

Hawaii Area 17 2012 Inventory Assembly – January 2012

Alternate Chair's Report

Aloha and thank you for letting serve as your Area 17 Alternate Chair. I've been busy since we last gathered with the ongoing work of our Area, the Annual Hawaii Convention, and our Oahu Intergroup.

Annual Hawaii Convention:

As a member of the Annual Hawaii Convention I was on duty during the convention. It was the first time I'd been in this position and I was a bit nervous as things got rolling. During the convention itself my main job was to be present and visible. Everyone in service knew their jobs well so things went very smoothly. I spent most of my time thanking our volunteers for doing such a good job, asking if there was anything they needed, and mostly just being available. I attended the follow up meetings and lots of good information on how things could be improved though as a group we all agreed that this one of the best recent conventions as far as operations went.

Then it was back to business and meeting regularly with the rest of the steering committee. Kunane fulfilled his term as chair of the steering committee and our new chair of the steering committee (not the convention itself) is Zack. I want to thank Kunane for a job well done and welcome Zack – I know he'll do a great job as chair.

Of particular interest to Area 17 are the decisions we've made over the course of the last year and reaffirmed recently:

1. The Area will no longer be required to spend money to send the Alt Delegate and Alt Chair to attend Steering Committee meetings. Currently as both Ken and I are on Oahu no money is being spent, but if one of us were to step down and be replaced by a non-Oahu servant the cost would be to the convention and not to Area.
2. In addition the convention will be taking care of housing during the convention should it be necessary to bring an Area servant from another island to Oahu.
3. Finally it appears, though figures won't be available till the next assembly, that the Convention will be able to make a contribution to Area this year. This would be from funds in excess of those necessary to fully fund the prudent reserve. In short, the convention is very solvent at this time.
4. Work on Appendix C continues.

Oahu Intergroup

I continue to serve on the Oahu Intergroup and am very involved in the committee to reexamine their by-laws. We have not issued a recommendation yet, but our work is scheduled to be completed in April and is current on track.

Rich, Oahu Intergroup Chair, stepped down recently for personal reasons and I'd like to extend a big Mahalo to him for all his hard work. In his place the Vice Chair, Jessica, has moved taken over the position and currently a search is on for a new Vice Chair.

Summary

I'm looking forward to serving our Area in 2012. I won't be attending PRAASA this year as I have for the past 5 years (the last as a member of the host committee here in Honolulu). I highly recommend it though so if anyone is thinking about; ask me any questions you like. I know I'm going to miss being there and hope to get back to it in 2013.

Thank you so much for letting me serve.

Bob H.
Area 17 Alternate Chair
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