

**HAWAII AREA COMMITTEE MEETING**

**LEEWARD DISTRICT**

**06/25/05**

8:00-9:00a.m. BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION

9:00 CALL TO ORDER

HOST D.C.M. ANNOUNCEMENTS  
READING-

9:15 AREA OFFICERS REPORTS

a. ALTERNATE DELEGATE  
b. ALTERNATE CHAIR  
c. RECORDING SECRETARY  
d. REGISTRAR  
e. CHAIR

9:45 BREAK

10:00 DELEGATE REPORT  
GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE REPORT BACK

10:30 TREASURER REPORT- BUDGET PROPOSAL

11:00 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

12:00 LUNCH

1:00 DCM REPORTS  
INTERGROUP REPORTS  
HICYPAAA, ICYPAA REPORTS

2:15 BREAK

2:30 NEW BUSINESS

DELEGATE -INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

RE-STRUCTURE STANDING COMMITTEES

4:00 ADJOURN

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Hawaii Area #17  
Committee Meeting  
June 25, 2005

Meeting opened @ 9:00 am with the Serenity Prayer.

Host DCM Announcements: Erin

Reading of Literature – Marion - AA's Legacy of Service from the Service Manual

**\*\*Note from Area Chair: The following people were absent from this committee meeting – Corrections Chair Rick; All Intergroup Chairs; all HICYPAA and ICYPAA's, and Kihei DCM. The Treatment Chair position is at this moment vacant.\*\***

**Area Officers Reports:**

**Area Chair – Vernon** – For those of you don't know Robert Cohen has resigned for the treatment committee and I am looking for a replacement and would prefer someone on Oahu. If you know someone who is willing let me know. Experience in general service is a plus. In August at our budget assembly we will also have an election for a regional trustee candidate as Phyllis will be rotating out in April. Usually the position is filled by ex-delegates but all who qualify can stand. Refer to the service manual. Our delegate will handle the election. Keith H., our delegate gave his report back on Maui last week and was well received, we had a good attendance. I enjoyed the report and love Keith's enthusiasm and love for AA. Districts that are interested in hosting committee meetings and assemblies in 2006 --- be ready to submit your district in the hat. I will attend the international convention next week and am very excited as this will be my first one. I look forward to continue serving the area

**Alternate Delegate – Francesca** - Continue to attend the Convention Steering Committee meeting. There is a proposal coming from that Committee, and I will be getting copies made at lunch for everyone. The web committee hasn't met in a while, but we continue to improve the site.

**Recording Secretary – Elizabeth** - Approval of the minutes of the February Committee Meeting. 2 amendments. Motion to accept the minutes as amended. Suggestion to have page numbers and a table of contents in the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report – Jerry** - Have copies of the financial statements for everyone. Total Contributions: 1/1/05 - 6/23/05: \$9915.08. Total expenses 1/1/05 - 6/23/05: \$15, 587.83. Bank balances: FHB checking: \$12, 061.51 and savings: \$3,476.64. Contributions from the groups are down from this time last year. Discussion about the lack of contributions. If there is a reason that the groups are withholding contributions, Area needs to look at that. A minor amendment to the Treasurer's report: there were 2 issues of the Mynah Bird, not 6 as stated. Line reading "6 issues" deleted. Motion to accept, seconded and approved.

**Registrar –T-** I received quite a few group information change forms which I copied and mailed to NY, along with some New Group information forms. Along with the mail out for our groups, which I did 3 times before the directory deadline, I added an area information change form in which I sent my information to NY as well. I received a call from NY, welcoming me aboard along with a phone number in case I have any questions. I revised the master contact sheet with the most current information available to me, and again I have posted the contact sheet for you to review and make any other changes. The last revision was made on June 2, 2005. If you have any information that needs to be added or deleted or changed, please make the changes on the contact sheet posted. I emailed everyone on the contact sheet so that you all should have the same information as myself. I created folders for each district and committee regarding attendance quorum. I have not received anything at the PO Box address since April, so to my understanding there really has not been any group changes, at least that I am aware of. In May, I met with Sam and he gave me everything he had regarding this position (which was only stationary items). I was able to gather information from him on how he would have liked to create an informational database with all the participating groups in Hawaii and their DCM and GSR reps. I thought it was a great idea yet time consuming. I do not have the names of all the GSR who are presently in service because I do not have copies of all the change forms. I did not receive back the packets from all the districts to keep copies for the registrar. I am hoping that if changes are being made at group level I could be notified so that I can learn who is who.

**Delegate Report – Keith** - Pointed out the display board he has set up, invited everyone to take a closer look at it throughout the day. Will be reading the Preamble at the Saturday Night meeting at the International Convention. Some Areas invite a GSO staff member to an Assembly of Committee meeting, and I am sure that if we made that

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request it would be honored. Just something to look at in the future. This would be a great resource for us. David E., our former Delegate and outgoing Trustee talked about making another translation for the Big Book - to gender neutral. At first I thought "No way!", but it's just another way to better carry the message and reach more individuals.

**\*\*Entire Delegate Report Back is attached to these minutes as a separate document\*\***

**Discussion & Questions-** I had the opportunity to attend a meeting in Area 05 when Eva Sanchez from GSO came to talk, it was an awesome experience, and I would totally support this if we ever decide to pursue it. What is the difference between the Class A and Class B Trustees: Class A Trustees and non-alcoholics, and serve for 6 years, and class B Trustees are alcoholics and serve for 4 years. Vernon - Digital Archive personal experience.

**Flag Ceremony - Cliff-** Received a broadcast test link recently, tried it out and worked great. Have several viewings set up, but would be good to have 1 more on Oahu and 2 total on Big Island.

**Proposed 2006 Area Budget – Jerry** Hard copies given out to all in attendance, and went over each revision. The bottom line is a proposed budget for 2006 of \$26,695.00, which is down from 2005's budget of \$27,547.00. This will be up for approval at the Budget Assembly in August. Revision 2 of the Proposal will be sent out to all DCM's, Committee Chairs and Area officers for all groups review.

**Reports given at this time: \*\* All Standing Committee, DCM, Intergroup and any other reports are attached to this official recoding of the minutes\*\*\***

## New Business

**This is for discussion purposes only no voting will be done. Please take back to GSR's and groups for vote in August.**

**Lisa M. - Aloha Friday group on Oahu, Honolulu District -** Final version handed out of the motion that will be entertained at the August Assembly. Concept Five referenced, and pointed that this is not a grievance, but a petition. Procedural issues were discussed. A experience from a district was shared about being prepared and carrying the group conscious.

**Petition #1 - That the Area Assembly void the decision of changing the Structures & Guidelines' Priority of Spending, to reflect that money be given to cover the delegates' expenses to the International Convention.**

**Petition #2 - Any money given as a result of this motion be returned to the Area Treasury, before Panel 55 rotates out in 2006.**

**Background and Research given to recording secretary for inclusion in the minutes:** Subject: The acceptance of adding a new line to the priority of spending taken at the January 2005 Orientation Assembly should be reversed. Reasons for petition: We believe that there was a conflict of interest in the voting process. This conflict of interest fueled a hasty decision. Interests in conflict: Adding a new line item to the S & G vs. need to be done immediately. Reasoning: We suspect that the urgency to render a vote was not for the sake of the Fellowship, but to send Keith H. to this year's International Convention. This conflict of interest which steered the voting process is the core of our petition. See January Orientation minutes. I. S & G distributed that morning at an Orientation Assembly. We remain unconvinced that the voting members had enough time to read the S & G, let alone study and research it enough to cast a fully informed vote to make any changes or additions. II. Need to change S & G was rushed. What was the big urgency to change the S & G anyway? III. Mal-information bout the Right to Decision privilege: Minutes do not mention anybody explaining that the recommended timing for using the Right of Decision is when the matter being discussed is of an urgent nature. WE remain unconvinced that changing the S & G was so urgent that it could not be taken back to the groups. IV. About the money: The home groups decide on the area budget. New line items, especially with a price tag of \$1,200 should require an opportunity to get home groups conscious. Officers and past delegates non-responsive to GSRs pleas to send it back to the groups. Odd occurrence since all morning they spoke on the importance and ultimate authority of home group conscious. VII. History of Hawaii Area 17 money management: Officers with a history of going over budget, but area covered cost after the officer had already spent the money. –Printing of the S & G allotted \$80; cost \$500, overage of \$420. –travel to International allotted \$400, bill to Area \$1600, overage of \$1200. – Last year home groups decided on buying the new microphone and speakers. How much more important is changing the S & G and adding \$1200 to the Priority of Spending to acquiring a new microphone? Why wasn't this issue subject to the same procedure? VIII. Conclusion:

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Groups got the right to be wrong, but not the right to stay wrong. This diversion from our Primary Purpose can be set right. Just as we believe %100 that "our leaders are but trusted servants" so do we believe 100% that our misleaders are but un-trusted servants.

**Discussion:** *Our primary purpose is to support the delegate. The petition is not to the substance of the motion; it is because it was done in haste. This was not done hastily, I served on the Finance Committee last year, and we had put it on the budget, although we later removed it off. I know all 5 districts I presented to thought it was a great idea. Is this because it was brought up at the Orientation Assembly, and the new GSR's weren't prepared? There were many DCM's and Committee members that are experienced in Area service. In the 12 th concept, it talks about AA does not take punitive actions. First tradition read. A member asked considering if taking the time on this issue worth it, is there any other way we can come to a solution. Clarify what you want; do you want a discussion or finish your motion. I want to go forward on presenting the information without diversions.*

**Notes on today's presentation on the petition have been distributed, and will be submitted to the Hawaii Area & Intergroups web sites. The following are verbatim on the notes.**

**Discussion:** *Lisa quoted page 2 of the January 2005 Orientation Assembly minutes, final paragraph. Also page 14, under new business. What happened to Keith's original motion from Saturday? My group feels that this was rushed and pushed through. why couldn't this have gone to the groups? We made a decision by taking Keith's name out of it, and just approving "Delegate", and we do feel the fellowship will benefit. I utilized my right of decision, and when I went back to my district, they agreed. Also, there was another matter on which we utilized the right of decision, with a similar price tag, and that is not mentioned one bit in the petition being brought. Page S1 of the Service Manual ".....it is a society of alcoholics in action", and to go back and renew this seems to be a exercise in futility. Most of our GSR's have some time in AA, and I trust my trusted servants. For the Petition #2, as for reimbursement, I think you folks should pass the basket at an assembly. Are we supposed to take back the documents given today in full? We are responsible to see that our groups/districts are informed. There is inflammatory language in the handouts.*

**Motion from the Downtown Lunch group regarding removing the Standing Committees from the Area structure** - Nobody here to present, no additional information given to Chris N., Alt DCM from the originating district. This will stay on the Agenda for the Area Assembly.

**Motion from the Convention Steering Committee:** 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 4 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.*

**What's on your mind?** DCM's please email your reports to the fellowship liaison at: [flsp2hiaaweb@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:flsp2hiaaweb@hawaii.rr.com) I can post to the district's page on the web site email.

3:37 pm motion to adjourn, seconded and none opposed.

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**Standing Committee Reports**

**Corrections –Rick - Absent-** I apologize for missing this committee meeting. About six months ago, my home-group selected me to chair our 20th birthday celebration, which is today. It wasn't until a couple of weeks ago that I realized this conflict in my schedule. At first my plan was to try to do both but that just wont work. I would like to report that yesterday I took a meeting into Laumaka Correctional Facility for the first time in years and it was a great experience. About 35 inmates showed up and we had a great meeting. We will now be taking on this commitment every Friday at 6:00 pm. So I am looking for more volunteers. Again, I apologize for my absence today. I will see you all in August.

**CEC-Marion -** Focus has been on planning and preparing for the FIRST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL "SOBER OVER SIXTY" CONFERENCE IN KAILUA, KONA, May 18-21, 2006 at the Outrigger Keauhou Beach Resort. At the first steering committee meetings, registration, program, contracts, meals, fun activities were reviewed and all of the steering committee paid in registration fees and luau fees to enable us to have a bank account. At the next committee meeting Saturday, June 18 a mailing of 650 registration forms to our contact list and Intergroups throughout the U.S.A. and Canada was completed. WE NEED HELP!!!!!! Distribution of the registration forms throughout the state is urgent. We need early registration as we started with a zero bank account. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SERVE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE, YOU ARE WELCOME. An update of forthcoming activities include: Stan B and Marion B are coordinators for the SOBER OVER SIXTY HOSPITALITY SUITE AT THE HUMBER ROOM, INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL IN TORONTO AT THE INTERNATIONAL, JUNE 30-- JULY 4. If you are attending the International please visit; CME presentation at the Wilcox Hospital on Kauai, no date as yet; Workshop on June 26 in the Leeward District; Flyers are available for the Second annual SOBER OVER SIXTY RETREAT AT THE AHU LANI SANCTUARY, OCTOBER 29 - 30, 2004. For additional information contact Marion B. at 808 329 0729 or marionb@hawaii.rr.com. Plans are in the works for the district sponsored SOBER OVER SIXTY KUPUNA DAY, Sunday, October 9, 2005 at the Palisades Recreation Center. it will follow the Area committee meeting on Saturday, October 22,2005 at the same locale. Two new Sober over Sixty meetings have started. One in Oregon and the other in Northern California. Also in Southern California area, the area just voted to support a "Cooperation with the Elder Community" standing committee.

**PI – Dianna –** The PI Committee has had a busy couple of months. We have had two committee meetings and will be having another at the next Assembly. On April 18, Mike, Arnold and I went to Kapolei High School. Mike and Arnold did a a great job speaking to three different classes. On Aril 21, Linda and I went to Kuhu Park Terrace for a Round Table for Help Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect. On May 14, Ruben was at the C. North Shore workshop, while I was at the Intergroup workshop. Both workshops were on service. On June 12, I enjoyed giving a presentation with Marianne the CPC chair at Founders day. Tomorrow we are looking forward to our delegate Keith giving the Report back at the Leeward District. Mililani High School has called for us to come and speak, I will be contacting them for a date.

**Achieves- -Sandi-** Has contact information for Sam B., please see at the break and I will be happy to share. Q. Have we ever thought to go to people who have moved off island about the Hawaii AA history? A. Yes. Can get workbook off [www.aa-org](http://www.aa-org). Collecting dialogue with members about group histories. "If we don't learn from our history (or problems or hurdles) we are doomed to repeat it". I have received a history from The Cottage, now defunct, from Joe G. Have business cards for members to open a dialogue with me for group histories. Special email is: [freeinghawaii@hotmail.com](mailto:freeinghawaii@hotmail.com). Want to do a web site: 1) need persons permission to put name on website 2) need family's permission if they have passed away. Must make honest attempt to find family 3) If you cannot find the family, use their name and a family member complains, you must remove it. 12 Coconuts was started by Ron R. and Randy and I are getting together to write about the other three days of the week that she started.

**Hospitals – Bridgette –** Much regrets for my absence from Oahu. My grandfather passed away in late May and my family required my time. While I was on Kauai filling my grandfather's side of the bed for my grandmother for a few weeks, I did a lot of meetings, attended Intergroup there and found a large need for Hospital service there. After my return to Oahu I arranged to return and held the first Hospitals Committee meeting there in some time.

We established a committee for Hospitals and Treatment of about five people. We got a great new district chair by the name of Rachel. While there I serviced a neglected rack at Wilcox Hospital, gave pamphlets to medical personnel to use for their discretion, put grapevines in the waiting areas and left meeting schedules in the lobby area. I visited the State Hospital, Mehelona, and left grapevines and pamphlets in their small rack. I also visited the Treatment Center that also had a neglected rack and filled it, much to their delight. They were also so happy to see Hospitals for AA that they quickly scheduled a panel discussion meeting with ask it basket time for their outpatient clients during their group time on July 11<sup>th</sup>. I enjoyed the fellowship on Kauai, their Intergroup and their small town love. It saved my life while I was there, service kept me out of my head and the fellowship carried me through. On Oahu we had a Hospital Committee meeting in April and I felt that it was nicely supported. Castle Hospital is not only being serviced by a meeting there but also now with literature by our trusted servant Laurie. Tripler, Queens and Kahuku continue to receive support. However, Queens did suspend all meetings at their facility until further notice pending policies for such volunteers. There are concerns such as TB tests. They are in Gods hands. On the Big Island Hospitals are still pumping. We have several people on this island doing excellent service and we are very pleased. We have a new contact for a part of the Big Island that wasn't covered before and are excited about that. If you are that new contact, please come and connect with me before the end of the day. Maui is trudging along, as is Lanai. I unfortunately have depleted my literature stock from my Kauai visit but will be making a new order with GSO. Because of a misunderstanding with GSO on my order I got a whole bunch of binders in Spanish, but I am sure I will have a fresh supply at our next assembly. Hospitals attended two workshops and will be stopping in on Leewards report back tomorrow. Intergroup had a workshop and three of Area's committee chairs were on hand to "sell service". Our next Hospital Committee meeting on Oahu will be on July 17, 1pm at Blaisdell Park. It will be a mini potluck meeting so come if you are interested in service or already in service. Let us know how it is in your neck of the woods. If you would like to have a member of Hospitals be at your workshop, presentation or district meeting please contact me. My number is: 313-1999 or 667-1119. And for that, I am responsible.

**CPC - Marianne**- It was reported in the June-July issue of Box 459 that at the General Service Conference there was a request that the trustees' Committee on Treatment Facilities/Cooperation With the Professional Community review current C.P.C. literature to see whether it provides easily accessible information on singleness of purpose, open and closed meetings, proof of attendance at meetings, anonymity and how to contact A.A. locally and report to the 2006 Conference Committee on C.P.C. In 2004, the C.P.C. desk responded to more than 1,900 inquiries from professionals, 961 were associated with visits to G.S.O.'s A.A. Web site; other requests came by letter, e-mail and phone. It was also reported that the committee gave the go-ahead to produce the C.P.C. Kit in a three-ring binder format. My copy of the new kit arrived in May! Chris, the D.C.M. from Puna District and Malissa, the D.C.M. from East Hawaii District welcomed me at Puna Districts last Saturday of the month pot-luck on May 28th for a round table presentation and question and answers about C.P.C. Approximately 20 members attended and asked a lot of questions, were very interested in C.P.C. and welcomed the workbooks and literature made available to them. Another presentation was made at the Oahu Intergroup's Founders Day Celebration on June 12th at McCoy Pavilion. The attendance was not as good as I would have liked, however, several members signed up and expressed interest in being on the C.P.C. committee. West Hawaii District's C.P.C. committee is currently making follow-up calls to the Clergy regarding the letter that was mailed to them in May. I have C.P.C. workbooks and literature to share with anyone interested in serving on the C.P.C. committee and I am looking forward to Leeward Districts Standing Committee Chairpersons roundtable discussions tomorrow at their Delegate Report Back.

**Mynah Bird- Mike** - We already have articles in for the August Mynah Bird (but not near enough) The deadline for submission must be postmarked by July 22. The topic for the next Mynah Bird has been has been printed in the previous MB as: "INVENTORIES". The lead-in printed in the last Mynah Bird was: "Inventories I understand, but what the Mynah Bird has been reporting to us has been about our groups. What do 'inventories' have to do with groups?" This kind of article is really here to showcase our "Service & our Home Groups" (Panel 55) as we prepare to move into another Panel (Panel 56.) It's out now that the Theme for Panel 56 is: "Service, Sponsorship and Self-Supporting in a Changing World". POINTS TO CONSIDER (In an effort to discover how well we are serving or how we can improve I ask you to consider the following on behalf of the membership of Area 17). Can we find out how many members are using the Mynah Bird? Can that number (best estimate) be sent to the Mynah Bird with the average number of attendees at your meetings? No names; No information; No collected information that would identify a group.

**Grapevine / LaVina - Keith**- On a personal note, it is very stressful to me to have to come to Committee Meetings, and being required to provide a written report. I have a learning disability. I would like to make arrangements with our Recording Secretary for an alternate way to present reports for the minutes. There are

special versions of the Grapevine to go into Correctional Facilities that are stitched together. (849) 677-1111  
GVRC@aagrapevine.org, this is the new Grapevine Rep Chair in New York. Circulations figures have been difficult to get, I am willing to do a workshop on any island, please give me 3 months in advance. I will be traveling until the middle of August and I will return ready to do more work for the Grapevine/LaVina. Read activities from the back of current issue.

#### **DCM Reports:**

**Kihei – Kathie – Absent** - Our district meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Kalama Heights retirement center. Attendance at district remains about the same with five out of fifteen groups participating at district. The 2nd annual Maui fest was held June 1st through the 5th at the Wailea Marriott. Attendance was about 450 members of aa and al anon. Activities included golf, tennis a 5k run, a sober snorkel cruise, a dance and a luau. There were marathon meetings speaker meetings and workshops. The feedback was very positive and everyone is looking forward to Maui fest next year. Founder's day was celebrated at Kam Iii Beach Park on Sunday June 12th with a barbecue / potluck, volleyball and sing-a-long. It was sponsored by Kihei morning serenity. Two meetings were held plus an impromptu al-anon meeting. About 225 attended. We had an all districts delegate report back on Saturday June 18th at the Lahaina Alano club. It was a potluck attended by thirty some members of the three districts. Many thanks to Keith for a fantastic report back! It was enjoyed by all. Kihei district decided that we would study a concept a month. One member reads up on a concept and presents it at our district meeting. We are all looking forward to learning more about the concepts of alcoholics anonymous. Danny R., district treatment chair, continues to take a meeting into the resource center Wednesday nights at 8:00 p.m. Colin H., district CPC chair, takes a panel to the dui class once a month. He has purchased the pamphlets "is aa for you" & "a newcomer asks" to leave for those interested along with meeting schedules. Keith K., area grapevine chair, presented the idea of purchasing grapevine subscriptions for doctor's offices. The Kalama park happy hour group has purchased a subscription of the grapevine that is sent to the Kihei urgent care office for their waiting room. Kihei district is starting plans for unity day, an all district event, set for September 18th.

**Manoa - Ted reporting for Debbie** - Life is good in the Manoa District. We have a small, core group of support at the district level, and have been involved in several activities over the past couple of months to help to carry the message. On June 5, we joined with the Windward District to host a delegate report back and picnic. Keith did a great job of explaining the work being done at GSO and has such enthusiasm for his role that it energizes those around him. After his report, we had a lot of fun hanging out, eating (of course) and swimming at beautiful Kailua Beach Park. We participated in Founders Day by putting together a workshop on the home group and service at that level. The workshops, meetings, dance, food, volleyball and fellowship were fantastic. That there were a lot of newcomers and folks in treatment in attendance was a plus. The best part of this deal is seeing them have fun – sober. I have visited both Waikiki and Waianae Districts to present the 2006 Hawaii Area Budget proposal, and many thanks to Sue Brown who attended the Honolulu District meeting when I could not. It was great to see the level of participation at both meetings I attended. Manoa District members continue to caravan to meetings in the district and work to get others involved. One of our hard working GSRs is moving to the mainland and that will be a great loss for us. But I have faith that God will provide what is needed. I'm looking forward to seeing some of you soon in Toronto and all of you in August at the Budget Assembly.

**C. North Shore – Hugh** - Our District held a workshop on May 14, 2005. The topic of the workshop was "Service from the Home Group up" based off of the pamphlet "The AA Group." It was a panel discussion format. It was a good turn out by all. Delegate Report back was held following the workshop on 14 May. We also continue to support the P.I. committee by funding new "Big Books" for our local libraries, and also continue to support services at Wahiawa General Hospital by taking care of the literature rack.

**Leeward - Erin** - No report turned in.

**East Hawaii – Malissa** – Over the past three months we have had great success at filling out the district obligations. We have gone from having one GSR to approximately nine GSRs. This is great progress, and due entirely to Virginia's devotion and perseverance. Thanks to Marianne's visit to the Volcano meeting on the Big Island and all of her information regarding CPC, we have tons of literature and Lizby, a member of the Intergroup here; Matthew, one of our newest GSRs and myself have been stocking the hospital's several facilities with necessary AA literature, this is something that has been long over due. We had great success joining forces with Archie and West Hawaii and were blessed to have Keith come to Waimea and give his Report Back. We had a great big group of people and a potluck. We are still looking to elect all of the positions at the District level, i.e.

secretary and treasurer in addition to the committee chair positions. At this time Virginia, our alternate DCM and I are holding down the fork so to speak. We are very encouraged about the support we are receiving now and look forward to filling more positions in the next three to six months. I would especially like to commend the service of Guy, GSR for Attitude Adjustment, who is our East Hawaii Corrections Chair. He has organized a solid panel of six men and is in the process of conducting meetings in the correctional facilities.

**Waikiki - Ken -** We would like to thank the Intergroup Founder's Day Committee for allowing us to participate in service. We had the pleasure of participating in the Alkathon and Workshop events and enjoyed being in service. We also have the opportunity to be a part of the International Convention "Flag Day Ceremony" broadcast event here on Oahu, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00am @ the Best Western Plaza Hotel by the airport. We are closing in on the printing of the revised Waikiki schedules and hopefully have the schedules available by the ending of July/ early August. Would like to thank the Standing Committee Chairs for your reply to our request for a synopsis and contact information for the service of your committees. To touch briefly on the experiences, we have the willing that wish to participate in service, yet the information presently available seemed over whelming for those to comprehend, the look of confusion, we decided to pass-on a simple sheet of the service and contact information for all interested members from the Committee Chairs. We are working on hosting our "Report Back from the Delegate" of the General Service Conference and the International Convention event combined on September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Time and location to follow. There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic hosted by the Happy Hour group @ Kapiolani Park , Ewa end, near the archery range. Thank you and we will see you at the Budget Assembly on Kauai.

**Honolulu – Chris N. for Patti -** Our district will be presenting 2 proposals at the Budget Assembly on Kauai. The first one was submitted by the Aloha Friday Group on March 18, 2005. They are petitioning to void the decision of changing the Structures and Guidelines Priority of Spending, to reflect that money be given to cover the delegates expenses to the International Convention. They are also proposing 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. Downtown Lunch will be proposing that the Priority of Spending be revised and reprioritized, specifically asking that the Standing Committees expenses be the responsibilities of the Intergroups. The upcoming events happening in the Honolulu district are: Malia Round-Up September 23-25 2005 and a district sponsored service workshop on November 26 at the McCoy pavilion. We are currently looking for Standing Committee liaisons in our district. We currently have one, which is Ruben for PI. Our last district meeting was rather small due to our DCM Patti being sick, because the meeting had initially been cancelled.

**Kauai - Bart- 1<sup>st</sup>** Intergroup / District Newsletter has been produced, and it has a wealth of information. Regarding the lost money for the August Assembly: Q. Asked if Kauai District if they contacted GSO regarding experience in the area of losing money that had been collected for a Area event. A. No. Jannene contact information is: Jannene 808 652-9120 and email: [kauaidistrictsixsec@hotmail.com](mailto:kauaidistrictsixsec@hotmail.com). Please contact her if you have not done so.

**Puna – KT for Chris -** Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous are held in the Puna District every day of the week. Fourteen meetings are held by 12 groups, two of which are women's groups. Meeting formats include Big Book study, Step and Tradition study, speakers, and daily reflections. All meetings are "open," most are handicap accessible, and three allow smoking in the outdoor meeting space. Meeting places range from church facilities to county parks and community centers. Nine groups actively participated in a Puna District inventory held Saturday, May 14, at Ahalanui County Park. The two-hour session covering seven questions was facilitated by Jackie M. and Mark D. Interest in action on Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community was expressed. On Saturday May 21 we hosted Keith H. for report back at the same park. On Saturday, May 28, a roundtable on CPC was presented by Marianne F. at the monthly Keep It Simple pot luck. June 5 the Puna district utilized literature from Marianne at an Informational table in Wailoa State park during We Are Ohana concert. Puna District planning for a CPC/PI event currently is at the group level. We hope to hold this service workshop in October. The location of the monthly Puna District meeting has changed. We now meet at the Hawaiian Acres Community Center at the corner of Road 8 and Road C. Meeting time remains 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month. <http://www.bigislandaa.com> continues to help carry the message. Notes from our district inventory have been given to Vernon to pass along to Achieves.

**West Hawaii – Archie -** We've been pretty busy. Our delegates report back was combined with district 7 East Hawaii, held in beautiful Waimea and well attended. Introduced by Jeanette F. a past delegate Keith H. was calm, collective, well rehearsed and fielded our questions like a pro. Our Founder's day celebration was held at west sides Kahaluu beach park, we reserved the large pavilion, had two barbecue pits going, lots of food and fun, every one enjoyed themselves. We're planning to get all three districts on the big island together to celebrate unity day with pot luck and camp out at south sides Punaluu Beach Park in August. On other fronts we've given funds



for big books in corrections and hospitals, correspondence with Clergy through our C.P.C. committee. Our internet guy has been helping anyone who wants help with the computer or connecting to area. Some progress has been made in getting meeting schedules to hotels, all approached have been supportive.

**No Ka Oi – Cliff** – Good participation, although several positions need to be filled. We had a great turnout at our Delegate report back. Hana caravan continues, and is much appreciated. Last Assembly left us with good funding for Standing Committee work. It was agreed upon, and Achieves will be shipped over. Will be visiting the digital archives.

**Diamond Head – Justin for Floyd** – Caravan meeting are doing well. Although no new GSRs have started to participate, our unity has sky-rocketed. We meet once a week, and have hit 17 of the 20-something meetings in our district. There is a problem with small meetings. We are still trying to alleviate our excess money. We have spent over \$200 on literature, including six Grapevine subscriptions. We have talked about holding another function, much discussion, but no agreement has been made. Our DCM attended PRAASA and provided us with a report. We are trying to schedule a time with Keith for a Delegate report back. Probably after the International. April 7<sup>th</sup>, Dianna from PI attended our district meeting and gave a great report. Our district made a decision, in response to a plea for financial support for new carpet in our meeting place, to donate up to but not to exceed \$100 to the church where we've been meeting for the last 10-15 years.

**Windward - Sue** - Windward District joined together with Manoa District for their Delegate Report-Back on June 5 at Kailua Beach Park. Keith gave a great talk on his experience and the events and decisions of the conference, and we all fellowshiped with a pot luck and barbeque. It was a great time! Our district has decided to reach out to groups that don't participate in district meetings or activities by splitting the groups up between the active GSRs, and each will visit the group. We will take a copy of the district meeting minutes, so they can see the types of things we discuss and can be better informed about what district involvement entails. Several well-known AA members have moved off-island, or will move in the near future. Ricarda has just moved to Iowa. Sally T. gas moved to Maryland, and, later in the summer, Jan D. will follow. They will be missed. The Windward DCM presented the 2006 budget to the Windward, Honolulu, and Leeward districts. I have yet to present the budget to Diamondhead district, but am scheduled to do so on July 7. These presentations have been a real learning experience for me and I appreciate the patience and great participation from all the districts and GSRs, as well as from the committee chairs and the Area Treasurer.

**Waianae - Steve**- Having Delegate Report back on 8/7, combining with our Annual Workshop and Picnic at Ma'ili Beach Park which is being held for 2 days 8/6 & 8/7. Caravan is no longer happening. We are having trouble removing a meeting from the meeting schedule with Oahu Intergroup. Sobriety 101 - 10am in Kapolei Park. Lunch Bunch - 1pm M-F at Ma'ili Beach Park near St. Johns Rd. The annual West Side Round-Up is happening next weekend, and we are expecting a huge turnout.

#### **Other Reports:**

**Convention Steering Committee – Francesca for Dee Dee** – Our last meeting was held on June 11, we met at Dee Dee's office due to the Kamehameha Day parade. We convened at 10 am and ended in record time at 11:30 am. All steering committee members were present; in addition we had Clay & Cecily from Alanon and Cathy who is helping Aike. Walter was also present and was approved to be the Facilities Chair. Cathy will start training Walter on his job as chair. We know that bulk mailing was done, however locally people have not received their convention registration fliers. Aike is going to have his bulk mail person, Tony, check with the post office to see if they have been mailed or if they are sitting in the post office. If we need to we will have another bulk mail out for residents. Reported at the last Area meeting we had applied for a name change with the IRS. We were missing a "motion" to change our name in our minutes. We took care of that in our last meeting and all information was mailed to the IRS again. Aike has cancelled the Convention Committee meeting scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> due to the International Convention and so many attending that function. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 9<sup>th</sup>.

# The 55th General Service Conference

## Basics of Our Home Group Delegate Report Back

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as the panel 55, Area 17 Hawaii Delegate. First let me thank you for the gift you have given me an allowing me to serve in this capacity. My wife Serena also needs our thanks for sacrificing me, and giving of her self to not have me home with her and Isabella. My thanks go out to all who make sacrifices for us to serve. I also want to thank you the Hawaii Area for helping me be prepared for the Conference experience.

What I saw at the Conference was a truly informed body that made decisions with their Higher Power. You would think that at this level of service we wouldn't have any problems, not so. I also saw some of the same things that happen at our assemblies happen at the Conference, lack of trust in the process and micromanaging. The Conference was a run like a tight ship; every thing was on time and very efficient. You also felt that there was great respect and admiration from everyone involved. No one took anything personally. It was amazing to see the Concepts and Traditions in action. To see the full communication process from the Homegroup to the Conference was like seeing history in the making. We all were in the process that Bill W. intended for us, that the AA groups have the ultimate authority for AA's world services.

I arrived at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30am. I was to meet with the Pacific Region Delegates for a 3 hour boat ride around Manhattan. Something like this happens every year so that we can better know the Regional Delegates. The highlight of the boat trip was seeing the General Service Office from the Hudson River. I guess it is also known as the God box, I presume because of its box like shape (and that it houses a host of ecumenical non-profit organizations, the whole building is subsidized by the Rockefeller Foundation).

After returning to the hotel we attended the (1728) meeting. This is an open meeting that is designed to help the Class A nonalcoholic Trustees understand the program they so devotedly serve. The topic was on the Fifth Step. There is a time at the end to ask the AA members questions.

Directly following the (1728) meeting I met with the Agenda Committee for dinner and fellowship. My Delegate buddy Dave P. from Long Island also joined us. This gave us a chance to get to know who we will be serving with for the next few days.

Next was the Delegates only meeting, the first of two for the week. On the agenda was an overview of the week; Committee Process, Full Conference Process and Delegate's Reports.

The questions and answers portion of this meeting brought up some things from last year's Conference. From what I gather there was a committee last year that only brought items to the full Conference if it was passed by 100% unanimity in committee, not the usual 2/3's? This brought about some loving debate.

That was it for day one, completely exhausted, but it was still only 4:00pm Hawaiian time so I was wide awake.

Sunday morning started with the Remote Communities workshop the theme was *A.A. Goes the Distance*. We listened to 10 Delegates share how they go the distance in there areas. We also discussed the 2005 Remote Communities Meeting in June in Toronto 2005. This meeting in Toronto will hopefully give the people who have been doing

this work an opportunity to meet and discuss other methods of carrying the message to Remote Communities.

Registration began at 11:00am; this is where we picked up our Conference Manual. In this Manual was everything we needed for the week the Agenda, Reports and General Information.

Regional luncheon followed here we discussed more of the Conference Process. We also talked about how we would nominate the Region's Trustee at Large. As you may recall Tanya E. is our nominee from Hawaii.

First Session is where I truly felt the Conference started. Greg M., the General Manager, took role call of all the Conference members. This was one of the highlights of this session. Jimmy Jack B. our Delegate Chairperson shared his thoughts from last year, he closed with a wonderful statement "Not one of us is given a torch big enough to lead the drunks of the world out of the darkness and into the light. If we stand together, the light will outshine the brightest torch. If we argue and bicker and blow at each other's candle so that each of us starts shielding our own little flame, the alcoholics of the world will continue to suffer in darkness, and so will we." This gave me tremendous hope for the future of our fellowship.

John K. rotating Trustee gave the Keynote address. He discussed our theme *Basics of Our Home Group*. He stated "the real autonomy of a group is not preserved by its distance from other groups, but by its proximity to them, by its creative diversity, and by its willingness to work together with other groups through the service structure."

Most of us had Joint Trustees Committees Meetings. This is where we heard all the work the Trustees have done that year and to ask questions of the Trustees on that Committee.

At the opening Dinner I sat next to Class A Trustee The Very Reverend Ward B. Ewing, D.D., one of the newest Class A's, President of the General Theological Seminary in New York City. He is so humble and eager to learn how AA works. I am so impressed with the enthusiasm to serve AA that the class A's have. They give so much with nothing in return. I am so grateful for their diligent dedication to serve the program that has saved my life.

The dinner was followed by a five speaker meeting. On the panel were two Delegates, two GSO Staff and a Trustee. The message of AA was loud and clear. After the meeting I got to hang out with some friends I had made going to ICYPAA Billy N. past Delegate and Paul C. A.A.W.S. Director.

Monday and Tuesday morning we meet in our assigned committees. As you may recall I am on the Agenda and International Conventions and Regional/Special Forums committees. The Agenda Committee is mostly responsible for the Theme, Presentations and Workshop topics for the following year. This may seem like no large task, but the theme sets the tone for AA over the next year. Most Areas in the US and Canada use this theme through out the year in workshops and presentations. This assignment was not taken lightly, we meet for six hours. I did take the ideas that you as an Area suggested to me. I am sorry to report that none of the suggestions you gave me are next year's theme. The discussion in committee revolved about last year's theme and how we should tie it into this year's. Sponsorship seemed logical to follow homegroup theme. Service in a homegroup is also very essential and this should also be in the theme. Self-support came up because of the cut backs the GSO has made and the \$1 increase of all books sales, excluding the Big Book. Our theme for next year's Conference ended up being *Sponsorship, Service and Self-support in a Changing World*. "In a Changing World" came up because we have to keep up with this changing world of high speed internet and who is coming to AA is a lot different than 70 years ago. Also, the cost of living has gone up since then as well.

I am honored to report that I was elected to serve as Conference Agenda Committee Chairperson. It will give me the wonderful opportunity to attend the Board Weekend in January next year.

Monday afternoon session began with reports from GSO, AAWS and Grapevine Boards.

Elaine McDowell, rotating Class A. Trustee, reported that the AA service manual was added to the AA web site in English, French and Spanish.

The Big Book is now available in 52 languages world wide. Translation has begun on the *Daily Reflections* into simplified Chinese.

Ron G. Chairperson AAWS reported that GSO welcomed 1,388 visitors to the office in 2004. At year end GSO had 79 full-time staff, and 6 part-time students. A net total of 619 new groups registered with GSO last year. Each new GSR received AA literature and basic information to encourage support with local structure.

Our very own David E., Chairperson to the Grapevine Board, reported that Mike P. General Service Trustee, will take his place as chair of the Grapevine Board following the 55<sup>th</sup> GSC. The Grapevine came in behind budget by \$44,155. The Grapevine Corp. was still in the black for the second year with a net income of \$60,950. The average monthly circulation for 2004 was 108,203. Total magazine income for 2004 was \$1,657,820. The Digital Archive is a great resource for finding AA's history and other topics that have been published in the Grapevine. You can find the Archive at [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org).

The La Viña presented the fellowship with six issues of vital topics that include the Traditions, carrying the message to the deaf alcoholic, and Brazil's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Financially La Viña showed a loss of \$108,050 for 2004, compared to a budgeted loss of \$118,700, which is \$10,644 better than expected.

Vince E. Keefe, Class A Trustee Chair of the Trustees Finance and Budgetary Committee, gave a wonderful power point presentation on Finance. I have a few copies for you to look at. One of the things that stood out to me was the amount we contribute is higher but the percentage of groups that contribute is lower. We have about 43% of AA groups that participate. Currently our Reserve Fund is at 8.5 months compared to 2002 when it was at 11.2 months. Actions to maintaining the Reserve Fund include:

- Announced increases in certain book prices and handling charges effective July 1, 2005
- Accomplished a major cost reduction program at the GSO to lower our annual operating costs

If anyone is interested in the full financial report I can mail it to you. Keep in mind a full Conference report will be available in August.

The rest of the evening was Delegate Area Highlights and Presentations on Recovery and The AA Grapevine. All presentations were outstanding, well thought out and informative.

The AA Grapevine has fourteen full-time staff and four regular freelancers. A question asked of Robin B., AA Grapevine Executive Editor, was "how can we the fellowship have a say in what goes into the books that the Grapevine publishes?" The stories in the AA Grapevine books are taken from the monthly issues. The Conference can not approve all monthly issues of the Grapevine so we entrust that they will act in good faith of the principles of our fellowship.

Tuesday afternoon continued with Area highlights. O'Dell H. gave a wonderful presentation on *love and tolerance of others is our code*. He talked about how people deal with AA's singleness of purpose. That what was given to him was lots of love and tolerance. This was also true for me when I came to AA, people loved me and definitely tolerated me. I need to pass on the love and tolerance that was given to me.

Tuesday afternoon we headed up to the General Service Office for a tour. This was not my first time to the office but it sure was different going as a Delegate. I felt like I was a part of this great fellowship and I was participating in reaching someone that I don't know, but will be helped by the work we do.

It was however my first trip to the AA Grapevine Office. When I walked into that office I was met with a smile from a new staffer at the AA Grapevine. I took the self guided tour and ran into David. I guess the thing that stood out was, where they did the Digital Archive. This was done at what looked like my PC. I thought it would have been this massive computer with all kinds of bells and whistles.

The Riverside Church is right next to the Office. This Church was built by John D. Rockefeller. As you may already know Rockefeller had a great deal to do with the early growth of AA. His family also built the building that the General Service Office is in.

The Delegates Only Meeting had discussion about putting all conference background material on the web.

Wednesday we elected three new trustees: Bob Mayer for East Central Regional, Howard Lowery from South East Regional and Dorothy Wilson Trustee-at-Large US from East Central.

That night the Pacific region Delegates gave their area highlights. By this time I was too tired to be nervous. I am happy to report that neither I nor any of the Pacific went over our two minute time. I felt so supported by our region; all of the 54's sat in the front row. I think we belong to the greatest region, we are all are so informed. We have a great tool in our region (PRAASA).

I attended the Joint Dinner meeting of the Trustees and the Conference Committees on the International Conventions/Regional Forums. I was looking forward to this meeting all week. I, you recall, suggested that the trustees Committee go ahead with *incepted anonymity protected broadcast of the opening flag ceremony*. Again was happily surprised that all were in favor of this consideration. The same comments came up here that came up at our Assembly. They as well wanted more AA's to be able to participate. At this meeting we were thinking so far ahead we want more, faster and to share with all. We were reminded by our General Manager that things in AA happen slowly and that we need to see if this works, if the fellowship likes it, and how well we can produce it. We did unanimously recommend it to the full body.

Later that night we started the Committee Reports. This is when we hear all the work the Committees have done in the first part of the week. We didn't get to any Recommendations. (Recommendations by a Committee are motions that have been seconded) This gave us a taste of what was going to happen on Thursday.

Thursday morning we listened to Committee reports and their recommendations. One report took five and a half hours of loving discussion.

CPC, Grapevine, Archives and Treatment had no recommendations. Correctional Facilities recommended and passed the singleness of purpose statement in the pamphlet "A Message to Correctional Professionals". The name of the Committee was also change from "Correctional Facilities" to "Conference Committee on Corrections." We approved

that a progress report on the development of a media presentation introducing AA to training academies be brought back to the 2006 Conference.

All recommendations that Public Information brought to the floor were accepted. The updated Membership Survey will reflect its findings from the 2004 Survey. The (PSA) "Living in Chaos" was approved. I think that all were inspired by this (PSA) and the powerful message it will carry. We will also be looking at updating two videos "AA Rap with Us" and "Young People and AA." We will discontinue distribution of the video "AA-An Inside View" .

We accepted the Finance Committee's recommendation to increase Areas contributions for Delegate expenses to the GSC from \$800 to \$1200. The last increase was in 1997.

The Policy/ Admissions Committee recommended that the time table for the election of Delegates from Western Canada be revised to allow for even distribution of new Delegates. We accepted their recommendation.

The Conference accepted Report and Charter's recommendation that information about the Digital Archive be added to the AA Service Manual. Also approved by the Conference, online meetings will be listed in AA directories.

The Trustees committee listed all the recommendations of officers to be accepted

Literature Committee went beyond the call. I will try and give you all the recommendations that were accepted.

- We will have a new introduction to the 12&12.
- The "Young People" pamphlet be revised and a progress report will be forwarded to the 2006 GSC.
- The Spanish third edition Big Book will continue to be developed and a progress report will be brought to the 2006 GSC.
- The AA Group Pamphlet will be revised.
- The pamphlet "Your AA General Service Office" will have an update heading for the AA Grapevine.
- The term "sexual preference" will be replaced with the term "sexual orientation" in the pamphlet "AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic".
- There will be four new paragraphs in the "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" regarding Service Sponsorship.

Saturday morning brunch was a time for rotating Trustees to have a chance to give farewell talks. The sacrifices they have given to the fellowship are enormous. This was one of the best parts of my conference experience. I have such great respect and appreciation for those who participate in service. The grace in which they serve is remarkable.

Thank you for giving me this great opportunity to serve our fellowship.

In loving service,

Keith Hashimoto  
Panel 55 Delegate  
Area 17, Hawaii

**HAWAII AREA #17  
TREASURERS REPORT  
June 23, 2005**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS:**

<b>First Hawaiian Bank, Checking</b>	<b>\$12,061.51</b>
<b>First Hawaiian Bank, Savings</b>	<b>\$ 3,476.64</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>\$15,538.15</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$15,538.15</b>
<b>Total Contributions Income</b>	
<b>Jan 1, 2005 – June 23, 2005</b>	<b>\$ 9915.08</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	
<b>Jan1, 2005 – June 23, 2005</b>	<b>\$15,578.83</b>
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<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$6,063.75</b>

**We have had significant expenses at the beginning of the year. I believe the balance of the year will show less and less of a loss as the year ends.**

**Jerry   
Treasurer Area 17**

**Hawaii Area Committee**  
**Profit & Loss**  
 January 1 through June 23, 2005

Jan 1 - Jun 23, 05

Income

Contributions Income (Dist.)

District #01 Diamond Head	892.87
District #02 Honolulu	230.24
District #03 Leeward	216.80
District #04 Windward	674.79
District #05 No Ka Oi	876.13
District #06 Kauai	870.50
District #07 East Hawaii	125.68
District #08 West Hawaii	1,171.73
District #09 Central N. Shore	574.35
District #10 Waikiki	2,142.75
District #11 Kihei	828.05
District #12 Puna	215.62
District #13 West Maui	270.06
District #14 Manoa	202.99
District #17 Waianae	222.52

Total Contributions Income (Dist.) 9,515.08

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Expense

Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail

Area Assemblies	640.00
Area Meetings	615.00
Computer and programs	1,014.00
General Service Conference	1,467.33
Insurance	500.00
Interisland Airfare - Area Meet	4,850.20
International Convention	1,222.00
Office Supplies	261.41
Phone	20.82
Postage	66.28
PRASSA	2,576.63
Printing	
2004 Year end report	132.28
Printing - Other	1,124.41

Total Printing 1,256.69

Trustee Visit 388.50

Total Hawaii Area As A Whole - Detail 14,878.86

Hawaii Area Standing Committies

Coop/Elderly Community 237.50

Corrections

    Postage/PO Box/Printing 9.06

Total Corrections 9.06

Grapevine

    Printing/Postage 61.87



Hawaii Area Committee  
**Profit & Loss**  
January 1 through June 23, 2005

	<u>Jan 1 - Jun 23, 05</u>
Total Grapevine	61.87
Hospitals	
Literature	204.94
Postage	5.00
Printing	6.30
Total Hospitals	<u>216.24</u>
Mynah Bird	
Misc./Internet	21.13
Printing (6 Issues)	154.17
Total Mynah Bird	<u>175.30</u>
Total Hawaii Area Standing Committies	<u>699.97</u>
Total Expense	<u>15,578.83</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-6,063.75</u></u>

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

	<u>Jan - Dec 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
<b>Total HASC - Archive -Ted Kramer</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-500.00</u>
<b>HASC - Archives</b>		
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
<b>Total HASC - Archives</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-495.00</u>
<b>HASC - Coop w/ Elderly Comm.</b>		
Litterature	12.50	-325.00
Paper,Printing, Copying	225.00	-275.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
<b>Total HASC - Coop w/ Elderly Comm.</b>	<u>237.50</u>	<u>-620.00</u>
<b>HASC - Corrections</b>		
Books/Videos/Literature	0.00	-300.00
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage & Printing	9.06	-50.00
Workshops	0.00	-160.00
<b>Total HASC - Corrections</b>	<u>9.06</u>	<u>-530.00</u>
<b>HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional</b>		
Literature/Videos	0.00	-162.00
Postage/Phone	0.00	-57.00
Printing	0.00	-50.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
<b>Total HASC - CPC (Cooperations w/Professional</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-429.00</u>
<b>HASC - Finance Committee</b>		
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage	0.00	-37.00
Printing &Next Yrs. Bdgt.	0.00	-300.00
<b>Total HASC - Finance Committee</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-357.00</u>
<b>HASC - Grapevine</b>		
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
<b>Total HASC - Grapevine</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-360.00</u>
<b>HASC - Hospitals</b>		
Literature	204.94	-150.00

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

	<u>Jan - Dec 05</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Phone	0.00	-20.00
Postage	5.00	-12.00
Printing	6.30	-50.00
Travel	0.00	-160.00
Workshops	0.00	-50.00
<b>Total HASC - Hospitals</b>	<u>216.24</u>	<u>-442.00</u>
<b>HASC - Mynah Bird</b>		
Misc., Postage, Phone, etc.	21.13	-100.00
Printing (100 copies per issue)	216.04	-500.00
<b>Total HASC - Mynah Bird</b>	<u>237.17</u>	<u>-600.00</u>
<b>HASC - PI (Public Information)</b>		
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
<b>Total HASC - PI (Public Information)</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-617.00</u>
<b>HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)</b>		
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
<b>Total HASC - TFC (Treatment Facilities Comm.)</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-520.00</u>
<b>Hawaii Area Officers/As Whole</b>		
<b>Area Mtgs</b>		
Area Committee Mtgs. Fees	320.00	-1,280.00
Assembly Registration Fees	935.00	-1,280.00
<b>Total Area Mtgs</b>	<u>1,255.00</u>	<u>-2,560.00</u>
<b>Area Phone</b>		
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
<b>Total Area Phone</b>	<u>20.82</u>	<u>-180.00</u>
<b>Area Postage</b>		
Alt Chair	0.00	-15.00
Area Chair	0.00	-30.00
Delegate/Alt.Delegate	14.80	-60.00
Financial (incl budget)	45.88	-37.00
Other Area Officers	5.60	-25.00

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

	<u>Jan - Dec 05</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Total Area Postage</b>	66.28	-167.00
<b>Area Printing</b>		
2004 Year End Report	132.28	-75.00
Agendas , Minutes & Registration	104.88	-75.00
Area Chair & Alt. Chair	58.25	-150.00
Delegate/Alt.Delegate	550.77	-375.00
Finance Committee	0.00	-300.00
GSR Guide	300.00	-75.00
Misc.	104.26	
Special Reports	6.25	-75.00
Structure & Guidelines	0.00	-150.00
<b>Total Area Printing</b>	<u>1,256.69</u>	<u>-1,275.00</u>
<b>General Sv Conf</b>		
Add GSO Support \$400. if able	0.00	-400.00
Hotel	498.00	-500.00
Meals	118.33	-100.00
Min. Registration	800.00	-800.00
Transportation & Misc.	51.00	-50.00
<b>Total General Sv Conf</b>	<u>1,467.33</u>	<u>-1,850.00</u>
<b>Insurance</b>	500.00	-450.00
<b>Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs</b>		
Area Off. & Stand,. Com. (est. 8x9)	3,783.18	-9,600.00
Assist Districts Air Fare	0.00	-320.00
Conv. Steering Air Fare	571.74	-1,920.00
Delegate's Report 1.5	321.28	-320.00
Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs - Other	174.00	
<b>Total Interisland Airfare for Area Mtgs</b>	<u>4,850.20</u>	<u>-12,160.00</u>
<b>Office Supplies</b>		
Computer	237.49	-50.00
Officers	0.00	-30.00
Registra	0.00	-15.00
Secretary	0.00	-15.00
Treasurer	23.92	-25.00
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	<u>261.41</u>	<u>-135.00</u>
<b>PRASSA</b>		
Airfare 2 @ \$600	1,789.50	-1,200.00
Banquet 2 @ \$25	25.00	-50.00
Delegate Lunch 1 @ \$20	35.00	-20.00
Hotel 2@200	604.45	-600.00
Meals	32.68	-200.00
PRASSA Tapes 1 set @ \$70	75.00	-70.00
Registration 2 @ \$15.	8.00	-30.00
Transportation/ Misc. 2 @ \$25	7.00	-50.00
<b>Total PRASSA</b>	<u>2,576.63</u>	<u>-2,220.00</u>

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	<u>Jan - Dec 05</u>	<u>Budget</u>
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>12,642.86</u>	<u>-21,867.00</u>
Taxes	0.00	-200.00
TOTAL	<u><u>13,342.83</u></u>	<u><u>-27,547.00</u></u>

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so High that

# The 55th General Service Conference

## Basics of Our Home Group Delegate Report Back

It is truly an honor and a privilege to serve as the panel 55, Area 17 Hawaii Delegate. First let me thank you for the gift you have given me an allowing me to serve in this capacity. My wife Serena also needs our thanks for sacrificing me, and giving of her self to not have me home with her and Isabella. My thanks go out to all who make sacrifices for us to serve. I also want to thank you the Hawaii Area for helping me be prepared for the Conference experience.

What I saw at the Conference was a truly informed body that made decisions with their Higher Power. You would think that at this level of service we wouldn't have any problems, not so. I also saw some of the same things that happen at our assemblies happen at the Conference, lack of trust in the process and micromanaging. The Conference was a run like a tight ship; every thing was on time and very efficient. You also felt that there was great respect and admiration from everyone involved. No one took anything personally. It was amazing to see the Concepts and Traditions in action. To see the full communication process from the Homegroup to the Conference was like seeing history in the making. We all were in the process that Bill W. intended for us, that the AA groups have the ultimate authority for AA's world services.

I arrived at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30am. I was to meet with the Pacific Region Delegates for a 3 hour boat ride around Manhattan. Something like this happens every year so that we can better know the Regional Delegates. The highlight of the boat trip was seeing the General Service Office from the Hudson River. I guess it is also known as the God box, I presume because of its box like shape (and that it houses a host of ecumenical non-profit organizations, the whole building is subsidized by the Rockefeller Foundation).

After returning to the hotel we attended the (1728) meeting. This is an open meeting that is designed to help the Class A nonalcoholic Trustees understand the program they so devotedly serve. The topic was on the Fifth Step. There is a time at the end to ask the AA members questions.

Directly following the (1728) meeting I met with the Agenda Committee for dinner and fellowship. My Delegate buddy Dave P. from Long Island also joined us. This gave us a chance to get to know who we will be serving with for the next few days.

Next was the Delegates only meeting, the first of two for the week. On the agenda was an overview of the week; Committee Process, Full Conference Process and Delegate's Reports.

The questions and answers portion of this meeting brought up some things from last year's Conference. From what I gather there was a committee last year that only brought items to the full Conference if it was passed by 100% unanimity in committee, not the usual 2/3's? This brought about some loving debate.

That was it for day one, completely exhausted, but it was still only 4:00pm Hawaiian time so I was wide awake.

Sunday morning started with the Remote Communities workshop the theme was *A.A. Goes the Distance*. We listened to 10 Delegates share how they go the distance in there areas. We also discussed the 2005 Remote Communities Meeting in June in Toronto 2005. This meeting in Toronto will hopefully give the people who have been doing this work an opportunity to meet and discuss other methods of carrying the message to Remote Communities.

Registration began at 11:00am; this is where we picked up our Conference Manual. In this Manual was everything we needed for the week the Agenda, Reports and General Information.

Regional luncheon followed here we discussed more of the Conference Process. We also talked about how we would nominate the Region's Trustee at Large. As you may recall Tanya E. is our nominee from Hawaii.

First Session is where I truly felt the Conference started. Greg M., the General Manager, took role call of all the Conference members. This was one of the highlights of this session. Jimmy Jack B. our Delegate Chairperson shared his thoughts from last year, he closed with a wonderful statement "Not one of us is given a torch big enough to lead the drunks of the world out of the darkness and into the light. If we stand together, the light will outshine the brightest torch. If we argue and bicker and blow at each other's candle so that each of us starts shielding our own little flame, the alcoholics of the world will continue to suffer in darkness, and so will we." This gave me tremendous hope for the future of our fellowship.

John K. rotating Trustee gave the Keynote address. He discussed our theme *Basics of Our Home Group*. He stated "the real autonomy of a group is not preserved by its distance from other groups, but by its

proximity to them, by its creative diversity, and by its willingness to work together with other groups through the service structure.”

Most of us had Joint Trustees Committees Meetings. This is where we heard all the work the Trustees have done that year, and to ask questions of the Trustees on that Committee.

At the opening Dinner I sat next to Class A Trustee The Very Reverend Ward B. Ewing, D.D., one of the newest Class A's, President of the General Theological Seminary in New York City. He is so humble and eager to learn how AA works. I am so impressed with the enthusiasm to serve AA that the class A's have. They give so much with nothing in return. I am so grateful for there diligent dedication to serve the program that has saved my life.

The dinner was followed by a five speaker meeting. On the panel were two Delegates, two GSO Staff and a Trustee. The message of AA was loud and clear. After the meeting I got to hang out with some friends I had made going to ICYPAA Billy N. past Delegate and Paul C. A.A.W.S. Director.

Monday and Tuesday morning we meet in our assigned committees. As you may recall I am on the Agenda and International Conventions and Regional/Special Forums committees. The Agenda Committee is mostly responsible for the Theme, Presentations and Workshop topics for the following year. This may seem like no large task, but the theme sets the tone for AA over the next year. Most Areas in the US and Canada use this theme through out the year in workshops and presentations. This assignment was not taken lightly, we meet for six hours. I did take the ideas that you as an Area suggested to me. I am sorry to report that none of the suggestions you gave me are next year's theme. The discussion in committee revolved about last year's theme and how we should tie it into this year's. Sponsorship seemed logical to follow homegroup theme. Service in a homegroup is also very essential and this should also be in the theme. Self-support came up because of the cut backs the GSO has made and the \$1 increase of all books sales, excluding the Big Book. Our theme for next year's Conference ended up being *Sponsorship, Service and Self-support in a Changing World*. "In a Changing World" came up because we have to keep up with this changing world of high speed internet and who is coming to AA is a lot different than 70 years ago. Also, the cost of living has gone up since then as well.

I am honored to report that I was elected to serve as Conference Agenda Committee Chairperson. It will give me the wonderful opportunity to attend the Board Weekend in January next year.



Monday afternoon session began with reports from GSO, AAWS and Grapevine Boards.

Elaine M. [REDACTED], rotating Class A. Trustee, reported that the AA service manual was added to the AA web site in English, French and Spanish.

The Big Book is now available in 52 languages world wide. Translation has begun on the *Daily Reflections* into simplified Chinese.

Ron G. Chairperson AAWS reported that GSO welcomed 1,388 visitors to the office in 2004. At year end GSO had 79 full-time staff, and 6 part-time students. A net total of 619 new groups registered with GSO last year. Each new GSR received AA literature and basic information to encourage support with local structure.

Our very own David E., Chairperson to the Grapevine Board, reported that Mike P. General Service Trustee, will take his place as chair of the Grapevine Board following the 55<sup>th</sup> GSC. The Grapevine came in behind budget by \$44,155. The Grapevine Corp. was still in the black for the second year with a net income of \$60,950. The average monthly circulation for 2004 was 108,203. Total magazine income for 2004 was \$1,657,820. The Digital Archive is a great resource for finding AA's history and other topics that have been published in the Grapevine. You can find the Archive at [www.aagrapevine.org](http://www.aagrapevine.org).

The La Viña presented the fellowship with six issues of vital topics that include the Traditions, carrying the message to the deaf alcoholic, and Brazil's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Financially La Viña showed a loss of \$108,050 for 2004, compared to a budgeted loss of \$118,700, which is \$10,644 better then expected.

Vince E. K. [REDACTED], Class A Trustee Chair of the Trustees Finance and Budgetary Committee, gave a wonderful power point presentation on Finance. I have a few copies for you to look at. One of the things that stood out to me was the amount we contribute is higher but the percentage of groups that contribute is lower. We have about 43% of AA groups that participate. Currently our Reserve Fund is at 8.5 months compared to 2002 when it was at 11.2 months. Actions to maintaining the Reserve Fund include:

- Announced increases in certain book prices and handling charges effective July 1, 2005
- Accomplished a major cost reduction program at the GSO to lower our annual operating costs

If anyone is interested in the full financial report I can mail it to you. Keep in mind a full Conference report will be available in August.

The rest of the evening was Delegate Area Highlights and Presentations on Recovery and The AA Grapevine. All presentations were outstanding, well thought out and informative.

The AA Grapevine has fourteen full-time staff and four regular freelancers. A question asked of Robin B., AA Grapevine Executive Editor, was "how can we the fellowship have a say in what goes into the books that the Grapevine publishes?" The stories in the AA Grapevine books are taken from the monthly issues. The Conference can not approve all monthly issues of the Grapevine so we entrust that they will act in good faith of the principles of our fellowship.

Tuesday afternoon continued with Area highlights. O'Dell H. gave a wonderful presentation on *love and tolerance of others is our code*. He talked about how people deal with AA's singleness of purpose. That what was given to him was lots of love and tolerance. This was also true for me when I came to AA, people loved me and definitely tolerated me. I need to pass on the love and tolerance that was given to me.

Tuesday afternoon we headed up to the General Service Office for a tour. This was not my first time to the office but it sure was different going as a Delegate. I felt like I was a part of this great fellowship and I was participating in reaching someone that I don't know, but will be helped by the work we do.

It was however my first trip to the AA Grapevine Office. When I walked into that office I was met with a smile from a new staffer at the AA Grapevine. I took the self guided tour and ran into David. I guess the thing that stood out was, where they did the Digital Archive. This was done at what looked like my PC. I thought it would have been this massive computer with all kinds of bells and whistles.

The Riverside Church is right next to the Office. This Church was built by John D. Rockefeller. As you may already know Rockefeller had a great deal to do with the early growth of AA. His family also built the building that the General Service Office is in.

The Delegates Only Meeting had discussion about putting all conference background material on the web.

Wednesday we elected three new trustees: Bob M. [REDACTED] for East Central Regional, Howard Lowery from South East Regional and Dorothy Wilson Trustee-at-Large US from East Central.

That night the Pacific region Delegates gave their area highlights. By this time I was too tired to be nervous. I am happy to report that neither I nor any of the Pacific went over our two minute time. I felt so supported by our region; all of the 54's sat in the front row. I think we belong to the greatest region, we are all are so informed. We have a great tool in our region (PRAASA).

I attended the Joint Dinner meeting of the Trustees and the Conference Committees on the International Conventions/Regional Forums. I was looking forward to this meeting all week. I, you recall, suggested that the trustees Committee go ahead with *incepted anonymity protected broadcast of the opening flag ceremony*. Again was happily surprised that all were in favor of this consideration. The same comments came up here that came up at our Assembly. They as well wanted more AA's to be able to participate. At this meeting we were thinking so far ahead we want more, faster and to share with all. We were reminded by our General Manager that things in AA happen slowly and that we need to see if this works, if the fellowship likes it, and how well we can produce it. We did unanimously recommend it to the full body.

Later that night we started the Committee Reports. This is when we hear all the work the Committees have done in the first part of the week. We didn't get to any Recommendations. (Recommendations by a Committee are motions that have been seconded) This gave us a taste of what was going to happen on Thursday.

Thursday morning we listened to Committee reports and their recommendations. One report took five and a half hours of loving discussion.

CPC, Grapevine, Archives and Treatment had no recommendations. Correctional Facilities recommended and passed the singleness of purpose statement in the pamphlet "A Message to Correctional Professionals". The name of the Committee was also change from "Correctional Facilities" to "Conference Committee on Corrections." We approved that a progress report on the development of a media presentation introducing AA to training academies be brought back to the 2006 Conference.

All recommendations that Public Information brought to the floor were accepted. The updated Membership Survey will reflect its findings from the 2004 Survey. The (PSA) "Living in Chaos" was approved. I think

that all were inspired by this (PSA) and the powerful message it will carry. We will also be looking at updating two videos "AA Rap with Us" and "Young People and AA." We will discontinue distribution of the video "AA-An Inside View" .

We accepted the Finance Committee's recommendation to increase Areas contributions for Delegate expenses to the GSC from \$800 to \$1200. The last increase was in 1997.

The Policy/ Admissions Committee recommended that the time table for the election of Delegates from Western Canada be revised to allow for even distribution of new Delegates. We accepted their recommendation.

The Conference accepted Report and Charter's recommendation that information about the Digital Archive be added to the AA Service Manual. Also approved by the Conference, online meetings will be listed in AA directories.

The Trustees committee listed all the recommendations of officers to be accepted

Literature Committee went beyond the call. I will try and give you all the recommendations that were accepted.

- We will have a new introduction to the 12&12.
- The "Young People" pamphlet be revised and a progress report will be forwarded to the 2006 GSC.
- The Spanish third edition Big Book will continue to be developed and a progress report will be brought to the 2006 GSC.
- The AA Group Pamphlet will be revised.
- The pamphlet "Your AA General Service Office" will have an update heading for the AA Grapevine.
- The term "sexual preference" will be replaced with the term "sexual orientation" in the pamphlet "AA and the Gay/Lesbian Alcoholic".
- There will be four new paragraphs in the "Questions and Answers on Sponsorship" regarding Service Sponsorship.

Saturday morning brunch was a time for rotating Trustees to have a chance to give farewell talks. The sacrifices they have given to the fellowship are enormous. This was one of the best parts of my conference experience. I have such great respect and appreciation for those who participate in service. The grace in which they serve is remarkable.

**Thank you for giving me this great opportunity to serve our fellowship.**

**In loving service,**

**Keith Hashimoto  
Panel 55 Delegate  
Area 17, Hawaii**

June 19, 2005

To: Hawaii Area 17 Secretary, Elizabeth B.  
From: Aloha Friday Night Group of A.A.  
RE: Notes on Presentation of Petition Given June 26, 2005

Subject: The acceptance of adding a new line item to the Priority of Spending taken at the January 2005 Orientation Assembly should be reversed.

Reasons for petition: We believe that there was a conflict of interest in the voting process. This conflict of interest fueled a hasty decision.

Interests in Conflict: Adding a new line item to the S&G vs. Need to be done immediately

Reasoning: We suspect that the urgency to render a vote was not for the sake of the Fellowship, but to send Keith H to this year's international convention. This conflict of interest which steered the voting process is the core of our petition.

See January Orientation Minutes

I. S&G distributed that morning at an Orientation Assembly:

We remain unconvinced that the voting members had enough time to read the S&G, let alone study and research it enough to cast a fully informed vote to make *any* changes or additions.

II. Need to change S&G was rushed:

What was the *big urgency* to change the S&G anyway?

III. Mal-information about Right to Decision privilege:

Minutes do not mention anybody explaining that the recommended timing for using the Right of Decision is when the matter being discussed is of an urgent nature.

We remain unconvinced that changing the S&G was so urgent that it could not be taken back to the groups.

#### IV. About the money:

The home groups decide on the area budget. New line items, especially with a price tag of \$1,200 should require an opportunity to get home group conscience.

Officers and past delegates nonresponsive to G.S.R.s pleas to send it back to the groups. Odd occurrence since all morning they spoke on the importance and ultimate authority of home group conscience.

#### VII. History of Hawaii Area 17 Money Management

Officers with a history of going over budget, but area covered cost after the officer had already spent the money.

- printing of S&G - Allotted \$80 - Cost \$500 - An overage of \$420
- travel to International - Allotted \$400 - Bill to area - \$1,600 - An overage of 1,200

- Last year, home groups decided on buying the new microphone & speakers. How much more important is changing the S&G and adding \$1,200 to the Priority of Spending to acquiring a new microphone? Why wasn't this issue subject to the same procedure?

#### VII. Conclusion:

Groups got the right to be wrong; but not the right to stay wrong.

This diversion from our primary purpose can be set right.

Just as we believe, 100%, that "our leaders are but trusted servants." so do we believe, 100%, that our misleaders are but untrusted servants.

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 the Alternate Delegate and the Alternate Area Chairperson, from the Area Assembly. A quorum shall be 4 out of 6 members present. A two thirds majority vote shall be required in all general operational matters. Approval from the area assembly is required 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 the alternate delegate and the alternate area chair, 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 matter. Approval from the area assembly is required for:

To read:

2. Terms are as follows; Convention Chairperson has a four-year commitment, Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chair serve two years.

Deleting the last sentence which currently reads:

*The Facilities Coordinator Chair for one year.*