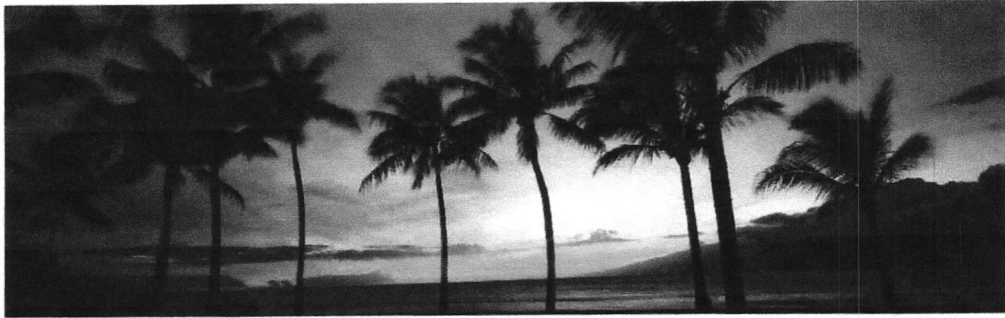


# 2007 INFORM THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY



## HOSTED BY LEEWARD DISTRICT (3)

**DATE:** APRIL 14-15, 2007

**LOCATION:** HOKULANI COMMUNITY CENTER  
BUILDING 3453 MAIN STREET  
PEARL HARBOR, HI

**COST:** \$25

**REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST (both days) 8 AM, MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 9 AM POC-ERIN (██████████)**

**TRANSPORTATION POC: EVAN (██████████)**

**HOME-STAY POC: HOLLY (██████████)**

**CONTACTS ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT: DARWIN (██████████) OR ERIN (Outgoing D/M) (██████████) 40**

Please pre-register using the form below:

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Group:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Position:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Airline:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Flight:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Arrival:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Departure:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation:** Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vegetarian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Carnivore:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee \$25.00 Please Send Check or Money Order Payable to Leeward District**

**Mail to: Leeward District, C/O ERIN R., (██████████) 8**

# **Hawaii Area 17 Inform the Delegate Assembly**

**April 14-15, 2007**

**Leeward**

**Saturday April 14, 2007**

- 8:00-9:00 A.M. Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00 A.M. Call to Order-**
- Serenity Prayer
  - Host DCM Announcements
  - Reading- AA's Legacy of Service
- 9:15 A.M. Alternate Delegate Special Election-**
- Inform the Delegate- Presentations**  
**5 minutes each presenter -15 minute discussion**
- 9:45 A.M. Panel 1- West Hawaii**  
**Inclusiveness in A.A.**
- Our Third Tradition
  - Growth of the fellowship
  - Reaching out to all those who want it
- 10:00 Sharing session**
- 10:15 Panel 2- Tri- Island**  
**Our Primary Purpose**
- Attraction Rather than Promotion
  - Working with Wet Drunks
  - Practicing these Principles in All Our Affairs
- 10:30 Sharing session**
- 10:45 Break**
- 10:55 Panel 3- Kihei**  
**Humility and Responsibility**
- Expressed by Anonymity
  - Are We Resting on Our Laurels?
  - Raising the literature Prices or Footing the Bill?
- 11:10 Sharing sessions**
- 11:25 Panel 4- Waikiki**  
**Corrections**
- Consider the draft Informational Media Presentation  
Introducing A.A. to training Academies and In service  
Training for Corrections Personnel
  - Discuss ways of stimulating interest in Corrections 12<sup>th</sup>  
Step work

- 11:35**                    **Sharing sessions**
- 11:45**                    **Panel 5 - Finance Committee**  
**Finance**
- **Discuss a request to increase the maximum annual contribution (or a one time bequest) that the general Service Board can receive from \$2,000 to \$3,000**
  - **Consider two suggestions to add text regarding reimbursement for G.S.R. (General Service Representative) travel expenses from group funds to the pamphlet "Self-Support Where Money and Spirituality Mix"**
- 11:55**                    **Sharing session**
- 12: 05- 1:00**            **Lunch (Finance Committee meets)**
- 1:00**                    **Panel 6- Central /North Shore**  
**Grapevine**
- **Consider suggestions for new A.A. Grapevine, Inc. items for production in the year 2008 or later.**
  - **Consider requests to reinstate a section on the subject of Alcoholism in the A.A. Grapevine.**
- 1:10**                    **Sharing session**
- 1: 20**                    **Panel 7 -Maui No Ka Oi**  
**Literature**
- **Consider a suggestion to add the following text from the A.A. Service manual, " financial Support: Current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their General Service Representative to attend service functions" to "The A.A. Group" Pamphlet and the G.S.R." pamphlet.**
  - **Discuss requests to develop an Intergroup/central office Pamphlet.**
- 1:30**                    **Sharing session**
- 1: 40**                    **Panel 8- Puna**  
**Literature**
- **Consider a suggestion to change the title of the pamphlet "Can A.A. help me too?" subtitled "Black/African American Share Their Stories" to "A.A. and the Black/African American Alcoholic"**
  - **Discuss a suggestion to revise the pamphlet, "The A.A. Member-Medications and other drugs."**

- Consider a request to produce a pamphlet to replace the discontinued “ Letter to a Woman Alcoholic”

1:55

**Sharing session**

2:10

**Panel 9 - Diamond Head**

**Public Information**

- Consider a suggestion from the Trustees Committee on Public information fro the development of a video for young people
- Consider a suggested list of early symptoms of alcoholism forwarded by the trustees committee on Public Information, and derived from A.A. literature, to replace the list of early symptoms in item 19 on page 17 in the pamphlet “Speaking at Non-A.A. meetings”
- Consider a request to include more information regarding the topic of anonymity of deceased members (posthumous anonymity) in A.A. literature.
- Consider a request to change language in the flyer “A Message to Teenagers”

2:30

**Sharing session**

2:50

**break**

3:10

**Panel 10- Waianae**

**Spiritual Values of our A.A. Dollars**

1. What practical, spiritual; benefits come from contributing to the hat
2. Am I hesitant to ask other A.A. Members to contribute, to dig deeper, if they can? Why?
3. How does my group ensure that A.A dollars are spent wisely in the spirit of carrying the message at:
  - The Group
  - The District
  - Central or Intergroup Office
  - The Area,
  - General Service Office
  - A.A. Grapevine

3:25

**Sharing Session**

3:40 –4:30

**Prassa Reports**

4:30

**Host DCM Announcements**

**Adjourn- Responsibility Pledge**

**“When anyone anywhere, reaches out for help**

**I want the hand of A.A. to always be there for that I am responsible”**

**AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO TIME MANAGEMENT**



# **Hawaii Area 17 Orientation Assembly**

**April 14-15, 2007**

**Leeward**

**Sunday April 15, 2007**

- 8:00-9:00**            **Breakfast and Registration**
- 9:00**                    **Call To Order**
- **Serenity Prayer**
  - **Host DCM Announcement**
  - **Reading**
- Area Officers Reports – (5 Minutes)**
- **Recording Secretary**- including review and acceptance of recording secretary's minutes
  - **Treasurer** – including review and acceptance of treasurer's report
  - **Registrar**
  - **Alternate Delegate**
  - **Alternate Chair**
  - **Chair**
- 9:30**                    **Delegate Report**
- 9:45**                    **Standing Committee Work Sessions-**
- 10:30**                   **Break**
- 10:45**                   **Roundtables**
- 11:30**                   **Business-**
- **General Information on Area 17 email site and need for persons to serve on website committee.**
  - **Selection of Host Sites for 2008 Assemblies and Committee meetings**
- 12:00**                   **Lunch (Finance Committee meets)**
- 1:00**                    **DCM Reports (5 Minutes Each)**
- 2:20**                    **Break**
- 2:30**                    **Standing Committee Reports (5 Minutes Each)**
- InterGroup**
- HICYPAA, ICYPAA Reports**
- 3:45**                    **Break**
- 4:00**                    **Ask it-basket-it/ What's on your mind**
- 4:30**                    **Adjourn –Declaration of Unity**

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**Please be reminded that all reports need to be submitted in writing for the secretary. Please note items you wish recorded verbatim in minutes. In addition, can email report to secretary at [area17secretary@hawaii.com](mailto:area17secretary@hawaii.com)**

**2007 Assembly/Committee meeting schedule**

Committee Meeting	5/19	Kauai
Budget Assembly	8/25-26	Windward (Oahu)
Committee Meeting (optional)	10/13	No Ka Oi (Maui)
Assembly (optional)	11/10-11	Honolulu

**Declaration of Unity**

**This We Owe To A.A.'s Future:  
To place our common welfare first;  
To keep our fellowship united.  
For on A.A. unity depend our lives,  
And the lives of those to come**

**Hawaii Area 17- Inform the Delegate Assembly  
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Minutes**

Saturday, April 14, 2007

Meeting Opened @ 9:01 with the serenity prayer

Host DCM announcements: Holly-

Announcements: Summary: Secretary: Bridgette "Need hard copy of your presentations and reports please"  
Treasurer- Linda "I will not be bringing too many hard copies of my report so please check your email or give your email address to Bridgette and she will email them to you tonight"

Reading- AA's Legacy of Service- Elizabeth Summary: AA is more than a set of principles, it is a society of alcoholics in action. We must carry the message, else we ourselves can wither and those who haven't been given the truth may die.

Introduction of New GSR's

Alternate Delegate Special Election: Introduction to Third Legacy Procedure- Handout

Read from Service Manual: pg. s45-s47 Structure and Guideline Book pg. 2 Vernon Summary: Alternate Delegate's responsibility and Duties. Those qualified who stood: Old School Mike, Erin, Lee, Doug,

1 <sup>st</sup> ballot:	Mike	37	90 registered voters	
	Erin	18		
	Lee	28		
	Doug	4	[No one had 2/3 vote]	87 ballots cast

2 <sup>nd</sup> ballot:	Mike	41		
	Erin	16		
	Lee	27		
	Doug	2	[Everyone who has less than 1/5 votes are withdrawn]	86 ballots cast

3 <sup>rd</sup> ballot	Mike	49		
	Lee	37	[No one has 2/3 vote]	86 ballots cast

4 <sup>th</sup> ballot	Mike	48		
	Lee	42	[No one has 2/3 vote]	90 ballots cast

Vote to go to a fifth ballot motioned and seconded 49 For [simple majority reached]

5 <sup>th</sup> ballot	Mike	48		
	Lee	43	[no one has 2/3 vote]	91 ballots cast

Hat Mike pulled from the Hat

Break 10:14

Inform the Delegate - Presentations

Panel 1- West Hawaii "Inclusiveness in AA" "Incomprehensive group of AA". Summary: An "A" typical meeting of AA. The plight of the individuals and their relationship to AA. First member on the Marijuana maintenance program and a new comer who doesn't fathom the higher power concept. 2<sup>nd</sup> member:

Intolerance to dually addicted members- singleness of purpose, stick to alcohol! 3<sup>rd</sup> member- thank goodness for Tradition 3 "Live and Let Live"- gay member quotes pg. 84 in Big Book. 4<sup>th</sup> member- Transvestite dually addicted. Tradition 3. Love and Tolerance is our code I think I can share all of my story, not just the alcohol because this is 2007 This fellowship is growing and so should our tolerance for changes in the fellowship too 5<sup>th</sup> member- White male alcoholic, black out drinker couldn't stay stopped Singleness of Purpose- Alcohol not drugs anonymous You should respect this program Sit down shut up and Listen. Keep the focus on singleness of purpose 6<sup>th</sup> member- service junkie; takes medication; black woman, knows the history of AA and quotes the history. Involved in General Service and safeguards the traditions. Use a nondenominational prayer; Responsibility statement Growth of the Fellowship. Leave your differences at the door. Share your solutions. Remember where we came from.

Sharing Summary: Susanne, TYG GSR; some problems in the meetings are outside agencies dropping clients at meetings without supervision. Bill GSR; an old timer said he would not come back if we talk about drugs again. How do you police people with dual addictions? Margo; GSR; I love the tradition 3. Bob; GSR; Bill says in the 12 in 12 We share the message of alcoholics anonymous, We should set the example. Lisa; GSR; Trad. 3 should be balanced with the 5<sup>th</sup> tradition will bring growth although minimal. But we are responsible to take the message to the alcoholic. Not all are qualified to carry the message. Ray; GSR; We are having mothers come with children and what do we do about the disruptions. Mike; GSR; My experience is that AA is very tolerant and has put up with me over the last 10 years. Jeremy; GSR; I asked my Hp HOW CAN I BE OF MAXIMUM SERVICE TO OTHERS.? I don't wish to close the door on anyone, but some hide in AA and don't get the help they need. . Delegate reads his summary of panel.

Panel 2- Tri-Island "Our Primary Purpose"

Summary: Aaron, "Attraction rather than promotion" A positive affirmative word used to help others get to AA. Read Tradition 11. AA as a whole is OK to be publicized, were not a secret society, the old timers knew that to keep what they had they had to give it away. To protect themselves they made anonymity. As a sick AA I want recognition, but I need to be humble. Sheri, "Working with the Wet drunk" Wear comfortable clothes, I gain weight, eating chocolate with them. The Big Book tells us that you can be uniquely helpful to a wet drunk. You can also read the grapevine last month "Wet drunks". Detox from alcohol can be serious so sometimes

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the best thing is to take them to the ER. We went to the buffet of dysfunction with an empty plate. So you don't know what their coming in with. She told a story about a 12 step call to a bleeding drunk, she now lives by the creed of unconditional love. Evon; "Practicing these principles in all of our affairs" She read from the 12 and 12 Mini. Understanding is key. I must practice prayer, and acceptance daily. I must stay in a state of gratitude, turning my will over and righting my wrongs. Answer is working the steps. Working with newcomers and being of service help me. Delegate reads his summary of panel.

#### Panel 3- Kihei "Humility and Responsibility"

Summary: Doug; "My new phone takes pictures". [Demonstrates his phone.] Omit your personal name and don't connect yourself to AA in Public. Never disclose who is at a meeting. Like taking pictures at meetings. Expressed by Anonymity means we do not seek personal recognition in connection to AA. He gave a history of the name of the Big Book. He says, I confused anonymity and confidentiality. One group wanted to tape their presentation and others protested. Anonymity is the right of the individual and then again the right of the group. If you would like to know more about anonymity read the pamphlet and the book AA comes of age. Reggie; "Are we resting on our Laurels?" Fellowship: He gave a little history on the founding of AA, soon after the founding resting on our laurels and wasn't reminded by Bill. .Group- How do we treat the new comer? Take an inventory of your group. Individual basis; gave some personal experience. Judee "Raising the literature prices or footing the bill? I had some conversations and read some material. In our service manual, concept 12 warranty 2 Bill talks about the importance of the reserve fund. To sell books more than their cost is not spiritual. Some members said they should raise the price of the book rather than put in 2 dollars in the basket. They felt there would be more support for that because you get something concrete in your hand. I foot the bill for expensive bananas. Why not for AA?

Sharing Summary: Doug, we should allow AA to make the profit, not the group. Linda, Read an excerpt from a GSO letter she received. Literature pays for itself, but if we support our fellowship more we could print more literature. Marjorie, we give GSO birthday envelopes with a coin to members. When I drank I was willing to pay, now that I'm sober I am still willing to pay. Colleen, a lot of anonymity breaks on my space, the attitude on the internet is I can do what I want to, same with the newcomers today, I work with the newcomers to inform them. Lisa, Solutions is working one on one with an alcoholic. I feel we are resting on our laurels. The meetings should also support the traditions. We should make pure AA members. Rochelle, If I can improve myself than we will do more, we take pictures with others consent only Cheryl; Praasa educated me so I should lead by example and educate others. Aike, No pictures in the meetings at all, once the meeting begins. Footing the Bill, the birthday contribution if everyone did it would support us. John Paul, self support seems uncomfortable to me to raise money, I don't hear anything about the other side to that. Delegate reads his summary of panel.

#### Panel 4- Waikiki "Corrections"

Summary: Jeff, "Consider the draft Informational Media Presentation Introducing AA to training academies and in service training for corrections personnel." Suggestions on what should be included on training workshops.- What AA is and is not.. Inmates chances to recover improves with AA involvement. A draft was approved for training for corrections presentation and cost \$50,000. Presentations in the prison are good and works to help support inmates who might end up in AA. Patrick, "Discuss ways of stimulating interesting Corrections 12<sup>th</sup> step work" This is a committee of volunteers who go into 13 facilities in Hawaii and carry the message of hope to the inmates who are incarcerated. They also carry meetings into the prisons for AA's who are incarcerated Bridging the Gap program introduces inmates to their first AA meeting, and/or writes with them. We are looking for volunteers to help the ones we have already going in. Andre "Wrap up" the media presentation that is to be a big part will help to facilitate the message better. This video will be carried in and shown to the workers so that we can past the gate. No one wants to be in jail. I take in the message of hope to the women there. Ernestina came in and allowed us to have a voice, and it was because of her that I came here and was willing. I have not needed to go back to jail in the last 5 years. Our message is to our delegate that AA can help the inmate not need to go back to jail.

Sharing Summary: .Tom, it so important that we carry the message in. I have applications for anyone interested in doing service here on Oahu. Mathea, I did corrections for 10 years, and my daughter came in from prison. We got shut out for a while. The efforts being made needs to be addressed by our chair to get us back in. Aaron, Maui is really needed to help get volunteers. I like the idea of a video that will define us.

Inform the community to know the benefits. Margot, Q: Are we taking the message to juvenile facilities? Jeremy, I've been trying to get into the prison for a long time, because I'm being held up. Justin, I was on a prison committee and made license plates, we have training in the big island for those interested. Elizabeth, I came in through the prison too. I think that to stimulate service is by sharing our story and to say thank you. Shoshanna, we have a problem with getting in on Kauai and someone gave me a 6 minute PowerPoint presentation that is GSO approved. Jeff, suggestion, if we each had a district rep. Delegate reads his summary of panel.

#### Panel 5- Finance Committee "Finance"

Summary: Linda, Increasing the maximum contribution Kauai: Darrel and John Paul gave presentation on the request from GSO for increases in contributions. "Our group doesn't care either way". According to GSO only 40 % of groups are contributing. Hawaii is doing pretty good, but we could be better. We need to get more groups involved. We just want to raise the cap to \$3000 and get on with our recoveries. David, "Self support" pamphlet, in this pamphlet there is nothing about reimbursement for travel; "we have 17 groups with very little service support. We suggest a sentence be added to the pamphlet that will make it support the other literature too". In summary, it should reflect the importance of the need to abide by the priorities of spending.

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Sharing Summary: Mathea, inflation has been 4 % we should pick an amount that others can afford, like 500.00 Doug, my district went through the whole budget, If it being suggested Colin, cap of \$2000 to \$3000. I was broken before, it might not make sense Patrick, I had to bid for Praasa and my home group paid ½ my airfare and the district paid ½. I was privileged to go. Mike, our group came out that we would like to see that added. The group is willing to make something solid. Ray, No more than \$2000 per year can be willed to them when some one leaves. Although my group is paying I feel that I'm obligated. Colleen, we discussed that in loving discussion John Paul, This is all a waste, capping someone from giving is ridiculous they should be able to give as much as the want to.. Say no to a cap. Delegate reads his summary of panel.

Panel 6- Central North Shore "Grapevine"

Summary: Valerie, "Items for Production" We would like to see these go for production, #1 a collection of stories of young people getting sober, #2 a compilation of Jokes from Ham on Wry. Tom, "Requests to reinstate a section on the subject of Alcoholism in the AA Grapevine" My DCM told me that it was in a huge packet of papers, the reason was that one alcoholic suggested it to be dropped is because it was already incorporated, being used and unanimously passed. We see that we can accomplish things together that we could never do alone. Thanks to AA for my wonderful life.

Sharing Summary: Ted, Because of a survey that showed that more older people read the grapevine, the GSO Grapevine is looking for suggestions to get to the younger people. If you are interested or have ideas .email them to the GSO Grapevine. Lisa, This topic is always coming up, in the old days they tore out the gray part, the delegates were my mentors. Jim, my concern over this, I would argue that the subject of alcoholism has become so vast that we violate the traditions. Bob, my concern is that we should not judge or we will put everything in there. Holly, I got sober at 16, I thought it was like Readers Digest, but I read it because it was in AA's bathrooms. I don't think research should be in the grapevine because its not a research magazine. Delorie, I feel that young people in AA is part of the solution not part of the problem. Glenn, the name is not Ham on Wry anymore and is not a research magazine. We are good at the steps but we suck at research. Nick there should be other Medias that people can put their stories. Margot, Inclusiveness, we should have more languages, Darryl, Young people need a section, Maybe grape Kool-Aid? There should be something available for the young on the internet. Delegate reads his summary of panel.

Panel 7- Maui No Ka Oi "Literature"

Summary: Michael, Yes to Agenda Item B for the 57<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference: "Consider a suggestion to add the following text from the AA Service manual, "financial support: current experience indicates that many groups provide financial support for their General Service Representative to attend service functions" to "The AA Group" Pamphlet and the GSR" pamphlet. Jim, My group passes a second basket and we support it. Michael C. "Discuss requests to develop an Intergroup/central office pamphlet." [Michael reads background information] bringing a comprehensive and understandable pamphlet would help educate and inform AA newcomer members of Intergroups importance.

Sharing Summary: Ted, the more enthusiasm I have I attract more people to service. Supporting the GSR is important. Justin, A lot of people describe the literature as boring so we should be careful how we describe things we would get more support. Catherine, Intergroup is where everyone did service now I would like to have a clearer picture of Intergroup, its been buried in the AA group pamphlet. Regarding the pamphlet for Intergroup, I live out in the sticks, and people out there don't even know what Intergroup is, I think Intergroup would get a lot more support. Delegate reads his summary of panel.

Panel 8- Puna "Literature"

Summary: "Consider a suggestion to change the title of the pamphlet "Can AA help me too?" subtitled "Black/African American Share Their Stories" to "AA and the Black/African American Alcoholic" The loss of the word black is acceptable, the consensus was, turn the title into a positive instead, "African Americans, AA can help you." Discuss a suggestion to revise the pamphlet, "The AA Member- medications and other drugs" Ho hana decided that the change in stories is all that is needed. Wahine O Puna said they would like to see new pamphlets and were sorry the pamphlet is being disclosed. Maybe one that includes CPS. We think the Pamphlets should be updated every 3 years. Maybe change the pamphlet about medications to be more positive if AA's must take medications to get better.

Sharing Summary; Jeremy, literature hits home for me. I would like to see a replacement to the letter to the woman alcoholic. I am appalled at literature for outside issues. Donna, we feel its important to have one on medication because we should show both sides of it. Holly, when we looked at the pamphlets we realized the stories were old and we felt they should be updated but not discontinued. Andre, I will be your visual for the first one and I prefer to be called black American while others want to be referred to as African. Its about terminal uniqueness, we are all the same; it is absolutely disturbing that we separate each other by race. I am Asian and I don't want to be dead and we are all the same. John Paul, it is absurd, people are killing themselves so it should be carefully done and delicately done. Dave, I sponsor guys on meds and we go over this pamphlet. It's probably not a good idea to get my advice from a drunk in the meeting. Tony, I read the pamphlets and I don't know who wrote it but I read it because I was told to not because of its title. Lisa, I think it should be updated, start with the title .Lisa, my AA teaches me to seek outside help, I need my medication to think clearly, this hits home because the book says seek outside help I have 6 years of sobriety. David, I'm a human being, to have a pamphlet that gives me some background is a big step; it doesn't matter about the title, at least theirs a pamphlet. Marjorie, I've been called dark white, but I'm accepted by the black community, I like the title Black American, I didn't want to take medication but did and others who shared helped me. Delegate reads his summary of panel.



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**Sunday, April 15, 2007**

**Meeting Opened @ 9:00 with the serenity prayer**

**Host DCM announcements:** Holly

**Announcements; Summary:** Kunane; Aug 25 & 26 at Kailua District Park [Budget Assembly] There will be a barbeque and meeting hosted by TYG. Shoshanna; May 19<sup>th</sup> in Lihue/ Standing Chairs will stay to do a presentation after the committee meeting.

**Reading:** Mike page s19 in the service manual "Why do we need a conference?" summary: We *may not* need a conference for our *personal* recovery but we *do need* it for the *drunk* stumbling in. AA is a permanent haven for those seeking our fellowship. We need it to protect AA from disintegration. To protect it from government and from the alcoholics thirst for power and prestige.

**Area Officer Reports:**

**Secretary:** Bridgette **summary:** Minutes from last assembly presented. *Corrections:* Last line- Winning not Sinning, Tagalog not Taglog in Delegates Report, Forums not Forms in Madeline's Report.

*Motion to accept made by Ted, seconded. Unanimously accepted, 0 opposed.*

**Treasurer:** Linda **verbatim:** One more time I have brought the aqua flyers detailing instructions for making area contributions. The flyers are free for the taking, so please take as many as you like. But remember, you can only keep them if you give them away. The point is to have zero contributions mailed to prior area treasurers. As requested, I emailed the Profit/Loss Statement via email. I hope to save on copying charges by emailing the statements, so there are now limited numbers of hard copies available at the assemblies. The following is an excerpt from a letter dated February 2007 from GSO: *the total cost to provide the services of GSO in 2005 was over seven and a half million dollars. Group contributions covered 71% of the costs with literature profits covering the remainder. Contributions in 2005 came from 43.2% of the groups registered in the U.S. and Canada. It is interesting to note that we could completely fund the cost of your GSO with an annual contribution \$5.75 per member (48 cents/month) or an annual contribution of \$131 per registered group.* Area 17 has 293 groups listed, and our annual budget is under \$26,000. That budget could easily be funded if each listed group contributed only \$89.00 per year or \$7.40 per month. However, during the first quarter of 2007 less than 30% of listed groups have made contributions to Area. If an additional 5% of our groups contributed at the same rate at which the 30% has contributed, we would comfortably cover our budget. That translates to a mere 15 groups more needed to participate in the self-support of Hawaii AA Area. Please help get the message out – **AREA NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!** One final comment: anyone who has ever worked in public accounting knows that April 15<sup>th</sup> is a night to celebrate the end of tax season by getting totally wasted, not that I ever waited for April 15<sup>th</sup> to roll around. I now tell you that I am much more content to be here with this sober group. Addendum: Cash in bank as of 4/13/2007 Checking \$16,934.51 Savings \$ 3,504.88 International prudent reserve \$ 500.00 Total \$ 20,939.39 Thank you for your support. Comments and Questions: Q: Isn't the GSO amount per group \$136 not \$131 A: No the letter I received said \$131. Q: The Delegate was over budget last year and the chair was under budget. Why? A; Sometimes the budget amount fluctuates between them when they go to Prassa, for individual spending. A: If you make a donation is it tax deductible? A: Yes, and there is no limit.

*Motion to accept: David, seconded Unanimously accepted, 0 opposed*

**Registrar:** Tim; **verbatim:** Thank you for letting me be of service. I want to thank everyone for their support and smooth transition of the new sign in and voting processes. The purpose of these changes is to keep more accurate records. Please return your colored "voting member" sheet at the end of each day. The new system for managing group records for GSO "Fellowship New Version" is coming soon. This new system will allow me, your area registrar, to update and access group information via internet. Rather than filling out a form and mailing it in, then waiting for someone in NY to update the information and mailing back a response. I will keep you informed as GSO rolls out this new system and make you aware when it's fully online. There were 97 Voting Members signed in yesterday including all 14 DCM's, all 7 Area Officers, 9 of 10 Standing Committees Chairs and 3 of 5 Intergroups Chairs. Today 76 Voting members have signed in, including 13 of 14 DCM's, all 7 Area Officers, 5 of 10 Standing Committees Chairs, 2 of 5 Intergroup Chairs.

**Alternate Delegate:** Mike Its good to back in Area. I can't show tears in the minutes. [Read a letter from Francesca]: **summary:** I am in Tuscan Arizona awaiting my grandchild. I have implemented a calendar on the website. The email system has been upgraded, handouts will be available. For preservation of anonymity. I will continue to be webmaster until December. I will post your reports. 4487 hits last month. Google is the most used search engine to find us but we are not endorsing Google. Please email me about problems, if you don't email me I won't know.

**Alternate Chair:** Elizabeth; **summary:** Feb. committee meeting I was selected to cover Alt. Delegate's duties, in Kona there was a lot of heated discussion concerning the website, **WEBSITE:** I touched base with Francesca regarding the Web Site. Here are some points we covered: She has left island but is able and willing to continue her work on the Web Site until the end of the Web Committee rotation, which ends in December 2007. They are on a 3 year rotation. 2. We should put out a request to the fellowship for resumes for the following positions. These positions rotate in December 2007, it would be prudent to get the word out now for qualified people to serve. A. Web Master. B. Fellowship Liaison C. Content Manager 3. Francesca forwarded to me her recommendations for the Web Committee, which I will turn over to Old School today at lunch for his assessment and further action. 4. She has implemented a new email system for all DCM, Standing Committee Chairs and Area Officers. Nick and I will be presenting this at the Round Tables. **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** I received the proposed budgets from the 2 standing committee chairs that I was assigned to and forwarded them to Linda > I look forward to presenting the budget to Districts at their request.. **CONVENTION**

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**STEERING COMMITTEE:** I attended the convention meeting. The fliers are out, please register early. The 2007 Convention Chair Patti L. reports a high enthusiasm and attendance at the monthly service meetings. Patty is enthusiastic about the volunteers already stepping forward for service. Aike will give more when he reports. I am enjoying learning more about the Convention Process from behind the scenes. PRAASA:

Summary: I went to Prassa for the 4<sup>th</sup> time. It was like a college for service. I sat during the serenity prayer and felt overwhelmed with joy. {she sobs} This puts this into perspective for me; other districts have problems like traveling in the snow or over large distances. The class A trustee said that AA changed his life because of its spiritual principles and he's not an alcoholic. A member of the deaf committee made a request that the big book be completely translated into ASL. 2008 Forum is in Spokane, Washington. Some ideas for our area are: Some area's put the minutes, reports, and agendas in packets that the registrar's give at the door. Some reports are given in PowerPoint presentations and hand out CD's. Some have letterheads for Area Business. I had an energizing time in Prassa. Roundtables were fabulous. Thank you for the opportunity to be a better servant for you.

**Area Chair:** Nick; **verbatim:** We are preparing for our second assembly and also had a successful committee meeting. Many Mahalo's to Waikiki, West Hawaii and Leeward for hosting us so graciously so far this panel. I have been working with area officers in preparing the agenda. I am very pleased with this panels commitment to service the officers have been working well collaboratively. Elizabeth continues to share her experience with me from Prassa and area chair roundtables. This panel's slate of officers is quite exceptional and I am so appreciative of their commitment to serve our area and amazing fellowship. This weekends inform the Delegate assembly is such a spiritual experience as we work in conjunction with Delegate to provide AA as a whole our mana'o and collective conscious. Equally spiritual is the fact that we as an area respect and appreciate concept 3 and allow our Delegate the ultimate right of decision to decide what he thinks is best for all of AA and not just our area. This is true 12 step work! Our Area will be preparing for the Budget assembly and I encourage you as much as possible to present to your group and familiarize yourself with budget so we can provide an informed group conscious in August. I will continue to work with Area offices on Website committee structures site issues and whatever issues present themselves. Please feel free to contact me and if you have an item for consideration for the agenda or for questions/talk story. I have been honored to serve AA as a whole instead of as an A Hole.

**Delegate:** Vernon **verbatim:** First of all I would like to welcome any New GSRs and any others new to General Service here today. General Service has been a challenging, rewarding and an eye-opening experience for me as I hope it will be for you. I would also again welcome aboard our new alternate Delegate, Old School Mike. A lot has happened since Jan. when we came together for the Orientation Assembly. I have received the agenda back ground materials for the GSO Conference. In Feb. the agenda items that have been presented yesterday were pulled out of the hat and divided among the districts. In less than a week I will be headed off to N.Y. as Area 17 Delegate. I have learned that the besides carrying the Area's group conscience Area delegates also serve AA as a whole. I will take to N.Y. our Areas group conscience, ideas, opinions, experience, strength and hope from Hawaii on the conference agenda items. Even though the GSO Conference operates all year long the annual meeting once a year in N.Y. is culmination the year's activities. The conference is composed of the 93 delegates from the US and Canada, trustees, the directors and staff of the AA world Service and grapevine office I have been assigned to the conference Literature committee. As you heard yesterday our Agenda items include proposed changes to the black African American, Native American pamphlets, proposed new pamphlet for women and inter-group as well as changes to the Spanish translation of the big book and will bring back a full report of what transpired. If your district hasn't made a date for me to give my report please do so as soon as possible. I look forward to participating in the General Service Conference as your trusted servant and am ever grateful for the sober life AA has given me.

Committee Chairs Work Stations: Miranda "Mynah Bird", Jeremy (for Sue) "Public Information", Zeke "Hospitals", Patty "Convention", Ted "Grapevine", Cathy "Archives", Betsy "Cooperation with Professional Community", Kalei "Treatment" not present, Corrections not present

#### **Break: Reconvened at 11:05**

**RoundTables:** GSRs, Standing Committee Chairs, DCMs, Officers had round table discussion about pertinent issues that are important to them, separately.

Selection of Host Sites for 2008 Assemblies and Committee meetings:

January Inventory Assembly-	Central North Shore, Oahu
February Committee Meeting-	Hilo, East Hawaii
April Inform the Delegate-	Puna, Hawaii
May Committee Meeting-	Kihei, Maui
August Budget Assembly-	Waianae, Oahu
October Committee Meeting-	Tri-Island, Maui
November Election Assembly-	Diamond Head, Oahu

**Birthdays** for February, March, and April 2007

**Business:** Nick: Presentation on new email system for Area Website. For Officers, Committee Chairs, DCM position. Example [position@hawaii-aa.org](mailto:position@hawaii-aa.org) Will be implementing this system soon. TBA Elizabeth: Structure and Guideline type-o corrections. In Jan. 2005 a motion was incorrectly inserted, a new corrected page 6 & 7 may be obtained. Section 7.5 subsection D in d- Delegate expenses. You can also obtain the new structure and guidelines on line at Hawaii-aa.org in Service Materials and it should reflect the correct motions.

#### **DCM Reports:**

**Windward:** Kunane The Windward District has a total of 25 groups with 5 of them being represented here today. We continue to look at ways to increase participation through attraction at the District level. We have

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started an "adopt a group" project to make sure that all groups in the District receive all the information from our District meetings and about the happenings in the District and Area. The Windward District is hosting the August Budget Assembly. The site and dates are confirmed. August 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, Kailua District Park, flyers are available and we are ready to take your completed registrations. Laurie L. will be your host contact for this event. Home stay and transportation will be offered. Please mark your calendars and plan to stay for the BBQ dinner and meeting that will be happening immediately following Saturday's dinner at Kailua Beach Park. The dinner and meeting will be hosted by TYG. Please make sure to get a flyer and register as soon as possible. The Windward District has started to plan its first workshop; "AA and problems other than Alcohol." We have seen an increase of members that are dual diagnosed in the Windward District and as we have all heard this weekend from many other districts, we are not fully prepared or do we understand what this really is. We are working to put together a workshop that will include what it is and what is our role as AA members, groups, district, etc to deal with the issue of dual diagnosis. More information and the date will be coming shortly.

**Kauai:** Shoshanna **verbatim:** May 19<sup>th</sup> Our District meetings continue to be well-attended with 10-12 people. Our PI Chair has taken the Intergroup Treasurer position and we continue to have vacancies for our standing committees. Due to the rapid growth in readership (off-island and overseas), District made a motion to have the Garden Island Sobriety Newsletter become a function of Intergroup. Our corrections chair person, Tim, and Diane M, have been working hard to get the training session scheduled. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, we have 8 men and 2 women signed up to take the all day training being offered by KCCC. If accepted, these people will be able to take meetings into the jail. I have shared the PRAASA powerpoint presentation from Utah with Tim and, hopefully, we will be able to add a slide or two for use at KCCC. Elizabeth will try to compress the CD and send it to all DCM's for distribution to their corrections people and post it on the website. We are gearing up to host the May 19<sup>th</sup> committee meeting and may be changing the location (still in Lihue) to a more attractive setting. Mahalo to those of you who have submitted your registration forms. Please complete and return the registration forms ASAP. We need your flight information and homestay needs as soon as you finalize your plans. Since the Area standing committee chairs will be on island already, it was suggested that we organize a service workshop following the committee meeting on the subject of committee work and how the District can mirror the Area. We also like another topic clarified: "what is the differentiation and integration between District and Intergroup?" Mahalo for your support and guidance.

**No Ka Oi-** Colleen **summary:** May 12<sup>th</sup> Prassa Report Back. In our S&G it says Im supposed to make the GSR concepts but I cant make anyone do anything. We are talking about what to do with our excessive funds.

**Puna-** Ermina **verbatim:** I am please to report that our district is coming around as to what we need to regarding getting information out in our area. 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension our new Group is working on the PI part. And has some areas that would really need the information. They are working at getting the information in Bay Clinic, Pahoia, and Keaau, Puna Library and several other locations. They are

**Waianae:** Heidi **verbatim:** I am blessed to be serving as the DCM for the Waianae District. First of all thanks to Holly and the Leeward District for hosting this assembly and thanks to all the Districts for great presentations. I am happy to say that we have had much better attendance at the last few district meetings. We have some new, enthusiastic GSR's who are showing up and really participating. When I came back from the last committee meeting with our topic for presentation Greg stepped up and volunteered to take the task of presenting the topic. I was really excited when everyone who was at that district meeting volunteered to help out and get into service. We had eleven people here representing the Waianae District. Thanks to Bridgette our Are Secretary, Steve, district treasurer, CPC & PI, Greg from the Point, Glenn from Mosquito Junction, Wendy from Lunch Bunch, Tony from Waianae Men's Stag, Kehau and Lisa from Waianae Coast Women, Pat and James from the We Homegroup and Adrienne. I greatly appreciate your commitment to service and our district. We have a few ongoing projects, I am working with Tim our Registrar to get the group numbers aligned with Area And GSO and working with new GSR's and Groups to get the paperwork filled out and sent off to N. Y. We are also going to take on the task of creating a district budget as well as structures and guidelines and I would greatly appreciate any of the DCM's sharing what they have as some of you offered to do at the last committee roundtable meeting. Also the Alt. DCM, our Committee chairs and I are going around to different meetings in our district, introducing ourselves and getting the word out about our district meetings and events in hopes of increasing participation at the district and group level. The Waianae district will be hosing a service workshop on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-4p at maili Elementary school. We will have three service topics and many presentations including a grapevine presentation from our Area Grapevine Chair, CPC from our Area CPC, a past delegate and past and present DCM's. We also will have lunch and a softball game afterward. We look forward to seeing you all there. We are also planning to have a tri district delegate report back in conjunction with Central /North shore and Leeward districts on June 30. Fliers for the event will be out shortly and Hugh has secured us a great central location. This will be an all day event with the delegate report back followed by lunch, softball and possibly some other activities. Thankyou for allowing me to be of services.

**Diamond Head:** Doug we have 4 committed GSR's. We got a Cadillac problem of too much money. We had a couple of groups express that they would not donate without us having a budget.

**Waikiki:** Jeff

**Kihei:** Colin **verbatim:** We would like to thank Holly and the Leeward District for putting on this great weekend. We acknowledge all the work that is required to have this little get together!!! Kihei District was well represented at PRAASA. Our General Service Representatives had an incredible experience and were able to apply the great info. to this weekend. Our three District PRAASA Report Back was very well attended, We served a really nice Breakfast.....Approximately 50 people came to fellowship and share our experience. Here



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in attendance, we have four GSR's, We have Mike S. from Friday Night Young Peoples, We have Juddee from Kihei Morning Serenity, Doug from Club449 And we have with us, Reggie from Kalama Park Happy Hour Three of which had the opportunity to research and present on the panels. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month @ St. Theresa's Church in Kihei Our District Meeting has been attended by 18 people in service; We have 2 Standing Committees filled Rick A. Has been doing the CPC Work and taking a panel to the DUI class Joan C. Has taken charge of the Corrections Committee, She has been going into the Ladies prison every Wednesday. And has brought on board Aaron who has been going into the Men's prison every Monday evening. We have a lot of enthusiasm in Kihei District, with Founders Day coming up, KMS is sponsoring this event to be held in Kalama Park on June 10<sup>th</sup>. We generally get a couple of hundred people at this event... I really love General Service and I thank all of you for 12 stepping me today

**Honolulu:** David **summary:** we have a new meeting place for District. WE are in transition now that we have a new DCM since Patty had to step down. WE absorbed the dark districts meetings, about 5 of them. We are still looking for some of them. One big challenge for me is resistance to Committee Work. I want us to be active in some way. Aloha Friday had an inventory. Tony from Black Experience said they have 70 in attendance at their home group. Black Experience 24 year anniversary and will have a meeting and dance. There will be a Joe and Charlie workshop.

**Central North Shore:** Valerie **verbatim** read for Hugh: We have been busy, Unity day for Central North Shore is scheduled for June 23 at Ali'i Beach from 10-5p. Come and join us for food fun and fellowship. This event has been posted on the Hawaii Intergroup website. June 30<sup>th</sup> Central North Shore along with Leeward and Waianae districts is inviting everyone to join us for the Delegate Report back, potluck and softball game. Location is Salt Lake District Park. Flyer is being drafted up. You can also see information on this event on the Hawaii Intergroup website. Libraries in our district our being filled with AA Literature out to the public. I also want to thank Sue for her service and help with getting the AA Literature to our District. Daryl has stood for our Grapevine Chair for District. In process of getting Daryl Registered with Grapevine. Sheri B. from New Hope continues to work with hospitals Committee. I want to thank Valerie and Toms. For their hard work preparing for and presenting their presentations. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Hugh

**Tri-Island:** Brian **verbatim:** Hello my name is Brian I'm an Alcoholic and DCM for Tri-Island District #13 I'm really excited to have my GSR's from Lanai and Molokai and the Westside present at this Inform the Delegate Assembly and would like to extend my gratitude to them for their hard work in their panel presentations this weekend. We have 2 new GSR's in the District, Courtney from the Thursday Night Womens Meeting in Lahaina and Kainoa from the Alano Ohana Group. Coffee Break Group with District support has taken on the task of sponsoring Gratitude Night which will be held later this October and we will be putting a Committee together to coordinate this event "The Crossing", an overnight campout event that outreaches the islands of Molokai and Lanai, will be taking our experience, strength and hope to Molokai April 21<sup>st</sup>, the theme for this event is Sponsorship. We will also be having our District Meeting during this event. The District is currently in discussion about moving our District Meeting from the Alano Club and we will be taking a group conscience during our May business meeting. We have begun looking at creating Structures and Guidelines for the District. Were looking at putting on a Workshop on The Home Group Concept or a Secretaries Workshop. I attended my first PRASSA and attended our island wide report back with Courtney, one of my new GSR's, the choir is changing slowly but surely. My report back can be read in the Myna Bird. My contact info is [REDACTED]

**West Hawaii:** Cheryl **summary:** We had 12 people here. We have 1 new GSR. We have a new group- men's stag. 6 people attended Prassa. I learned more about my job as a DCM. I was impressed by the equal access to AA there at Prassa. Report back will be in Kona but well see. We enjoyed our skit. Our delegate report back will be June 23. We are working on putting literature in libraries. But we have geographical challenges. Big Island prison training session is May 19 at hope chapel. Big Island Bash in April.

**East Hawaii:** David **verbatim:** After leaving PRAASA I was in CA. for three weeks and missed the March District meeting which had eight people attending. I now have the minutes and will give an account of that meeting. A special election was held and we now have a new secretary "Courtney H." his home group is Fat City a men's group that meet on Monday nights. The Saint Patrick's Day Workshop was canceled until we can get together with the Puna District. We are making a \$ donation to the committee that is working on Unity Day to help with food and drinks. We are also looking at putting on a play or skit with the newcomer doing the acting and helping with the Founders Day event. Terry L. from Puna came to the meeting to share about getting into jails and prisons. He had applications for training which is to be held on April 28th at the New Hope Church in Hilo at 8:00am. He also talked about the prisoners who getting released who are looking for and need sponsors. Terry can be reached at (808) 937-3158 or bounceback@yahoo.com. AA By The Bay had it's annual Easter Feaster event on Sunday April 8th and it was a blast, maybe 75 or more people came to breakfast of eggs, ham, sausage, potatoes and potluck what a feast. April District Meeting was poorly attended only six of us. We addressed having the Delegate here at the same time with the Puna district and having an outing or even having the workshop at that time which includes food, volleyball, horseshoes at Carl Smith beach park. I attended the Intergroup meeting April 12th in Wailoa Park which was well attended, they will be in the new office soon and the phones are being now working and people are there to answer it. When I was on the mainland I was called to do the meditation meeting on April 29th. Thanks for letting me be of service,

**Leeward:** Holly {applauded} 26 meetings in our district, 6 GSR were. We are in the middle of a project for registering groups and helping them become more informed. I would like to thank everyone who did service for this assembly. I also thank all the groups who provided the food. We are going to make a book on making an assembly and pass it on so we don't have to re-create the wheel.

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#### **Intergroup Reports:**

**West Hawaii:** Paul Office manager is still working on organizing our office, financially were in good shape.

**Kauai:** Cheryl We are negotiating for a new office, April 21 we will revote. We have new schedules and 57 meetings on our island. April 28 is training for the prison and we need women. Our newsletter is here. We welcome anyone who wants a copy. We have a new system for emailing announcements ect. We are starting to plan events to create unity on our island. We don't want to split up but become one.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

**Hospitals:** Zeke **verbatim:** CASTEL HOSPITAL WANTS TO HAVE A AA MEETING AT LEAST 2 TIMES PER WEEK OR ONE WOULD DO. THIS WOULD BE FOR THE CLIENTS MOSTLY. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN STARTING THIS MEETING I HAVE THE CONTACTS OF WHO TO GET A HOLD OF. DARELL LUM OR RICK POOL 236-5356. WAHIAWA GEN HAS ASKED FOR BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS I WILL GET THAT TO THEM THIS WEEK.

I AM AWAITING WORD ON CASTEL/KAISER AND QUEEN TO SEE WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION THEY WOULD LIKE TO HAVE. I WAS APPROACHED BY A MEMBER IN AA WHO WORKS WITH DULLEY DIAGNOSED INDIVIDUALS AND HE WAS HOPING WE WOULD OR COULD HOST A WORKSHOP ON HOW TO DEAL WITH INDIVIDUALS LIKE THAT IN OUR MEETINGS. OR JUST TO GET MORE INFORMATION FOR OURSELVES.

**CEC:** Betsy **verbatim:** Here is an interesting coincidence: As we know, Alcoholism is a progressive disease - Aging is also progressive. We have a frontier here for carrying the message of AA recovery and hope. Aging in the world's population is booming. A statistic from the Bureau of the census : the world's population aged 65 and older is growing by an unprecedented 800,000 people per month and will continue through this Century. It is projected that the senior population will grow from 12% in the US to 20%, by 2050 and that the projected life expectancy for men will be 80 years old, and for women will be 86. Health care for Elders is also booming. Alcoholism among the aging population is frequent, and yet it is frequently misdiagnosed as depression, or Alzheimer's, etc, and when grandparents fall and break bones - hips, arms, etc., well-meaning doctors don't often think to ask "How much alcohol were you drinking last night when you fell?" So, we have an opportunity. The focus of this Committee's work is to carry the message of AA recovery to the Elder Alcoholic who still suffers. Outside of these rooms there is a growing population and our current mission is to get the message to them - through AA literature distribution and through stronger partnerships with the professionals who work with elders. Teamwork with the PI and CPC committees is a very important part of this work, and Jeremy and Ken and I are working together on strategies to get the message out there. Meanwhile, we have many sober AA members 65 and older, who regularly share their experience, strength and hope in our home groups. Does Alcoholics Anonymous want to lose this living legacy as the years go by? We think not. So here is something that all of us as GSR's and homegroup members can do:

1) Reach out and get to know the Elders in your groups. Ask them to tell you about their lives - their sobriety. Ask them if they would like to have a ride to a meeting with you.

Help them get a seat in the front of the room where they can hear and see what's going on. Make friends with them. 2) Our Young People in AA are a strong and growing part of our fellowship. It is really important for the Elders to know you - to discover what you each have in common in your sobriety. The substance of your Recovery is the same, even if the substances that got you here are different. So, get personal - share your strengths with each other, so Elders can continue to relate to Alcoholics Anonymous and stay with us. Take the risk, reach out and be curious about them - find out what you have in common. In closing, we have all loved an elder - a grandparent, a parent, a teacher, a mentor, a friend ... our Primary Purpose is to carry the message of AA recovery to others. Let's see what we can do for an older person who might just want to know what Freedom and Joy we have, and what we can offer them in this sober fellowship.

Aging is progressive and Recovery is progressive - we have a bright future - AA will be a good place for all of us as happy, joyous and free Elders one day.

**Convention:** Patty **summary:** Aike is away because of helping with an AA member's mother funeral. There are copies of our final report, in which I am happy to say that we made a profit of \$15,522.13 after paying all expenses. We were able to put back into our prudent reserve a total of \$10,000 and the rest are our start up money for this year's convention. If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to ask. Aike has the contract from the convention center ready to sign: Tentative dates for 2008: 11/13-11/16/08 and 2009: 10/29-11/01/09 I bought a lot of registration forms for this year's convention. Please take it to your home groups and central offices. If anyone from our neighbor islands wants to get into service, please contact me at 256-9173. We want to include everyone that is willing to volunteer their services. Q: Hotel, why do we pay for the secretary and treasurer? Is this part of compensation? I think this is gratuities. Q: If we spend so much why do we make it available? A: We do it to keep it easy for mainlanders to register. Comments: We do get a complimentary room for every 50 rooms; those rooms do go to these positions. WE also use the rooms for Alkathon Rooms. Q: The Alkathon room was too full. So next year we will get a bigger room next year in the front Q: My t-shirt was refunded, is this going to happen again? A; Yes , sorry it was lack of communication that will be fixed for future conventions: Q: I think we need to worry more about material expenses and match the fees to the right percentage. So that the money made on small stuff can bring down the cost of the big stuff. A; if you noticed we cut the reception, so we decided until we are stable we are not going to have it. Q: Maybe we need to take a raise until we reach the 20% of the seed money. Every year raise \$5 until we get there. Are you folks OK with that? Q: why don't you raise the price? A: We did, and now we charge for children. We have tentative dates for 2008, 2009. Nov. 13- 16 2008. Oct. 29- Nov.1 2009. Its also online. [REDACTED] ty if you want to get into service. Ala Moana Hotel is our base hotel.

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**Public Information:** Jeremy in place of Sue **summary:** I am so grateful to be of service. Its my pleasure to serve. Im sorry I cant be there. Jeremy is doing some awesome work on Maui. Is he blushing? (he sobs) Libraries are being serviced. But our adopt a library still needs adoptees. We will sign you up. You watch the Big Book because it is the most stolen book at the library. We have the new adopt a hotel program, or your favorite bed in breakfast. There were two speaking engagements we participated in. We are having a workshop in Kauai in February. Welcome to Judy for PI.

**CPC:** Ken **verbatim:** We are progressing towards the foundation of service members for our area. Hope to create a continuity of communication with members of our special area as a remote community by any lengths possible. Thanks to Steve (Waianae), Rochelle (Diamond Head), Jim (Kauai), Colin (Kihei), Brian (Tri-Island), Cheryl (West Hawaii), Roland (Malia Discussion) for your commitment to serve on the committee. Thanks to Waikiki for the opportunity to serve the district meeting with a presentation and hope to serve the rest of the districts by asking "How may we help your district ?." We have the opportunity to serve at the 81<sup>st</sup> Annual American Health School Association (ASHA) Conference in July at the Ala Moana Hotel. We have an exhibit booth to serve on Tuesday, July 10 from 8am to 3:30pm., then on Wednesday, July 11 from 9am to 2:30pm We are asking for volunteers that will be able to offer your time in service. Trudging with progress to continue and better our services to the Professional Community.

**Archives:** Cathy **verbatim:** Aloha, my name is Cathy Begley and I am an alcoholic who is privileged to serve Hawaii Area, panel 57 as its Archive Standing Committee chair. I have visited the three districts on Maui and have spoken with our interim Central Office manager. I have had positive communication with all entities and trust that co-operation amongst us will net the group histories and long-timer stories that is a goal during this panel. The Maui Serenity Gazette will be posting the histories and the stories as they become available. I would like to attend other district meetings around our state and will contact each DCM for the specifics of their meetings. The purpose for these visits will be to introduce myself to the GSRs who haven't attended an assembly, yet, and to make a plea for their group's history. I have not been contacted, yet, by anyone who is available to be their district's archivist and perhaps that is a shortcoming of mine. I will need to make this committee's needs known and I know the need will be filled. I will have an opportunity to visit the Las Vegas archive collection while I am in that town in two weeks. I'm looking forward to seeing what they've collected and chat with the people that I met at PRAASA in Oregon. Thank you for allowing me to serve!

**Treatment:** Rip in place of Kalei **summary:** Ive had two responses to my email. I would like to know if other standing committees would like to participate in a workshop.

**Grapevine:** Ted **verbatim:** I am happy to report some good news from AA Grapevine". Hawaii statewide subscriptions have increased from 494 in April of 2006 to 503 April, 2007. Progress not perfection. Please ask your homegroups to participate by subscribing. La Vina subscriptions are down from 13 to 8, a loss of 61%. The AA Grapevine, Inc. has announced the "Ham on Wry" humor page has a new name! "At Wits End" makes it's debut in the April 2007 issue. This page is one of the sample MP3 recordings that can be downloaded for free from aagrapevine.com. The overall Grapevine/La Vina subscriptions are up this month. It is important to know that only 37.8% of surveyed subscribers said their group subscribed to Grapevine. Only 23.9% said their group had a GVR. The Grapevine has even generated some resentment too! They received some feedback from an AA member when the subscription price was dropped to 20\$ (audio). The member said " How did you know that the cost of the AudioGrapevine caused me no end of resentment? Being legally blind, I surely felt that the initial cost was too high compared to what members without vision impairment [are charged]... Thanks again on behalf of the vision impaired reading-disabled and many drivers who enjoy having GV CDs along with them". Some new literature info:

1. The Language of The Heart is now available in a large print edition. This book contains all of Bill W's articles for The Grapevine.
2. The Best of Bill is now available as an audiobook. The CD contains five of Bill's most powerful Grapevine articles. Bill shares his thoughts on faith, fear, honesty, humility, and love. To hear a free sample from this audiobook go to [www](http://www.aagrapevine.org).

[aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org). It has been a humbling and satisfying time since the committee meeting at the end of February. I participated in two workshops after the meeting in Kailua/Kona. One at the committee meeting site and one the next day in Waimea. It was a learning experience for me. I will be making a presentation to the Leeward District at their lunch and softball meeting May 6 9AM to 4PM, Maili Elementary. I have agreed to stay over and make a presentation after the May committee meeting in Lihue. I have made tentative arrangements with the Tri-Island District to participate in a workshop there too. I have purchased back issues of The Grapevine to give away at the events and meetings I attend. I also received some no cost literature from GV. This is all available at no cost here today for your groups. I also have a new pricelist of Grapevine items here, please stop by and have a look as there are also some new CDs available. I am contacting printers for a sign for the Grapevine Mobile Display and have asked for a small increase in next years GV budget amount for all I would like to do.

**Corrections:** Rick We have 13 facilities we go into. We now go into the modules in OCCC. The females on this island are about 8 going into OCCC and WCCC. WE have our old timers who have been doing this for years. I now go into Lau Mauka. We have 5 new volunteers on Maui going through the training. Kauai is going to have training soon. There's not a day goes by that their isn't someone going to a prison in Hawaii. Bridging the gap is doing well. You all have been really patient about a representative. I do have a verbal "yeah" right now for a new chair. We will meet for lunch and I want to thank you for your support. I think your going to be happy with the new chair.

## Hawaii Area 17- Inform the Delegate Assembly April 14 & 15, 2007

### Minutes

**Mynah Bird:** Miranda **verbatim:** The PRAASA edition has been well received. We had a great selection of stories, from all islands. Basically my report is the Mynah Bird, this shows you what work we've done. This last issue was a special edition as noted in our structures and guidelines. This is our second issue that was printed, we are well within our budget so as not to freak out the finance committee. Some of the new features we are bringing to the newsletter are ideas I picked up at PRAASA. We'll have a new feature; area history by Ted, our area archivist, our interview with David E. has been very well received, the jumble and trivia brought some fun and is informative. The newsletter on the website has active links. We have talked about the idea of having an email subscription list, I need your feedback. Because the Mynah Bird includes actions taken at area, it can be a tool for our GSRs. Would this be circumventing the responsibilities or duties of the DCMs by having a direct email subscription? You tell me. Past area inventories have a common thread, it's all about communication. Elizabeth shared that she heard that committee work is the backbone of our 12 step work so I have asked Justin, our committee chair from the big island to act as liaison for the standing committees. He will be contacting the chairs for committee updates to be used in the newsletter. We want to interview someone from Oahu, Big Island or Kauai, please let us know if you know someone who is willing to share their story with us. Our committee is growing, James is our new Mynah Bird Chair from Waianae, District #17. I am grateful for all the support we have received, grateful for this opportunity to be of service.  
Miranda

**Hicypaa:** Kunane Sept. 21, 22, 23 Spenser Park on the Big Island. Young at Heart that is our motto.

**ICYPAA:** Old School Mike We need help to bring this back to Hawaii. We have roller skating next week and are hosting events. WE need bodies at the bidding. Labor Day weekend in September

#### **International Alcoholics Anonymous Mens Convention; Zeke Presentation on this conference.**

**Verbatim:** IN 1995 I WAS BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND ICYPAA AT THE ALOMOANA HOTEL WOW ALL THOSE PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORDD IN 2000 ABOUT 4000 WOMEN HERE WERE BLESSED TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE WIAAC HELD RIGHT HERE IN HAWAII IN 2005 NA HELD THEIR WORLD CONFRECE HERE THAT TWO WAS AN ENJOYABLE EVENT. WHY DO I BRING THIS ALL UP? LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT IAAMC IAAMC the concept of the IAAMC originated in Cleveland, Ohio in 1985. Cleveland and Akron, Ohio are rich in A.A. history. Cleveland is the site of the first Alcoholics Anonymous Convention. And as fate would have it, the International Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Conference was celebrating their 26th anniversary in Cleveland in 1984 at which time the women 'suggested' that the men should set up a conference of there own. The seed was planted and over the following years the National Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Conference was founded and chartered. For the next three years the conference was held in Cleveland where it grew in number and strength with each succeeding year. In the fourth year it was moved to Detroit for two years. Over the years it has expanded geographically and drawn men in recovery from every region of the country. The Conference has been held in many Mid-Western cities such as: Chicago, IL, St. Louis, MO, Detroit, IL, Cleveland, OH, Scranton, PA., Fremont, OH, and even Omaha, NE! It has reached as far east as Baltimore, MD in 2006....and in 2007 it is coming to FABULOUS LAS VEGAS, NV! It was at the Fremont, Ohio conference in 2000 that the AAMC eventually achieved its "International" status when our brothers in recovery from Canada attended! I RECENTLY ATTENDED THE 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSERY CONFERENCE IN Las Vegas LAST MONTH. I WAS HONORED TO BE PART OF HISTORY BE APART OF HISTORY! MEN LISTEN UP BECAUSE IAAMC WANTS TO COME TO HAWAII. I WAS GIVENA BID PACKET BY CLEARENCE F. THE ADVISORY BOARD SECRATRY. SO I WILL BE ASKING FOR YOUR ASSISTNACE IN HELPING PUT WITH THIS VENTURE. I BELIEVE WE CAN PULL IT OFF IF THE FELLOWSHIP WANTS TO.

**Ask it basket it/ What's on your mind:** Several members came to the mic with their experience, strength and hope.

**Adjourned @3:40** with the declaration of unity



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	<u>Jan - Mar 07</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under Budget</u>
<b>Income &amp; Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Contributions from Districts	8,084.72	25,688.00	-17,603.28
Other Contributions	30.00	0.00	30.00
Other Income	194.88	0.00	194.88
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>8,309.60</u>	<u>25,688.00</u>	<u>-17,378.40</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>Delegate Expense - GSC</b>			
Delegate Report	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Hotel	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Meals	0.00	120.00	-120.00
Minimum Cost Coverage	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Other Misc. Exp	0.00	50.00	-50.00
<b>Total Delegate Expense - GSC</b>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>2,370.00</u>	<u>-1,170.00</u>
<b>Haw Area Assemblies &amp; Meetings</b>			
<b>Interisland Airfare</b>			
Assistance to Districts	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Officers & Standing Comm. Ch's	2,146.58	7,560.00	-5,413.42
Interisland Airfare - Other	0.00		
<b>Total Interisland Airfare</b>	<u>2,146.58</u>	<u>8,060.00</u>	<u>-5,913.42</u>
<b>Printing</b>			
Chair & Alt. Chair	40.68	150.00	-109.32
Delegate & Alt. Delegate	46.88	800.00	-753.12
Registrar	69.43	50.00	19.43
Secretary	69.00	100.00	-31.00
Treasurer	159.21	100.00	59.21
Printing - Other	0.00		
<b>Total Printing</b>	<u>385.20</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>-814.80</u>
<b>Registration</b>			
Assemblies	765.00	1,275.00	-510.00
Committee Meetings	425.00	1,275.00	-850.00
<b>Total Registration</b>	<u>1,190.00</u>	<u>2,550.00</u>	<u>-1,360.00</u>
<b>Total Haw Area Assemblies &amp; Meetings</b>	<u>3,721.78</u>	<u>11,810.00</u>	<u>-8,088.22</u>
<b>Hawaii Area Standing Committies</b>			
<b>Archives</b>			
Display Material	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Printing	0.00	115.00	-115.00
Supplies	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Telephone	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Travel	0.00	160.00	-160.00
<b>Total Archives</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>495.00</u>	<u>-495.00</u>

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<b>Archives - Non-Rotating</b>			
Storage/Supplies	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total Archives - Non-Rotating</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>200.00</b>	<b>-200.00</b>
<b>Coop/Elder Community</b>			
Literature	35.00	250.00	-215.00
Postage	0.00	40.00	-40.00
Printing/Copying	51.72	210.00	-158.28
Telephone	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Travel	0.00	160.00	-160.00
<b>Total Coop/Elder Community</b>	<b>86.72</b>	<b>680.00</b>	<b>-593.28</b>
<b>Corrections</b>			
Literature	79.38	260.00	-180.62
Postage	0.00	40.00	-40.00
Printing	0.00	40.00	-40.00
Telephone	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Travel	0.00	160.00	-160.00
Workshops	0.00	120.00	-120.00
<b>Total Corrections</b>	<b>79.38</b>	<b>640.00</b>	<b>-560.62</b>
<b>CPC</b>			
Literature	8.25	162.00	-153.75
Postage	0.00	37.00	-37.00
Printing	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Telephone	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Travel	0.00	320.00	-320.00
<b>Total CPC</b>	<b>8.25</b>	<b>589.00</b>	<b>-580.75</b>
<b>Finance</b>			
Postage	0.00	37.00	-37.00
Printing	59.67	200.00	-140.33
Telephone	0.00	20.00	-20.00
<b>Total Finance</b>	<b>59.67</b>	<b>257.00</b>	<b>-197.33</b>
<b>Grapevine</b>			
Display Materials	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Gift Subscriptions	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Postage	0.00	40.00	-40.00
Telephone	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Travel	0.00	100.00	-100.00
<b>Total Grapevine</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>360.00</b>	<b>-360.00</b>
<b>Hawaii State Convention</b>			
Alt. Delegate Air - Conv Mtgs	160.47	1,440.00	-1,279.53
<b>Total Hawaii State Convention</b>	<b>160.47</b>	<b>1,440.00</b>	<b>-1,279.53</b>

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	<u>Jan - Mar 07</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under Budget</u>
<b>Hospitals</b>			
Literature	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Postage	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Printing	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Telephone	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Travel	0.00	210.00	-210.00
<b>Total Hospitals</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>550.00</u>	<u>-550.00</u>
<b>Mynah Bird</b>			
Miscellaneous	0.00	40.00	-40.00
Postage	0.00	40.00	-40.00
Printing	142.19	400.00	-257.81
Telephone	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Travel	0.00	160.00	-160.00
<b>Total Mynah Bird</b>	<u>142.19</u>	<u>660.00</u>	<u>-517.81</u>
<b>Public Information</b>			
Display Materials	29.39		
Literature & PSA's	168.50	350.00	-181.50
Postage	0.00	80.00	-80.00
Printing	20.44	50.00	-29.56
Telephone	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Travel	0.00	160.00	-160.00
<b>Total Public Information</b>	<u>218.33</u>	<u>660.00</u>	<u>-441.67</u>
<b>Treatment Facilities</b>			
Literature	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Postage	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Printing	0.00	90.00	-90.00
Telephone	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Travel	0.00	160.00	-160.00
Workshops	0.00	50.00	-50.00
<b>Total Treatment Facilities</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>520.00</u>	<u>-520.00</u>
<b>Total Hawaii Area Standing Committies</b>	<b>755.01</b>	<b>7,051.00</b>	<b>-6,295.99</b>
<b>Hawaii Area Supplemental/Operat</b>			
Bank Service Charges	6.15	0.00	6.15
Dept.of Consumer Affairs	0.00	10.00	-10.00
Insurance	0.00	500.00	-500.00
<b>Office Supplies</b>			
Chair & Alt Chair	0.00	15.00	-15.00
Delegate & Alt Delegate	47.78	15.00	32.78
Registrar	0.00	30.00	-30.00
Secretary	0.00	30.00	-30.00
Treasurer	75.43	100.00	-24.57
<b>Total Office Supplies</b>	<u>123.21</u>	<u>190.00</u>	<u>-66.79</u>

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	<u>Jan - Mar 07</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Over/Under Budget</u>
<b>Postage</b>			
Chair & Alt Chair	0.00	40.00	-40.00
Delegate & Alt Delegate	2.07	60.00	-57.93
Registrar	0.00	12.00	-12.00
Secretary	0.00	13.00	-13.00
Treasurer	25.92	39.00	-13.08
Postage - Other	<u>38.25</u>		
<b>Total Postage</b>	<u>66.24</u>	<u>164.00</u>	<u>-97.76</u>
<b>Printing-Other</b>	586.18	0.00	-586.19
<b>Telephone</b>			
Chair & Alt Chair	0.00	40.00	-40.00
Delegate & Alt Delegate	0.00	80.00	-80.00
Registrar	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Secretary	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Treasurer	<u>0.00</u>	<u>20.00</u>	<u>-20.00</u>
<b>Total Telephone</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>180.00</u>	<u>-180.00</u>
<b>Total Hawaii Area Supplemental/Operat</b>	781.78	1,044.00	-262.22
<b>Webmaster</b>			
Web Site Fee - Current Year	0.00	120.00	-120.00
Web Site Fee - Prior Years	<u>478.20</u>	<u>478.00</u>	<u>0.20</u>
<b>Total Webmaster</b>	<u>478.20</u>	<u>598.00</u>	<u>-119.80</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>6,936.77</u>	<u>22,873.00</u>	<u>-15,936.23</u>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Expense</b>			
<b>Area Delegate - PRAASA</b>			
Airfare	367.70	370.00	-2.30
Banquet	40.00	40.00	0.00
Delegate Lunch	20.00	20.00	0.00
Hotel	400.52	300.00	100.52
Meals - Other	62.40	100.00	-37.60
Registration	17.00	20.00	-3.00
Tapes/CD's	100.00	75.00	25.00
Transportation - Other	<u>35.01</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>10.01</u>
<b>Total Area Delegate - PRAASA</b>	<u>1,042.63</u>	<u>950.00</u>	<u>92.63</u>
<b>Area Delegate - Regional Forum</b>			
Airfare	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transportation - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Area Delegate - Regional Forum</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>



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Internat'l Conv. - Delegate	0.00	250.00	-250.00
<b>PRAASA - Area Chair</b>			
Airfare	387.30	380.00	7.30
Banquet	40.00	40.00	0.00
Hotel	300.39	300.00	0.39
Meals - Other	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Registration	17.00	20.00	-3.00
Transportation - Other	0.00	25.00	-25.00
<b>Total PRAASA - Area Chair</b>	<u>744.69</u>	<u>865.00</u>	<u>-120.31</u>
<b>Regional Forum - Area Chair</b>			
Airfare	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotel	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meals	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transportation - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Regional Forum - Area Chair</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
<b>Trustee Visit</b>			
Airfare	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Hotel & Meals	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Trustee Visit</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>	<u>-750.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>8,724.09</u>	<u>25,688.00</u>	<u>-16,963.91</u>
	<u><b>-\$414.49</b></u>	<u><b>\$0.00</b></u>	<u><b>-\$414.49</b></u>

# DELGATE REPORT

Aloha Area 17,

I am very happy to see all you and that we are gathered together again and conduct the Area business. The Conference reports have arrived from New York and are available. If DCMs haven't received the copies for your District please see me and pick them up. I would encourage everyone to actually read the report. The report contains many facts including information about our Area, how many groups there are, what was contributed, our Area highlights given by me at the Conference, Conference Advisory actions, Other Conference Considerations How our Area compares with the national average. How much and what literature we sold. There is an independent audit of our finances done every year that is included. I really want to remember that The Conference theme was "Our 12th Step Responsibility- Are We Going to Any Length?" The reported on those workshops are also included.

One of the most exciting developments at the Conference is Hawaii will host 2011 PRAASA and hopefully we will elect a chair this week-end to start the process and build a committee in the future.

Miranda, our Mynah Bird Chair asked Area officers to write something about our first year in service on Panel 57. Of course , my first thought is what do I write and how do I express the gamut of emotions, experiences , challenges , twists , turns that life and Area service presents me? I would like to express my gratitude to Alcoholics Anonymous and our Area for the privilege to serve as your Delegate and the sobriety I enjoy today. When I was elected last year my excitement was off the charts sitting with our past delegate Keith H. schooling me what to expect, what my duties would be and his experience strength and hope in the last two years serving as Delegate. I did a lot of praying, talking to my service sponsors, which is my course of action when I don't know what to do and my brilliant mind fails me. That has been my experience as Area Chair and Delegate that I have availed my self of sponsorship and higher power as never before out of sheer need.

The Delegate is the link from Area to the General Service Conference in New York that conducts the business of A. A. as a whole. All was quiet until the end of January. I received the agenda materials for the Conference to be

held at the Crown Plaza hotel in New York the last week in April. Until the Conference life was extremely busy looking at the Agenda, choosing what topics we would discuss at the April Assembly, gathering Area conscience, carrying that conscience to New York, hopefully making the most informed decisions we can. Agenda items were given to districts for presentation by the GSRs. This was uncharted waters and is the time I listen to guidance. Also, the preparation for PRAASA 2007, the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly in Portland. Our Area had presentations and I had our Area report to give as well as the up coming Assembly. I love PRAASA and the cohesiveness, connection with the Pacific Region as we discuss many of the Agenda items for the GSC and issues facing A.A. in our every changing world. What effect have treatment centers have had on A.A.? Our 12<sup>th</sup> step work? Do we encourage self support, singleness of purpose? How do we deal with the influx of addicts who may or may not be alcoholics? What are the challenges of General Service in our Area? Are we dealing with that challenge? Unity Day started a few years ago on Maui, the idea originating at PRAASA and the discussion of events other Areas were doing. We all share the same purpose, to stay sober and carry the message of hope to those suffering from Alcoholism. This year at GSC we saw how one group on the Big Island of Hawaii affected A.A. as whole. The proposal from that group to have more inclusive language in the flyer "Message to the Teenager" went to district, Area and to the General Service Conference as an Agenda item. The Conference accepted that proposal and the language changed, revised. That change originated from the members of one group. We all make a difference staying connected and a part of the whole is so important.

Many of you have heard my Report back from the Conference and many of you have not. Here are highlights:

- The Conference voted that Alcoholic Trustees (14 Alcoholic trustees, 7 non-alcoholics) could be considered for Chairman of the General Service Board for the first time. An historic event.
- The new edition of the Spanish big Book was approved, hopefully being available in December.
- We won the PRAASA 2011 bid. Hawaii will host the event. A very exciting development.
- A new PSA was approved for distribution ,
- A new video for prison personnel about A.A., our value, what we do was approved.
- Group contributions to GSO increased 12%. The biggest increase ever as

a result of the fellowship response to the appeal to pay for the cost of our General Service Office

- Increase on the percentage of groups contributing. (The percentage in our Area is 54.4% compared to the average of 45.5%.
- Our Area also had increase of more than \$5,000 in contributions to GSO
- An increase from \$2,000 to \$3,000 for a one time gift or bequest.
- The “Gray pages” (medical opinions, etc) were re-instated in the Grapevine. A controversial subject with much discussion.
- Multiple revisions to pamphlets, our Service Manual and a video were approved

I was assigned to the Conference Literature Committee and elected as Chair of that committee and will attend the Board Meeting in February.

My challenge was to give a report on what I saw and felt, the business conducted and my experiences. I was going to come back to the Area giving a report on love and light from above but my friends that was not to be. My experience at the Conference pushed me to grow, let go of old ideas about myself, A.A., pushing down the walls constructed in my mind and expand.

I believe in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Concept and the “Right of Decision,” however I voted the conscience of the Area and did not deviate from that conscience .I saw or heard no new information that would cause me to do so. I felt a deeper respect for our Area conscience witnessing 93 Delegates from the United States and Canada carrying their Area conscience as I was doing prepared and ready to do business. The Trustees are quite remarkable people serving at great sacrifice to family, jobs and their personal life.

There was an issue that came up at the conference that was disturbing and shook me to my foundation. I went to New York a bit starry eyed and had those in New York on a pedestal. Instead I found human beings, alcoholics with all the same human frailties and short comings we are all faced with. There was an issue at the General Service Board meeting in July 2006 about looking for a new General Service Office manager. Some on the Board wanted to start looking for a new manager (even though our current manager hadn't left nor indicated he was leaving any time soon .The search takes about 18 months) Also they wanted to change guidelines for hiring and tenure of the General Serve Office Manager .The matter was voted on and a substantial majority (2/3) decided against such actions. After all had returned to their states or locales, the minority felt that they hadn't been fully heard and asked that the Chairman of the General Service Board to call a special

meeting to hear the minority .The Chairman declined to do so as the cost of flying everyone from long distances to New York would not be a wise expenditure of A.A. funds, to hear one matter that could be heard at the next Board meeting in July. Approximately 10 days before the Conference unknown Trustees in the minority asked that a “Notice of Appeal” be put on the Conference Agenda. Normally the Agenda is set and done with in January and all background materials are sent to the Delegates so the Area can make an informed decision. Thus the Character defects! There were manipulations by a minority of Trustees to get the matter heard overriding the process, e-mailing the information to the Regional Trustees using their discretion to distribute this to the Conference Delegates in their region or not. Brouhaha ensued and divisions were created. I did not have the information. A floor action was made and a decision was made at the Conference that the matter not be heard until the 2008 Conference. The background material had not been provided to the Conference Delegates, it was unknown what all the background materials there were to provide and that the Conference process had not been followed. There was an element of politicking, lobbying on both sides which were even more disturbing to me. I was very vocal about that from the Conference floor.

Alcoholics just like me, trying to get their way, tried to manipulate the system and it didn't work. When the Conference process is followed, the process safeguards us for a large part from the politicking, lobbying – that behavior that is an aberration from the norm. The final result is the “Notice of Appeal” will be given a full hearing but not on the time table that some wanted.

A.A through the Twelve Steps of recovery afforded me the opportunity to have, to regain and develop integrity and I discovered how important it to maintain it. I did not have integrity when I was drinking. You know the folks that say, “General Service is just a bunch of politics”. I always disliked that response as so dismissive, did not think it was true. Now I must report that, indeed Politicking was present at the Conference, it was not the norm, the exception but did happen. I was challenged to speak the truth when I was very uncomfortable, confront persons and issues that required such action and do so in a way that did not cause harm, fulfilling my service to Area responsibly.

Some of you know I was a habitual cult joiner giving my money, time, power over to a guru, spiritual teacher or leader abdicating responsibility for my life and the consequences of my actions. My experience in .A.A has that

been whoever I tried to put on a pedestal, sponsors, Trustees, whoever they are, they would just not stay on that pedestal because they don't belong there. We are all equal and the highest position we can attain is sober. We are all in this together, subject to the same character defects, sometimes doing very well, sometimes not. Making good decisions, bad decisions sometimes trying to get our way when things aren't working the way we planned it. We all just doing the best we can. Examining my time at the Conference, digesting, processing, and taking in the gift that was given to me by this opportunity to serve I traveled our Area giving my Report Back. You listened, didn't throw things and gave me the love and respect we do as family members. I was a guest in some your homes but, more than that, I felt so loved by the family I had joined all those groups and cults to find.

This first year, so far has been quite amazing. I look forward to the Assembly, continuing to share with you, electing a PRAASA chair, building a committee and facing the challenges presented to me. One thing is perfectly clear to me. Whatever Higher Power is, no matter what circumstances are in my path, there is no standing still in sobriety. Trudging, sometimes skipping, and sometimes being pushed down the road of happy destiny.

In service,

Vernon [REDACTED]

## **Hawaii Area** Rules of Debate

Generally speaking we adhere to Robert's Rules of Order and, with any luck, the whole Assembly proceeds on as informal a basis as possible consistent with the rights of all concerned.

**General rules of debate:** (These are agreed to at the beginning of each Assembly)

1. People who wish to speak line up at the microphones and are called on in order.
2. Each person may speak for 2 minutes.
3. No speaker can speak for a second time to a topic until all who wish to have spoken for the first time.
4. Voting is by a show of hands for or against the motion.

A quorum is required to call for a vote. (In Hawaii AA a quorum is 50% + 1 of all voting members registered).

### **Substantial unanimity:**

All matters of policy require substantial unanimity – or a two-thirds vote.

Because the number of members present in the hall during the Assembly varies from time to time, the "phrase two-thirds vote" is taken to mean two-thirds vote of the Assembly members voting as long as the total vote constitutes a quorum.

After the establishment or rejection of any matter of policy by a two-thirds vote, the minority will always be given the opportunity to speak to its opposition.

### **Calling the question:** (requires a second – no debate)

Motion to "Call the Question" must be made in turn at the microphone, requires a second, is not debatable and requires a two-thirds vote. If passed, debate on the issue before the Assembly ceases, and the Assembly proceeds immediately to vote on it. If not passed, the debate continues.

### **To table a discussion:** (requires a 51% vote)

Requires a motion and a second. Requires only a simple majority vote. (51%)

### **Request to reconsider:** (requires a 51% vote) *(changing vote)*

Must be made in the form of a motion by someone who had voted with the winning side and now, after debate wishes to change their vote. It requires only a simple majority to cause reconsideration. ~~No action may be reconsidered twice.~~ *1/98.*

### **Minority:**

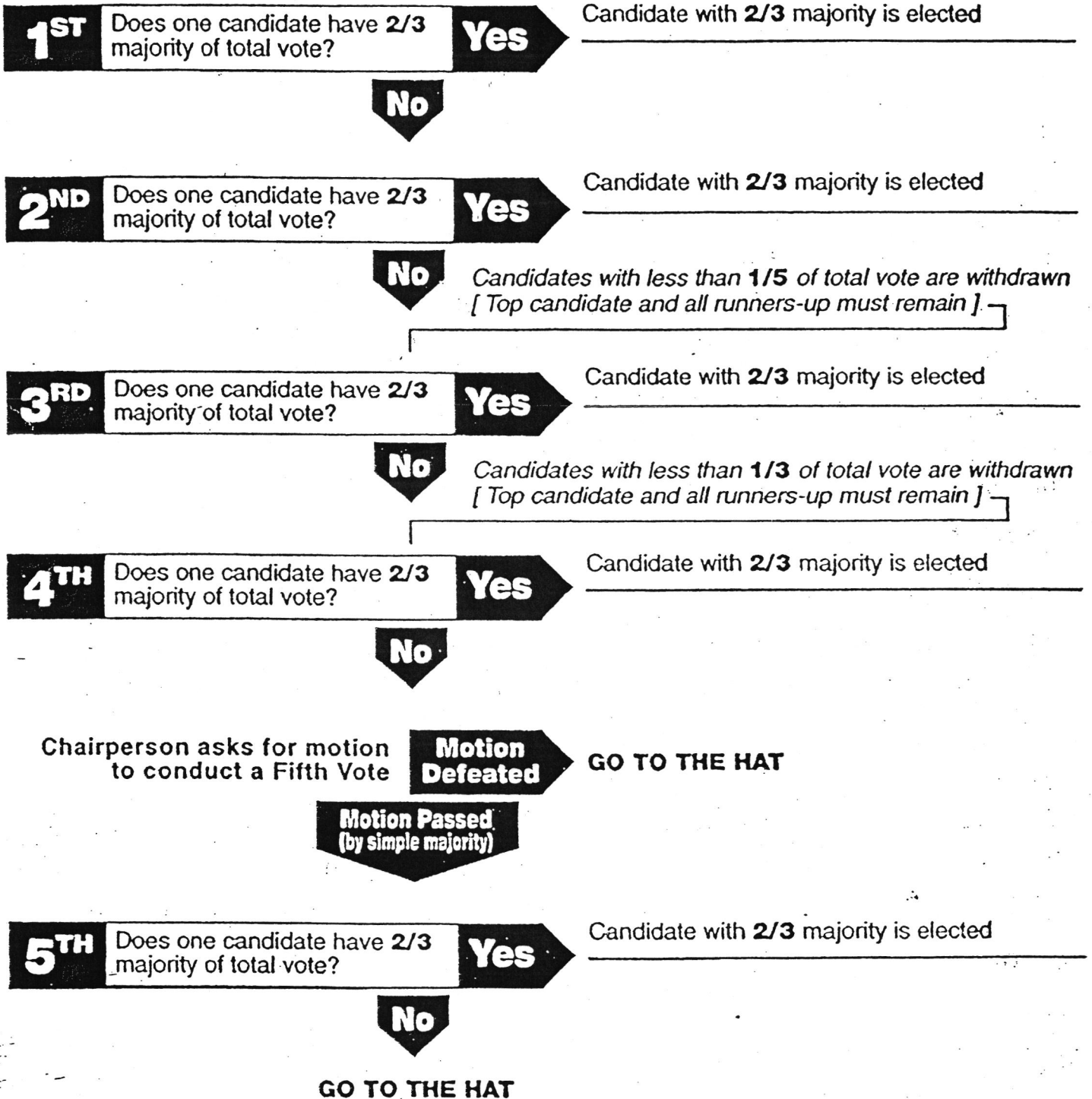
The minority is defined as the side losing the vote, i.e. fails to get two thirds, and not necessarily the side with fewer in number of votes. Thus, sometimes the minority could have a majority of votes but less than the required two-thirds.

It requires a two-thirds vote of the Assembly to depart in a significant way from the agenda during the Assembly. However, non significant departures from the agenda are at the discretion of the chair person.



# The Third Legacy Procedure

## BALLOT





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