TX 75244
Saturday September 17th, 2011 Business**

Area Chair Jana A called the assembly to order at 8:31 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 James J. 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 Summer 2011 Assembly were read and accepted with amendments.

Alternate Secretary Report – Olga R: Thank you to the Irving Group in Irving, TX and John R. for hosting the Summer Newsletter mail out. The fall mail-out is scheduled for December 3, 2011 at Bruton Terrace Group. Subsequent mail-outs are scheduled for February 4, 2012 (tentatively) at the ODAAT 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 – 9/16/11 Financial Statement. The beginning Operating Account balance was \$17,371.21 with contributions of \$26,894.72 and budget items paid of \$44,543.37. \$2,500.00 was transferred from the Prudent Reserve to the Operating Account. Panel 59 Trusted Servants returned funds in the amount of \$1,479.44. The ending operating account balance was \$3,702.00. The Prudent Reserve Account beginning balance was \$10,343.06 with interest of \$11.91 and the transfer out of \$2,500.00 for an ending balance of \$7,854.97. Roy discussed the proposed 2012 budget. This was an overview budget. Jana A. took a sense of the assembly on the request that a detailed 2012 budget be presented by Roy A.

Alternate Treasurer's Report – Pam C: Pam reminded everyone to turn in their receipts for the Summer Assembly.

Convention Chair Report – James V: Convention/Assembly Report from 1/1/11 – 9/17/11. Beginning account balance of \$0.00, income of \$11,566.95, expenses of \$8,166.46, and bank charges of \$15.00 with an ending account balance of \$3,385.49. For the Summer Assembly, there were 50 coffee cards sold totaling \$500.00, coffee bar donations of \$6.00, 55 breakfast food coupons for \$550.00 and 46 lunch & dinner coupons for \$690.00. Summer Assembly expenses included \$74.45 for registration supplies, \$(720.00) room credit, and \$1,787.98 for food and beverage cost for total expenses of \$1,142.43. Income versus expenses was \$603.57. Attendance was 170, with 110 voting members registered.

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Alternate Area Chair Report – Tom M: It is my pleasure and privilege to serve Area 65–Northeast Texas as your Area Alternate Chairman for this panel. As you may know, 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 seventeen workshops since the beginning of the panel.

Alternate Delegate Report – Mo N: Provided a written report that included several upcoming events including the Fall Area Committee meeting at the Greenville Traditions Group in Greenville, TX on 10/23/11 at 1:30 PM.

Structure Committee Report – Past Delegate, Joe P: No report.

GSR & DCM Sharing Sessions: Assembly broke into respective groups and discussed concerns and issues relating to their positions.

Old (Unfinished) Business

None

New Business

Motion presented by DCM District 56, Jerry W. on 7/10/11 at A.C.M.: 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: Passed with no disapproval.

Motion presented by Area Delegate, Jim C, on 7/10/11 at A.C.M.: The North East Texas Area Endorses the attached GSR agenda item proposed and endorsed by Area 62, South Carolina.

"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."

Background: [Excerpt] At the 61st General Service Conference, many Delegates expressed concern that there appeared to be a growing number of groups that were actively and openly promoting the idea that a key element of our Twelve Steps (Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.) was not necessary in order to practice the program of recovery of Alcoholics Anonymous. Further, these groups often alter the Twelve Steps to align with their beliefs while continuing to insist that they were active groups in Alcoholics Anonymous. Many Intergroup and Central offices are reluctant to remove them from schedules and directories, particularly when the errant groups protest. Delegates also often feel reluctant to have the groups listed as 'Inactive', citing the group's autonomy and/or their compliance with the Third Tradition. This Conference action would serve as reaffirmation and provide necessary background for these offices and Delegates to act according to their Area's group conscience.

(Additional background information available upon request)

Outcome: Passed

- Question was called: Passed - 85 / 7
- Passed - 85 / 13
- Vote to revoke was called: Failed 9 / 78

Area Delegate – Jim C. – Moderated a session of "What's on your mind?"

Sunday September 18th, 2011

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 asked Andy W. to read "Why do we need a conference?" Jana reviewed the assembly agenda.

Trustees Report – Clayton V. – Gave a report on the current financial status of the GSO, reviewed the Grapevine digital initiative, his current committee assignments, transitioning our communications and literature to the digital age, and the importance of the primary purpose.

The assembly concluded with the Lord's Prayer at 11:30 AM.

Northeast Texas Area 65 (NETA) - Fall Committee Meeting - October 23rd, 2011
Hosted by the Greenville Traditions Group of District 22
West Frontage Road, 5928 Interstate Hwy 30, Greenville, TX 75402

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 Jan L.

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Secretary Keith D: read the minutes of the Summer 2011 Area Committee meeting.

Alternate Secretary Olga R: 568 newsletters at a cost of \$97.18 were mailed out. The Fall mail-out was scheduled for December 3rd at the Bruton-Terrace Group, 2414 E Hwy 80 Suite 160 in Mesquite, TX. Subsequent mail-outs are scheduled for February 4, 2012 at the ODAAT Group in Texarkana; May 12, 2012 at Greenville Traditions Group and August 4, 2012 at McKinney Fellowship Group and December 1, 2012 at Glasshouse Group in Fort Worth.

Treasurer Roy A: Distributed and reported on the Financial Statement for 1/1/11 thru 10/20/11. The beginning Operating Account balance was \$17,371.21 with contributions of \$29,478.15 and budget items paid of \$45,230.37, Panel 59 funds returned of \$1,479.44, transfer from the Prudent Reserve of \$2500.00, for an ending Operating Account balance of \$1,181.61. The Prudent reserve had interest of \$10.26 for an account balance is \$7,858.13. Current projected deficit for 2011 is \$(8,508.44.) Reported on concerns regarding validity of expenses and authority of the Treasurer to reject or accept those expenses, letter from the IRS regarding an incorrect filing in 2009 and also a possible problem with the IRS and our 501.3c status (accountable expense plan), and motion from the Finance committee regarding expense reporting.

Alternate Convention Chair – Hanna B.: Report was not available due to the laptop problem that the Convention Chair is experiencing.

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Alternate Delegate Mo N: Reported on SWRAASA 2012.

Delegate Jim C: General Service Board considered removing the chairperson of the Grapevine Board and voted against. Discussed the possibility of daily email (similarly to Daily Reflections.) Scheduled for November launch of Big Book and 12 & 12 via an App on iOS devices (iPad, iPhone, iTouch.)

Structure Committee Report – Past Delegate, Joe P.: Nothing new to report.

2010 Area Inventory Review Ad hoc Committee Report – DCM District 53, Zach M: Final report will be ready in January.

Handbook Review Ad hoc Review Committee Report – Past Delegate, Jimmy D. -

Old (Unfinished) Business

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

Outcome: No disapproval.

Motion presented by Past Delegate, Joe P. – Expenses for area business will be turned in to the appropriate committee or functional position that pertains to the expense (e.g. workshop expense to be turned in to Alternate Area Chair, history presentations to the Archives Committee, etc.)

Outcome: Forwarded to Structure Committee.

Archivist, Arthur S.: Stated that the aforementioned motion brought forth by the Finance Committee did not address the grievance that was brought forward at the Summer 2011 Committee Meeting of “What is or isn’t a valid expense item to report in the Area quarterly expense reporting.” Arthur then requested that the grievance be forwarded to Winter Assembly. Area Chair Jana A. stated that the petition for redress had been heard and that there was no further need for discussion, and that he could bring it to the Winter Assembly as a floor motion if he would like it to be further discussed.

New Business

Area Chair Jana A reviewed the Winter 2012 Assembly Agenda and the Spring 2012 Assembly Agenda.

Area Chair Jana A reviewed site and date selection for the Spring Committee meeting on April 15th, 2012 from 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM at the Bruton Terrace Group, Mesquite, TX 2400 East Highway 80, Suite 160, Mesquite, TX 75149.

Motion presented by Alternate Delegate, Mo N.: For Trusted Servants that receive a budget from NETA, receipts will be accepted for Assembly or Area Committee events, workshops, presentations or any service performed on behalf of NETA. Expenses include, but are not limited to, hotels, meals, mileage, printing, postage and any other expense that is directly related to services performed on behalf of NETA.

Outcome: Forwarded to Structure Committee.

Motion presented by DCM, Lex L.: Change the current NETA 65 Assembly schedule from the 4 assemblies per year to 3 assemblies per year by eliminating the Winter Assembly. The 1st and 3rd Assemblies, with the 3rd Assembly being the Assembly / Convention, will be held in the DFW area, and the 2nd Assembly will be held in the hosting district outside the DFW area when possible. The Winter Assembly will be replaced with 3 orientation / workshops, one in the Western section of the Area, one in the DFW area, and one in the Eastern section of the Area. To be determined and scheduled by the Area Committee.

Outcome: Forwarded to the Structure Committee.

Motion presented by DCM, David S.: That Area 65 endorse a motion to go on to the Conference Agenda requesting that the future printings of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (The “Big Book”), replace the name “Herbert Spencer” from the page 568 with “author unknown.”

Outcome: Forwarded to Assembly.

Question presented by Area Chair, Jana A.: To allow a GSR to present a motion to the Area Committee – Vote to allow this passed by substantial unanimity. Vote was recalled. Vote passed by substantial unanimity.

Motion presented by GSR, Jane G.: The Greenville Tradition Group, District 22, Area 65 moves that Area 65 endorse a letter from the Greenville Tradition Group (as follows): *The Greenville Tradition Group, District 22, Area 65, opposes the digital distribution of Grapevine literature through iTunes (Apple) on the grounds that it goes against Tradition 6 – AA’s tradition of non-affiliation. Tradition Six states: “An AA group ought never endorse, finance or lend the AA name to any related facility or outside enterprise, lest problems, property or prestige divert us from our primary purpose.”*

Outcome: Forwarded to Assembly.

Vote taken to extend the meeting – Passed.

Concern presented by DCM, David S.: District 54 has a concern regarding sales of CD’s at the NETA Assembly / Convention. The meeting closed with The Lord’s Prayer at 4:43 PM

Respectfully submitted, Keith D, NETA Secretary

**North East Texas Area Winter Assembly Agenda
Agenda: Winter Assembly - January 21-22, 2012
Tanglewood Resort, 290 Tanglewood Circle
Pottsboro, TX 75076 (800-833-6569 or 903-786-2968)**

**Theme for the 2012 General Service Conference
“Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age”**

Saturday - January 21:

- 8:00 Registration Opens
- 8:30 Welcome: Jana A., Area Chair
Serenity Prayer/ “Why Do We Need a Conference?”/Opening Remarks
- 9:00 Breakout Sessions:
GSR Orientation/Sharing – TBD
DCM Sharing Session – TBD
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Reports: Secretary, Alt. Secretary, Treasurer; Alt. Treasurer, Conventions, Alternate Chair, Delegate, Alternate Delegate and Structure Committee
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Old Business
New Business
- 3:00 Break
- 3:15 Standing Committee Reports – Archives, CPC, Corrections, Grapevine/LaViña, Intergroup, Literature/AV, Newsletter, PI, Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibility
- 4:45 Dinner
- 7:30 Presentations: (1) Step One, (2) Tradition One, and (3) Concept One - Chair: Tom M., Alt. Chair
- 9:00 Close with the Lord’s Prayer

Sunday - January 22:

- 8:00 Registration Open
- 8:30 Welcome - Jana A., Area Chair: Serenity Prayer/Why Do We Need a Conference
- 8:45 Delegate Report - General Service Conference Preliminary Agenda- Delegate – Jim C.
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Continue Preliminary Agenda – Questions and Answers– Delegate – Jim C.
- 11:15 What’s on Your Mind? – Delegate Jim C.
- 12:00 Close with the Lord’s Prayer

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