

2005

Hawaii Area #17

Inform the Delegate Assembly

Date: April 2nd - 3rd, 9am-4pm
 Registration / breakfast @ 8am

Place: Paia Community Center
 0.5 miles past Paia Town
 towards Hana

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INFORM THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
MAUI NO KA OI
APRIL 2-3, 2005

SATURDAY

8:00-9:00	BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
9:00	CALL TO ORDER <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SERENITY PRAYER• DECLARATION OF UNITY• HOST DCM ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:15	DELEGATE- PANEL PRESENTATIONS PANEL 1- MARIANNE F. CO-OPERATION WITH PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY PUBLIC INFORMATION
09:50	PANEL 2- ROBERT C. FINANCE/ TRUSTEES/ TREATMENT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS & REGIONAL FORUMS
10:35	BREAK
10:45	PANEL 3- RICK M. CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES/POLICY AND ADMISSIONS
11:30	PANEL 4- SANDI M. LITERATURE
12:15	LUNCH
1:15	PANEL 5-BRIDGETTE K. LITERATURE
2:25	PANEL 6- KEITH K. GRAPEVINE
3:05	BREAK
3:20	PANEL 7-DIANNA G. HOMEGROUP/2005 WORKSHOP TOPIC
3:50	HOST ANNOUNCEMENTS
4:00	AJOURN

SUNDAY

8:00-9:00	BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION
9:00	CALL TO ORDER <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SERENITY PRAYER AND READING• HOST DCM ANNOUNCEMENTS
9:20	SPECIAL ELECTION-REGISTRAR
9:50	ACCEPTANCE OF SECRETARY MINUTES-VOTE ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURERS REPORT-VOTE
10:00	AREA OFFICERS REPORTS <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DELEGATE• ALTERNATE DELEGATE• TREASURER• SECRETARY• REGISTRAR• CHAIR
10:30	BREAK
10:45	COMMITTEE REPORTS-5 MINUTES
12:00	LUNCH
1:00	DCM REPORTS -5 MINUTES
2:00	INTERGROUP REPORTS HICYPAA, ICYPAA REPORTS
2:30	BREAK
2:45	PRAASA REPORTS
3:00	WEBSITE PROPOSAL

3:20

WHATS ON YOUR MIND
ASK-IT BASKET

4:00

AJOURN

HERE IS A RE-CAP OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR. I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS AWARE OF THE CHANGES SINCE THE JANUARY ASSEMBLY:

APRIL	MAUI NO KA OI	INFORM THE DELEGATE	APR 2-3
JUNE	LEEWARD	COMMITTEE MEETING	JUN. 25
AUGUST	KAUI	BUDGET ASSEMBLY	AUG. 13-14
OCTOBER	WEST HAWAII	COMMITTEE MEETING	OCT. 8
NOVEMEBER	UNKNOWN	OPTIONAL-CHAIR WILL DECIDE	

PLEASE SUBMIT TO ME ANY MOTION OR ITEMS YOU WANT PUT ON THE AGENDA.

PLEASE PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO YOUR WORDING.

PLEASE DO YOUR HOMEWORK AND BE INFORMED ON THE TOPIC AND ITS HISTORY, IF ANY IN THE AREA.

PLEASE HAVE A BACKGROUND OR INFORMATIONAL SHEET TO SUBMIT TO THE ASSEMBLY ABOUT YOUR PROPOSAL, MOTION OR TOPIC TO DISCUSS. WE WANT THE ASSEMBLY TO BE AS INFORMED AS WE CAN BE

THE AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE FOR TIME MANAGEMENT PURPOSES. THIS COMING ASSEMBLY WILL BE TIGHT FOR TIME AS THE PANELS WILL PROBABLY TAKE ONE FULL DAY AMD WE HAVE A SPECILA ELECTION

IN SERVICE,
VERNON

**Inform the Delegate Assembly
No Ka Oi District
April 2-3, 2005**

Saturday April 2, 2005 – Paia, Maui

Opened at 9 am with the Serenity Prayer
Host DCM Announcements
Reading - Legacy of Service
Panel Presentations Introduced – Delegate Keith H.
Lighting System Explained

PANELS AND DISCUSSION WERE CONDUCTED ALL DAY – SEE PANEL SUMMARY

Sunday April 3, 2005 – Paia, Maui

Opened at 9am with the Serenity Prayer
Host DCM Announcements
Reading - Tradition Five

Special Election – Registrar

Due to health reasons, Sam B. has had to resign as Area Registrar. We need to elect one today. Registrar Duties read from the AA Service Manual and the Hawaii Area Structures & Guidelines by Area Chair Vernon G. Third Legacy voting procedure explained & read from AA Service Manual by Delegate Keith H. There are 94 voting members present – 48 is quorum for doing business

Stood for Registrar position:

Tim – Kihei
Joanne – Honolulu
T – Kaneohe

First Ballot:	Second Ballot:	Third Ballot:	Fourth Ballot:
Tim – 28 Joanne-32 T – 25	Tim – 34 Joanne – 30 T-28	Tim – 28 Joanne - 32 T -32	Joann Withdrew at this time Tim – 57 T – 38
Total Votes cast is 85 2/3 will be 57	Total Vote cast is 92, 2/3 will be 61	Total Vote cast is 92 2/3 will be 61	Total Vote cast is 95 2/3 would be 63

****After further review of the Service Manual, question was brought that the top two candidates must remain, and being that we were in the Fourth Ballot, Keith H. asked a consensus of the body to continue on with this modified Third Legacy procedure or begin over. The consensus was to continue on in current, modified manner.****

After Fourth Ballot: No motion to go to on to a fifth ballot, we are going to the hat.
T is our new Registrar

Area Chair – Vernon: There are 2 proposals, and copies are available at the hand-out table.

Acceptance of Minutes - Elizabeth: Amendments: Page 14 second paragraph, change “Dancette seconded” to “Dancette withdrew her second”. Amend page 2, second paragraph “The 12th concept contains the 12 Warranties” to “The 12th concept contains the Six Warranties”. Motion to pass as amended, seconded and all in favor.

Comment from the floor: There is no mention in the minutes that Panel 55 has never voted to follow the Structures and Guidelines, and yet we are following them.

Acceptance of Treasurers Report – Jerry: Motion to pass, seconded and all in favor.

Delegates Report – Keith: What a wonderful experience PRAASA was this year. I got into Tucson late Thursday night and was unable to attend the opening meeting. I was tired and needed some sleep. The Friday agenda started with an AA meeting at 9:00am and panels following at 11:00am. I attended that morning meeting and seeing fellow Hawaii Area servants I started to get really excited. It was good to see some familiar faces. When I attended that morning meeting I didn't think much of it at first. Then, I suddenly had a thought that I was in a room with people that have served AA for decades, giving so much to AA. After listening for a few minutes I was overwhelmed with gratitude, love and respect for the

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members in that room. I felt like a small speck in the amount of time I had been serving. This is not a bad thing. It put my service career into perspective. I still have a lot to learn. I was so self absorbed that I was unable to focus on the first panel. I didn't catch a thing that was said. I did however get the tapes and have since gotten much from what was reported. By the time the next panel started I felt less self-centered. The panels were excellent; there was so much thought and research that went into each one. Next was the panel Service that I was to talk on. My topic was *Remote Communities "are we reaching out enough"?* I should have stuck to what I wrote and researched, not adlibbed. I ran out of time, and was unable to give some of the most important information. It was a huge learning experience. One of the topics that grabbed me was where does Intergroup fit in to the Service Structure? I found through the panel and discussion that we in Hawaii Area are one of the few Areas that are structured to have such a fully participatory relationship with our Intergroups. Most Area's don't have their Intergroups in their Structure. From what I see our structure allows for cooperation with these autonomous bodies and helps us to further carry our AA message and foster unity. Panels ended at 10:00pm with roundtables still to come. This made for a long day with an abundance of information. One of the things that occurred to me listening to the panels was that we might be able to do a better job reaching out to the Spanish speaking community using La Vina in each of our standing committees. During the roundtable we also talked about the International Convention. The Pacific Region will have their own hospitality suite at the Convention. Each Area in the region will be responsible for hosting one two hour time slot and for having a convention coordinator, who will be responsible to find people to man our time slot. I pulled out of the hat the time slot Friday July 1st from 2 to 4 pm. If you are interested in helping out please contact me. Another topic that I became informed about was that at this year's conference we will be discussing the possibility of splitting the literature committee. On the positive side, the committee has been inundated lately. However, splitting the committee will require two more staff members and delegates who will have to be moved off other committees. The idea of splitting a committee has come up before and certainly they have created new committees in the past. Another interesting discussion involving the conference is the possibility of putting conference agenda items on the internet. Some people feel impassioned that this is an idea whose time has come. They feeling that we need to have all the information out there, and that this is a medium we need to take advantage of. Others feel that it would cut down on the intimate face to face involvement that the delegate has with his or her area and that there are anonymity and copyright issues that need to be considered. We discussed bidding for PRAASA. As most of you may know we hosted PRAASA in 1999 in Kona. You may also know that PRAASA is on a three year bid cycle. If we bid for it next year we will be bidding for 2009. I was approached by members of Hawaii Area to ask how we get PRAASA to come to Hawaii. So I will ask this question to the Area at the Informational Assembly. Would we like to host PRAASA 2009? The roundtables ended 12:00am. Saturday was another packed day with informative panels. I felt so proud of our Area Chair Vernon. He gave a phenomenal panel packed with valuable information on the usefulness of P.S.A.'s. I thought there is no way I could be filled with more gratitude than the day before, but I was, especially after the Delegates roundtable. Maybe it was lack of sleep. Three Pacific Delegates and I got to talking about what else, AA-- our fears and our hopes. This discussion enhanced my love for service. There were 30 members from Hawaii, ranging from AA member to Trustee. PRAASA 2006 will be held in Woodland Hills CA. Area 93, March 3rd, 4th, 5th. If you haven't been to PRAASA you should make every effort to attend. I know that is hard to think of going to the mainland for a service assembly. You are probably asking yourself how this will help me or my group. It will:

- keep you and your group informed on topics at the upcoming Conference. "UNITY"
- hang with members that love serving AA and like to talk about it "RECOVERY"
- learn how we can better carry the message through our committees and utilize the services we have in place. "SERVICE"

The list could go on ad infinitum. If you start planning now you will have plenty of funds and support to attend. This experience is so valuable to your recovery and the future of Hawaii Area. My hope is that we will have over 40 members from Hawaii to attend PRAASA in 2006.

Alt. Delegate Report – Francesca: Please update your Structure & Guidelines, page 7 to read: *"In the years that correspond, pay expenses to send the delegate to the International Convention."* Attended Convention Steering Committee held on March 12th. The day starts off with getting the Alternate Area Chair from the airport around 9:30 am, a 15 minute ride into downtown and casual conversation. Did you know you can find out a lot in 15 minutes? How many of you know that the Convention Steering Committee Chair and the Convention Chair are two positions filled with two personalities? Well, some of you know more than I did when I started this position. Did you know that Tradition Six reads, *"Even in A.A. we found it imperative to remove the A.A. name from clubs and twelve step houses."*? The long form adds, *"Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual..."* it further reads, *"Secondary aids to A.A. such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name."*

I would consider our trusted servants had this principle in mind when they incorporated the Hawaii Annual State Convention. The A.A. Guidelines addresses under the heading **The Convention Begins with a Planning Committee**, *"In some cases,*

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the convention may be the responsibility of the general service committee from the area. In others, the convention committee may be organized separately; either method works well if it corresponds to the wishes of the A.A. groups in the area. In some areas, there is a permanent convention committee, set up within the area committee, so that valuable experience of convention planning can be carried over from one year to the next. Membership on such a committee is, of course, on a rotation basis, so that new members are added yearly, but a proportion of experienced convention planners are retained at any given time." With this information, I believe our Hawaii State Annual Convention continues to operate within the Twelve Traditions and The A.A. Guidelines on Conferences and Conventions from GSO. After two hours, the Convention Steering Committee Meeting is over and a trip back to the airport with the Alternate Chair and a short debriefing... Did you know you can learn a lot about yourself in 15 minutes? I have received from GSO, two samples of bid questionnaires; in response to my inquiry on having our Hawaii Annual Convention use a bid process to include the neighbor islands in hosting a convention. I plan to bring this up in a future Convention Steering Committee Meeting. The Website Committee has met twice and rapid changes are being made to the Website. Districts and Committees now have your own page, please forward all the content which you wish to contain on your page to the Fellowship Liaison. For example, day, time and place of your monthly business meeting, events that the district is sponsoring, service positions that need to be filled, agenda, minutes, treasurer's report, etc. I have distributed what your page currently looks like. For those who have not visited the Website, the display in the back may give you an idea of what it looks like.

Treasurers Report – Jerry: Report passed out to to all. Have been hearing about transparency through a many recent emails, and I have accordingly given a very detailed report. I have nothing to hide and am now a convert to transparency! Please note the cover page has my address to mail in seventh tradition money. Include your group name and district thank you for your support to the area. The second sheet is a balance sheet that spells out our money and where we stand. Checking, savings, income, expenses, and net cash on hand. The third and fourth page is the financial statement for the first quarter. Our income was: \$4963.57, our expenses were \$7492.52; our net income for first quarter is \$-2528.95. Page five starts out our budget overview which spells out how much has been spent against each budget item. Insurance: we have a liability policy in effect that can be provided when we are having area assemblies and committee meetings. Our carrier is First Fire and Casualty Insurance Company. . Taxes: we are up to date with tax filings. We also are in receipt of a notice from the IRS stating we are not required to file as we are exempt from federal income tax as specified under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue code. Our status will change if the following happens: we hire employees, or our revenue exceeds \$25,000.00 in a year (this is not the case in Area 17).

Alternate Area Chair & Registrar– Nick: Hawaii State Convention Steering committee – privacy has been set, we really need for people to attend. Local participation is paramount. I will not be attending April steering convention meeting or June 25th committee meeting due to conflicting commitments. I was acting registrar all went well thanks to those who helped me and thank you all for opportunity to serve. Finance committee – I worked with assigned committees to develop budgets and have attended finance committee meetings scheduled to present 2006 budget to three districts on Maui and possibly Hawaii.

Area Chair – Vernon: I want to thank the Area for sending me to PRAASA, which stands for Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly. It is an Assembly that is focused on all aspects of General Service and the topics coming up at the General Service Conference. The highlight of this PRAASA for me was the roundtables. I went to the Area Chair Roundtables and met with other Chairs in the Pacific Region and discussed our positions, challenges that other Areas face and procedures we sue. Some Areas have one or two Assemblies a year (Pacific Northwest), and other Areas have 2,3 or 4 Assemblies with the Hispanic Areas having six Assemblies a year, and a District meeting once a week. The Alaska Area also shares our concern with the cost of travel. Those in service at PRAASA from the Hispanic community in our fellowship are very inspirational and very passionate about service and AA. The other highlight for me was being on a panel (Media/Technology). My name was submitted by our Delegate and I was honored to give a 10 minute presentation on "Are our P.S.A.'s effective?" Since I had never watched a P.S.A. before, the whole experience was enlightening. I watched as many P.S.A.'s as possible, did research using the background material Keith gave us, and talked to GSO. I learned a lot about P.S.A.'s and the General Service Office in the process. The PRAASA program followed the theme of the General Service Conference this year. I learned the General Service Board, AAWS and Grapevine are all incorporated individually and yet work and cooperate with each other with no break in traditions. The General Service Conference relies on the committee system as the Area does. The committees' are made up of Delegates, GSO staff and Trustees. The General Service Conference deals with issues and concerns that come up from the fellowship by individuals, groups, Districts, Assemblies, etc. The Conference makes decisions by substantial unanimity (2/3) and those decisions are called Advisory Actions. A majority vote would be called a suggestion. The Advisory Actions are worked on or carried out by the Trustees committees (C.P.C, P.I., etc.) who meet several times a year. The Trustees come back to the conference next year to report progress on projects given. This is the reason our Delegate has structured our "Inform the Delegate" assembly the way he has. This is a more accurate reflection of how the General Service Conference works. My experience at PRAASA was

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uplifting, challenging and I believe helped me to be a better Chair to serve our Area. There is no price tag on what we have. That psychic change, that transformation that happened to me and all of us. I can see it and feel the miracle but often have no words for it. I am reminded how important unity is. Without unity we have no fellowship. When thinking of a proposed action – will that action foster unity? Will it uplift us and help carry the message to the suffering alcoholic? I think I can safely say that in our Assemblies and Committee meetings if we look around in every face is a recovering person who loves AA. We can be passionate in our discussions and respect each other at the same time. Loving discussion helps keep the fellowship healthy but I must never lose touch how important you are to me and we are to each other. I hope in the coming months we can discuss our issues and concerns regarding Area business with the knowledge that nothing in AA happens quickly. A thorough discussion and report back to our groups to get their conscious is sometimes essential. As an individual AA member I have many strong opinions and positions on many issues. AS Chair of Hawaii Area 17 I am like a traffic director and try to remain as impartial as possible, giving a fair hearing to items of concern to the fellowship and being responsive to the Group Conscious of the Area – the voice of our Higher Power. Once again I thank the Area for sending me to PRAASA, and look forward to serving our Area as best I can.

Standing Committee Reports

Corrections – Rick: I had the awesome opportunity of attending my fourth PRAASA last month and as always, it was a very inspiring event. PRAASA is where I was initially fired up for General Service and I seem to get recharged every time return. I felt blessed to have witnessed so many great panel presentations with our Delegate and our Area Chair both giving excellent presentations on their particular topics. When I think about our Area's participation in this year's PRAASA, the thoughts that come to my mind are unity and enthusiasm for service. I felt especially fortunate to have been asked to be the moderator of one of the PRAASA roundtables on Corrections. There were about 20 people at that roundtable and some of them had been carrying the message into prisons for almost 40 years. Those guys were really like walking/talking history books of corrections service in AA. I learned how intergroups did the bulk of the prison work in some areas, while in other area's it was done by the H & I (Hospitals and Institutions) committees. It was a real education for me and I left that roundtable with the feeling that Hawaii Area 17 had used the concepts that seemed to work best from the intergroup prison committees and the H & I prison committees when they formed our Corrections Committee. I was really able to see how we benefit today from the vast amount of experience that has gone before us. It was really weird being the moderator of that roundtable when I probably had the least amount of time in corrections service and at just over five years, I probably had the least amount of sobriety. So I had envisioned going to PRAASA, moderating this roundtable, and being called upon to explain how this service worked or what my understanding of corrections work was. And the thought of that made me quite nervous. Instead, what happened was for the most part, the room seemed to be turned around and I felt like an audience of one sitting in front of a panel of about 20 people who took turns educating me, and that was a truly awesome experience. The main conclusion that we came to in our discussion was that while we had a lot of complaints about the difficulty of getting into some facilities, the changing rules, and some staff who seem to take pleasure in giving us a hard time, the bottom line is that this is what we do for our sobriety. When we remember that, it makes any problems that we might encounter seem quite small. I was told a long time ago that when I was chosen for service in AA that often it would be because I was the person who could probably benefit the most from that particular service opportunity and I am so grateful that I was chosen for this service. On the Tuesday following PRAASA, I was pleasantly surprised to receive a phone call from Mary Clare [REDACTED], a Correctional Facilities Staff member at GSO. Greg [REDACTED], the General Service Manager at GSO had asked her to give me a call so that I might have better insight on Conference topics that were related to corrections. We ended up talking for well over an hour and I felt so blessed to have the benefit of her insight. There were four topics on yesterday's 3rd panel that dealt with corrections and we discussed each of them. She said that the ideas of the informational videos for the training academies and the workshops introducing AA in training programs for correctional personnel had already been presented to over 11,500 Wardens, Directors, and Prison Staff, most of whom were receptive to both ideas. She said that the basic purpose of both was to help "shape their minds and their spirits toward AA" (what a beautiful statement). She also talked about the suggestion that the name of the Conference Committee on Correctional Facilities be changed to the Conference committee on Corrections. Since our initial conversation, we have been in contact through email and I really feel like I have a friend in New York. Mary Clare [REDACTED] is an exceptionally wise woman and I am blessed to know her. Last weekend I went to the Big Island. On Saturday I was in Hilo at a potluck near volcano. About 20 people showed up. Most were from East Hawaii District and a couple from Puna District. We had an impromptu corrections roundtable. Some of the people attending were our Archives Chair, an Alt. DCM, and an AA member who actually works in a prison facility in Hilo, 2 GSR's, and 2 volunteers. And 4 or 5 people who would like to volunteer. I was so excited to get so much information from them. I got to assist in getting a new prison group registered with GSO; I was able to get contact information on two prison administrators that can be helpful to our committee, and I will be filling a request for literature. That was my first time in Hilo and they made me feel so welcome. I attended a meeting later that evening and that was also a great experience. On Easter Sunday, I was in Kona at the Aloha Mana Meeting. I was able to share with them about our Bridging the Gap in Corrections program. I got a great response from my friends in Kona and personally handed out about

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25 flyers to people who expressed interest in that program. After that meeting, Archie, the West Hawaii DCM and I had breakfast and some great conversation. I feel really honored to be able to be in this type of service for this Area.

Cooperation with the Elder Committee – Marion: As a report of the wonderful PRAASA may I be the first to invite you to the *1st Annual International Sober over Sixty Conference*: May 18-21 2006 at the Outrigger Keauhou beach hotel on Kailua-Kona on the Big Island. If you wish further updates please sign the contact sheets. Our Friday presentation at Maui Memorial to the physicians was a great success. Nick regally introduced us and Stan presented the resource review and I told my story and identified what AA is and is not, does and does not do followed by Q&A. Three physicians who work with the elderly identified that they will be changing their intake procedures as a result of our work. They will use CAGE form and try and identify alcoholics in the case of falls. **PLEASE VISIT US AT THE "SOBER OVER SIXTY" HUMBER HOSPITALITY SUITE AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL at the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION in TORONTO. If you would like to be of service do let us know as we are chairing the event.** PRAASA was glorious. The interest in the work we are doing at CEC and Sober over Sixty culminated in a steering committee being formed to hold the **FIRST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL "SOBER OVER SIXTY" CONFERENCE IN KAILUA, KONA WE NEED HELP!!!!!! IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE, PLEASE LET US KNOW!** An update of Forthcoming activities include: CME presentation at the Wilcox Hospital on Kauai; Workshop on June 26 in the Leeward District; Sober over Sixty second annual Ahu Lani retreat in the planning stage. Stan B. and Mary Ellen L. participated in the Kupuna Day event of the Parker Ranch Center in Kamuela and distributed literature and information. A positive reply to Stan's letter to AARP was received. It concerned a request to submit an article on Alcoholism in the Elderly in the AARP Magazine which is reputed to have the largest circulation in the world. Julio of Special Services at GSO sent a positive reply to the plan. In their current issue there is an article about alcoholism in the elderly with reference to A.A. and a link to the general service web page. It can be accessed at <http://www.aarpmagazine.org/health/articles/a2004-11-17-mag-breakingfree.html>. Sober over Sixty meeting doing well. New format is reading from large print copies of "As Bill Sees It". Kupuna Day suggestion.....Hold it the day after the Committee meeting to be held in Kona, October 29. A picture guessing "then and now" event, kupunas share their story, and lunch. All district committee will be invited to participate.

Cooperation with the Professional Community – Marianne: I attended PRAASA in March and enjoyed attending the two C.P.C. roundtables on Friday and Saturday evenings. Between 15 and 20 people attended each round table and we shared about our duties, various ways of doing workshops, ways to reach professionals and renting billboards! Everyone was amazed when I told them we have no billboards in Hawaii. As a result of the roundtables, I am now corresponding with the C.P.C. Chair from Alaska. The last two issues of Box 459 have some very interesting C.P.C. articles. The February-March 2005 issue tells about a program in New York City called the Physician Alcoholism and Addiction Training Program (PAAT), which pairs A.A. members with primary care resident physicians to hear first hand about Alcoholics Anonymous. The April-May 2005 issue has two C.P.C. articles. The first article "A.A. Info Booths Carry the Message to Professionals" talks about A.A. exhibits starting in 1956 and the anticipation of exhibiting at 60 events this year, among them the American Correctional Association's annual meeting, Canadian Counseling Association Convention, and the National Association of School Nurses. Rick W. on the C.P.C. desk at G.S.O. will contact us of any professional conventions that would like exhibits in Hawaii and G.S.O. will send their portable exhibit booth and appropriate literature to hand out. I believe our C.P.C. committee manned one of these booths at a convention on Oahu last year. The second article deals with reaching professionals online. Western Washington State has added a section for professionals on their Web site, where professionals can request literature and meeting schedules. We have two new C.P.C. Chairs, Roberta A. from Windward District and Tanya R. from Waianae District with whom I am looking forward to working. Sandra S. from West Hawaii District reports that the letters to the clergy have been sent and they are planning another professional luncheon in the fall. Colin H. from Kihei District is covering the D.U.I. classes and visiting other districts on Maui to talk about C.P.C. In May we will have a C.P.C. workshop with East Hawaii District and Puna District. Date unknown at this time. I am going to talk with Valerie from Central North Shore District about possibly participating in their workshop in May.

Public Information – Dianna: Thank you Keith and Francescesca for allowing me to be part of the panel discussion for this assembly. PI committee as been ask to go to Kapolei High School this month to speak to three classes. We have also been invited to the Spring Fling, at the Kuhio Park Terrace Family Center. Next week I will be calling for help. PI Committee will be sponsoring a workshop this year on "Speaking at Non-AA. Functions." We will be having committee meeting every other month. The first meeting will be April 14 - 4:30pm at Zippy's on King St. I am looking forward to be going to the Founder's Day this year.

Convention Steering Committee – DeeDee: 11 members were present at the March 12th Steering Committee Meeting. February minutes were approved and are available. The secretary's computer is being up graded, the cost \$300 -350. Financial Statements for 2004 Convention available. Address 2006 and 2007 convention dates. The deposit of \$500 has been made to lock the 2006 convention dates. This is Nov 2nd – 5th, 2006. The 2007 dates were negotiated last year for

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Nov. 7th, however, the dates were changed to the 1st of Nov to take advantage of a discount offered by the convention center. I will not attend the June Committee Meeting; however a member of the steering committee will stand in for me. The new date for the August Steering Committee was changed to August 6th due to the Assembly. **From the Convention Chair's Corner:** Registration flyers for 2005 Convention available and we encourage everyone to register early to help with the expenses that are being incurred. 2005 working budget was passed and is available. If your group wants copies of this, we can put you on a mailing list. There will be no video taping of the sign language translators. The Convention Chair has till June to present the speakers. Several Committee Chair positions have not been filled. **Old and New Business:** T-shirts and mugs available from past conventions. There is an issue and concern that we are addressing with the Facilities Coordinator Chair. This is a huge responsibility. Al-Anon was present and past chairs were available and gave a report. We are revising Appendix C in regards to the Facilities Coordinator Chair which will be presented at the June Committee Meeting. Addressed area concerns and will continue to address the concerns. A report is available on some of the issues that were brought up at the March 12th Steering Committee Meeting. Treasury: In the conventions bank accounts we have: Central Pacific checking account a total of: \$5,247.92 / Central Pacific savings account a total of: \$8,337.05 / (A new total with interest is given every 90 days.) / Bank of Hawaii a total of: \$939.32 / Which brings it up to a total of: \$1,524.29 / Actual income for 2004: \$231,534.12 -17,000.00 (start up) = \$214,534.12 -\$212,534.05 Actual expenses = \$2,000.07 profit.

Grapevine – Keith: My contact info: email: grapevine@hawaii-aa.org, home: [REDACTED] and cell: [REDACTED]. Formal request of the area for DCMs to survey the literature racks in their district and see whose responsibility it is to take care. Asking for a scheduled time for the standing committees to meet, perhaps at lunch. Maybe we could label a table for each. No data available concerning subscriptions this month. Problems with level of service currently received from AA Grapevine Representative Coordinator. My work: shamelessly promoting the Grapevine / LaVina. Focus on: building committee, manual, contact with DCMs, committee meetings, getting materials and services for offices. At committee meetings we discussed: promoting awareness of AA Grapevine/LaVina amongst AA members; promoting awareness of AA Grapevine/LaVina service amongst AA members; methods of promoting awareness of AA Grapevines in public area: institutions, doctors, hospitals, etc. perhaps with subscriptions or individual copies; and difficulties in promotion. We recommend: Area to conduct an informal survey of literature racks (this was a unanimous group conclusion); location; AA service entity responsible – group, district, service committee. To AA Grapevine to continue printing old Grapevine Rep handbook. Obstacles to my work: Only 4 out of 15 districts have members on my committee: Kauai has 1 out of 1; Oahu has 2 out of 8; Maui 1 out of 3 and Hawaii 0 out of 3. Suggestions to discontinue Area Committee work are both counterproductive and demoralizing. Reform is needed, perhaps DCMC model and migrate committee work to District chairs for individual districts. Reconsider the idea of assigning GSRs to Committees. Poor support from AA Grapevine office: service and promotional materials out of print; wrong materials sent; anonymity problems with emails, press release and box labels. I spoke with Chairman of the Grapevine Board.

Mynah Bird – Mike: Let's think that the Mynah Bird is growing. As it grows its needs are changing needs of both the Area and the people whom it serves; the alcoholic. This all will take not only a team plan but the active cooperation and commitment of Area officers and standing committee chairs to back what we continually validate as being necessary. This can be a new way to think, talk and use our Mynah Bird as we continue to seek new ways to further the outreach to each alcoholic through fulfillment of our Preamble. This growth would help the MB do a better job serving Area 17 by opening doors with additional options through to the following: All Area Officers and Committee Chairs can help the Area's mission and their own cause by becoming actively involved with the MB as the Area tool that can further the Area's Preamble; Treatment Facilities/ Each Committee can use an issue, page or portion of an issue to deliver specific or general message to its target group; Cooperating with the Professional Community/ Interest can be generated to see actual submissions and articles by people in our area sharing their stories and news of the Area. These are the stories that can "attract" far better than statistics or national news stories: Meaning can be given to numbers to aid in our Areas knowledge of how we might improve the content and distribution of the Mynah Bird. In numbers of readers, copies printed, copies distributed, hits to web-site. By district (same info through DCM's/GSR's). What is the potential readership? Area 17 would benefit from all committees using: Each Committee can use an issue, page or portion of an issue to deliver specific or general message to its target group. Interest can be generated to see actual submissions and articles by people in our area sharing their stories and news of the Area. These are the stories that "attract" far better than statistics or national news stories. Would our Area 17 be better off with a better understanding of the benefits we gain from our budget expenses for the MB? What is spent per readership estimated Electronic & Hard Copy Distribution? By priority (Sober? Meetings? Sponsor with MB?) By expressing as percentage of the whole MB budget this can change how we plan to print and distribute the MB. This should help all A.A. members in service to the Area to further out Preamble to the Structure and Guidelines: "The primary purpose of Hawaii Area Assembly Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous is service. Service, as defined in A.A. Service Manual is "...anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer-ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself...to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action." The Hawaii Area Assembly Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous should encourage all of Hawaii's A.A. Groups to participate in the business of the area and its efforts to support A.A. General

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Service Office (G.S.O.) and A.A. World Services (A.A.W.S.). The Hawaii Area Assembly Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous is a service body that adheres to the principles of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of A.A." I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your mynah bird contributions. Every story, article, event, and puzzle was given but never freely. The cost is always in terms of the things you gave up (family, group, friends, children, significant others - surfing and doing house chores of taking inventory). Thank you for all of your love and contributions. Prayers are humbly requested and gratefully accepted. Next Mynah Bird scheduled August 13, 14 deadline for submission is July 23. Contact info: email from area 17 website www.hawaii-aa.org click on mynah bird.

Hospitals – Bridgette: Hospitals have been stomping. We have delivered literature to chairs in Maui, Big Island, Kauai and Lanai. Big island has been doing tremendous work – thank you Carol, she is awesome. All the people in service are awesome it is such a pleasure to serve with all of them. Love for AA is strong in hospitals. We have reestablished contact with hospitals that were already being serviced on Oahu as well. And acquired some new contacts – Kahuku Hospital is being serviced now. I distributed an entire case of outdated grapevines for waiting rooms across the state. Tripler Hospital received a delivery of literature for the permanent rack there. Castle Hospital will now have literature there, a meeting is regularly held there by Laurie from TYG. Leaflets boxes have been left with Ann from No Ka Oi and Sisters Offering Support was given some literature as well. Queens Hospital contacted me in return of my call. A meeting goes into Kekela adult side by a member named Austin. He was officiated as per the hospitals requested we adopted him to our committee to support him and reassure the hospital that we are aware of the work. They also requested another meeting to be brought in during the week. We will hook them up. We were contacted by a sick AA's parent who told us he was flown to Queens. When he is conscious we will take a meeting to him. Remember: DCMs if you want a presentation you can schedule it close to an assembly date and I can come a day early or stay a day later to participate just let me know. Or we will be glad to send the rep from that island to participate in workshops, presentations, or man a table. We will be participating in central north shores workshop and Erin's district report back, which we look forward to in June. Our hospitals committee meeting will be on Oahu April 10th at Blaisdell Park in Pearl City at 1pm, under the pavilion on the tables. How AA cooperates with hospitals: Establish meeting at facility; Provide contacts for patients; Supply literature in waiting area and emergency rooms; Visit sick AAs in hospital; Provide big books or other reading materials to patients. Goals of hospitals committee for next two years: Make contact with every hospital and clinic in Hawaii and see how we can help; Support hospital meetings; Provide a contact person for every hospital and clinic; Have a literature rack in every appropriate location possible; Keep literature racks filled; Provide maximum opportunities for service. How you can help: Join hospitals committee; Sign up as contact person; Adopt a literature rack; Donate literature; Attend hospital meetings; Call and be willing to serve.

Archives – Sandi: PRASSA was the best I've seen yet of course I've only been twice but if its anything like service at area it just gets better. Thank god it doesn't stay the same. I guess we all give out thumbprint. At the archives roundtable we discussed "policies and procedures" regarding access and viewing. We also or I also asked about "websites and anonymity" and group histories being posted and there were many long time archivists there and I got much info. We have a new committee member on the island of Molokai named Mickey. If you are interested in policies and procedures and you, like Maui, are concerned about how to go about viewing your islands archives, please see me on the side as we are interested in your input while we draft these policies & procedures. We have a "Ziploc" going to the archivist of flyers and various other history making documents Marion: I've collected what was on this table yesterday so if you put new please hand them to me.

Treatment Facilities – Robert: I love Alcoholics Anonymous and I really, truly, down to the very core of my being, believe in the Program of Alcoholics Anonymous as it is precisely described in the first 104 pages of the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous. My sobriety date is May 1, 1995. It is because I made and continue to make Alcoholics Anonymous the single most important thing in my life that my life today is better than anything I could have ever possibly imagined - "beyond my wildest dreams" - and for this I thank all of you. It is a great privilege to serve as the Area 17 Panel 55 Treatment Facilities service committee chair. I will do my best to see that this committee conducts itself according to the guidelines and traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous in all its affairs. Our focus will be on Oahu initially, and then we will copy our success on Oahu to the other islands. It is my objective to develop a Treatment Facilities Service structure that will survive my rotation at the end of two years so that Alcoholics Anonymous will continue to do our best to carry the message to the Treatment Facilities of Hawaii. This structure will be built by the group conscience of the AA members on this committee, the AA members who are qualified and willing to speak at Treatment Facilities meetings, and the AA Members qualified and willing to serve as temporary contacts for Bridging the Gap. This structure will provide a way for the Treatment Facilities in Hawaii to maintain an effective ongoing relationship with Alcoholics Anonymous regardless of which individuals' chair or serve on this committee. I believe in principals before personalities. I would like to take a moment to thank the following AA members for their service on the TF service committee: Co-Chair - Melvin C.; Registrar - Kevin E.; TF Speakers Sub Committee Chair Moani K.; TF Bridging the Gap Sub Committee Chair - Virginia H. TF Admin Coordinator - Juli T.; Group Announcements – Lisa; Group Announcements - Lee L.; Group Announcements - Bob G. Our first TF service committee meeting was held on

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Saturday afternoon March 19, 2005. The minutes for that meeting are attached to this report. We have a few service positions open on our service committee and all are welcome to become service committee members. All you need to do to be a service committee member is to just ask me or anyone on the service committee or just show up at the next meeting. We are inclusive not exclusive. The next TF committee meeting is scheduled for April 30th 2:30 pm at St. Andrews located on the corner of Beretania and Alakea streets downtown Honolulu. Please join us. **Some of the things we have done so far include:** We've been in communication with Janine B. so that Hawaii can be included in the long term GSO Bridging the Gap Directory. We have coordinated with the Downtown Lunch Group to add meetings every Wed and Fri at Tripler TRISARF to their group outreach commitment. DTL now conducts 6 outreach meetings each week; Hina Mauka Sat Mornings, IHS Thursday evenings, Salvation Army Pali Detox Saturday mornings, Tripler Tues evenings, and the two new meetings at TRISARF. We have begun to develop a database of all treatment facilities in Hawaii so that we can keep in contact with the TF personnel and continue to build relationships via snail mail, email, telephone and personal visits. We have begun to develop a roster of AA members who are qualified and willing to speak at Treatment Facilities. We have begun to develop a roster of AA members who are qualified and willing to serve as temporary contacts for the Bridging the Gap program. **Some of the things we need to do and will be doing include:** We need to develop standardized meeting formats and develop training for AA members to learn how best to chair meetings at Treatment Facilities. We need to visit with and assist more groups to develop and maintain outreach-meeting commitments. We will publish a list of open and closed Treatment Facility meetings. We will inventory literature for purchase by Treatment Facilities. We need to continue to study the Treatment Facilities Workbook and related materials. We need to make presentations to all Hawaii Treatment Facilities as requested. We need to build a Treatment Facilities Literature Display. We need to fight apathy within the fellowship to grow our committee and accomplish these things. We need to report our experience to GSO to become part of their group conscience. Please let me know what else we need to be doing and in so doing become part of our group conscience. Our committee is open to suggestions and we welcome all opinions. That concludes our report. I know I can speak for the entire Treatment Facility service committee when I say thank you for letting us be of service.

Web Site Committee – Hugh: Amends for making an anonymity break by directly posting an email to the web site without checking. The Hawaii Area Web Site Committee have been actively involved in updating the current web page for Hawaii Area 17. Three members volunteered during the previous January Assembly they are as follows: **Jim S. – Fellowship Liaison for Area Web Site:** Coordinates gathering of information with the Area / Assembly secretary, are officers, Standing Committees, districts, Inter-groups and Hawaii A.A. as a whole. Ensures that information submitted meets the A.A. General Service Office (G.S.O) guidelines on web sites/content and the A.A. tradition on anonymity. **Hugh F. – Content Manager:** Creates Web pages in appropriate formats and passes content to the Web Master. **Dennis S. – Web Master:** Updates Web Site content with the information provided by the Content Manager. First Web Site Committee meeting was held 20 February 05, with the second meeting on the 20th of March 05. The below items are highlights from our Committee meeting: Designating individual pages for each of the Committee Chair. In which would allow us to put information out to the public (i.e. Description of job, Reports, Minutes for Committee Chair meetings, future meetings and events for each individual Committee Chair. Current Calendar Design to be a list of dates and times in text. Rather than using a full blown Calendar. Having a link at each event. (i.e. District Meetings, having the time, place and DCM linked for info to others.) All minutes from all assemblies, steering committees, delegate reports, Area Treasurer reports will be updated as information is passed to the web site committee starting at the Fellowship Liaison. Posting of minutes onto the web site using bullet list summary. A way to point to more details if specific people need more detail of the meetings, vice posting the entire minutes onto the site. Headlines on the front page of the website will contain upcoming events (i.e. Area Assembly, GSO conference, Budget Assembly) also any reports back from the Area Delegate. Keeping personal phone numbers, addresses, and email addresses off of the site to protect anonymity of each individual. Survey to be put out at June Committee Meeting: What do you use the web site for? Info that can be useful to the user that you cannot find on the site. **Following items continue to be discussed:** Taking out the "Information" clocks on the first page and adding bullets to the site. A way to point and click to each area of concern. Adding the Hawaii Area Preamble onto the site; adding AA group numbers onto the website under each specific district for each specific meeting in that district. A tool for members to access info for their home groups.

Intergroup reports:

Kauai Intergroup – Chuck: We opened our office for service in June of 2004 and we continue to provide the fellowship with support. We have organized a phone response team of 26 volunteers to take AA inquiries and 12 step calls on a 24 hour seven days a week basis. Literature sales have been brisk in our new office. The office is always available for AA functions i.e. intergroup and district monthly meetings, a Saturday night open meeting with an Alanon and AA lead, a Women's meeting, two young peoples meetings, and soon to come Alateen meetings. Contributions from the groups have kept us financially sound and able to meet our expenses.

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Oahu Intergroup – Zeke: Telephone: help calls central:12 after hours: 13 total: 25 / Info: central: 1245 after hours: 91 total: 1336 / Literature request central:69 total: 69 / Visitors central:76 total: 76. February: we had our inventory approximately 40 members participated. Main thing was we need to have more workshops. We still need feed back on the island wide Alkathon. We have formed a committee to start looking into possible moving central office lease is over February 28, 2006. New meeting in Kapolei "Sobriety 101" 10-11am M-F. We are looking at moving intergroup meetings into various districts just as area has a meeting in different areas. If you need to make changes to your meeting place please email us oahuig@lava.net. We are in need of telephone angels; these are individuals that have central office phone redirected to their number from 9pm to 9am when central office is closed. No we do not have an answering service. We are looking for an officer to do security for Founder's day on Saturday June 11 at Richard Street YWCA.

East Hawaii – Virginia – No Report Submitted

Maui Intergroup – Nicki: We hold monthly meetings on the second Saturday of each month at Kahului Union Church at 6pm. We invite all who would like to attend. Communication and information are powerful New business: Jule W. is out new Gazette Editor. With her experience, she has brought a new format with great ideas. We are looking for submissions that follow the "step of the month" and our experience, strength, and hope. These are due by the 27th of each month. Mailings have gone out to Molokai & Lanai with great appreciation from those who received them. The gazette is a great source for information. Thank you Jule! Events: March 12 was the central office bash. Another successful event. Thank you Jody, for taking the position of chair and your successful organizational skills. We are looking for groups to host the 4th of July Alkathon, the big dance in August, gratitude night, thanksgiving Alkathon, as well as the Christmas and New Years Alkathons. I want to thank you all for supporting me in attending PRAASA. What a spiritual experience. Being a part of service at this level allowed me to share the enthusiasm, commitment, and love that rang through the hearts of 12,000 alcoholics in Tucson Arizona that magical weekend in March.

HICYPAA – Brian: August 25-28 at Camp Maluhia on Maui. www.HICYPAA.org. Contact: Brian (Chairperson) [REDACTED]. Email: hicypaa2005@hawaii.rr.com www.hicypaa.org. Would like to thank area committee for their help and assistance with our date. Mahalo from the HICYPAA host committee. Pre-registration flyers, April 17th spring flyers, KAM III Kilel 11am.

ICYPAA Bid Committee - Tim: International conference of young people in AA, ICYPAA 48 will be held in New Orleans, LA the weekend of September 1-4 2005. Go to www.icypaa48.org, pre-reg flyers available on table. Hawaii bid committee will be bidding this year for ICYPAA 49 to come to Hawaii. We have out committee meetings on the 1st sat of each month at Maui botanical gardens at 10am. Our website is www.hawaii-icypaa.org/visit our website for upcoming events, meet our committee, view our past minutes and find useful links to other websites.

DMC Reports:

#17 Waianae – Steve: We meet on the very first Tuesday of every month at Maluhia Lutheran church on Farrington Highway, across from Waianae high school. Meeting starts at 6pm (Hawaiian kine time!) We have put in place CPC, PI and Mynah Bird chairs. We have planned for the summer a district picnic, which will also include a workshop as part of the event. We are hoping to make this a two day affair, Saturday and Sunday. We have a new meeting in our district. It's called Sobriety 101. They meet at Kapolei Park across from the Kapolei police station, Monday thru Friday, starting at 10am. It is a literature based meeting. The Lunch Bunch afternoon meeting, which had been suspended, has now been revived. They meet at Ma'iili Beach Park, next to the restrooms nearest to St. Johns road, Monday thru Friday, starting at 1pm. If it rains the meeting is held across the street at 87-502 Farrington Highway.

#1 Diamond Head – Floyd: Is your group Being Represented In District Meeting or at Area Assemblies? Does your group have a GSR? There are 23 groups in the Diamond District only 4 groups have sent A GSR to District Meetings or to Area Assemblies. If your home group is not one of the 4 groups then your home group's voice is not being heard. A new DCM has been elected to serve this District; he would like to see 100% GSR participation. "Service keeps us sober." When: District Meets on the first Thursday of each month Where: Holy Nativity Church (Where Living Sober meets) Time: 6:00pm sharp If you have been elected "GSR" for your home group or you are interested in becoming a GSR for a group and don't know what to do. *Call me* for more information@ 4 [REDACTED]

11 Kihei – Kathie: Our district meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm at the kalama height retirement center. Attendance at district remains about the same with five out of fifteen groups participating at district. My gratitude and thanks to Kihei district for sending me to PRAASA! Kihei Morning Serenity's GSR Betsy and Kalama Parks Happy Hours GSR Colin also attended PRAASA. What a joy to be in a room with 1500 alcoholics who are every bit as passionate about AA and service as I am. It is an honor to be a part of this amazing service structure. Danny R. out district treatment chair is continuing to take a meeting to the resource center every Wednesday night at 8pm. Colin H. district CPC chair takes a

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panel to the DUI classes once a month. An ICYPAA bid event, "we will not regret the past" prom night took place Friday March 25th. This black tie event was held at Uluia beach in Wailea. There was a formal dinner and dancing on the beach. Fantastic food and a wonderful time were enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to the bid committee for the fantastic job! The hope of everyone there was that this will be an annual event. We had our PRAASA report back Saturday morning March 26th. All who were in Tucson from our district were present. We had a wonderful time sharing what we had experienced this year at PRAASA.

#9 Central N. Shore – Hugh for Val: It has been a busy month since the last Committee meeting, but my members are doing a great job of collecting data from the district and getting it back to me. I delegated 2 of my GSRs to go out and recruit for our upcoming Unity day in May, which is on Home Group service. I hope that some of you can join us and may get involved in talking about your experience at the home group level. I believe I have e-mailed each of you a copy of our flyer and if any from the neighbor islands would like to come I do have room at my house, please give me a call. We are still having monthly games of softball for any who want to get involved. We will probably be looking at having a Thanksgiving and Christmas Alkathon but other than that we don't have any other events going on at this time. I am still trying to get to as many new meetings as I can in my District. I am also trying to delve into the workings of the DCM kit that was sent to me. Even though I did not get to PRAASA this year, I will definitely be attending next year. It will be a great 50th birthday present for me (it falls on my natal birthday weekend).

#14 Manoa – Debbie: We are continuing to trudge the road in the Manoa District. Sometimes we take a step forward and two back, but that too must be part of God's plan. Our treasurer had to step down from his commitment, so we are now looking for a treasurer and continuing the search for a permanent secretary. On the plus side, we have someone to work on the Hospitals Committee. And the GSRs who are active are fabulous. A few of us made it to our caravan to Architects of Adversity in March. We're also making plans for our workshop at the Founders Day event and have been invited to participate in a delegate report back picnic with the Windward District. I was able to attend PRASSA in March and had a really great time meeting folks in the Pacific Region and hanging out with the Hawaiian contingent. Keith and Vernon were excellent representatives for our area. The event was jam packed with activities and information from early in the morning until midnight each night. I got a lot out of the DCM round tables each night and just being around a group of people so devoted to and excited by service was truly inspirational. Since my return from Tucson, I have been either off island for work or involved in Hukilau service and festivities. I feel like I have been neglecting my duties as DCM, but most of that is probably just my perception. As we get into this month and working on upcoming activities, that feeling will surely pass. It is a blessing to have such a full, rewarding life as a direct result of this fellowship.

#2 Honolulu – Patti: I want to thank Maui No Ka Oi for hosting this assembly and all those in service. With me today, I have 5 GSRs and my alternate DCM. Several of my GSRs weren't able to attend due to lack of funds. Two groups in our District drew up proposals to hopefully be added to the Agenda at the Budget Assembly. *Downtown Lunch sent a proposal to improve Service Committee work in Hawaii and the reasons for their proposal. *Aloha Friday also sent copies of their proposal. If anyone has questions regarding this proposal-Ruben T. is here to answer them. Honolulu District has their District Newsletter 'Smoke Signals' out. Lisa M. our editor is looking at posting it on the website. We have a home group in our District 'Came To Believe' which consists mostly of newcomers. Several GSRs, my alternate DCM, and myself met with this group to see how they could get more of their members interested in service. The District offered to help put together a potluck luncheon to attract members and have a group inventory done at that time to inform the uninformed in our District about service at group level. The rest of the District is doing fairly well with new members added to several of the groups.

#12 Puna – Chris: GSRs in attendance: Raina, Stephanie and Terry. District meeting: at the last district meeting we decided that a district inventory was needed. The alternate DCM is coordinating times and places for the inventory and inviting some elder statesmen/women to share their experience strength and talk with us regarding service at the district level. Ironically we were searching for a check list on how to hold a district inventory. A few days later I received the DCM packet from GSO, which included a district inventory check list. Also we will be looking at a different time and day perhaps place to hold our district meeting as the center where we are holding it does not have space available and this will be decided at our next district meeting. Groups: we have a new group that joined Puna district Ho'omaika'i or the "hot mama" group. Mahalo to Rick the chair for corrections came to our monthly pot luck and gave a presentation and had an excellent turn out and members who want to participate and carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. On May 21st our delegate will be coming to the Bounce Back pot luck to share his experience at the General Service Conference. On May 25th CPC area chair Marianne will be attending the monthly pot luck and do a presentation for us.

#10 Waikiki – Ken: May I begin by sharing my experience of reality and understanding of the process of this program In the month of February, an article was posted in the Star Bulletin in regards to an inquiry for lighting in Kapiolani Park This had

stemmed from a letter sent to a government representative requesting for a light be installed at this location. Well the personal anonymity was applied by first name and last initial, but the title of another fellowship along with Alcoholics Anonymous was applied to the name, which stated one as a representative of A.A. The process of this inquiry snowballed by the involvement of other government offices and the passing on of the letter of inquiry to the editor of the "Kokua Line" whom had posted the letter and response from the chief of the Department of Parks Maintenance and Recreation Services Division. Please note that the member had approached me, but paid minimum attention, for the inquiry was of another fellowship Applied the foot work as soon as possible; contacted our Delegate for guidance; contacted my Sponsor for a brief moment of silence then guidance; then to sit down with the member to bring clarity and understanding of the practices of the process. "No light We move on Things happen for a reason, this experience had given me the opportunity to learn and understand the process and the service level where my God has placed me today This has brought me to communicate and create a bond with those that has been brought into my life today in my added home group Hawaii Area 17 Our district is hard at work up-dating the Waikiki and Oahu schedules, researching the District boundaries and information for the Website committee, will be working on a workshop for the fellowship, our participation in the Founder's Day event, and hopefully work on a growing participation in our District Would like to thank Waikiki District for giving me the opportunity to grow and be a part of PRAASA Would like to thank those familiar and new friends that I have made at PRAASA (3) Important messages that has been placed in my heart from PRAASA: to practice Leadership by Example; To adhere to: There are no Emergencies in Alcoholics Anonymous; To be grateful that: Service at the home group level is in Black and White; while Service at the General Service Level is in COLOR.

#8 West Hawaii – Archie: We've been getting our ideas for the district in working order. Our district committee chairs have been very busy getting their proposals together for 2005 so we can vote on them and set priorities. We were preparing for the inform the delegate assembly and I needed info for one groups business meeting. Later I realized that getting the info to the groups before the next district meeting was a good idea. Everything went well. We got out presenters, Liz, Bob and Tom and got the job done. It feels good when that happens. Gratitude sets in and reminds me of the good quality of people I'm with. We have an Alt. DCM now Cheryl N. who helps me immensely. Also an internet activities person Donnie M. who is eager to get started. I'm still trying to get more communications between districts on our island and have been successful to a degree. We had a visit from our area corrections chair Rick M. on Easter weekend. It was a learning experience for us all. We had some awesome help from the Puna members. Thank you Sandi. Everything seemed to move very quickly, and then it was over.

#7 East Hawaii – Virginia: is a newly elected Alt DCM, and has been going to group conscious meetings to assist in the election of GSR's. By next Assembly should have more GSR's in attendance.

#4 Windward – Sue: The Windward District sent the ADCM, Dancette Y., to PRAASA and she came back with a lot of great ideas to help our district with workshops and activities and augment our service. Our Standing Committee reps have been busy. Becky, our District Corrections chair, has gotten a second meeting approved at the women's facility. This is a huge accomplishment. Sally, our PI rep, has started the work to get a Big Book in every library in our district. We plan to have a pot-luck and BBQ at Kailua Beach Park on June 5 for the Delegate Report-Back and hope to combine it with Manoa District again this year. Pathfinders group did not withdraw from the district, but is revived with a new GSR. We are happy to keep them in our district. PI and Grapevine Chairs have planned to visit the district meeting in April and share with our district GSRs. A big thank you and recognition to the GSRs that worked on our panel topics and did such awesome jobs during this assembly.

#3 Leeward – Erin: The Leeward District is trudging along. We have been planning for the June committee meeting, and for a Unity Day event that will be June 25-26. Keith will be giving his report back, and the Standing Committee chairs will be there to give presentations. Everyone is invited and please get the word out. It will be at the A frame at the marina. We voted to start up our newsletter again, so hopefully we will get that going again by next month. We still have our monthly softball game with Central North Shore District on the last Sunday of the month. This last on fell on Easter Sunday, there were a few people that showed up but not enough to have a game, but the practice was fun. Anyone is welcome to come out and play no matter what district you are from. Well that's all for now again I look forward to seeing you all in June.

#13 West Maui – Paul: I am blown away by the commitment of those in attendance here, voluntarily giving up a whole weekend to be here. West Maui had its first district meeting of the year last Saturday 3/27/04. The following people were present: Vernon-Area 17 chair; Paul B.-DCM; Mike M.-treasurer of district 13; Melody-GSR Coffee Break Group. Since last week Bob has unofficially become the Alt. DCM. Since the meeting people have been asking "what can I do to help or serve". West Maui next meeting will be May 7th at 5pm at the Alano club. West Maui will be having or supporting upcoming events in the near future. Especially we want to begin a caravan to Lanai. How can we support Molokai? And as always West Maui will have the 4th of July party at Wyoli.

#6 Kauai – Bart: It is both an honor and a privilege to serve Kauai District 6, as their DCM. First and foremost I'd like to inform all of you that *Kauai's Budget Assembly Committee* has confirmed a location for the August 13th & 14th assembly at Kahili Mountain Park in their school gymnasium. There is a display board here that has pictures of the park as well as sample pictures of the cabins that AA's may rent on the premises. The site is 25 minutes from the airport and 20 minutes from Poipu Beach. The price per person per night ranges based on cabin choices from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per night based 4 persons per cabin. Camping is also available at \$10.00 per night per person. We are hoping to create a round-up type of environment with a bonfire meeting Saturday night as well as an early morning meeting at the pond Sunday morning. Home-stay will of course be made available for those who desire it, but we are hopeful that you all will join us there. There are 130 Registration forms available here and they should be available online soon with the color maps and directions to the site. We have a temporary hold on all of the cabins that should be enough to house all of us. But the hold will expire if we do not confirm by July 1st. We would like all that wish to stay to have confirmed there requests with Jannene B. and there to have there Moneys sent in before that date. After July 1st any remaining cabins will be rented out on a first come first serve bases which may equate to give up some of the cabins to *normie renters* from outside the fellowship for that weekend. Not such a terrible thing in itself... but not the weekend that we have envisioned for us as a fellowship.

So... PLEASE... Call e-mail or see Jannene B. regarding your cabin confirmations as soon possible! (808) [REDACTED], kauaidistrictsixsec@hotmail.com. PRAASA was a three day cornucopia of sleep deprived, service oriented, unity instilled spiritually enlightening experiences... For those of you that were there you know what I'm talking about and if you haven't been yet you'll just have to go yourself to find out, and that's All I've got to say about that! Kauai is represented today by 12 persons covering most of the island and service positions and *exuberating a huge amount of excitement in the Kauai fellowship by the way in which they having been carrying the message* Please Give Them All a Big Round of applause they deserve it!

#5 No Ka Oi – Cliff: District is doing very well. All or almost all positions are filled. We are part in transition with our CEC and PI Chairs. We've had a huge support in preparing for this assembly. Thanks to everyone. Current events include the monthly Hana caravan last Sunday of the month that meets here at Paia community center 1pm with the potluck at 430pm in Hana at Wananalua church meeting is 6-7pm. Also our district is home to the 16th Annual Maui Roundup in Keanae April 29th – May 1st. for more info call Heidi [REDACTED].

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Ask it Basket: *The Spanish stories in the La Vina, will they be translated into English? Actually right now, a lot of the English articles are translated into Spanish. I am pretty sure it will happen in the near future. Does AA have any literature that addresses Alcoholics who are not Christian? Chapter to the Agnostics, Came to Believe and a Special Edition Grapevine on Spiritual Experiences. Living Sober has a chapter about Muslims. How much does Area spend on Travel? Air travel set aside for this year is \$12,106, but will probably come in at closer to \$9000. How does this help the newcomers? What is the price of our Unity? Who here does not feel rejuvenated after attending this Assembly? This is the outlet for the communication that carries the AA message. The General Service Office has decided to drop their prudent reserve down from 12 months to 11 months, and next year it may drop down even further. They reduced their spending by 10% across the board. How important is this Assembly? Look around? Our groups have decided how important it is by sending us here this weekend. A lot of times the groups only hear half of the Seventh Tradition. They don't know where their dollar is going. When I come back from Assemblies, and I show them their contributions, members ask those of us in service to be accountable for where is our money going. The steps define my personal problem; the Traditions give me the solution to that problem, and the Concepts show me how to put the solution into action. We carry this out through Area from GSO. I am learning here how to truly participate in my Group conscious discussion. Here even people who are very passionate about their stand on an issue, are humble when they side loses. This is benefiting my group. Please have respect for others and take private conversations outside. Please don't take pictures unless you have the persons consent. This also came up at PRAASA. Every Area there wanted to have group pictures taken in the banquet hall, and are we protecting the newcomer's anonymity? For me, at 14 years sober, I am ok with telling someone I am not comfortable having my picture taken, but a newcomer probably wouldn't feel that comfortable to say anything. Anonymity is not only to protect the individual; it's also to protect the fellowship. There have been anonymity breaks at a level which surprises me, The Grapevine sent out a press release which included last names. What is GSO doing to update their web site? This came up at PRAASA, and GSO is looking into what is appropriate to include on the Web. The GSC background material was requested to be put up on aa.org, but GSO was concerned about confidentiality. Is there an information panel (PR) or facilitator that could request the introduction of "meeting etiquette" and "Traditions" information packet into Drug Court, Kash box and similar programs to teach about? This comes back to what AA does and doesn't do. You can have a group conscious to decide to stop signing court cards. AA has never taken an official stand on the court card signing issue. Each group is autonomous, except in matters affecting other groups AA as a whole. There is a lot of literature through our Standing Committees that addresses this issue. Yes, there is etiquette training done at those facilities, but after the individual leaves, they are on their own. It's hard to come up to a meeting with a paper saying that they need to be there. I will give them respect and treat them with dignity. Free "Information on Alcoholics Anonymous" paper available from GSO. A member shared their experience with their Homegroup that was being disrupted by court card holders. They changed to a non-card signing meeting. Some treatments centers have meetings that are both AA/NA, so the clients there get confused and don't know, so they show up at a closed meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous identifying as an addict. Before there were committees and all the pamphlets there were sponsors. What is the situation on using laptops at the General Service Conference? It's still on a trial basis, and a lot o people have Palm Pilots instead. If a delegate is bringing the laptop they have to make advance arrangements. To the Mynah Bird: please list all the topics and due dates in advance.*

Adjourned at 3:30 pm

Area Contributions

**PLEASE SEND YOUR AREA
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE
FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

Hawaii Area 17

%Jerry Vign

~~5330 Koloa Road, #3~~

~~Koloa, HI 96756~~

**PLEASE! Include your District number and group
name on the check.**

**HAWAII AREA #17
TREASURERS REPORT
March 31, 2005**

Assets:

First Hawaiian Bank, Checking	\$ 14,610.13
First Hawaiian Bank, Savings	\$ 3,485.35

TOTAL \$ 18,095.48

Total Contributions Income (First Quarter)	\$ 4,963.57
Total Expenses (First Quarter)	(\$ 7,492.52)

Net Cash on Hand \$ 15,566.53

**Jerry A. [redacted]
Area Treasurer**

Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss
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Jan - Mar 05

Income

Contributions Income (Dist.)	
District #01 Diamond Head	621.37
District #02 Honolulu	61.00
District #03 Leeward	212.20
District #04 Windward	188.24
District #05 No Ka Oi	224.28
District #06 Kauai	608.50
District #07 East Hawaii	125.68
District #08 West Hawaii	641.33
District #09 Central N. Shore	310.00
District #10 Waikiki	1,021.18
District #11 Kihei	544.81
District #12 Puna	88.62
District #13 West Maui	159.66
District #14 Manoa	43.00
District #17 Waianae	113.70
Total Contributions Income (Dist)	<u>4,963.57</u>

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Expense

Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail	
Area Meetings	615.00
General Service Conference	800.00
Interisland Airfare - Area Mee	3,315.67
Phone	20.82
Postage	20.40
PRASSA	1,100.50
Printing	
2004 Year end report	132.28
Printing - Other	567.31
Total Printing	<u>699.59</u>
Trustee Visit	388.50
Total Hawaii Area As A Whole - I	<u>6,960.48</u>
Hawaii Area Standing Committies	
Coop/Elderly Community	170.00
CPC	
Literature/Videos	241.00
Total CPC	<u>241.00</u>

Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss
January through March 2005

Jan - Mar 05

Grapevine	
Printing/Postage	61.87
Total Grapevine	<u>61.87</u>
Hospitals	
Literature	50.00
Postage	5.00
Total Hospitals	<u>55.00</u>
Mynah Bird	
Printing (6 Issues)	4.17
Total Mynah Bird	<u>4.17</u>
Total Hawaii Area Standing Com	<u>532.04</u>
Total Expense	<u>7,492.52</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-2,528.95</u></u>

Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through March 2005

	<u>Jan - Mar 05</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Dept. Consumer Affairs non profit reg.	0.00	-10.00
HASC - Archive -Ted Kramer Storage/Supplies	0.00	-500.00
Total HASC - Archive -Ted Kramer	0.00	-500.00
HASC - Archives		
Display Materials	0.00	-100.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Printing/Postage	0.00	-115.00
Supplies	0.00	-100.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
Total HASC - Archives	0.00	-495.00
HASC - Coop w/ Elderly Comm.		
Litterature	0.00	-325.00
Paper,Printing, Copying	170.00	-275.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Total HASC - Coop w/ Elderly Comm.	170.00	-620.00
HASC - Corrections		
Books/Videos/Literature	0.00	-300.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage & Printing	0.00	-50.00
Workshops	0.00	-160.00
Total HASC - Corrections	0.00	-530.00
HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional		
Literature/Videos	241.00	-162.00
Postage/Phone	0.00	-57.00
Printing	0.00	-50.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
Total HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional	241.00	-429.00
HASC - Finance Committee		
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage	0.00	-37.00
Printing & Next Yrs. Bdgt.	0.00	-300.00
Total HASC - Finance Committee	0.00	-357.00
HASC - Grapevine		
Display/Literature	0.00	-100.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Printing/Postage	0.00	-40.00
Subscriptions to give	0.00	-40.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
Total HASC - Grapevine	0.00	-360.00
HASC - Hospitals		
Literature	50.00	-150.00

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January through March 2005**

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Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage	5.00	-12.00
Printing	0.00	-50.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
Workshops	0.00	-50.00
Total HASC - Hospitals	<u>55.00</u>	<u>-442.00</u>
HASC - Mynah Bird		
Misc., Postage, Phone, etc.	0.00	-100.00
Printing (100 copies per issue)	66.04	-500.00
Total HASC - Mynah Bird	<u>66.04</u>	<u>-600.00</u>
HASC - PI (Public Information)		
Literature/Public Service Anns.	0.00	-350.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage/Correspondence	0.00	-37.00
Printing/ Stationary	0.00	-50.00
Workshops/Travel	0.00	-160.00
Total HASC - PI (Public Information)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-617.00</u>
HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)		
Literature	0.00	-150.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage & Stationery	0.00	-50.00
Printing	0.00	-90.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
Workshops	0.00	-50.00
Total HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-520.00</u>
Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole		
Area Mtgs		
Area Committee Mtgs. Fees	320.00	-1,280.00
Assembly Registration Fees	295.00	-1,280.00
Total Area Mtgs	<u>615.00</u>	<u>-2,560.00</u>
Area Phone		
ALT Area Chair	0.00	-20.00
Alt.Delegate	0.00	-20.00
Area Chair	0.00	-20.00
Area Officers (other)	20.82	-60.00
Delegate	0.00	-60.00
Total Area Phone	<u>20.82</u>	<u>-180.00</u>
Area Postage		
Alt Chair	0.00	-15.00
Area Chair	0.00	-30.00
Delegate/Alt.Delegate	0.00	-60.00
Financial (incl budget)	14.80	-37.00
Other Area Officers	5.60	-25.00

**Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss Budget Overview
January through March 2005**

	<u>Jan - Mar 05</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Total Area Postage	20.40	-167.00
Area Printing		
2004 Year End Report	132.28	-75.00
Agendas , Minutes & Registration	9.37	-75.00
Area Chair & Alt. Chair	0.00	-150.00
Delegate/Alt.Delegate	251.69	-375.00
Finance Committee	0.00	-300.00
GSR Guide	300.00	-75.00
Special Reports	6.25	-75.00
Structure & Guidelines	0.00	-150.00
Total Area Printing	<u>699.59</u>	<u>-1,275.00</u>
General Sv Conf		
Add GSO Support \$400. if able	0.00	-400.00
Hotel	0.00	-500.00
Meals	0.00	-100.00
Min. Registration	800.00	-800.00
Transportation & Misc.	0.00	-50.00
Total General Sv Conf	<u>800.00</u>	<u>-1,850.00</u>
Insurance	0.00	-450.00
Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs		
Area Off. & Stand,. Com. (est. 8x9)	3,141.67	-9,600.00
Assist Districts Air Fare	0.00	-320.00
Conv. Steering Air Fare	0.00	-1,920.00
Delegate's Report 1.5	0.00	-320.00
Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs - Other	174.00	
Total Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs	<u>3,315.67</u>	<u>-12,160.00</u>
Office Supplies		
Computer	0.00	-50.00
Officers	0.00	-30.00
Registra	0.00	-15.00
Secretary	0.00	-15.00
Treasurer	0.00	-25.00
Total Office Supplies	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-135.00</u>
PRASSA		
Airfare 2 @ \$600	1,067.50	-1,200.00
Banquet 2 @ \$25	25.00	-50.00
Delegate Lunch 1 @ \$20	0.00	-20.00
Hotel 2@200	0.00	-600.00
Meals	0.00	-200.00
PRASSA Tapes 1 set @ \$70	0.00	-70.00
Registration 2 @ \$15.	8.00	-30.00
Transportation/ Misc. 2 @ \$25	0.00	-50.00
Total PRASSA	<u>1,100.50</u>	<u>-2,220.00</u>

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Trustee Visit		
Airfare	388.50	-600.00
Room, Board & Expenses	0.00	-150.00
Total Trustee Visit	<u>388.50</u>	<u>-750.00</u>
Web Site	0.00	-120.00
Total Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole	<u>6,960.48</u>	<u>-21,867.00</u>
Taxes	0.00	-200.00
TOTAL	<u><u>7,492.52</u></u>	<u><u>-27,547.00</u></u>

Update S & G,

page 7 to read: *"In the years that correspond, pay expenses to send the delegate to the International Convention."*

Attended Convention Steering Committee held on March 12th. The day starts off with getting the Alternate Area Chair from the airport around 9:30 am, a 15 minute ride into downtown and casual conversation.

Did you know you can find out a lot in 15 minutes?

How many of you know that the Convention Steering Committee Chair and the Convention Chair are two positions filled with two personalities? Well, some of you know more than I did when I started this position.

Did you know that Tradition Six reads, *"Even in A.A. we found it imperative to remove the A.A. name from clubs and twelve step houses."*? The long form adds, *"Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual....it further reads, "Secondary aids to A.A. such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name."*

I would consider our trusted servants had this principle in mind when they incorporated the Hawaii Annual State Convention.

The A.A. Guidelines addresses under the heading **The Convention Begins with a Planning Committee**, *"In some cases, the convention may be the responsibility of the general service committee from the area. In others, the convention committee may be organized separately; either method works well if it corresponds to the wishes of the A.A. groups in the area. In some areas, there is a permanent convention committee, set up within the area committee, so that valuable experience of convention planning can be carried over from one year to the next. Membership on such a committee is, of course, on a rotation basis, so that new members are added yearly, but a proportion of experienced convention planners are retained at any given time."*

With this information, I believe our Hawaii State Annual Convention continues to operate within the Twelve Traditions and The A.A. Guidelines on Conferences and Conventions from GSO.

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No Ka Oi District
April 2-3, 2005

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MOTIONS
Hawaii Area #17 Budget Assembly
August 13-14, 2005
Kahili Mountain Park, Kauai

Hawaii Convention Proposal- Francesca - After careful review of the current Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines, the Conventions Steering Committee recommends the following changes to Appendix C: To read: "1. The Steering Committee shall consist of six members. Three of these members shall be past Convention Chairpersons; one shall be the current Convention Chairperson. Two members shall be Alternate Delegate and the Alternate Area Chairperson from the Area Assembly. A quorum shall be 5 out of 6 members present. A two thirds majority vote shall be required in all general operational matters. Approval from the Area Assembly for:....." Currently reads: "1. The Steering Committee shall consist of seven members. Three of these members shall be past Convention Chairpersons; one shall be the current Convention Chairperson. Two members shall be Alternate Delegate and the Alternate Area Chairperson from the Area Assembly. The last member shall be the Facilities Coordinator Chair. A quorum shall be 5 out of 7 members present. A two thirds majority vote shall be required in all general operational matters. Approval from the Area Assembly for:....." To read: 2. Terms are as follows; Convention Chairperson has a four-year commitment, Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chairperson serves two years. Deleting the last sentence which currently reads: The Facilities Coordinator Chair for one year.

Questions: Point of Order: Is this petition coming from the Committee or the Area Officers? A. I sit on the Steering Committee; I don't see anything wrong with a member of the Steering Committee proposing. It changes the quorum by 1, and takes the Facilities Chairs' vote out. Basically we are going back to the way it was before we changed it last Panel. We tried it, and it didn't work, and now the Committee wants to change it back. Are we taking away a persons authority, but leaving them with the responsibility? Our concepts protect against this. It works better when the Facilities Chair doesn't have a vote. It was originally changed because the Facilities Chair had such a large responsibility; we wanted that position to have a vote. Yes, that position was very awesome, and if we have a person who meets the qualifications, will we have to change again? All committees are very important, and Facilities is another position, and if we gave all committees a vote, we would never get any business completed. If voting members are even number, then how do you pass any voting issues? All items need a two thirds vote. There was a typo in the proposal given at the June Committee meeting, I would like to take this back to my district, as the correction of the typo changes the number of quorum – which is why my group was against this proposal. I think there is a problem with both the way it is and the way it is proposed to be. The Area could hamstring the Steering Committee by both members not attending, there could be no business. We have a very successful convention that has been going on for years, they tried something new and it's not working. If it has worked for the past two years, why don't we let it roll and see if will work. It is not working now, and we have a convention coming up in 2 months! We need a current solution. I thought that a quorum was 50% plus 1? Each body can choose their own

Motion made by Julie to eliminate one of the votes from the steering committee, the facilities chair –the quorum would then be 5 out of 6. Seconded by Floyd.

Discussion – What about deleting the line about the facilities chair serving for a year? We can take the motion as is, or preferably we would amend the motion to read as was written. Asking to

After two hours, the Convention Steering Committee Meeting is over and a trip back to the airport with the Alternate Chair and a short debriefing...Did you know you can learn a lot about yourself in 15 minutes?

I have received from GSO, two samples of bid questionnaires; in response to my inquiry on having our Hawaii Annual Convention use a bid process to include the neighbor islands in hosting a convention. I plan to bring this up in a future Convention Steering Committee Meeting.

The Website Committee has met twice and rapid changes are being made to the Website. Districts and Committees now have your own page, please forward all the content which you wish to contain on your page to the Fellowship Liaison. For example, day, time and place of your monthly business meeting, events that the district is sponsoring, service positions that need to be filled, agenda, minutes, treasurer's report, etc. I have distributed what your page currently looks like. For those who have not visited the Website, the display in the back may give you an idea of what it looks like.

In Service,
Francesca P

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- 20. Responsibility carry the AA message
- 23. offering our message of Hope to Anyone-Anywhere
- 27. working with others

- 1) Too much time is being spent on discussing what the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee and the Convention is doing or not doing taking away from the Area's primary purpose.

So as not to take away from the Area's primary purpose; discussions on what the Annual Convention Steering Committee, and the Convention, is doing or not doing, should be addressed at the Convention Steering Committee, not at the Assembly. The Assembly should bring forth area concerns, to the attention of the Alternate Delegate and Area Chair, but the details are to be discussed at the Convention Steering Committee Meetings. 2005 Convention Steering Committee meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. 677 Ala Moana Blvd in Honolulu, 2nd floor @ 10:00 am.

- 2) The Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee has not done what was asked of them by the Hawaii Assembly with respect to reviewing, researching and reporting on the Puna proposal to have the Convention rotate between islands.

The Puna proposal was reviewed and a decision was made and determined that it was not feasible, at the time, for the Convention to take place in Puna for 2006. According to documentation the License Agreement was made available in November of 2004. The Contract has been signed and a deposit has been paid to hold the 45th Annual Convention at the Hawaii Convention Center, November 1, 2006. The 2007 contract with the Hawaii Convention Center has also been negotiated.

- 3) The passage of Appendix C of the Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines in August 2004, effectively deletes the Area's participation in the Steering Committee (by changing the Steering Committee membership from six to seven members.) The quorum remained five, possibly removing the roles of the Alt Area Delegate and Alt Area Chairman as the overseer of the Traditions and Concepts and their Principles. Since the area officers are not required to be in attendance to have a quorum, therefore, they will not be required to vote.

This statement is true; it is possible the Area Officers who sit on the Steering Committee not be present. It also holds true for other members of the Steering Committee, such as the current Convention Chair, not to be present. A quorum is established, according to the Hawaii Area 17 S & G, 10.2 as 50 + 1, a 4 out of 6 trusted servants meets that guideline.

- 4) Appendix C, paragraph 5.15 states, “Any overage (so called profit) shall be reinvested into the Convention if necessary to reduce ticket prices and/or divided among Hawaii Area and all island Intergroups.” The 2001 Convention profit was shared among the Intergroups, by vote of the Convention Steering Committee a share was not provided to Hawaii Area. No allocation of monies has been made by the Convention since 2001.

In 2001, the Steering Committee, made the decision that Hawaii Area 17 was solvent and that Intergroups would benefit more than the Area from the so called profits. In 2004, the so called profits were reinvested into the Convention to cover the cost increase of the Hawaii Convention Center.

What happened for the 2002 and 2003 conventions? More shall be revealed.

- 5) For the last three years the Convention Steering Committee Chairmen have not fulfilled their commitment as a Hawaii Area Standing Committee. They rarely show up to the Assemblies or Committee meetings, or they provide a report and leave. As Standing Committee Chairmen, they are required to be available throughout the Assembly to provide information about the Convention, and to participate fully in their service commitment including voting on all motions.

The current Convention Steering Committee Chair has been made aware and acknowledged the duties and responsibilities of that position.

- 6) The Annual Hawaii Convention became a separate entity by incorporation on September 16, 2003. The Steering Committee filed Articles of Incorporation documents with the State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, Business Registration Division as a not for profit organization. Naming the corporation “The Annual Hawaii Convention, Inc. making the Steering Committee, or the Convention a separate business entity unto themselves (not part of the AREA). After filing the new corporation documents, **NO** appropriate 501(c)3 name change documents were filed with the I.R.S. So **neither** the “**THE HAWAII AA STATE CONFERENCE**” NOR “**THE ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION, INC**” are legal entities with both government offices.

A letter dated January 18, 2005 was sent to the IRS requesting name change and 501 (c) (3) status.

Background Information

Tradition Six clearly states on page 157

“Even inside A.A. we found it imperative to remove the A.A. name from clubs and Twelfth Step houses.”

A.A Guidelines for Conference and Conventions reads:

“In some cases, the convention may be the responsibility of the general service committee from the area. In others, the convention committee may be organized separately. Either method works well if it corresponds to the wishes of the A.A. groups in the area

In some areas, there is a permanent convention committee, set up within the area committee, so that valuable experience of convention planning can be carried over from one year to the next. Membership on such a committee is, of course, on a rotation basis, so that new members are added yearly, but a proportion of experienced convention planners is retained at any given time.”

- 7) The new name has **not been registered with the IRS** as of 10-28-2004. A letter dated January 18, 2005 was sent to the IRS requesting name change and 501 (c) (3) status.
- 8) Hawaii form D-6 has **not** been filed for exemption of General Excise Tax. How many years are owed?
- 9) The Convention filed the state annual tax exemption information return due September 30, 2004; it has been returned to the Convention as not being filed properly.
- 10) Is the registered agent on the Business Registration paperwork, the only responsible agent for the corporation, or was Appendix C filed with the State making the “Steering Committee” as a whole responsible for the Convention? Have we screwed over another trusted servant?

Concerns 8, 9, and 10 are being forwarded to Judith [REDACTED] (Accountant) through the Convention Treasurer. Updated information to follow.

In Service,
Francesca P
Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Delegate
Hawaii Convention Steering Committee Member

COVER SHEET

Submitted by the Aloha Friday Group of Alcoholics Anonymous
March 18, 2005

1. Right to Decision: Why and when to petition. Excerpt from Concept 5.
2. The Petition:
3. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:
 - A. AGENDA: S&G Rules of Debate;
Jan. 2005 MINUTES - Tanya's Sat. Presentation
 - B. DOCUMENT: AA GROUP Pamphlet page 36-37.
 - C. PREPARED-NESS OF VOTERS: AA GROUP
Pamphlet pages 34-35.
 - D. SAFEGUARDS TO ASSURE PROPER USE OF
CONCEPT 3: Excerpts from Service Manual page 69 &
page 15.
 - E. CONCLUSION: Concepts & Warranties asserts that
doing the best for A.A. is wisdom, and asks for God's
help to keep us from settling for less.

March 17, 2005

To: Vernon Gosney, Hawaii Area 17 Chair and the Hawaii Area 17 Assembly
From: Aloha Friday Group of Alcoholics Anonymous

RE: PETITION TO VOID A MOTION

On January 22, 2005, the Hawaii Area 17 held its Orientation Assembly, where the voting members decided to change the Structure & Guidelines, specifically the Priority of Spending to include paying the delegate's expenses to the International Convention.

We, the members of the Aloha Friday Group, believe that at the time of the vote, the area assembly was "improperly informed of the facts, and issues and the principles . . . (A.A. Comes of Age 99)" of the Structure & Guidelines/Priority of Spending, certain referenced Concepts, and the Rules of Debate and that rendering a vote in the absence of more information was premature. Although substantial unanimity was met, we assert that it is an *uninformed* group conscience and to hold to its results would be a grave mistake. Our opposing viewpoints:

1. Procedures to rearrange agenda were discussed earlier in the morning, but ignored in the afternoon.
2. The document to be changed was not distributed to the voters until the day the voting would be held.
3. At an Orientation Assembly, most voters are willing to serve but feeling disoriented, confused, perhaps uncomfortable. Could this have been the worst time possible to present a motion like that?
4. Information on Concept 3 was incomplete.

Our arguments point for point: (Supporting documents listed in *Italics*)

- A. **The Agenda:** The *Structure & Guidelines* state "that any significant changes to the agenda must be done at the microphone in the form of a motion, seconded and must receive a substantial unanimity vote." There's even a list of actions considered to be "significant changes" and no one, *not even the area chair*, can arbitrarily move the agenda around. This was, also, discussed in Tanya E.'s talk on Rules of Debate. (*see Jan. 2005 Minutes*)
- B. **The Document:** The S&G was given out in an untimely manner.

"Studying" the document, as recommended in *The AA Group p. 35*, is a great way to become informed, but to study it in an hour is a notion too ridiculous to entertain. The best recourse should have been to table this motion.
- C. **Prepared-ness of the Voters:** This is the heart of our petition. The voters weren't properly prepared.

A checklist to assure that an informed group conscience is achieved could be:

_____ Was full information shared?

- _____ Was individual point of views shared?
- _____ Were A.A. principles practiced? Name some: _____

- _____ Could this motion be considered a sensitive issue? If yes,
- _____ Did the group work slowly?
- _____ Was there a clear sense of the collective view before a formal motion was made?
- _____ Was pertinent information studied?
- _____ Were a few members appointed to look into the pros and cons of this issue?

Utilizing this checklist, and based upon several reports on what happened at the Orientation Assembly, we found flaws in how the motion was handled.

Checklist derived from The AA Group Pamphlet p 34 -35 & 37.

- D. **Concept 3:** Whereas, it is true that Concept 3 allows A.A.'s trusted servants to utilize their own judgment on A.A. issues, two safeguards assuring the proper use of this precious concept were left out:

Safeguard #1: Of course it is understood that complete *reporting* of Conference actions are always desirable. So is full *consultation* with Committee Members and Group Representatives. (AASM 14).

If rendering decisions without the home group's knowledge or feedback is encouraged and therefore, "good" . . . then decisions made *after* the home group has been made aware of the proposal and dialogued . . . must be "better."

Safeguard #2: Bill W. wrote, "The 'Right of Decision' should never be made an excuse for failure to render proper reports of all significant actions taken; it ought never be used as an reason for constantly exceeding a clearly defined authority, nor as an excuse for persistently failing to consult those who are entitled to be consulted before an important decision or action is taken."

Concept 3 is not a "Let's wing-it!" concept. Voters still have the responsibility to find out all the facts, first-hand. And yes, they should always try and get the group conscience, before the vote..

As we believe we have satisfactorily asserted and supported that the voting process surrounding this issue was mishandled, lacked complete information, and done in haste, we, the Aloha Friday Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, **PETITION that the area assembly void the decision of changing the Structure & Guidelines' Priority of Spending, to reflect that money be given to cover the delegate's expenses to the International Convention.**

We present a SECOND AND RELATED PETITION that any money given to this motion, be returned to the area treasury , before Panel 55 rotates out in 2006.