AREA 17 COMMITTEE MEETING

WAILUKU UNION CHURCH - DODGE HALL
327 S. HIGH STREET
WAILUKU, HI 96793
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
HOST: NO KA OI DISTRICT 5

Directions:

After exiting Airport continue on KEOLANI PL go 0.7 mi Bear RIGHT onto HALEAKALA HWY 396, Merge LEFT onto HANA HWY 36, go 0.6 mi Bear LEFT onto KAAHUMANU AVE 32, go 2.7 mi Turn LEFT onto S. HIGH STREET 30, go 0.2 mi Arrive at 327 S. HIGH STREET on your right. Street Parking is available if Church Parking Area is Full.

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REGISTRATION FORM - AREA COMMITTEE MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2007

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Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting

October 13th, 2007 No Ka Oi District (Maui)

Saturday October 13th, 2007

8:30-9:30 A.M.	Breakfast and Registration
9:30 A.M.	Call to Order Host DCM Announcements Reading
9:45 A.M.	Area Officers Reports – Secretary Treasurer Registrar Alternate Delegate Alternate Chair Chair
10:15 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 11: 15 A.M.	Delegate Report – Break Business- • Website proposal and discussion • Agnostic Pamphlet proposal and suggestion
12:00 P.M.	Lunch
12:45 P.M.	DCM's meet with Registrar to update Area Group List
1:15 P.M.	* Discussion on Year –End summary document * Discussion on Ideas for Inventory Assembly
1:45 P.M.	Standing Committee, DCM, Intergroup, Officer Roundtables
2:15 P.M. 2:45 P.M.	Work sessions Break
3:00 P.M.	DCM Reports Standing Committee Reports, Intergroup Reports HICY-ICY- PAA, Other Reports
4:30 P.M.	Adjourn – Declaration of Unity
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Agenda subject to change due to time management

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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 secretary@hawaii-aa.com

2008 Assembly/Committee meeting schedule

January Inventory Assembly Central North Shore, Oahu (confirmed)

February Committee Meeting East Hawaii Big Island

April Inform the Delegate Puna Big Island

June Committee Meeting Kihei Maui August Budget Assembly Waianae Oahu October Committee Meeting Tri-Island Maui

November Election Assembly Diamond Head, Oahu

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

Saturday, October 13, 2007

Meeting Opened @ 9:30 am with the serenity prayer

Announcements: Archie is new CEC Committee Chair for Area

Host DCM announcements: Coleen- "Welcome to Maui!" summary: Housekeeping items [bathrooms,

parking, smoking, home stay, transportation, places available to smoke, refreshments]

Reading- Ken: summary: "Mutual trust should prevail...Important actions should be taken in unanimity".

Area Officer Reports:

Secretary: Bridgette: verbatim: I want to thank everyone for getting me your reports, emailing them ect. It's all been so helpful. As you all know from my last email, the minutes are getting a bit large, but I've realized that some of that in part is due to the delegates report. But just for the sake of saying it, its when you folks email me a copy of your report, that its actually the easiest for me, cause I all I havt to do is cut and paste, then place it in the minutes verbatim. But your hardcopy is always acceptable. If you don't submit a written report then I will summarize the best I can. I am on the new email system so please send all your correspondence to: secretary@hawaii-aa.org. My contact sheet is still with my old server so your blanket emails will come from there, but please do not respond to it. If you would like to be on the area correspondence list please come and see me. If you don't have computers please come see me and Ill be happy to send you hard copies. Please review your Committee Meeting Minutes for a moment. I entertain a motion.

Motion to accept made by: Colin

Seconded

Majority voted and accepted the minutes as written

Treasurer:: Linda: verbatim: As of September 30, Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating funds \$ 18,755.53 Prudent Reserve \$ 3,500.00

International Convention Reserve \$ 500.00

Total Cash in Bank \$22,755.53

As of September 30

 Total Revenue
 \$23,630.70

 Total Expenditures
 \$19,551.82

Net Gain \$ 4,078.88

Not included in the above are two expenses that have been prepaid and/or advanced for next year: \$425.00 for the January Inventory Assembly and \$500.00 for the Delegate's airfare to 2008 PRAASA.

September contributions were down from previous months. I am hoping that is not a trend and that contributions will remain steady for the rest of this year. Please help spread the word that our service work continues. I am continuing to email the contribution reports monthly using only the "new" email system, so please check your appropriate email for reports, updates, etc. Also, district numbers 1, 3, 10, and 12 have not yet reimbursed area for your cost share of the Delegate Report Backs at the beginning of last summer. Please notify your district treasurers to send me the check as soon as possible. Halloween is just around the corner, so I would like the treat of having our groups include their group name and district number on their area contributions. It's really tricky sometimes trying to figure out the source of some of the checks and money orders. I will surely meet some of you at the 46th Annual Hawaii State Convention in just 3 weeks. May all of you have a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and continued gratitude and sobriety for the New Year. I'll see you in January for our annual Inventory Assembly.

Registrar: Tim: verbatim: I will be meeting with DCM's individually later today to make sure that all the group information in your district is correct and up to date. (Wireless Internet card provided by Nick H. Area Chair) If you have mailed me any group forms since last assembly please pick those forms back up today. I have 10 DCM's, 5 Standing Committee Chairs, 6 Area Officers, 0 Intergroup Chairs registered thus far. If any of your contact info has changed please make those corrections to the master contact sheet and I will email an updated contact sheet to the area body following this committee meeting.

Alternate Chair: Elizabeth: verbatim: I have been attending the monthly convention steering committee meetings, and am learning so much about the behind the scenes work that goes on to put on such a momentous event. Please register if you haven't done so yet!!! I have been communicating a lot withour webmaster Bob and our Alternate Delegate about the Website, which is greatly improved over the last few months. Please visit it at www.hawaii-aa.org. I am staying informed about our January Assembly location. Which has changed, and you will hear more about that during the DCM reports. When it si firm, we will contact everyone, as well as have a new registration flier on the website..

Chair: Nick: verbatim: Aloha to all and again I thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Area Chair. We have had a very successful year of assemblies and committees meetings. Many Mahalos to all the Host districts this year. All of your hospitality and service greatly appreciated. I have been working with area officers in preparing the agenda for this committee meeting and look forward to discussing the upcoming January inventory assembly. I will be presenting a year end summary/ report for ideas and discussion. Hope to implement this and have it ready for January assembly. Also we will continue to discuss issues related to the website. I will continue to follow up with District selected to host 2008 to see how planning is going. I have started to utilize the new email system. Please remember to email me at just returned from month long vacation to Thailand, Laos and Vietnam. Fam very glad to report that the program is alive in well in SE Asia. I attended meetings in Bangkok, Chang Mai and Hanoi. The fellowship

was very welcoming and caring. I was excited to see an increase in Thai language meetings on the schedule and also saw a Maui Intergroup newsletter at one of the meetings! I certainly used the AA resources available to me overseas so I am excited to come back home and do some service and give back to this amazing fellowship, though I will never be able to give back as much as I have been given. Thank you all for my sobriety and my life!!

Alternate Delegate: Old School Mike: not present, verbatim submitted by email: Aloha All, from Japan, Bob mahalo for your comments to my report! Sorry again for missing the committee meeting on Maui. My hope would be for the committee meeting would be the officers and DCM's will discuss the questions in my report and then I could review the minutes to come with a good recommendation for the Area 17 web site. Mahalo to anyone else willing to address the questions in my report as Bob did, it would be very helpful. Aloha for now In Love and Service Old School Mike

Delegate's Report: Vernon: verbatim: I trust this report finds you and your families healthy and happy. As we move into the last quarter of the year, for once my report will be brief. I have heard from all corners including our Regional trustee, Madeline that ICYPAA was fantastic and the best ever. In this issue of Box 459 there is a very uplifting article on young people getting sober, the challenges they faced and how it may be easier today for a young person to be taken as credible when identifying as an alcoholic. In 2007 the General Service Conference recommended that the trustees Committee on Public Information seek out video/digital submissions from the fellowship which could be possibly compiled and included in a video designed to carry the AA message to young people. I have brought copies of the guidelines for submissions. I encourage all those interested to consider participating in this new and exciting experiment. The deadline is November 30, 2007. In Box 459 some articles may be interesting to you or those in your district like, where did saying, "I am an alcoholic" in meetings start? There is also a New Hebrew translation of the big book has been completed. This translation was a labor of love that took six years to complete. The Big book is now available in 53 languages. There are answers about some frequently asked questions regarding anonymity, the internet and are websites or My Space. There are some basic guidelines for the Internet suggesting that we not use last names of ourselves or others when speaking at a round-up or convention that may end up on the internet. November is designated as gratitude month, a tradition that started in the 1940 with gratitude lunches and then gratitude dinners. This was a place where members could express their appreciation for AA and meet with the media, thanking them for their sympathetic coverage. I have been in contact with Eva Sanchez, our GSO staff person in New York that will assist the Conference Literature Committee. In November some Areas will conduct elections for new panel 58 Delegates. After the Delegates are known they will be assigned to their Conference Committees and we all will start on an even footing together. In the first week of February I will ravel to New York for the General Service Board meeting. Another first for me and a rare opportunity to watch the trustees at the General Service Board at work. I have received calls from some regarding issues in you districts, questions whether the traditions being adhered to. Just a reminder for your districts that the Area is not a governing body. Decisions are made from the group conscience of the groups and your districts. Area does not tell the groups what to do. I have really enjoyed connecting with those who have called and shared your process with me. I remain ever grateful to AA the area for the opportunity to serve as Delegate and enjoy the richness of our fellowship and you're aloha throughout the state.

Break Business-

<u>Website proposal and discussion:</u> [Note from the secretary: I apologize if you weren't quoted, I tried to get everyone. Bob: Webmaster (submitted by email his answers which were read by Nick)]

Make the web committee a standing committee? Colin: in favor; they should have a vote, it allows others in the room to be more of an attraction. Elizabeth: many areas have the website under the PI chair that is something to consider. Vernon: Q: Linda what would be the cost? A: \$500-800 not including their budget. Per year. Kunane: what are the expectations of this person? If they are going to be a trusted servant and some else is reporting what then? We need it to be clear. Holly: Would they be coming to assemblies? Would that be more airfare. Hugh: we used to meet on the side, but I think they need to attend the assemblies so that they know the structure. Coleen: If it takes a lot of work we should give them a voice. Doug: Is it done by itself or any with a committee? Yes, it's done all kinds of ways. David; we don't want to complicate things too much, the webmaster needs over site but they should have the authority to pay for one if need be. A whole committee to talk about what the webmaster does seems to be a waste. Brian: If we don't have a qualified person the website falls. Kunane: its more of an administrative role, will it be area wide or a one man committee? Taking the time doesn't always mean they should have a vote, coffee takes time but they don't vote here. It seems more administrative. Sue: I cant believe that we are not going to view the webmaster important enough and we are not going to give him equal standing, its not just a simple administrative job. He should be here because its important. Vernon: we have a responsibility; the webmaster already has a vote. I think its imperative that the webmaster be connected to us and be here. We have to decide what the parameters are. Bob: In my research it does not appear as if every Area makes the web committee it's own standing committee, many of web committees function as subcommittees of PI. In many respects this makes sense as a web site is, after all, publicly available information. [Web sites can be locked up and password protected, but I'm assuming we aren't going to do that, at least for the majority of the site.] This does not mean that the PI chair (or any chair) needs to micromanage the web site, indeed I'll argue against micromanagement in a bit. :-) Appointed Webmaster or paid position? Summary: Doug: is their any

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numbers on this? We should be able to compare this. Brian: Instead of a standing committee could it be just one person who sits here? Liz comments; do we want to reduce the amount of service positions? But I think we have a wealth of people in AA who can do this. I don't think it should be a paid position. Kawika: PI should manage the site by paying a webmaster, its not so costly to have someone in this technical position. Its not costly, PI should be in charge. Coleen: I don't see that that's PI's responsibility. We should do it for ourselves. Cheryl: I think that they should be here and comparing the cost is irrelevant to the importance. Miranda: Yes some of us may have the ability but who's going to be security and keeper of the passwords. Who going to police the anonymity. If it needs to be someone on the outside then so be it.: we are putting the cart before the horse. What do we want the website to look like. We need to define what we want the website to look like. Linda: I haven't heard anyone talk about whats happening now. Since Ive been in area service their has been a lot of movement and it has fallen by the wayside. We may want the alternate delegate to be the content manager. Bob: I can see pros and cons for both positions, but currently I feel we have enough people in the our fellowship capable of serving in this capacity. I do feel the webmaster should have technical skills however and we should not be appointing (or electing) this person based solely on the willingness to server. Here's why. I feel strongly that our web site must be accessible by the widest variety of browsers possible, including "web to voice" and any other alternative reading methods as might be necessary. The only way to achieve this goal is to closely follow current web standards. When I took this position I converted our current site to XHTML 1.0 Transitional (and it could easily be made "Strict") from the Microsoft specific code it was in. To do this and maintain the site in the fashion requires some knowledge of the standards and the ability to write code that adheres to them. This is not rocket science by any means and it's easy enough to learn, but I do feel the must be learned. Hence I feel that webmaster should be tech savvy. Having said that, I don't want folks to think I'm being needlessly exclusionary. I feel anyone should be able to serve on the committee as that really only requires a desire to work with our Traditions and Concepts. In addition I think it's necessary we have an alt-webmaster who, in the normal course of events, would likely become the webmaster. This person would not need to have the same starting skill set at the webmaster as the position could be as much an "in-training" position as "alternate to" position. Thus for someone who currently doesn't have the skills, but still has the desire, we'd have a path that person could follow. Web committee has a vote at area? Bob:I feel everyone who contributes to Area should have a vote much as workers at GSO have a vote. I don't, of course, think anyone should have an "extra vote" (nor is such a thing possible). Alternate delegate on committee? Doug: what nick just read, I don't care. Maybe it should just be a paid position because it is so technical. I agree their should be a content manager that we talk to but we should pay a webmaster. Ermina: I think it should be overseen by the content manager, but if we have a webmaster who is paid they should train another person and they should sit up there with you folks. Brian: the content is what makes the website what it is, so the content is more important, the webmasters function is putting the content on their but that's all, the content is already being approved by someone. We hit this problem every two years, right now we already have a content manager, alt. delegate Bob: I don't think that we necessarily need one of the elected members to sit on the committee. However, as members of the assembly I feel they could, as I feel any other member of the assembly could. I think the structure we should have would be something like: 1. An appointed chair (could be PI if we don't want another standing committee). 2. Webmaster 3. Alt-Webmaster (normally succeeds webmaster for the sake of continuity) 4. Members of the assembly who wish to serve on the committee. The committee itself should be making decisions about policy, direction, and vision, and not involved in micromanaging the actual work. The only members with authority to actual change the website (within policy) would be the chair (who normally wouldn't and needed have the skills to do so, but would have the passwords and such to keep things going in the event of changes), the webmaster, the alt-webmaster. There wouldn't, in this structure, but a content manager per se. Materials would be posted if they fit the guidelines by the webmasters without further review. [They would, of course, be reviewed by the webmaster to insure anonymity and the like.] If there were question of something fitting policy, it would be passed to the chair and then to the whole committee as necessary. But on a day to day basis, routine changes need not, indeed should not, go through many hands. This would just make the whole process needlessly unwieldy and eventually lead to stagnation and an out of date site. Web site mostly service or find a meeting or to get general AA info? The body: We like it the way it is. Linda: I spent time traveling the website, we have links to Intergroups I thought the content was good. Bob: Given that each Intergroup already provides meeting lists on their sites I do not feel we need to go down that road. Certainly we should provide prominent links to those sites as people will come looking for meetings. However I think of this website as primarily a service tool for Area. Were there a need for us to provide a meeting lists for a specific area, or for a specific time, it could be discussed by the committee. Who pays the bills? A: the area, maybe we should pay strait from the checking account, or pay in advance for a year. Doug: isn't it possible to have debit card for our banking account? Linda: their would have to be a restriction on the debit card. Our checks require a second signature, what about the card? Bob: The Area should be paying the bills through the treasures who should probably be listed as the billing address on our registration through Netfirms (current provider). The webmaster would be the technical contact. The chair could be the administrative contact. What content, calendar, links, district information etc. will be on the site? Bob: We don't need to decide this now. This should be the job of the committee. In fact, if this is the scope of the current proposal, we probably don't need a committee as we will have done their work. Who will have access to add content? While it would be nice if we could allow all DCMS, committee chairs, elected servants, and the like to add material, it is not feasible. In order to maintain the site in usable form, content must be added "correctly" so editing the site should be limited to the webmasters (with the chair also have the passwords, if not the actively editing the site). In addition the once the committee decides on what constitutes appropriate content,

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we will have a much clearer picture of who might be submitting content. Offhand I'd say anyone should be able to submit content and have it posted by the webmasters provided it meets the guidelines set forth by the committee. **How many people need to be on the committee? Bob:** Certainly the three folks I've mentioned, chair, webmaster, alt-webmaster, and hopefully several members of the assembly. I doubt every member of the assembly will want to join so I don't think we'll have trouble limiting the number, our problem will be to fill the committee. I'd say that if we have no volunteers then the committee be made up of the 3 I mentioned and one or two elected members (probably putting the alt-delegate on the spot), but if we have at least 2 members of the assembly, then 5 could be a lower limit. Again I don't think we'll seriously

we have at least 2 members of the assembly, then 5 could be a lower limit. Again I don't think we'll seriously need to cap the membership as I don't honestly feel dozens will rush to join - but I could be wrong. Can we trust our trusted servants? Kunane: yes maybe an adhot committee would be good. Otherwise it would be chaotic at an assembly Bob: If we can't there's no point in this. If we can't trust folks to follow the guidelines, then we probably can't trust the committee who makes the guidelines, nor ourselves for creating a committee.

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1. We create a committee. 2. The committee creates guidelines. 3. The webmasters follow them and ask for clarification when in doubt. If we don't trust folks, then do we bring every single item to post before the entire assembly? And how do we trust them? **Nick:** There is going to be a trial an error period, but we need something workable. If we wait for the perfect solution it won't come. I think the time for talking is almost exhausted. We need to get into action. **Shoshana:** we need a good geek squad, maybe this would provide opportunities for them too. **Kunane:** can we suggest an adhot committee? For January. **Vernon:** I think our website is really beautiful now. I think it didn't work before, but now it is, and its up to the alternate delegate

Agnostic Pamphlet proposal and suggestion: This is a formal request for the development of a new AA pamphlet addressed to agnostics. This request is made in accordance with a group conscience of a duly registered Group of AA. The group name is "We Agnostics" "We Agnostics" is in District 11 of Area 17 and its GSN number is 674164. We hereby request the development of a new AA pamphlet which would include current experience and personal stories from members of AA who have the following characteristics: 1. They have achieved and maintained sobriety within the program of AA. 2. They would describe themselves as atheist or agnostic to this day, i.e they did not have the conversion experience alluded to in Chapter 4 of AA. We hope that this pamphlet will be an aide to newcomers and others who may think that there is no place for them in AA because of their spiritual or religious beliefs or lack thereof. It is also the purpose of this pamphlet to give hope to such people by showing living examples of atheists or agnostics with long-term sobriety. We are concerned that many people within reach of help are not getting that help because they are troubled by the emphasis on "God" in the program of AA. We want the hand of AA to be there for everyone, regardless of his or her beliefs. We would like to think that those who believe in God would also believe that God would want AA to be their for everyone, regardless of beliefs. We need such a pamphlet to make this clear to everyone in AA especially newcomers. Discussion: Q: does this mean you don't believe in the physic change. A: No I had one but without a belief in God. We were told we aren't writing the pamphlet, GSO would, Q: My problem is that the conversion experience is what AA offers, so I have a problem with the wording. Q: I would fit into your meeting but my concern is that atheist and agnostic are too narrow of a category. Maybe AA couldn't work in Beijing or Hong Kong, maybe it needs to be broader, and my conversion experience is described in appendix 2. A: we have Buddhists in our meeting, but if you are atheist or agnostic it's hard for them. Q: that was written in 1935, like men wear the pants, AA is clearly not a Christian program, the individual defines the spirituality. Q: did you plan the timeliness of the court case that said AA was too religious and violated peoples constitutional rights and therefore couldn't court order people to go? A We were aware of the court decision. Q: we are already having pamphlets on this stuff, why do we need another pamphlet? Q: Are you going to change this or should I take this back to my district? A: It's a possibility that there may be changes.

Lunch @12:00

DCM's meet with Registrar to update Area Group Lists- ongoing throughout the day

Discussion on Year- End summary document-Nick- summary: all officers, DCM's and steering committee members put together a report to summarize the term we served, put it together, give a copy to archives and one to each DCM. Format: 2 pages maximum in a bullet style. It would be a work in motion. Officers, standing committees in a packet, plus DCM's and Districts. Discussion: I think this is fabulous, not all of AA people don't really know what we do, so they may support us more and have a better understanding. Maybe we should include all the districts. Nick: I need everyone's report by December 15th, for assembly of the packet. Please email me your reports. I will have this available to the DCM's at the January Assembly, some samples and on the website available for printing. Liz: This will help us in our inventory assembly, how could I have done things better, take a personal inventory.

Discussion on Ideas for Inventory Assembly: summary: Elizabeth: We had topics that were put out by the chair and then we broke up into groups, discussed the topic, then we reconvened and then shared what we found out. Scott: What I like when the questions come from the GSR's and the area chair decides which will be addressed. Vernon: are we fulfilling our purpose? Archie: We did the questions as an area Brian: topics have been brought forth but then loses focus soon after, but never had updates. We should have updates to show what has been done. Kunane: Its really nice to hear what others had done. Colin: the thing I got from being in the work. We impacted one member at a time. Bill was big on loving discussion. Miranda: maybe we should have some questions made by the officers. They should be things that we would be way OK with them.

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Val: how can we people to get in district and are service. **Scott**: when the GSR's meet that question shows up a lot of time. Vernon; if you can get 3 questions out of your group then your doing great. **RoundTables-30 minutes**

<u>Upcoming Proposals</u>: #1. Update the Job descriptions in 2.3 and 3.3 in S & G, to add "Area Officers shall attend all Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings". "Standing Committee Chairs shall attend all Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings".

#2. Update 2.7b Alternate Delegates duties to include "and the Structure and Guidelines." Standing Committee Work Stations- Archie, Ken, Miranda, Kalei, Aike, Kawika, Sue were present DCM Reports-

#11 Kihei: Colin verbatim: Aloha and welcome all to Maui. I would like to thank those from No Ka Oi District for putting this event together. Kihei District is running along very smoothly Saturday morning Women's Meeting, one of our long-time women's mtg. closes the doors since we met in August. We have had a warm welcome to our newest meeting, This is a 6 am mtg. held three days a week right now (M,W,F).Our District meets on the third Tuesday of the month @ St. Theresa's Church in the library from 6-7:30 We generally have 15 people in attendance. We continue to discuss a Concept a month at our monthly District meeting. Our C.P.C. committee continues to take a panel into the D.U.I. class twice a month, I had the opportunity of going yesterday and there was around 40 or so people in the class. I took advantage of the PRAASA deal that Alaska Air has and got a reasonable fare to Anchorage, I say this because the flights are booking very fast. I was also still able to get a room at the hotel suggested on the flyer. Thank You for allowing me to be of Service...

#1 Diamond Head: Doug verbatim: We have good participation by GSR's, we get about 10 GSR's at our monthly meetings. We've elected a new Alt. DCM, Adina. WE have 4 GSR's that have committed to committees, Hosp. PI, Corrections and CPC. Were in great shape financially. Were still recommending groups re-direct our portion of the pie to Central Office. The district Budget and reflection thereof in Treasurer Report has been a focus. WE have started our discussion on a proposed S&G and expect to vote on it next meeting. WE will be starting with an S&G proposed straight from Areas current one. We're expecting Nov. Assembly to be held at the Holy Nativity church and on the second weekend of Nov., following the Area Convention. WE will be responsible for 2008 Christmas Alkathon. DCM will be attending 2009 Praasa.

#12 Puna: Ermina verbatim: Puna District is busy at this time. While we are here, my coworkers are having a service structure workshop. This will hopefully get more people in service at all levels. We have a new group called "As Bill Sees It" meeting on Tuesday nights. Pahoa Fellowship has 3 meetings that are going strong. Which are Wed Pahoa Big Book Study, Thursday Pahoa Big Book Study and Friday Night Reflections 4th Dimensions meeting M-Fri mornings are also going strong. 4th Dimensions meeting M-Fri mornings are also going strong. Wahine O'Puna is still caravanning once a month to the small meetings. They are also offering child Care during the meeting to support the families of women in recovery. Bounce Back has a new GSR Walther D. who comes to our area with 20+ years of sobriety, please join me in welcoming him aboard. Ho'Ohana is gearing up for the clean and sober dance set for October 27th, starting off with a meeting followed by the dance. There will be a costume contest by age group; prizes for the adults will be AA literature, donated by meetings and groups. This is always a real fun time. I just tip my hat to ho'Ohana for their involvement with some of the Committees. If a person does not understand what getting into service is, it can be learned at Ho'Ohana. This group grabs the newcomer by the hand, and directs them through their recovery. There are many groups that are supporting District but as yet do not have a GSR, WE are hoping this weekends workshop will help them understand the importance of what is done in District and Area. Finally, we have a location for "Inform the Delegate 2008" look for the Rainbow fliers to pre register for this April Event. My District is real excited to Serve Area at this event. I would also take this time to thank my Alt. for stepping in when I could not be here. Charles has done a great job as Alt. DCM. Thanksgiving Alkathon at the Olaa Community Center Keau hosted by Intergroup.

#6 Kauai: Shoshanna

#2 Honolulu: David verbatim: Aloha from the Honolulu District. I'm honored to be in service here in Wailuku, and would like to express my appreciation to Coleen and the No Ka Oi District for doing such a good job of hosting us. Honolulu District seems to be in a pause in anticipation of coming events – first the Hawaii Convention; and then the three alkathons. Waikiki District does Thanksgiving, Diamond Head does Christmas and we do New Years, but all three are at the same venue, Unity Church on Monsarrat Avenue, and traditionally there's participation by members from all three districts. In addition, Black Experience is getting ready for its Martin Luther King Day picnic to feed the homeless in Kapiolani Park, in January, and its black history dance in February. Friends of Alice C., especially from Black Experience and Downtown Lunch, will also be celebrating her 50th AA anniversary in January. We've continued to caravan to meetings geographically in our district that haven't been in touch with us. We now have three more GSRs who have attended the last two district meetings, and two more who say they intend to. We're also finding meetings that want to stay meetings, not groups. Downtown Lunch held its quarterly Joe & Charlie style Big Book workshop in last month, and it was well attended. We also were able to get some fresh blood to our Thursday night meeting at the IHS homeless shelter in Iwilei, which almost had to fold.

#3 Leeward Mauka: Holly summary: Michelle H. corrections chair, found 2 new members to take meetings into prison, we are caravanning to 4 meetings. We have a contact number for a small meeting. 1 new volunteer for PI. We are having a district picnic 11/11/07 kickball, great food. Were sneaking the inventory in there. We do a tradition and concept checklist, being gardians of the traditions and all. We found Makalapa Miricles is not a dead meeting, their fine. We made a letter to each group with information about the district very simple kine. We take this on the caravans.

#5 No Ka Oi: Coleen

#8 West Hawaii: Cheryl verbatim: Over 100 people attended District 8's annual Unity Day on October 7. The theme was "Are You Getting Your Money's Worth out of AA?" The program included a lively talk by a prior delegate on general service, a panel on home group membership, two skits, "Black Jack Daniels and the Happy Destiny Kid," and "The Sponsoring Game", a la "Dating Game. We concluded the day with AA Jeopardy and a meeting. District meetings are well attended with 20 - 25 people. Coming up are two Intergroup fundraisers, a Halloween Party on October 20, and Christmas Party on December 15 and alkathons on Christmas & New Year's.

#13 Tri-Island: Brian verbatim: The Districts Coffee Break Group is sponsoring Gratitude Night which will be held October 27th at the Lahaina Civic Center. We will be caravanning to as many meeting on island next Saturday as part of our outreach.

- "The Crossing" will be taking our experience, strength and hope to Molokai October 20th At the Districts suggestion we are looking at holding three Crossing Events where we go to Molokai and Lanai and they come to us. Current registration flyer is on the Area Website.
- Held our first District Meeting at our new location Lahaina Baptist Church on Shaw Street.
- Have some volunteers to distribute Meeting Schedules at Hotels in Lahaina
- My contact info is

.#7 East Hawaii: David summary: We had a well attended district meeting with a couple new GSR's. My wife has been asking me what we do at area, she didn't understand so she became a GSR. We are having a speaker meeting for our birthday meeting, AA by the bay will have a Christmas Breakfast on Dec. 9 "Crunch before the Brunch" we provide the food and it's a potluck. My alt. dcm is looking for and inventory for our district. "What are we not servicing in our district, are we really getting the message out?" How do we be more united?

#10 Waikiki: Jeff

#4 Windward: Kunane verbatim-Thank you No Ka 'Oi District for hosting this committee meeting. I first need to acknowledge again the Windward District for all their hard work in planning and putting on the Budget Assembly in August. Many hours of service went into making it a success. I must say that "business" also went very smoothly. We are very happy to say we did and that we don't have to do it again for at least one year. We are still finalizing the dollars to make sure that all expenses have been paid out. At our last district meeting, it was the group's conscience to return all money after expenses to the Hawai'i Area. We should have all expenses paid out by the next district meeting and a check mailed out shortly after. I have started a small document that will include our research for the location, the proposed budget vs. the actual and a few tips that we learned along the way while planning and putting the assembly on. This may help out future districts as they plan for hosting an assembly. The Windward district had a busy summer with our Dual Diagnosed workshop and putting on the assembly and has decided to rest a little. We have started planning our holiday Alkathons. We will be having Christmas and New Year's Alkathons again. They will run from 3:00pm on the eve thru 6pm on the day at the Waimanalo Health Center. Please contact Patti @ 847-3547 if you would like to get into service or have any questions. We invite all of you to come and share the holidays with us. We are also starting to think about and plan for next year. We are looking at vacant service positions and how we and who can fill them. We are also thinking about what kinds of activities do we want to see next year in our District. Our goal is that by November, we will have next year mapped out. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Planning service workshop all standing committee chairs w/be invited. Book PRAASA tickets. We received Windward District history from archives and distributed to the groups. Upcoming events in our District: Oct. 12 &13 TYG Homegroup Days, Nov. 9-12th Hang Loose Thanksgiving Campout, Nov. 16 Kaaawa Steps 20th Anniversary Potluck and meeting.

#9 Central North Shore: Hugh verbatim: We held our last district meeting the third Thursday of September and I am glad to see the participation from the District for the upcoming Inventory Assembly Next year 2008. Recently it was brought to our attention that the location of the Assembly will be changed however the dates will not. As of 12 Oct, we have 3 places of interest for holding the Assembly. Basically the first choice is the Moanalua Terrace Community Center which is located off of Radford Drive across the street from the Navy Marine Golf Course. District 9 has been penciled in however we will not be firm on this location for approx 1 week from today. Upon getting the location set, new flyers will be made up distributed. The reason behind the switch for the location of the Assembly dates back to an Event that was hosted by District Nine at Wahiawa District Park. Accusations' were heard, however no action was ever taken in the past or the present. District 9 was denied a permit request by the manager who made those accusations, however two weeks prior we were told that there would be no problems in obtaining a permit for the Park. District 9 was accused of trashing the hall, using the stove and the ice box, and theft of a clock from the kitchen. Joe G. currently working on talking with the City Council. He has not received a reply from Keanu, city Council, or Donovan D's office for which there is a case file on this situation. Any updates on this situation will be forward as they come. As a District we are trying to clear the wreckage of our past and move on, I would like to thank Joe G. for his service. New Hope meeting has moved to it's permanent location. Waipio Kaiser Clinic, located behind Nissan Dealership. Meeting is on Monday Nights at 530pm, first floor conference room. Schofield Brown Baggers meeting continues to meet at 11:30am on Thursdays at the Base Chapel.

#17 Waianae: Heidi summary: My name is Heidi and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving as the DCM for the Waianae District. First of all thank you Coleen and the No Ka Oi District for hosting this committee meeting. Waianae district just had our district picnic last weekend. It was a fun event that started slow but by lunchtime and the meeting we had a good turnout. Thanks to Steve K. who stepped in as chair at the last minute to make sure we had a good event. We have begun to prepare for the 2008 Budget Assembly.

We have the place but will not announce it as firm until I have signed the contract. Hopefully this should be within the next few weeks. I have a transportation and registration chair and am hoping to fill the rest of the positions by year's end. Thanks to those of you who sent me your budgets. I was able to put together a proposed budget for the area which we discussed for the first time last district meeting. Hopefully we'll be able to work together as a district to get a working budget within the next few months. I attended the business meeting for Sobriety 101 last Sunday and have been invited to attend at Makakilo Hillclimbers next week as well, to discuss the budget. Lastly, we are gearing up for our Christmas and New Years Alkathon. They will be at Satellite City Hall in Waianae from 6:00 PM Christmas Eve to 6:00pm Christmas Day and the same for New Year's. We encourage all of you to come out and join us.

Standing Committee Reports

Archives: Cathy: submitted via email: not present. Aloha everybody and welcome to Maui. There has not been much request for help with group histories and I haven't been collecting many documents for the archivist lately. I would like to encourage all of you to pass on to your GSRs the email address to a research assistant to the Archivist at GSO for help with any research on their home groups:

he has been very helpful and the turnaround time is about a couple of weeks. You can find out the date the group first registered, who were the contact people, where the meeting was held and what the format of the meeting was. She reminded me that GSO's info is only as complete as the group keeps their info up to date. So please run any & all changes through our registrar, Tim. Ted K. has a display planned for the state convention in a couple of weeks and I am very grateful to him for getting it together.

Corrections: Kawika: summary: I've been in and out of the hospital. 2nd wed. in Makiki are the corrections meetings. 8 people attended. I asked for assistance. As a result for asking for contacts I have gotten little to no feedback. Last night I was contacted by the Windward corrections chair saying she will be stepping down. But she sent me a lot of information in the mail. I understand that folks aren't used to a working corrections system and like a cold engine it will take a while to warm it up. Some prisons are OK with AA others are not. I will have an informal meeting and luncheon with the duke aiona to help AA and the prisons carry the message. I received a request for literature from a woman in prison and GSO said they would always send out any literature requests to AA members in prison. Please forward me any information on service being done.

Hospitals: Zeke: not present, report read by Nick: I hope you can read this because this is what I would have said. Aloha and I really apologize for not being there. I did make the effort, I had an issue to take care of at work and I tried to make my flight but I did not make it. So I apologize again. I gave some material to members of HICYPA and they were to distribute to various Dr. Offices/ Tippler Hospital. I check where I had put literature and found I did not need to replace any. The twelve step call I went on recently at Straub Hospital to visit a sick alcoholic from Kauai unfortunately passed away recently. I would like to report that he did pass away sober with a couple of weeks but he was sober. Ok now as far as inventory

- 1. I would just like to ask "Why is it that after PRASA do we needs to have so many report backs?" I understand how this is dear to so many but do we really need to take up that much time on PRASA? How is that helping the suffering alcoholic? It appears that there is no time limit for reports associated with PRASA and then everyone who went needs to share. I ask why not does this for every event one goes to.
- 2. I would like to see all reports make on 1st day of the assembly this mean we will conduct business on Sunday after noon. Maybe this will keep more people there until the end of the assembly. Maybe we can end the assembly sooner? I see the positive effect the standing committee round table (i not sure if that is what we call it. when people come talk to the chairs) have but do we really need one every assembly. It does seem repetitive. I would just like to see how we can shorten the assembly in an effective assembly.
- 3. How do we approach one who is in service and is not fulfilling their position? because I feel that I was done some in justice. Let me explain I have been accused of not being committed or not taking serious (my service position). There is more but as result of what ones view of lack of service now they do not even talk to me. Yes this hurts but if that is how they want to be ok. Then someone began to what I believe it is called "character assassinate me". This because they feel I was not doing service as it "SHOULD BE DONE" This lead to bad mouthing me ok fine. To make matter worse others jumped on the band wagon. Is this principals before personalities or is this a form of "PERSONALITIES BEFORE PRINCIPALS". I can recall when I jumped all over a treasure for the things they did wrong and it was not nice. I had to learn the huge mistake I made. I learned in my home group that if there is an individual who is not fulfilling their service position then we go talk to them and offer assistance. We do not only do this when we pass the torch to the new committee head. We do not wait until we get so frustrated that we begin to bad mouth people. Yes I can say I practice what I preach! I recently after hearing someone in service make a comment offer my assistance from what I knew. I did it in a loving and caring manner and got my head bit off for it. I was so upset I thought I did something wrong. I was approached by that individual at the last area assembly and received any apology for how they reacted to me I was so relieved. I tell you makes so unhappy to know that I lost what I thought was a good friend due to my service position. I do plenty of service outside of AA and I know if I did something that was not ok with people they would not bad mouth me they would take time to show me how to do it rite or more effective. I just think what others have done yet they can throw stones my way! I have never made a fake badge to gain entrance to the Hawaii AA convention. That would be stealing, I know I am committee and do the best I can sorry we can not all do

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service to your standards. I know I am honest and trust worthy I would never After this experience and how I feel about how some people talked bad about me it help to make my decision not to return to area service once this service position is completed. No they are not chasing me away I just don't need the drama or personalities. So please lets look at how we handle individuals who do not fulfill their commitments. I ask

Convention: Aike: summary: Dropping off our quarter minutes to our secretary. We are stuffing next week. This is the last time I will be reporting to you in this capacity. We have been working hard with 19 days left. Maili sky court is sold and castle resorts own it now. But they will honor our contracts, with 180 room nights. They will still sell if available. The number of attendees is down. We expect 700 walk ins. Meals are down as well. The alanon is down as well. We will ask the convention center to lower our minimums. Programs will be printed and stuffed next week. Standing committees all said they would show up so we will adjust the room to accommodate you all. I will leave our financial report with our secretary.

Treatment: Kalei: summary: thank you no ka oi. I haven't done much since the last meeting. I am dropping off a rack and literature to a Waianae treatment center. I have just become aware of a treatment center needing a contact which I learned from the round table discussions.

PI: Sue: verbatim: Jeremy J. in Maui has been busy. The PI committee had the help of 30 sober alcoholics at the county fair to distribute 36 pieces of literature. He is using a stamp to put the Central Office information on all pieces of literature distributed. Their next activity is to bring an info booth to the Grand Wailea's annual health fair on Friday October 19th. They have also contacted the health teachers at Maui high, Baldwin, & King Kekaulike Schools and left messages on the voicemails of each offering our services in the form of informative panel discussions. There has been no feed back from the editors of the 2 in-flight magazines. On Oahu, we have distributed literature to Waianae and Kapolei libraries. We also bought mailing labels in sheets and used a Word template to print the Central Office contact information. I made them for Maui and Oahu. If you want some for Kauai or Hawaii, let me know, or I can send you the template. The next effort is to send letters to the High Schools offering to provide speakers or panels. For neighbor islands, I can send the letter template, and you can just add the school address and you contact information. Working with Holly L. to get some literature in the UH Psych department. I will have table space at the convention. Thank you for contributing to my sobriety.

Elder: Archie: summary: I'm the new chair. Betsy has family concerns and has brought me up to date. Stan has given me some material. www.hawaiiaa.org you can find our workbook. I downloaded it so I know it works. 3rd annual seniors in sobriety conference on the Queen Mary. I want to get in touch with the DCM's, at this point I need a lot of communication to find if you have a CEC chair.

CPC: Ken: summary: Mahalo no ka oi. We are in preparation to participate at our convention with a table and a smile. We have purchased panel display boards for the occasion. Next year in March we will attend an event. Mahalo all those in service in CPC Being part of the literature room with a table display of information and committee members volunteering in service to offer a smile of Aloha and to "Carry the message" In part for the display, we have purchased the CPC panel display boards and literature materials. We also have received a request from our GSO CPC coordinator for a event happening here next March. GSO supplying all the materials and display and for as to offer the service to "carry the message" to the professionals. Detail of the event to be passed on at the "Inventory Assembly"

Mynah Bird: Miranda: summary: we are planning an end of year issue on any topic. If you are grateful to be in service then send it to me. We are going to have a box or something at the convention for submissions. For the last mynah bird we had some topics like gratitude, this is gratitude month. Staying sober through the holidays, the deadline is the 15th so get those topics in. Its easy to cut and paste. Mynah bird will continue to get the word out. Synopsis of how its been working for you would be great.

Grapevine: Ted: Not present

Intergroup Reports

Kauai: Matea: Not present Oahu: Matt.: Not present East Hawaii: Ben: Not present West Hawaii: Marsha: : Not present

Hycipaa: Kunane summary: Sept. 21-23 Spencer park hosted by the Big Island was Fabulously great. Next year 2008 it will be on Oahu. Advisory met and conducted business. They are reviewing their bi-laws. They held their elections and Tod D. is new chair. Alt. Chair Mo, Treasurer. Guy, Secretary, Aileen. In the spirit of rotation, thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Icypaa: Tim.11/11 at 11am they will have their elections at kalama park.

Whats on Your Mind? Several members shared their experience, strength and hope.

Adjourn @ 3:36pm with the Responsibility Statement

TENTATIVE 2008 ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE DATES AND LOCATIONS:

January 26-273 Inventory Assembly Central North Shore, Oahu February 23 Committee Meeting East Hawaii, Big Island (Hilo Airport) Puna, Big Island (Hilo Airport) April 5-6 Inform the Delegate Assembly June 21 Committee Meeting Kihei, Maui (Kahalui Airport) August 23-24 **Budget Assembly** Waianae, Oahu October 18 Committee Meeting Tri-Island, Maui (Kapalua Airport) November 8-9 **Election Assembly** Diamond Head, Oahu

^{*}Firmed date, not tentative





