

Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting Minutes
Hosted by Kihei District ~ Maui ~ June 19, 2010

Saturday, June 19, 2010

Meeting Opened @ 9:05 am with the Serenity Prayer. Colin asks Patrick to read a paragraph from Service Manual, on leadership.

Nora: Welcome, mahalos, housekeeping items, bathrooms, parking, smoking, homestay, transportation, refreshment announcements.

9:15

Secretary: Miranda: verbatim: Good morning everyone, please review your February Committee Meeting Minutes for a moment, we have extra copies if you did not bring one. Patrick noted that the first paragraph of the minutes says October Committee Meeting (header is correct). Sec: notes that Assembly and Meeting dates on the last page incorrect, that has been updated at the March Assembly in Kona, dates are also posted on the Area website. *Motion to accept made by: Jim seconded by Hugh. Motion passed, none opposed, minutes accepted.*

Treasurer: Coleen: verbatim: Aloha Hawaii Area 17 A.A. members,
As of June 16, 2010 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$14,808.75
Prudent Reserve	\$5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$750.00
Reserve for International Convention	\$354.00 (\$1,250 - \$896.10)
Total cash in bank	\$21,808.75

As of June 16, 2010:

Total Contributions and Income	\$10,016.71
Total Expenditures	<u>\$20,878.41</u>
Net Revenues	- \$10,861.70

A. A. started with Dr. Bob and Bill W. It has been 75 years since their grace fill conversation. The summer 2010 issue of Box 459 reported that GSO is aware of A.A. activity in more than 180 countries. Hawaii Area 17 is a part of that "activity."

Area 17 is funded by groups, committees, and individuals. In Language of the Heart, there is an article about the 7th tradition titled, "Respecting Money" (pp 218-221). Written by Bill W. in 1957, he said, "We conceded that, though unorganized as a whole, we would nevertheless have to create committees or service boards so that A.A. could function and carry our message" and, "This was going to cost money, but never a lot of it, never enough to pose any great problem or future temptation." Since the cost of unity in Hawaii has increased over the years, I wondered if "never a lot of it," still applied. Rounding out the numbers, I divided our projected expenses for 2010 (\$33,500) by the number of sober A.A. members reported in the 2009 GSC Final Report (5,100). Based on those estimates, the cost to fund Area 17 is \$6.57 per person.

Bill W. ends this article by saying, "our groups, our areas, and AA as a whole will not function unless our services are sufficient and their bills are paid."

"When we meet and defeat the temptation to take large gifts, we are only being prudent. But when we are generous with the hat we give a token that we are grateful for our blessings and evidence that we are eager to share what we have found with all those who still suffer."

These are still financially challenging times. Area 17 is neither broke nor financially secure. We can thank the groups who have funded us so far. And, we also need to continue to ask our Higher Power for knowledge of what's best for us, and for the power to carry that out.

Coleen A., Area Treasurer, Panel 59 treasurer@area17aa.org

Motion to accept the Treasurers report made by Ermina. Seconded by Patrick, none opposed.

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Registrar: Sue: verbatim: In attendance: (voting members) Area Officers: Delegate, Alt. Chair, Alt. Delegate, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar. Intergroup Chairs: West Hawai'i. Standing Committee Chairs: Archives, Convention Steering, Corrections, CPC, Grapevine, Mynah Bird, Web Committee DCMs: Honolulu, Windward, Maui No Ka Oi, Kaua'i, East Hawai'i, West Hawai'i, Central North Shore, Waikiki, Kihei. DCMs, please be sure to check the list of groups at the assemblies in your district to be sure they are up to date, and the correct information is in our files.
Also please be sure to sign the folder if you are a voting member at the committee. Let me know if you are not getting your information from GSO, and I can try to figure out why. Thank you for letting me be of service. Sue B., Registrar

Alternate Delegate: Linda: verbatim: Mahalo to the Kihei District for hosting this committee meeting. It's good to be here and to see all of you again. Since I last saw you I have continued to attend the monthly Oahu Intergroup Meetings and provide a report to that body regarding the current events going on in Area17. I have also attended the monthly Hawaii Annual Convention Steering Committee Meetings along with our Alternate Chair. I am impressed by the capabilities of the members of the Convention Steering Committee and assure you that the convention is in capable hands. Plans for the 2010 convention to be held November 4-7 at Hilton Hawaiian Village are proceeding on schedule. I urge each of you to support this statewide event.

In addition to my assigned duties, I continue to be available to Elizabeth, our Area Delegate for any support services she may request. I am so grateful to be a small part of our general service process.
In love & service, Linda McD Alternate Delegate Area 17, Panel 59 altdelegate@area17aa.org

Alternate Chair: Colin: verbatim: Aloha all, Colin here... I would like to thank Nora and those from Kihei District who have made this day possible. I have been working with Sean, our DCM from Hilo on the August Assembly information available. I will soon be working Shari and the Central North Shore District for the October Committee Meeting. I have been continuing to attend the State Convention Steering Committee and I feel the event should be a success and for more information on that, we will be hearing from Patti later during the Standing Committee reports. I am also serving on the PRAASA Committee as the Program Co-Chair. I have such a full life and I have AA to thank.....Thank You for allowing me to participate Colin H.

9:35 - 10:55

Delegate's Report:

Elizabeth: Excerpt: *"In our Twelve Traditions we have set our faces against nearly every trend in the outside world. We have denied ourselves personal government, professionalism, and the right to say who our members shall be. We have abandoned do-goodism, reform, and paternalism. We refuse outside charitable money and decided to pay our own way. We will cooperate with practically everybody, yet we decline to marry our society to anyone. We abstain from public controversy and will not quarrel among ourselves about those things that so rip society asunder: religion, politics and reform. We have but one purpose, to carry the message to the sick alcoholic who wants it."*

*"We take these attitudes not at all because we claim special virtue or wisdom; we do these things because hard experience has told us we must – if A.A. is to survive in the distraught of today. We also give up rights and make sacrifices because we ought to, and, better yet, because we want to. A.A. is a power greater than any of us; it must go on living or else uncounted thousands of our kind will surely die. This we know." **Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age, page 288***

Preparing for my 2nd Conference was a different experience than for the first. I felt more comfortable and prepared this year. I was still totally in awe of the experience I was having, but I wasn't as frightened. Being an example of Concept 9 Leadership to the Panel 60 Delegates was my goal and

commitment as I set out for the East Coast. I was so excited to see the other Pacific Region Delegates, as well as the Trustees, GSO Staff and the Delegate Chairs whom I spent time with at the Board weekend in January. Throughout the week I didn't document as much as I experienced... *To read the rest of the report. The full Delegate report is available at www.area17aa.org or email delegate@area17aa.org. Your District Committee Member (DCM) can also provide you with information and or a copy of the full report.*

Colin recognizes Mike representing a Young People Committee: announces upcoming HICYPAA activities, fliers on the table for Oct 29-31st event.

Break

Roundtable Sessions

12:00 Lunch

Reconvene: Open with Serenity Prayer

Treasurer 2011 Budget Proposal: Full draft proposal is available at www.area17aa.org or email treasurer@area17aa.org. Your District Committee Member (DCM) can also provide you with information and or a copy of the full draft budget.

Cover letter:

Draft Budget for 2011 HAWAII AREA 17. Rev. June 19, 2010

Aloha Hawaii Area 17 A.A. members, A.A. in Hawaii has always been connected to A.A.'s office in New York. When Hawaii was still a territory, someone in Honolulu contacted the headquarters and asked for information on Alcoholics Anonymous. He also sent along a contribution to help defray the cost of postage. He wanted to know how to get sober. Soon after, someone in Hilo, someone in Kalaupapa, and someone in Wailuku wanted help with their alcoholism. Thus alcoholics in Hawaii began to acquire, and to pass on the experience, strength, and hope of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Attached is a draft budget for 2011. The procedure we've chosen to estimate our expenses has evolved through the experience of past panels. Those currently serving as officers and committee chairs were consulted regarding the amounts they thought the next panel members would need. It is our best guess at what we think it will cost to fully fund the Panel 61, Hawaii Area 17 trusted servants.

What do we need a service structure for? The quick answer can be found on page S20 of our Service Manual. The thorough answer however, is in the entire A.A. Service Manual, and the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines. A.A. is ours. We need a way to hear God as expressed through our group conscience, a way to correct ourselves, to improve, and to grow.

Doesn't it cost too much? The Final Conference Report for 2009, printed by the General Service Office after the 59th General Service Conference, estimates that Hawaii has 314 registered A.A. groups, and 5,097 A.A. members. Our estimated budget for 2011 is \$35,307.00. Rounding out the numbers (5,100 divided into \$35,500), the 2011 cost per member is \$6.96.

Yes, participation in A.A. does cost us time and money. This year, Alcoholics Anonymous is celebrating 75 years of continuous sobriety and service. The decision to continue to take responsibility and pass it on is always in our hands. As Dr. Bob said, "Let's not louse this thing up."

Coleen A., Hawaii Area 17 Treasurer, Treasurer@area17aa.org

P.S. Between now and the August Budget Assembly, the Hawaii Area 17 Finance Committee members are available to present and discuss this budget with your district.

Further explanation for the 2011 Draft Budget:

Page 1: Delegate Expenses

Report back to districts – increase due to rising cost of airfare and baggage fees.

Assemblies and Meetings

Airfare – increase due to an additional committee (Website), and to baggage fees. Also, this estimate will need to be re estimated once we know where the Panel 61 officers and committee chairs live.

Printing/Secretary – Estimate based on current cost.

Printing /Treasurer – this item has been moved to “Finance Committee/Treasurer”(along with Treasurer office supplies on page 3, and Treasurer postage on page 4),

Registration for assemblies and committee meetings – Web committee added to estimate.

Page 2: Corrections –An increase in opportunities to take the message into OCCC and MCCC resulted in an increased estimate to continue to purchase Big Books and 12 X 12s.

Hawaii Annual Convention Steering committee meetings – This amount for airfare will be adjusted based on where the Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chair live, and based on estimated cost of flights.

Page 3: Mynah Bird – Increase to allow for expenses other than printing.

Website Committee – Increase to allow next Website chair the option to pay for 2 years of website fees.

Page 4: PRAASA – Delegate (PRAASA 2011 will be held in Honolulu, the first weekend in March)

Airfare will be adjusted based on where the Delegate lives.

International Convention - cost increase expected.

Regional Forum – Optional one will be held in 2011.

PRAASA – Area Chair

Airfare will be adjusted based on where the Area Chair lives.

Page 5: Trustee visit – this amount may be adjusted based on the cost of airfare and hotel.

Standing Committee Proposal: C.E.C. Proposal: Ermina C., Area 17, Cooperation with the Elder Community Chairperson reads:

The C.E.C. Standing Committee of Area 17 requests formal approval and acceptance of the updated C.E.C. workbook as Area 17 Literature, to be used by Area 17 as a guide to lead those who are performing C.E.C. work with organizations, professionals and elder citizens, in our Area, District and Groups.

Nora: Did this committee take information from other committees, how was this developed? Cheryl: modeled from another GSO workbook. Other questions from the body centered more about typos, etc. Colin asks anyone with more comments relating to the Workbook contact Ermina. Ermina asks anyone who has suggestions/changes to send them as soon as possible, deadline is two weeks prior to the next Committee meeting scheduled Oct 9th.

2:15

Standing Committee Reports

Treatment: Erin: no report submitted

Grapevine: Hugh: verbatim: Thank you Kihei Maui District 11 for putting on this Committee Meeting. Continue to try and reach out to the fellowship attract members to the Grapevine, getting out the information of what the Grapevine is and how the Grapevine can be used in 12 Step work. I can remember the days when I was deployed overseas on a ship out in the middle of the ocean, not able to get to a meeting, nor was anyone on my ship in Alcoholics Anonymous, I always have a copy of the Big Book close by, I also had the Grapevine, and would get copies of the Grapevine delivered to the ship on those long deployments. It saved my life, and helped me stay sober one more day.

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I received GRAPEVINE SURVEY from our Delegate Elizabeth. This inventory has been inspired by the 2010 Grapevine Conference Committee. I have brought 100 copies with me to this meeting, and hope to get this out to the fellowship here on Maui. Responses can be mailed to the address on the Survey, or if you want you can give completed surveys to me and I will ensure they will be mailed out. Please fill out the Survey forms and get them mailed off by November 1, 2010.

It is important to get out the information about what the GRAPEVINE/LA'VINA is and what the GRAPEVINE/LA'VINA has to offer, did you know that the GRAPEVINE/LA'VINA has it's own literature? To include CD's? When is the last time you visited www.AAGrapevine.org website?

Just some of the books the GRAPEVINE and LA'VINA offer on the website:

- Beginners Book: Getting and Staying Sober in AA in Spanish and English
- Spiritual Awakenings CDs in Spanish and English
- Emotional Sobriety CDs / Book in Spanish and English.
- Traditions 1-12 CD in Spanish

I would hate to see the GRAPEVINE go away... currently the state of Hawaii has a total of 458 subscriptions as of June 2010. Pacific Region Total is 16,719 subscriptions. United States Total subscriptions is 78,397.

CPC: Juddee: verbatim: Mahalo to my home District 11, Kihei, here on Maui for hosting our Committee Meeting today! What is Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) and why do we do this work in our communities?

When a professional in one of our communities encounters someone with a drinking problem, wants to help and just doesn't know what action to take, we can provide them with the tools they need to respond appropriately. CPC is the bridge to the professional communities here in Hawaii. Through our CPC work we can discover new areas where AA can assist professionals in our communities to carry the message of hope to those who still suffer.

DUI panels on Maui continue to have only one panel per month. Mahalo, to Matt from Kihei, for arranging the panel each month. The Program Director we have worked with for several years retired the end of May. She has been an advocate of AA for many years. We have had a great relationship with the DUI program here on Maui because of her leadership. Prior to her departure, she arranged for me to meet with the new Director in the next few weeks. For now it will be business as usual with the DUI program.

Diane L. chair for District #3 (Leeward-Oahu) presented a CPC panel @ Schofield Barracks Health Clinic on May 13 for the Warrior Transition Battalion.

The panel was well attended and the presentation went well. Diane has developed an evaluation sheet for Panel Presentations. I will be asking her for a disc with all the materials she has developed for CPC this panel. Hopefully they will be helpful as we move forward with our CPC work. The information will also be available for other standing committees to use as perhaps a model for their work as well.

Our outreach idea to businesses who have contracts that require "In Service Trainings" for their staff is moving forward at a slow pace due to many agencies being involved in contract renewal season the last two months of the fiscal year, which ends June 30. A few businesses I have spoken with are interested in having CPC panel's as part of their new contracts for 2010-2011. More will be revealed on this project. This may be a project where the groundwork is done during this panel and the actual project takes off with the next panel. Please feel free to contact me anytime with an email at cpc@area17aa.org. I continue to be grateful to be of service as Area 17 CPC Chair. With the Spirit of Gratitude & Service, Juddee K.

Mynah Bird: Cheryl: verbatim: Aloha, I'm Cheryl and I'm an alcoholic. Honored to be serving as your Mynah Bird committee chair. The newest issue of the Mynah Bird is up on the website and I have copies here for the DCMs to distribute. I've also emailed a "print" version to everyone. Next issue will be coming out for the August Assembly and the deadline for submissions is Sunday, August 8. DCM's, please consider sending a brief submission an also encouraging your GSRs to write about any of the many topics we've discussed. The more people who participate, the richer the issues will be. Mahalo for letting me serve.

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Archives: Shoshanah: verbatim: Mahalo to District 11 for hosting this committee meeting and the service workshop tomorrow. It takes a lot of behind the scenes people to coordinate these events. And, besides, I love to come and visit Maui.

The archives standing committee has been fairly dormant since our last assembly. We provided the materials to all three DCM's on the Big Island so that they could create their own "What An Archivist Wants" board. Prior to the last assembly, I worked closely with Paul K and we began the process. Mahalo to Nora for bringing her packet to her District meeting and to Maria who volunteered to create their board. They will be bringing it tomorrow for our service workshop. This means that Panel 61's archives chair will have a display board available on every island for every assembly.

I want to thank Bob, our webmaster, for his patience with this computer illiterate and for updating our committee members email addresses. Mahalo also to the committee members and their DCM's who keep us current. I look forward to our skit tomorrow and am grateful to be sober and a part of this crazy 'ohana. Mahalo for allowing me to be of service and for helping me complete one of my panel goals.

Shoshanah B., Archives Standing chair, Panel 59

Convention: Patti: verbatim: Aloha All, Thank you Kihei District for hosting this Committee Meeting. As some of you may have known, our Steering Committee Chair stepped down several months ago due to personal reasons. Thus, I am serving another year in that position. Charley R accepted to come back on for another year as the past Steering Committee Chair.

The 49th Annual Hawaii Convention is coming together with a lot of people in service or wanting to get in service once the convention starts. Zeke J. our convention chair is doing a great job in contacting and meeting with the different committees to ensure that they understand what their service positions entails. We continue to meet once a month; once for our steering committee meeting and once for the convention meeting.

At this time we have 202 room nights sold at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. We have to sell another 225 room nights to make our quota. In doing so, HHV is willing to drop our Food & Beverage cost from \$40,000 to \$30,000. The registrations are coming in slowly; about the same amount from last year; so if you are coming to the convention please send in your registration, go on line to register, or give it to Heidi or myself. As a reminder, everyone who attends the convention after Thursday will need to be registered. The cost is \$65.00. After October 4th, it will go up to \$75.00. If everyone informs 15 people about the convention and they inform others, we will be able to surpass the number of registrants this year. Zeke's colors are purple, so the souvenirs will be purple. They are working on the mug colors, and memento (pin). If anyone else would like to be in service at the convention; please come and see me so I can give you information on who to contact; or I will take you info back to Zeke. Thanks for allowing me to continue to be in service. Patti L. Steering Committee Chair 2010'

CEC: Ermina: verbatim: Thanks Nora and District 11 for taking care of our committee meeting. Not much going on at this time. Attended Puna District meeting, was the guest speaker regarding Area service talked mainly about committee work.

It has been my experience when "work" is one of the words, prospects in this arena of service shy away. For my share I expressed that we look at simple beginnings. I even suggested a group adopt a committee, for the reason that many of the groups in Puna are new and new to service work. The meeting and workshop was a success and got a few hits on committees other than mine.

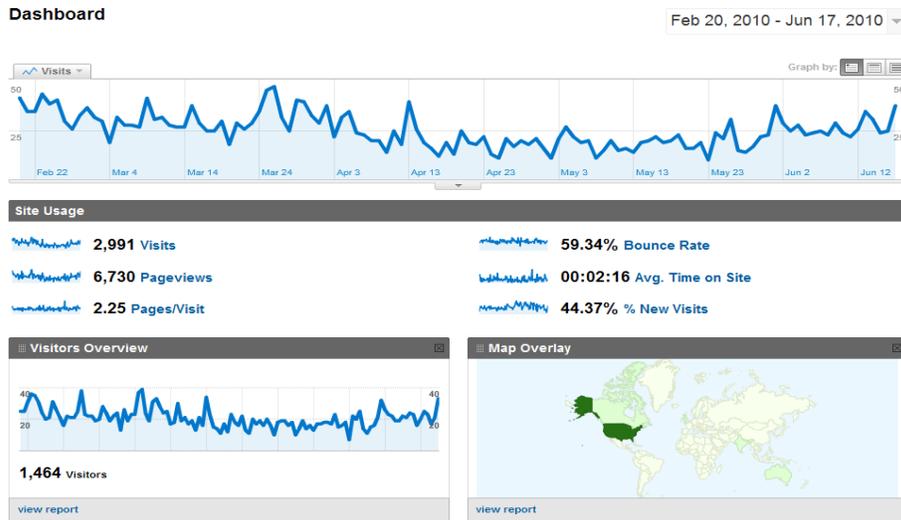
I directed many to Area website and suggested they contact the committee chair and read about the committee they are interested in. Thank you Area 17 Officers, Dems, Committee chairs for input regarding the CEC Workbook.

Today proved to me this is a we program, together we can be accountable and work toward approving a clean document that even GSO would approve of. Task for people participating in CEC Work: Inventory of your District. Check area17aa.org for the inventory questions. Thank you for the opportunity to serve, Ermina C., CEC Chairperson for Area 17

Corrections: Lena: no report submitted

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Website: Bob: verbatim: Usage:



There is not much to report at this time as there have been no major problems or situations needing remedy.

I have submitted a budget request for next year which, at \$550, is higher than recent budgets because it includes funds for the next panel to extend our webhosting contract for two years instead of year by year. There is a small saving involved in purchasing longer renewals. It also includes funds for extra airfare so that the committee chair could put on a workshop on an island that isn't visited during the year. This year Kauai has asked me to come to a workshop as they were not hosting an Assembly or Committee Meeting. If the same situation arises next year, there would be funds budgeted in advance to meet the need. It is important to note that budgets do not require us to spend the money; they only help insure that we are planning realistically. Given the recent discussions at the GSC and Region about online anonymity I imagine the need for workshops on this topic will increase for the next several years.

Thank you for letting me serve! Bob H – Area Webmaster

Archivist: Heidi: verbatim: My name is Heidi and I am an alcoholic and I serve as the archivist for Hawaii Area. We just celebrated Founder's Day and I was happy to participate with a display. I have ordered some supplies for filing as we start the sorting and reorganizing process. There is more to sort than has been sorted but we have a few people who are up for the task and willing to assist. Regarding the Annual Hawaii Convention, we will have some type of display there as well depending on the evening storage facilities as we are going to be in an open area at the Hilton versus a room that can be locked at night like we had at the Convention Center. I have yet to hear from the PRAASA chair as to what they want for an archives display but have bodies to assist. I spoke to Coleen this week and came up with a budget for the archive storage for next year, that is \$500 less than this year. Hopefully we won't even need to spend the full amount as we have developed a good relationship with the storage facility and don't anticipate a rent increase.

I will be attending the International Convention in San Antonio and am so excited to be able to participate in service both in the GSO Archives and the Pacific Region hospitality suite. Hope to see many of you there. In love and service, Heidi G., Area 17 Archivist

Public Information: ?: No report submitted

Hospitals: Aike G.: no report submitted

Intergroup Report:

West Hawaii Intergroup Chair: Bob: verbatim: My name is Bob and I am an alcoholic. Since my last report at the area Inform the Delegate when I introduced myself as co-chair, I am pleased to announce that I am serving as the Chair. West Hawaii Intergroup has also gained two more trusted servants, Chappy serving as co chair and Chris serving as secretary. All of the service Positions are filled at this time and we are moving forward. The office is running smoothly at this time Sheryl and volunteers are making it all happen. Sheryl publishes the coconut wireless newsletter monthly at the last printing we were sending it to over 175 members via e-mail. Teleservice is covered with no gaps at this time. There is an area code issue that we are in the process of resolving. Teleservice is operating on 24/7 basis. Activities: our next Intergroup function is a fish fry at Kahalu Beach Park. From 10.00 to 4.00 with a meeting at 11.00 am. There will be a silent Auction.

Our new faithful fivers program is beginning to take shape. We are working on gaining clarity on the chairperson responsibilities. The office is seeing more visitors literature sales are up, the 7th Traditions donation are at the same level as last reported.

The new meeting schedules are almost to the printers after gaining approval from the groups, we are correcting the errors at this time.

There is a new meeting in Milolii Wednesday at 5.30 the name is still to be determined.

The hospital meeting is in danger of loosing there location but are in talk with the management trying to prevent this. The KKAA group at the Lutheran Church only has day meetings and are in contact with the Pastor trying to restore the evening meetings. Overall, West Hawaii Intergroup is growing and serving.

I am honoured to be of service. Bob D.

Vernon talks about PRAASA: We are currently in the process of talks with the Ala Moana Hotel, we are having some discussion on how we need 15 breakout rooms, we have 9 rooms at the Sheraton. Keith is asking everyone (chairs) to submit a budget. We'll need lots of volunteers.

DCM Reports

DCM # 2 Honolulu: Chris: verbatim: Aloha all, The Honolulu district is currently doing well. We have 9 active groups within our district. The latest events that happened in our district were: Downtown lunches walk through the big book, and Kalihi sobriety's monthly birthday picnic. Both were a great success.

Our up coming events include, The Black Experiences annual birthday dance, date to be announced. We will also be cosponsoring the delegates report back on July 24, 2010 at Kapiolani Park from 10 am to 5pm. there will be volleyball, ultimate frisbee, food, trivia and the delegates report back. The diamond head and Waikiki districts are also involved in this event. Came to Believe is going to be transitioning to another location and time in the near future. More information to be announced as Queen's hospital let's us know. The Downtown Lunch group is in sad shape financially. Mahalo, Chris N. DCM Honolulu #2

DCM #10 Waikiki: Patrick: verbatim: Aloha Area 17, I have some minor details to report for this quarter with in the Waikiki district. Bad Brains is currently homeless. Bad Brains meets every Wednesday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. They were meeting at St. Mark's Church on Kapahulu. Now they are temporarily meeting at the 12 coconuts location just Diamond Head and Makai of the corner of Kapahulu and Kalakaua. This will be the temporary meeting place until they find another meeting place with in the Waikiki district (which was to conscious of the group).

Bad Brains also threw a birthday party to celebrate its 16th year of existence. The party was held near the archery range in Kapiolani and was a much bigger success than anyone had planned with well over 100 attendees.

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There is a new meeting called Island Magic the meets on Magic island weekly. I forget the meeting time. They are debating on coming to the Waikiki district though they are boarding both the Waikiki district and the Honolulu district. I should know more about this soon.

The district meetings are still maintaining good attendance with anywhere from 10 to 15 people and having solid GSR representation. We are still looking for an alternate DCM.

Dick Mayberry, New Central Office Manager gave a brief presentation at the last district meeting about the functions of the Central Office and encourages all to drop in at the office whenever possible.

We are also looking forward to joining forces with the Honolulu and Diamond Head districts for our Delegate Report back happening July 24th from 10am to 5pm in Kapiolani Park next to the Happy Hour picnic sites. That is all I have to report. Thank you, Patrick A., District 10, Waikiki

DCM #7 East Hawaii: Sean: verbatim: Aloha everyone, I would like to thank Nora and the Kihei District for hosting this committee meeting today. I really wished I could have attended the Inform the Delegate in West Hawaii. Our District continues to have minimal participation but still has a core group that continues the work.

Elizabeth came down to our Founder's Day last weekend and gave her report back. It was very entertaining and informative. Our district is also in the beginning of a potential "hot button" controversy. A female AA member is drafting a letter to the Puna DCM and myself to bring forth a complaint regarding sexual harassment in the meeting and the fellowship. A male AA member has been groping and probably harassing various female members. She is looking for help for herself and other women. Previously, she stopped going to meetings because of that person. She has since started to attend "women only" meetings. I hope that someone at this committee meeting may have some experience, strength and hope regarding this situation.

The East Hawaii District is hosting the Budget Assembly in Hilo on August 14 & 15. I have brought 60 hard copies and will ask Bob to post on the website. Thank you for allowing me to share! Sean M.

DCM #4 Windward: Curtis: verbatim: Aloha kakou, my name is Curtis and I'm an alcoholic. I presently serve as the DCM for Windward District #4. I am truly humbled to be a part of Hawaii Area AA. Since our last Assembly we had a group come forward to be an active group in the District. The GSR is also doing GSR duties for another group. We've also had another group come forward and asking to be more involved with District and Area business. Hey also had a financial contribution too. On the downside of things, we had a group lose their meeting place after 20 + years due to reconstruction of church where they meet. For the time being, they are temporarily meeting at a church in Kailua instead of Kaneohe. By the way, the group is One Step Up. This past Thursday, we had the Delegate report back. Unfortunately, our date was changed due to the church's commitment, and we had to move our date up a week. We had about 6 or 7 turnout but we all stayed sober for another day. Isn't this what it's all about? Looking forward to see a bit more activity within the District and as usual it starts with me!!! Thank you Hawaii Area for giving me a reason to live!!! Mahalo for allowing me to serve you!!! Aloha and Blessings, yours in service, Curtis H. DCM #4 Windward

DCM #9 Central North Shore: Sherri: verbatim: Thanks to Kihei District for hosting this Committee Meeting. Our last District 9 meeting was held June 17th. We discussed the success of our Unity Day/ Delegate Report Back, held on June 6th, which was co-hosted by Waianae. Although Elizabeth was given time constraints by our district group conscience, she did an awesome job, conveying her experience and passion and enthusiasm for her service position. Thank you, Elizabeth! We had about 75 people attending Unity Day, including many Area officers and Committee chairs. Thanks to all who helped support this day! The October 9th Committee Meeting will be held at Wahiawa United Methodist Church. We will bring flyers to the August Assembly.

Since my last report, our "Meet and Greet" went to the following locations: 06-10-2010-Daily Reflections Meeting-Haleiwa Cottage. This is a wonderful meeting and the cottage meetings have a new GSR, Enok, who is deeply committed to district service. In July, we will be going to *Mililani Tuesday*

Night again, as they might have a member ready to step up to the GSR plate. Another group, Waipio Buzz, have expressed interest in becoming part of our District. I also received a call from a *Wahiawa Saturday Morning* member, Colette, whose group is growing and wants to stick close to the Traditions. She is going to be the GSR for this group and she showed up at our district meeting last night. This is especially rewarding as this group was the target of our second *Meet and Greet* in February of 2009. Dennis, our GSR from 10 @ 10 and I attended the Corrections Education Class on March 25th. We are awaiting assignments from Lena about taking meetings into the correctional facilities. Two other members from the North Shore approached me and would also like to attend the Corrections Education Class.

Michele, our CPC chair, helped Diane from Leeward District with a presentation at Schofield Barracks in May. Michelle shared at our May district meeting that it went very well. Elise, our alternate DCM, has prepared the final draft of our Structures and Guidelines and it was distributed for review and possible approval at the next district meeting. Hopefully, it will be approved, and we will have something tangible to pass on to the next term of trusted servants. In Service, Sheri B-DCM # 9

DCM #6 Kauai: Jim: verbatim: One of our members just published a calendar of events for AA on Kauai and it is an extremely impressive document. Add to this the sixty-plus meetings a week and you get a glimpse of a very vital fellowship in action on our island. So now what?

From my point of view we are entering a very exciting period of transition to Panel 61. This means new leadership and new ideas and more events and even greater activity and hopefully a deeper “scratch in the surface” alluded to in the Big Book on page 19, because that is our Primary Purpose.

How do we do this? It seems to me the parallel is in preparing for Step 6; it’s time to “take the book down from the shelf,” and be sure our foundation is rock-solid. Organizationally this means reviewing the condition of our home groups because that is where Alcoholics Anonymous lives, breathes, and – most importantly – grows. That is where we interact with the world around us on a daily basis, replenishing, renewing and revitalizing our sobriety while working with others, constantly evolving as we shed our old patterns and behaviors. Thus are we rewarded with fresh and invigorating ways and means of impacting the condition of our fellow-sufferers.

It is to this end that the District Committee has decided to sponsor a workshop on our Legacy of Service. It will take place August 22 at Niumalu Pavillon and focus on two publications, “The AA Group,” and The AA Service Manual.

The hope is that this workshop will encourage new leadership, foster greater participation and help groups prepare for the election of Panel 61 officers when that occurs on October 24th. It may also provide answers for those who are “sitting on the fence,” wondering where they can best serve this outfit that has given them new life.

Of course, the world won’t stop while we are preparing for the future so we are also organizing our efforts for the booth at this year’s Kauai Farm Bureau Fair, August 26-29. Interested members should contact their GSR’s or attend the District meeting on the second Saturday of the month.

Prior to that, GSR’s will be voting on the Area budget and the proposed CEC Workbook at the assembly in East Hawaii August 14 and 15.

And we haven’t even talked about July! Of course there’s the Lydgate barbeque sponsored by Hui ‘ohana but many of us will be in San Antonio celebrating our fellowship’s 75th anniversary.

Personally, I’m spending the month after San Antonio with my family and friends on the Mainland. Susan ON, the Alternate DCM is already working on the agenda items for the July District meeting which demonstrates just one more marvel of this fellowship as our predecessors suggested alternates to insure seamless progression. And Susan clearly epitomizes what is stated on p. 39 of the 2007-2008 Service Manual: “. . . women whose dedication, stability, vision, and special skills make them capable of dealing with every possible service assignment.” Truly I am blessed to have her support as well as that from all of you. Thank you for this marvelous journey! Jim D

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DCM #11 Kihei: Nora: verbatim: Hi, my name is Nora and I'm an alcoholic. I am DCM for District 11, Kihei Maui. My home group is Friday Night Young People.

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to host a Committee Meeting. It has been a wonderful opportunity for our district to join together, get involved, and be of service to our Area. We are also excited to be a part of the Service Event tomorrow morning. I would like to send out a big Mahalo to all of my district officers, committee chairs and GSRs, as well as the No Ka Oi District. Let's give them a big round of applause! On May 15 we co-hosted the all-Maui Delegate Report back. We were honored to experience Elizabeth's first report back of 2010. I was thoroughly enthralled and moved, and was excited to deliver my report back of the event to my district for those who could not attend.

On July 31st we will be hosting a Sponsorship workshop; a topic that was suggested to us by a number of the groups in our district. On October 14th, we will be holding our end-of-the-panel Dinner Theater Event. This week, Rachel S was elected chair.

We now have a new Public Information Chair, Keith K. We are currently discussing funding a PI table at the upcoming County Fair. We are still seeking ways to reach out to our inactive groups. One motion, on which no action was taken, was to create a piece of literature explaining what our district does. We hope you all have an enjoyable stay on Maui. In Love and Service, Nora, DCM 11, Area 17, Panel 59

DCM #5 No Ka Oi: Clifford: verbatim: Thank you Kihei District for hosting this committee meeting.

We held our District Inventory and basically we found our district is doing well in carrying the AA message. We had our all Island Delegate Report back on May 15th. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. We have a new District Corrections chair, Bill. We also have someone interested in serving as our CPC chair. We continue to look for District Grapevine and District PI chairs. Look forward to our workshop tomorrow.

On a personal note, while we were at the Kona Airport returning from the Inform the Delegate Assembly I got a call that both my Mom and Dad were admitted to the Hospital. My Mom could not recover from her surgery and passed in April. My Dad caught pneumonia and is recovering. Thank you for your prayers. Clifford S. DCM No Ka Oi District 5

DCM #17 Waianae: Clyde: verbatim: not present: Aloha, Alcoholic named Clyde. Dcm District 17 Waianae. Apologize for not being here this weekend. Work make my attendance difficult.

There is nothing to report for this district. All groups are doing the spirit of rotation this month. Attendance at district meeting is low average 5 out of 14 in attendance. Thank you for letting me serve In love and service, Clyde

DCM #1 Diamond Head: Adina: verbatim: All groups in Diamond Head District continue to thrive and remain active in helping the suffering alcoholic who still suffers. We have Caravan to several meetings in the District in an effort to support them and provide information when necessary. We had some difficulty organizing a workable budget for 2010-2011, but have now requested that the groups provide us feed back so we can approve it a out next meeting. We approved a structures and guide lines. We will be hosting the Delegate report back along with Honolulu, and Waikiki districts on July 24th, 2010 at the Happy Hour Banyan Tree from 10-5:00 pm. It promises to be a wonderful event, with fun, food, fellowship and the most up to date information from the GSC. Last but not least, we have requested that a member of the finance committee attend our next district meeting begin held on July 8th, 2010 at Holy Nativity Church, Delori, graciously agreed so we will up to speed on the area 2011 budget. Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work, I look forward to seeing you all August. Mahalo, Adina M. Diamond Head District #1 DCM dcm1@area17aa.org

DCM #8 West Hawaii: Paul: verbatim: Since my last report in March at the Area Assembly in our District 8, West Hawaii had our District Inventory in April. It was a success with 23 members attending. We served pizza and took two hours to cover our questions. Our Alternate DCM, Sharon B. led the

process. We have a lot of good ideas and now to take action. Thank you Sharon and Cheryl N., our Mynah Bird Chair, for all your work. Our District Committee rocks!

The May meeting was spent on finding a way to attract new trusted servants to perform the duties of our committees. The Founders day planning included inviting new AAs to assist. Big Books for the County Correctional Center was discussed. The purchase will be made with the budgeted sum of \$300.00. Bob D., the West Hawaii Intergroup Chair attended and gave his input and support.

Founders Day was celebrated at Hapuna Beach State Park on Saturday, June 12, 2010. A skit about our founders was written by Eileen W. and narrated. Steve J. played the part of Bob, Paul K. Bill, and Mathew P. HP. Needless to say the great meeting in the sky served Kona coffee, one of HPs best creations. Elizabeth's report was informative and received well. Thank you Elizabeth, our Delegate that rocks!

At our District Meeting, 6-18-10, all of our Committee chairs in attendance, shared their activities. The discussion for getting the service work accomplished was left to this DCM to formulate the vision statement with the assistance of past DCMs and the Alternate DCM. This vision, along with procedures will be submitted to the District Committee at the Jun 16th District Meeting. Mike D. will has volunteered to visit two Groups a month to carry the District message of General Service. Vince M. Grapevine Chair, has a committee and will get the survey accomplished with a report back by the July District meeting. As a District Committee, all have agreed to step up and carry the message of Service to all the Groups of the District. We are taking the time to think of Unity and how best to produce archivist is digital recording AAs with 30 plus years at this time. Clarence M passed on June 9th, had 31 years of sobriety. Aloha, Paul K. dcm8@area17aa.org

DCM #3 Leeward: De`Lori: not present, no report submitted

DCM #12 Puna: Denise: not present, no report submitted

DCM #13 Tri-Island: District is not active; DCM position not filled

Area Officers Proposal:

PROPOSAL TO MAKE THE CONVENTION STEERING COMMITTEE AUTONOMOUS

We, the officers present to the body a proposal that would give the Annual State Convention Steering Committee autonomy in all of it's decision-making processes. Through the experience of Area Officers, who have, in recent past, served, or currently do serve, on the Steering Committee, as per our service descriptions, believe that those that sit on the Steering Committee have the experience and capabilities of successfully organizing the Convention on it's own without the participation of the Alternate Delegate and Alternate Chair. Therefore, we propose to make our two bodies autonomous and amend our Structures and Guidelines accordingly.

We would like to emphasize that, in the spirit of unity and cooperation, the Area officers will continue to be available to advise and participate in Steering Committee discussions at any time during the year upon invitation. The officers would, however, not be a voting members of said committee.

The Convention Steering Committee Chair, although always welcome to attend any area function, committee meeting, or assembly, will not be mandated to attend, and will not be a voting member.

This proposal is not intended to change or diminish in any way the Area's support of the Convention itself.

Note: A full proposal outlining all the changes in the S&G will be distributed by email by July 15.

Discussion: Lena: Patti asked me to tell the officers that Ken called her to say this was not going to happen. She was quite surprised to see this passed on. **Colin:** this isn't being rushed through, there are 6 officers here, we have been working on this since February, we have unanimous unanimity among the

officers here. Patti was informed three weeks ago, we let her know we were moving in the direction of a proposal. Because that information was out, we felt it appropriate to get this out to the fellowship in its correct form, so as people would not have misinformation spread around, it's our responsibility to make this available so there is not a lot of heresay or misinformation passed on. **Lena:** then why did Ken call Patti to tell her that it was being pulled from the table? **Elizabeth:** This is a joint officers proposal, we all agreed to go forward with this, we were 100% in agreement, Ken made the decision to change the agenda instead, to not put this on the agenda. Requests/comments from the officers to Ken were that one officer cannot change the proposal, that's why the minority opinion sites tyranny over what has already been decided by substantial unanimity, we were all in favor, 100% unanimity. The Chair person can change their mind about it and call it off the agenda. However, not having the benefit of having the acting chair present today, Colin is the acting chair. **Colin:** in hearing that, I spoke with Ken on Thursday, he gave me discretion today, he said if I should see fit that this proposal needs to be addressed today and handed out as we are doing today, he has given me the okay to do that, he said go ahead if anyone wants to talk to Ken, he will tell you that. The officers here today thought it was important to create as much unity in the fellowship so there is no misinformation or miscommunication out there. **Scott:** If this proposal is not coming from a group, it is coming from the officers of an assembly. So who will running the area since this is a proposal from area officers? **Colin:** we'll cross that bridge when we get there. **Elizabeth:** We just had a proposal come from area officers that was just brought to the floor (who was going to take care of Structures and Guidelines,) that point was not brought up at that time. **Paul:** What is the background behind it? **Colin:** We had a discussion with officers that sat on that committee and those that presently sit on it now feel the time has come. This was discussed at an assembly, a group conscience, an informed group conscience. Just because a proposal makes it on the agenda it doesn't mean it's going to pass, we feel it's appropriate and important that this discussion happens at the area level. **Linda:** The Hawaii Annual Convention and Hawaii Area 17 are two separate legal entities, does not mean we don't cooperate with each other, we are separate entities, filing two separate tax returns. **Ermina:** Regarding separate entities, I agree they should be autonomous but what is the scope of our responsibilities financially? **Colin:** that will be addressed in the changes to the structures and guidelines. That information will be available on July 15th. It will also be addressed at the assembly (Aug or Nov), at discussion. We felt this was a responsible action, to make sure the correct information is out there. Ken gave me the discretion to act on this if this was appropriate, and if there was a consensus among officers at our roundtable. I am sorry some of the Chairs and others left early, this meeting is scheduled until 4, we felt this was the best way to get the information out to you. **Sue:** One of the reasons to get this proposal out there (at this meeting) to you is so that you can start talking with your GSRS and groups to open up communication. So that when this proposal comes to vote, the GSRS will have the consensus of their groups. **Shoshanah:** I'd like to have more background on this, Patti talked about it at our roundtable- that this decision is financial, is this about financial matters? She assured us to that? **Colin:** Anyone from the convention can come to talk about the convention at Assemblies, this is not about disassociating with the Convention Committee. **Shoshanah:** Is this about severing that relationship? **Colin:** Fiduciary? Yes, convention members can still come to area assemblies and meetings. **Nora:** My understanding is that this is Area 17's Convention (Colin: it is not), if it's not our convention why is it part of our structure? This is confusing. **Elizabeth:** Some areas have their conventions as a part of their area function, each area is autonomous. In the 1970's it was decided that we be linked such as we are today, to me the State Convention is not a general service event, not a part of the general service structure. I question the value of having someone from the Convention steering committee being a voting member of our Area, nobody from the the Big Island Bash has a vote, nobody from HICYPAA has a vote, nobody from Maui Fest has a vote, but they do have a voice through their home groups GSR. **Nora:** Is this because the convention started prior to Area? **Elizabeth:** That is not true, our first delegate was in 1961, the convention was 1962, his second year of rotation, he was the first State convention chair. **Nora:** If the Alternate Delegate and Alt Chair attend the Convention meetings why is it that they are not upholding the values that we share at Area. **Ermina:** as Area 17 we adhere to regulations from GSO, are we restricting the convention from receiving anything like

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donations, that kind of thing because if we are not then we are violating Traditions, then maybe we need to be autonomous. **Linda:** There is not interconnected financial responsibilities, if anyone can find that in the S&G please let me know. **Juddee:** That was my question, it was alluded to at our roundtable that if anything happens to the convention financially, Area is ultimately responsible. **Linda:** We are two separate 501 (c)(3)'s, two different legal entities. **Coleen:** To be clear, your donations to Area do not pay for the convention, the only thing that is paid for is the Steering Convention Chair to attend Assemblies and Committee Meetings. If the Alt Delegate and Alt Chair do not live on Oahu where the meetings are held, we pay their airfare to the meetings. **Colin:** If there is anyone here who would like to talk to us personally, we are all available. When you see the changes to the S&G it will be clear, that updated proposal will be available July 15th. There will be financial savings to the Area but that is not the motivating factor for this proposal.

4:00

Colin thanks the hosting District, announcements made, we close with the Responsibility Declaration.

2010 ASSEMBLY AND COMMITTEE DATES AND LOCATIONS:

January 16-17	Inventory Assembly	Waianae District (Oahu)
February 20	Committee Meeting	Diamond Head District (Oahu)
March 27-28	Inform the Delegate Assembly	West Hawaii Big Island (Kona Airport)
June 19	Committee Meeting	Kihei District (Maui) (Kahului Airport)
August 14-15	Budget Assembly	East Hawaii District, Big Island (Hilo Airport)
October 9	Committee Meeting	Central North Shore District (Oahu)
November 20-21	Election Assembly	Puna District, Big Island (Hilo Airport)