

**HAWAII AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**KIHEI DISTRICT**

**02/25/06**

8:00-9:00	Breakfast and Registration
9:00	Call To Order
	Host D.C.M. Announcements
	Opening Reading
09:15	Committee Chairs Informational Session
09:45	Roundtables
10:15	Secretary Report-Assembly Minutes
10:30	Break
10:45	Area Officers Reports
	a. Delegate
	b. Alternate Delegate
	c. Alternate Chair
	d. Recording Secretary
	e. Registrar
	f. Treasurer
	g. Chair
11:45	Concept Presentation
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Standing Committee Reports
1:45	DCM Reports
2:15	Break

- 2:30 DCM Reports
- 3:15 Inter-group Reports  
HICYPAAA, ICYPAA Reports
- 3:30 Old Business  
Ad Hoc Committee- Archives  
Ad Hoc Committee-Committee Structure
- 4:00 Open Mike-What's On Your Mind
- 4:30 Adjourn when Pau

I am asking please that all Reports be submitted in writing as a courtesy for the Secretary and for accuracy's sake. Please note those items you want recorded in the minutes verbatim.

#### 2006 Assembly/Committee Meeting Schedule

Committee Meeting	02/25	Kihei
Inform the Delegate	04/1-2	E. Hawaii
Committee Meeting	06/17	North Shore
Budget Assembly	08/19-20	Diamond head
Committee Meeting	10/14	Windward
Election Assembly	11/11-12	Puna

#### Declaration of Unity

This We Owe T 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.

**Hawaii Area #17 Committee Meeting  
February 25, 2006  
Kihei District**

**Saturday, February 25, 2006**

**Meeting opened @ 9:00 am with the Serenity Prayer  
Reading of Literature – Betsy– “Why Do We Need a Conference?”**

**\*\*Absences: PI Chair Dianna is absent due to illness, Registrar and Mynah Bird Chair are absent due to prior commitments. Kauai DCM is also absent\*\***

**Committee Chair Informational Sessions and DCM, Standing Committee / Intergroup Roundtables**

**Acceptance of Secretary’s minutes** – Several minor corrections, original minutes have been notated. Motion to accept as amended, seconded and approved.

**Convention Steering Committee Chair Report – Frank** – First of all, mahalo to Vernon for allowing me to give my report right away. Your kind gesture allows me to be the one giving this report instead of me asking someone else to give it. Hopefully it will also allow me to be back on Oahu by 330pm. Anyway I appreciate it. A big mahalo to the Waianae district for putting on a great inventory I appreciate it, mahalo. 44<sup>th</sup> annual Hawaii convention: Budget: Final financial draft for the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Hawaii convention will be presented to the area in April. 45<sup>th</sup> annual Hawaii convention: Flyers & registration: With the flyers ready on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, the steering committee, along with several other AA members assisted the bulk mail chair in expediting approximately 1500 flyers for mailing. I'm happy to report that members are receiving their registration as we speak. The bulk mailing was a success. I have also brought some flyers with me today. You may also register online through paypal on our website. Flyers are ready for PRAASA. Budget: We have drafted and approved a working budget of \$177,251.00 on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 steering committee meeting. Thanks to Nick the steering committee drafted a budget that should recover our 17,000 start up fee. Meals: Meals will be limited this year and served as a first paid first served basis until the numbers are reached. Chair: Charley has service positions still available and looking for more people to get in service. His committee meetings have begun and they're held at Kaumakapili church on the last Wednesdays of the month. Alanon: I will be signing a relationship agreement with Alanon at our March 11, 2006 steering committee meeting. Old business: Puna proposal – Dee Dee is continuing the dialog between the annual Hawaii convention and Waikoloa and now making some progress. Again, the annual Hawaii convention asks for your support in registering and purchasing your meals early.

**Alt. Area Chair – Nick – Continue** to work with the Convention Steering Committee on revising budget. The Convention Center is very expensive. Q. Since we moved from the hotel, what has our attendance been like? A. Fiscally we would have been better off at the hotel, but it's about making the experience available to the entire fellowship. Ultimately, we will respond to the requests of the fellowship if we look at moving in the future. The Hotel could accommodate 1,200 while the Convention Center accommodates over 2,000. Q. Can we expect a financial report soon? A. In April. Q. What is the Convention budget? A. \$177,521.

**Delegate Report – Keith** – Preparing for Inform The Delegate Assembly. CD's of the GSC Background distributed to DCM's and Committee Chairs. Reminder to everyone not to copy the CD's or email any and all parts of the document. Hard copies are acceptable. The time has come once again to prepare for the annual meeting of the General Service Conference. The April meeting is the culmination of the work done by the Trustees over the past year. I had an amazing opportunity to attend the Board Weekend in January. I hope you all have received my report on that weekend. I have a few copies if you didn't get a chance to read it.

I was very pleased to see at the Inventory Assembly that all the groups understand how the Conference Committee process works. It is very impressive knowing that Hawaii Area is so knowledgeable about this process. There are some delegates, like myself, who had a hard time grasping this concept. When I was new to service I thought that the delegates could tell other committees what their Areas' thought about each topic. What I have come to appreciate is that the process allows committee members to be fully informed on their committee. I must trust that other elected Delegates are striving for what is best for the whole of AA, not just one area or group. I must trust they are informed about their committee agenda and they in turn must trust that I am fully informed on my committees' background. If it were not for the committee process it is possible no work would get accomplished. We must elect our leaders with great care and prudence so that they may act for us. Concept II suggests that we “delegate authority and responsibility to ‘trusted servants.’ Trust must be implicit from top to the bottom of our active structure of service.” I believe the greatest way for me to trust is to be informed, about the information and even more importantly about the process it self. This years Conference Theme is “Sponsorship Service and Self-Support in a Changing world.” I picked topics from the Agenda that I think would be of interest to Hawaii and that may co-inside with this year's theme. There will be four panels with sixteen presentations. Area Officers will be assigned to moderate each panel. The DCM will be responsible to

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find presenters. Area Officers are responsible to find a timer. Each presenter should aim for approximately five to seven minutes. I would like all presenters to have their presentations written. DCM's who are selected for a panel will be responsible for the distribution of the background material and to explain the guidelines for the re-distribution of the material. We will rap things up with a workshop; the workshop will be the same as the workshop at the Conference "Pass it on in a Changing World." Please make these workshop topics available to your districts so they can think about some of the input they will have at the Assembly. Delegate Report Backs: It is not too soon to start thinking about report backs. Please plan for your report backs now so that I may have a clear idea of what my summer will look like. Please remember that it is wise to have a separate time and place for these reports (different then your district meeting). PRAASA March 3-5, 2006 Woodland Hills CA. GSC April 23-29, 2006: PACIFIC REGIONAL FORUM JUNE 23-25, 2006 Seattle, Washington; International news: Bahrain: Doug R. traveled to Manama, Bahrain to attend the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Gulf Coast Countries Convention. A highlight of this trip was participating in the formation of a regional service committee "The Middle East Regional Committee" as a first step toward the evolution of a general service structure in the Persian Gulf Region. Tahiti: Bob P., Eastern Canada Region trustee and Doug R. Staff member on the International Assignment traveled to Papeete, Tahiti to attend the First A.A. Convention in French Polynesia. In addition to extensive CPC/PI activities during this visit, the members established a general service entity, "Alcoholics Anonymous of French Polynesia." International Conventions: The unaudited financial results of the 2005 International Convention had a loss of \$39,039, less than 1% of the total Convention expenses. It was shared that 7000.00 a year was not a bad number to spend on this huge public relations event. It was also stated that if we tried to rise as much public awareness about AA as the convention did we may have spent thousands more. AA does not perform public relations because our tradition of attraction rather than promotion. Translations Projects in progress: Armenian *Living Sober*; Xhosa (South Africa) Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*; Oji Cree (Native American) "Is AA for Me?"; Croatian "Twelve Traditions Illustrated," "Twelve Traditions Checklist" and "Twelve Concepts Checklist"; Portuguese "Jack Alexander Article About AA, "Q&A on Sponsorship"; Hungarian "Is there an Alcoholic in Your Life?" Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions wallet card Group/Birthday Contribution Envelopes: These envelopes are a way that we as members and groups can support the General Service Office. The cost of services that GSO offers to all the groups are our collective obligation, one that rest squarely on each member and group, we foot the bill. It will also help to ensure that the message of AA will continue to get carried around the world. Please don't hesitate to contact me if any questions or comments.

**Alt. Delegate Report – Francesca** – Just a reminder for those who wish to stand for the Alternate Delegate position, we will be having special elections for that position at the April Inform the Delegate Assembly. If you know anyone who is interested and wants more information they can contact me. First, I continue to attend the Hawaii Convention Steering Committee Meetings. Last year, we seem to have a problem with the Bulk Mail so we got together, several of us and some friends and made sure the bulk mail was taken care of. Registrations have already been received. We have been working carefully on the budget for this year's convention and being as prudent in our figures as we possibly can. I would like to thank Charlie, the Convention Chair for this year, for his cooperation and understanding when some necessary decisions needed to be made. The Hawaii Area Website is experiencing some problems with the webmaster. If you checked on it today before coming you will have noticed that not much has changed. I will be contacting the webmaster and ask him to resign so we can get the website to be the tool to serve the Hawaii Area the way it was intended, too.

**Treasurers Report** – Everyone given full copies, Jerry gave summary.

**Area Chair – Vernon** – I was very excited about our Inventory held in January, it was very productive. As Area Chair I heard loud and clear that the Committee Chairs want Round Tables and Informational Sessions at every Assembly and Committee meeting. Starting with this Committee meeting we will do this. I really don't know how exactly this will pan out, but we will see. Also I heard a request for more information about the Concepts and we will also have a Concept presentation at every gathering. The Assembly was very harmonious and I was happy that we were all respectful to each other and all business was done in the time that we had. The April Assembly will be very tight time wise. We have a very busy agenda and Saturday we are preparing for the General Service Conference and informing the assembly and the Delegate. I am extending the time for Saturday until 5:00 pm. Out of necessity the Committee and DCM reports will be cut down to 3 minutes. This will only be for the April Assembly. If time permits, and we get all of our informing the Delegate done, we can expand the time. In April we will also be holding Special Elections for Alternate Delegate to fill the remaining term as Francesca will be stepping down. Please let everyone know that this is happening. The qualifications are in the Service



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Manual and General Service experience is highly recommended. I am very much looking forward to PRAASA and the Area Chair Round Tables. I will be talking with others about how they handle the challenges in their areas and some of the many questions that came up in our Inventory. Some of our challenges are unique to our Area, but others are universal so I plan to take advantage of the collective wisdom, experience, strength and hope. Last year the roundtable was the highlight of my PRAASA and a great inspiration and encouragement that I was not alone in the feeling very green and challenged. Others were on the other side of the hump I was facing as half our Area Chairs were in their second year. I will, of course, be giving a full report when I return. In June there will be a Regional Forum in Seattle. Our Special Forum we held in Hawaii was so wonderful and informative that I am very excited about attending, and have been provided with an agenda by our Delegate. Thank you all for this privilege of serving you as Area Chair.

**Registrar – T – Absent – No Report Submitted**

**Concept 2: Nick read and summarized Concept 2 from the AA Service Manual**

**Treatment – Steve** – Monthly meetings have been suspended until further notice. A trusted servant is carrying a 12step meeting of alcoholics anonymous to the teen treatment facility in Kahuku on Oahu. Her name is Mary. A trusted servant is carrying literature to the treatment facilities on Maui. Her name is Ann. Just hashed it out with the area treasurer; we would try to set up accounts with the central offices on all islands so that the cost of treatment facility literature can be sent directly to the area treasurer. We would like to meet with all intergroup chairs and/or alternate chairs to see if this is feasible.

**Corrections – Rick** – This is a very large committee of volunteers who carry the message of recovery into various prisons and jails on Maui, Kauai, and the Big Island, as well as on Oahu. And although this work can be very challenging at times, we continue to forge on with gratitude. As all correctional volunteers already know, I would like to inform you that this really is awesome service work. I am also happy to report that we getting inmates in Halawa to sign up for our Bridging the Gap Program. Whenever I receive a letter from an inmate asking to be connected with a member of AA, I always find someone eager to serve in that capacity. Personally, I am blessed to have the opportunity regularly attend meetings in Halawa, OCCC, and Laumaka and this continues to be a very rewarding experience. On the Big Island, we have Addie and Bob who continue to do a great job. Norman, Bill and Teresa on Kauai and Albert and other volunteers on Maui all continue to excellent service work for our committee. I am also happy to announce that our committee has been able to answer all requests for AA literature that we have received throughout the Area. Sometimes it has taken longer than we would have liked, but we have fulfilled all requests to date and expect to continue to do so. I am really looking forward to PRAASA, as well as future Committee Meetings and Assemblies, using them as venues to continue to spread the word about AA service work in our Correctional Facilities. It is truly an honor for me to continue to serve as chairperson for this great committee.

**Hospitals – Bridgette** – Kauai: Literature is being regularly delivered to Wilcox Hospital, the State Hospital, Mahelona and the treatment center, Hina Mauka. The intergroup on Kauai has been a large support for the hospitals committee there, thank you. The results of regular visits to the treatment center that started with panel speakers to introduce their newcomer clients to AA allowed a new system for Detox services to develop with the cooperation of Hina Mauka, Mahelona, Wilcox and Intergroup that is now available to suffering alcoholics that used to go un-serviced. It is still a little bogged by a bureaucratic tape but is the best start to cooperation AA has had with this little old-fashioned community. Hats off to those involved in district and intergroup that keeps this monitored while it goes through its nurturing phase. I am planning a workshop in Kauai in June for hospitals and service in general as the theme. Oahu: We have some great meetings happening in the hospitals on Oahu. We delivered 6 Big Books to Castle Hospital meeting, facilitated by Laurie. Great job Laurie! The adolescent meeting going into Queens is doing great and still getting great reviews by the staff there, thank you Joli. Mahalo to those going into Tripler and those who visited sick AAs there. Also, mahalo to our visiting AA hospital girl Amy, who takes time to go visit sick AAs. We have been attending Intergroup there, but discontinued our monthly meetings. I will now maintain contact with my volunteers on Oahu the same way I do with the neighbor islands. We lost our Kahuku volunteer, so if you would like to deliver literature to this hospital please call or email me. We are also getting some great support out in the Waikiki, Windward and Waianae districts with their hospitals. We will be having a informational table at Founders Day, June 10 at Poka'i Bay. Big Island: Hospitals are doing well on the Big Island, we have several people on this island doing excellent service work and we are very pleased. We appreciate the cooperation with archives for getting literature to the Puna district and we look

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forward to her taking some to Molokai with her. Maui: is trudging along with excellent people in service. I am going on a little tour of some of the facilities here on Maui this weekend. I have brought literature with me, Big Books and pamphlets if you need some come see me. Ann placed 4 new racks in the last 3 months. I visited the hospital and its rack was full. Thank you Ann. She also did a presentation for No Ka Oi District and will be doing one for Kihei at their district meeting. We went through another whole box of outdated Grapevines. We visited 1 sick AA and took two 12-Step calls. Let us know how it is in your neck of the woods. If you would like hospitals to be at your workshop, presentation to district meeting please call me: 808- or 808-

**CPC – Marianne –** C.P.C., Cooperation with the professional community members carry the message to professionals who work with alcoholics to help them understand what A.A. is, is not and where we can be found. Colin H., Kihei District's C.P.C. Chair, is continuing to take panels to two DUI classes each month and also distributes literature and meeting schedules to Doctors offices. Cliff C. reports that No Ka Oi District is having a "dry spell" of available and willing trusted servants at this time and he is working to encourage people to serve in any capacity. Puna District's C.P.C./P.I. Chair, Tony K., advises that the Big Book, Living Sober and the 12 and 12 have all been placed in the Hilo, Keaau, Pahoia and Mountain View Public Libraries. This project was funded by the Pahoia Thursday night Big Book Meeting! Dates have not yet been set for the two luncheons for professionals that are planned to be held this spring by West Hawaii District according to C.P.C. Chair, Sandra S. She and her committee are planning to hold one luncheon in Waimea and the second somewhere close to Kona Hospital. Her committee continues to stock literature and is available to make presentations when requested. Mike B., member of A Spiritual Awakening in Diamond Head District is continuing to supply the A.A. literature rack at Kaiser-Behavioral Health Services in the Ala Moana Building. Mike reports he is hoping to do more service in the future. A student at H.P.U., who needed to attend an A.A. meeting to fulfill a class requirement, contacted Ken K., Waikiki District. Ken met with the student, provided a meeting schedule and suggested attendance at the Happy Hour Meeting, which is an open meeting. The appreciation expressed by the student after attending the meeting was huge, another example of the gift of reaching out and sharing what A.A. is all about! Any District interested in having a C.P.C. workshop, please get in touch with me. My committee has literature to share with any District that has a need.

**CEC – Marion –** Name change: SOS Sober over Sixty meeting name change to "**SENIORS IN SOBRIETY**". Caravan was successful with over 20 attendees. Name change seems to be successful in attracting more folks to attend the meeting as the number has increased. Comment has been that name of meeting makes it more inclusive. Carol G. CEC member met on one-to-one basis with head nurses of the various departments at Kona Hospital to describe what is available to the senior with an alcohol problem in A.A. and was well received. Carol delivered literature at hospital, Kaiser, drug stores, markets, Wal-Mart, Kmart and other facilities. May 2006, Sober over Sixty first annual conference: Second mailing out in January. Steering committee hard at work. Next meeting March 11, 12:30 p.m. at the Berliners. Anyone wishing to be of service contact Marion B., IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE REGISTER ASAP....WE NEED YOUR REGISTRATION FEES FOR WORKING FUNDS! Communications from the Southern California CEC and in Arizona, Oregon indicate much activity in carrying the message to the elder community – very gratifying indeed. Brookings Oregon Sober over Sixty meeting has celebrated its first anniversary. And "Seniors in Sobriety" meeting in Arizona has held its first meeting. Stan B. has updated the resource review and sent the info to our CEC list throughout the nation via e-mail. Response has been positive. This includes a response from the director of "Join Together", an on-line nationwide group dealing with alcohol and drug abuse. Her query was:"will this be available to the general public?" The answer is 'yes'. It has been the practice of CEC to share the resource review with AA groups throughout the world as well as with health care professionals and other interested parties requesting it. The resource review and the workbook will be available on the West Hawaii district web site. Our webmaster is working on it. Stan contacted Greg M., general manage of the GSO, and Greg said that the GSO is supportive of having the resource review and the workbook available on a website. We are now requesting the opportunity to place them on the area website.

**Archives- Sandi –** I was asked by area to submit some numbers to finance committee for future prudent reserve for archives facility. When the finance committee members for your island come to your district you will get a chance to take it to your groups. Tomorrow I go to Molokai and will be sure to give the area and individual credit so they know who to contact for more. Going to PRAASA and meeting with other archives. Going over Ted's three page letter to outline simplify and possibly publish in three parts of the Mynah Bird.

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**Grapevine – Keith K.** – Contact info: [grapevine@hawaii-aa.org](mailto:grapevine@hawaii-aa.org), (808) [REDACTED] DCMs: I need Grapevine / LaVina contacts for your district! May is LaVina awareness month, which is our Spanish version of the Grapevine. Workshops: Maui Fest and Hawaii Convention. Working on getting Grapevines into the libraries. Check out the Digital Archives and MP3's on [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org). Hawaii subscription numbers: Jan. 2005= 424, Jan. 2006 = 462. Feb 2005 = 417 and Feb 2006 = 465, so the numbers are increasing.

**Public Information – Dianna (Absent)** - Here is my PI report for the Committing Meeting. Not much as happened this month, I think we will be changing how we do our PI meeting this year. We will have phone calls or online meeting. When I talked to the PI people we agreed to concentrate on libraries for books and hotels for schedules. We will be contacting the district to see what they would like to have PI committee do for them. I'm sorry I'm not there today, I miss seeing everybody. We are to share our experience, strength and hope with each other, not a fever, chills, headache and hugging the porcelain throne. Please tell Keith I will be happy to do anything to help for the Inform the Delegate assembly, just call ([REDACTED] or e-mail [REDACTED])

**Mynah Bird – Michelle (Absent)** – I have received a few articles for upcoming April 2006 issue. I plan to condense minutes to save space.

**DCM Reports**

**Central North Shore – Hugh** – The Central North Shore district is doing well. Our district meeting is on the third Thursday of each month. We invite all to attend. Mililani Women's Steps and Traditions meeting remains at Ann W. residence until a permanent meeting place is named. I requested that each GSR contact a Committee Chair and ask how can Central North Shore District 9 can be of service. I was surprised at the response, I have since sent out contact Information for Committee Chairs to GSR in Central North Shore. Location for District Workshop is United Methodist Church Wahiawa. Date is May 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 from 1100am – 5pm. Topic will be "Sponsorship, Service, and Self-Support in a Changing World." Will be discussing District Workshop at future District Meetings. Will provide more information as it comes.

**Diamond Head – Floyd** - The Diamond Head district is doing well. We have gained a new treasurer, his name is Robert m. our meeting are still looking for more groups to send a rep from their group to our district meetings. We are also still trying to find members to fill the committee seats in our district. We have started our caravan up again. We stopped going to meeting in the district because of the lack of members attending the caravan meeting. Above all the Diamond Head district is looking like we are going to make it through the end of this year. There are still a lot of things that need to be done on the district, but for now we are taking it one meeting at a time. We have started to take the last 15mins of our district meeting for question and answers about one of the concepts at each meeting. We are going to start with the first concept #1 and do as many as we can before the end of the year. Over all, the Diamond Head district is alive and kicking. We are looking forward to two new GSRs joining our district this month.

**Kihei – Kathie** – Kihei District is doing very well. After our first year learning curve we are becoming a strong cohesive district group. Our district meetings, held every third Tuesday, are well attended. The GSRs Betsy - Kihei Morning Serenity, Colin - Happy Hour, Claire - The Friday Night Young People Group, Radiant Ron - Primary Purpose, Rich - The Sunday Beach Group and Marguerite - The Big Book Study or their alternates are always in attendance. Our new Treasurer, Virginia, is doing an excellent job along with Tim, our secretary, Miranda, our alternate DCM. Colin, our CPC chair, Danny, our Hospitals/ Treatment chair and our newly elected Grapevine chair Amy. As I reported at the January assembly we are in the process of implementing a GSR travel fund for GSR's from small groups who don't have the funds to send their representative to assemblies. The district is going to pay half of the airfare for one GSR per assembly to attend. The name to be drawn from the hat. I am excited to have one of the GSRs who faithfully take part in district have an opportunity to experience and take part in an assembly. We are continuing to study a concept a month at our district meeting. The district is planning a "Celebrate Sobriety" fun day Kalama Park to be held Sunday, April 9th. There will be a band, food, meeting and the rest yet to be decided. Danny. Our District Treatment chair is continuing to take a meeting to the Resource Center every Weds night at 8:00 p.m. And filling literature racks at the various Kihei Medical Clinics. Colin District CPC chair and Matt H. Continue to take a panel to the DUI class two to three times a month a month. We are grateful for this opportunity to host this Committee Meeting. I would like to



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thank Colin for stepping up to take charge of the food, Old School Mike for handling the transportation, and everyone who helped transport, house, set up clean up etc.

**Manoa – Debbie** – I don't have a lot to report since our January assembly. We have had decent turnout at our last two district meetings – me and 4 or 5 GSRs. Several of us caravanned to Alii Speakers in January and Sunday Morning Sobriety last weekend. That is about it for district activities in the past month. I will be attending PRAASA next weekend and am excited about another opportunity to learn more about AA and hang out with some incredible people. An update on the proposal to dissolve Manoa District: I tried to get in touch with Ted K. to find out if he had any information about the old district boundaries prior to the creation of Manoa District but was not successful in contacting him. So, we did the best we could with the proposal I will be passing out for you to review and provide feedback on. We mapped out our current meeting locations and made a logical division between Diamond Head and Honolulu Districts. We are not proposing to change Waikiki District boundaries as the group did not think that it made sense geographically. And with Honolulu being down to 9 groups, we hoped that they could absorb another 9 – some of which are pretty small and not very active right now. So please pass out our proposal to your GSRs. We will ask to put it on the agenda for the April assembly just to present it to the assembly and answer questions. I don't anticipate putting it in the form of a formal motion until at least the budget assembly. I look forward to getting your feedback and advice. In the meantime, we will continue to do what we can to help the groups in our district and the Hawaii area.

**Windward – Sue** – In January, Dancette, the Windward Alternate DCM, resigned. She is working and going to school, and had too much on her plate to hold on to this commitment to the district. We appreciate her fine service to the district and wish her well. As some of you know, she is working in a treatment center, and able to fulfill some of her life's dreams of helping others. Shirley A., GSR for Gropers, was elected the ADCM for the rest of this term. Please welcome her next time you see her. After our Alkathons, workshop, and pleas to the groups, we are doing better as a district financially, but must continue to be prudent and watchful with our spending. We have started planning for the committee we will host in October. We look forward to inviting the Grapevine Chair out for a workshop. And I have heard many great ideas for our district standing committees at the roundtable meeting today.

**West Hawaii – Archie** – We have been busy gearing up for the Big Island Bash, April 28-30 and the Sobriety over Sixty Conference May 18-21. Our PI guy, Tom has been giving suggestions to hotels about having "Friends of Bill" meeting schedules in activities racks in the hotel. Carol from Hospitals has been branching out, where we once were rejected has now been accepted for literature. Tommy from Corrections request for Big Books has been granted and are on their way. Out alternate DCM is my right hand person in many ways and I am very grateful she is there. For me I'm glad I'm growing and don't have to be perfect. I'm getting ready for PRAASA, see some of you there.

**Waianae – Amber** – Thank you Kihei district for a great committee meeting. Waianae district is doing well we're looking forward to founders day June 10<sup>th</sup> 2006. We already have great support as Steve has hustled an activities chair for this event. Another up coming event is that workshop we've been talking about. We have decided on May and we're making announcements for a chair for this event. Are finances are good and so are our services. And we're looking forward to the next assembly in April on the Big Island, even more so now that we've been assigned homework.

**Puna – Chris** – We are having financial struggles in our district now. At the next district meeting there will be a discussion on how engender support from the groups and other areas within AA. I am going to PRAASA next week end and perhaps talk to other Districts that have had this same problems and have overcome them. We are doing well in CPC/PI. Members and groups are willing to take literature into the Keauu Health Clinic and one member is bringing Big Books into the Hilo Library, another meeting schedules into Hale Ola'a at the psychiatric ward in Hilo Hospital. Still others are coordinating and networking with West Hawaii to provide literature to Pahala hospital as well. In addition, we have a tentative place to hold the Election Assembly, but are continuing to search out a Hall that is closer to the Hilo Airport. We will know in the next couple of months.

**Leeward – Erin** – Our district had a good meeting this month. Most of our GSRs have returned from whatever personal reasons that has kept us apart lately. We had one new group represented at district, Robert from Tuesday Night Men's Stag. Makalapa Miracles had a one year meeting celebration last month. The Alt DCM Lee has been working close with this group, helping them to understand what district is all about and they are

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going to hold elections next month so maybe soon we will have another GSR.; That would make 7 out of 15 meetings in the district. We continue to work on this through our district caravan. We did get contribution and we now are out of the red. Thank you to the groups that responded. We are looking at holding a workshop in the near future.

**No Ka Oi – Cliff** – Dist is doing well overall. Good attendance at dist meetings, good contributions from groups. Excellent workshop recently, standing committees that are filled are doing well, many positions still available. Dates set for district inventory, PRAASA report back and delegate report back. Hana caravan continues. Looking forward to PRAASA!!!

**Waikiki – Ken** – Thank you, Kihei District for your hospitality and service. Thanks to the “round table” format of the Inventory Assembly, we will have a couple of the ideas placed into practice for our district meetings. After thorough consideration of stepping in as our Alternate DCM, Michael H. has stepped down to continue as GSR for Bad Brains. We are attending PRAASA and also participating in service. Thank you all for the opportunity serve with all of you

**West Maui – Jim** – No written report submitted. District getting up and running, working on outreach to Molokai and Lanai.

**Kauai – Jerry for Bart, who is absent** – Bart was unable to attend, so I am reporting in his absence. The Kauai District Treasurer has resigned and the position has been taken over by another trusted servant. DUI classes are still being attended by and spoken at by trusted servants. The new intergroup office has established a long term lease and has been very active in the community. We congratulate them on a job well done. Our newsletter has turned into a very informative and well done document.

**Honolulu – Patti** – We continue to hold our district meeting every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at my home. We have 9 active groups, in which they are all doing quite well. Two of our home groups had GSRs that stepped down, however we have two new GSRs: David W. for Kaneali'i and Windy K. for Came to Believe. Several activities are happening in our district. Black Experience had their special meeting and dance for Black History Month on 2/18/06 and a camp out at Kaneohe Marine Base scheduled from 4/7-9/06. Ha'awa'awa decided to go bowling as a group; Malia Discussion is having a chicken sale to fundraise for their round up. Also, their former GSR got married to Elizabeth B. last Saturday, and Kane'alii is having their Aloha Roundup at McCoy Pavilion as I speak. I am very happy to announce that Downtown Lunch voted to restore contribution to area with a 50-30-10-10-pie split and will be sending their GSR to all neighbor island assemblies. We will be sending helping hands tickets to one of our groups to attend the assembly in April and if need be to Puna. Lastly, I have brought a proposal from Ha'awa'awa, in which they propose that the Area look into possibly implementing a Video Conference of Area Assemblies so that GSR's and others who are otherwise unable to attend an Assembly would have access to an alternative method to be part of the Assembly.

### **New Business**

**Proposal from Ha'awa'awa Group:** “Video conferencing of Area Assemblies”. To implement Video Conferencing of Area Assemblies so that GSRs and others who are otherwise unable to attend an Assembly would require the following: An Internet Connection; Broadband, dial-up, or hotspot; A computer and web cam at assembly site; Chat room or other method of communication between assembly and remote participants; A central location with computer or individual access to assemblies at remote locations; A CIO (chief information officer) to facilitate video conferencing. It should be noted that this proposal is not an attempt to circumvent assembly attendance but only to provide an alternative method of participation for AA groups that cannot attend due to economics realities. With the advent of inexpensive technology and the availability of internet connection the time may have arrived where this may be possible. Of course strict guidelines would need to be established to maintain anonymity.

**Discussion on proposal:** From what I know about video conferencing, there needs to be equipment on each side to be fully participating. It would have to be broadcast.

### **Old Business**

**Committee Meeting  
February 25, 2006  
Draft**

**Ad-Hoc Committee for Archives – Francesca** – Deferred until new Alt. Delegate is elected in April.

**Ad-Hoc Committee on Standing Committees** - At the April Assembly, survey will be distributed by Nick and Old School Mike to see what people feel about how effective the Standing Committees are.

**Open Mike Session - What's on Your Mind** – Is there are support for Aloha Friday Night's proposal regarding unbudgeted line items? My group felt this is the same issue, just re-worded. Another group felt that intent is good, but he amount is unreasonable. Please take the GSO contribution envelopes back to your groups and districts, there are tons of them up here. What is the most Assembly? I think it's the Election Assembly, as this is where we elect our leaders. It's the Inform the Delegate Assembly, as one of the purposes of Area is to send our Delegate to the General Service Conference, which carries our conscience to AA as a whole. The Orientation Assembly, as this is where we learn all about Area. They are all important. I don't enjoy reading the Mynah Bird anymore, I do not want to read the minutes in the Mynah Bird, I liked it the way it was before. The Service Manual says that in the beginning, the main assembly is to elect a delegate. That there were 2 types of Assemblies, election assemblies and non-election assemblies. The inventory assembly is very valuable; we have just experienced the results of taking an inventory. This is like asking what is the most important step or tradition. The most important Assembly is the one you miss!

**Panel Presentation Questions / Discussion** – The first 4 items on our Panel list don't have background material on the CD handed out. Please call Francesca; she has suggestions for where to do research (pamphlets).

2:50 Adjourned



**Treasurers Report  
Hawaii Area 17  
February 22, 2006**

Cash on Hand February 22, 2006	\$11,692.82
Prudent Reserve (Savings)	\$ 3,475.97
Total Feb 22, 2006	\$15,168.79

Revenue Jan 1, 06 thru Feb 22, 06	\$ 3,564.89
Expenses Jan 1, 06 thru Feb 22, 06	\$ 5,481.87
Net Loss	(\$ 1,916.98)

**Observations**

1. Our beginning year expenses are normally higher at the beginning of the year. As an example we have Prassa expenses already, an area assembly, a committee meeting, and an expense for General Service Conference, all at the beginning of the year.

2. If our income continues at this rate we should have adequate income to cover our expenses for the year. Please keep those seventh traditions coming.

3. A reminder to send your area contributions to the following address:

Hawaii Area 17

Jerry [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Koloa, HI 96756

Make your checks out to Hawaii Area 17. Include your District and group name on the Check. Thank You

**Attachment: Profit & Loss Statement**

7:13 PM

02/22/06

Accrual Basis

**Hawaii Area Committee**  
**Profit & Loss**  
January 1 through February 22, 2006

Jan 1 - Feb 22, 06

Ordinary Income/Expense	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>Contributions Income (Dist.)</b>	
District #01 Diamond Head	616.36
District #02 Honolulu	13.77
District #03 Leeward	127.56
District #04 Windward	396.70
District #05 No Ka Oi	163.46
District #06 Kauai	195.00
District #07 East Hawaii	15.00
District #08 West Hawaii	444.77
District #09 Central N. Shore	114.50
District #10 Waikiki	903.55
District #11 Kihei	367.36
District #12 Puna	95.00
District #13 West Maui	64.61
District #14 Manoa	47.25
<b>Total Contributions Income (Dist.)</b>	3,564.89
<b>Total Income</b>	3,564.89
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail</b>	
Area Assemblies	320.00
Area Meetings	320.00
General Service Conference	1,200.00
Interisland Airfare - Area Meet	1,902.03
Office Supplies	16.07
PRASSA	904.51
Printing	
2006 Year end report	69.78
Printing - Other	231.65
<b>Total Printing</b>	301.43
<b>Total Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail</b>	4,964.04
<b>Hawaii Area Standing Committies</b>	
Archives	100.00
Coop/Elderly Community	138.63
Corrections	
Books/Videos/Literature	30.00
<b>Total Corrections</b>	30.00
CPC	
Literature/Videos	55.45
<b>Total CPC</b>	55.45
Hospitals	
Literature	150.00
<b>Total Hospitals</b>	150.00
Mynah Bird	
Printing (6 Issues)	43.75
<b>Total Mynah Bird</b>	43.75
<b>Total Hawaii Area Standing Committies</b>	517.83
<b>Total Expense</b>	5,481.87
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	-1,916.98
<b>Net Income</b>	-1,916.98

## PRAASA 2006 REPORTBACK

From Marion B., co-chair Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC)  
Standing Committee. Hawaii, Area 17.

Hanging out with a few hundred service junkies from the Pacific Region is my idea of a great time. The panels were wonderful, the comments from the floor were wonderful, the banquet was wonderful, the event was WONDERFUL. Since my passion in service is carrying the message to the elder community, the roundtables for CEC were the highlight of my visit to PRAASA.

At a delegate highlight session the Southern California delegate described the newly formed area standing committee "Cooperation with the Elder Community" as a highlight of the year. Very rewarding for CEC in Hawaii, Area 17 too.

At the delegates "ask-it basket" session, the Oregon delegate responded to the question of "What is the feeling about a forming a new standing committee that overlaps the duties of other standing committees?" She responded that the question must refer to the newly formed Cooperation with the Elder Community standing committees. She felt that the new committee very definitely fulfilled a very important need in carrying the message to the elder community. Our Hawaii delegate said to me "If it wasn't needed it wouldn't be happening!"

I asked Greg M., General manager of Alcoholics Anonymous, at the "What's on your mind?" session "how can we get the issue of "Are we carrying the message to the elder community?" as an agenda item at the General Service Conference?" He responded by saying that we should send a written request to Rick W. GSO Conference Coordinator.

The two Cooperation with the Elder Community roundtables were very well attended with over 30 people the first night, and 40 people the second night. Issues, concerns, getting started with a district or area committee and a regular "Senior in Sobriety" meeting were reviewed. Much interest in the Resource Review material and the Southern California area material that was distributed. Also the first annual Sober over Sixty Conference in Hawaii was highlighted.

I brought over 500 registration flyers and by Sunday they had all disappeared and I had to dig up info for folks wanting to register.

Another highlight for me was a past trustee session in which the trustees shared their story, each for about seven minutes. They were poignant, funny, inspirational and overall wonderful.

.All in all a wonderful experience.

Much aloha,  
Marion B., [REDACTED]