

Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting
Saturday May 21, 2011
Hosted by Maui No Ka`Oi District 5

Call to Order at 9:06

- Serenity Prayer
- Host DCM announcements
- Reading - Reading of Area's Fiduciary Responsibilities and Duties from Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines (current)

Area Officers' Reports

Secretary, Coleen A. - Aloha everyone. Please review the minutes from the February Committee meeting. Are there any corrections? Motion to approve by Linda McD., seconded by Kathy S.

Treasurer, Sheri B. - Motion to accept by Kathy S., seconded by Alan Y.
Aloha Panel 61 trusted servants,

As of May 15, 2011 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$ 6,896.43
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Reserve for International Convention</u>	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
Total cash in bank	\$ 13,246.43

As of May 15, 2011:

Total Contributions and Income	\$ 9,128.10
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ 17,653.32</u>
Net Revenues	-\$ 8,525.22

The Finance Committee has been working together and we have finalized the 2012 Proposed Budget. We will have copies available here for DCMs to take back to their districts. We are also planning to visit all Area 17 districts and present the proposed budget at the district meetings. In addition, the proposed budget will be posted on the area website. Any questions, feedback, or concerns, please contact a member of the Finance Committee. Our e-mails are listed on the cover letter of the budget and our phone numbers are on the Area 17 contact list.

Other business the Finance Committee has been discussing is ways to increase contributions. We are formatting an informational flyer for districts and have samples for DCMs to look at today. These flyers can be e-mailed and we hope to have them available to each specific district soon. This would create an opportunity for DCMs to help increase 7th tradition contributions by passing these out to groups within their district and increasing the awareness of the needs of GSO, Intergroups, Area, and Districts, not to mention a consolidated listing of where to send group splits.

Continuing with the topic of increasing 7th tradition contributions, there is a financial packet available from GSO that has resources created for that purpose. One of the items in the packet is the Green Card. The papers that are being passed around have the wording of that Green Card. On the back side is a flyer included in the packet to help increase awareness of 7th tradition contributions. Personally, I love this wording and plan on asking my home group to incorporate it into their format when we pass the basket. It states:

Self Support

The 7th tradition states: "Every group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the 7th tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and member to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose—to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.

In love and service,
Sheri B, Area Treasurer, Panel 61

Registrar, Adinah M. - Please sign in, (record of attendance).

There is good news I have completed the FNV updates for districts 1 - 8 as of today. I am still working on completing the balance of the districts and will continue to work on them daily until they are complete.

GSO has extended the Directory revision cut-off date to June 3rd, so we still have a little time.

I have updated the Contact list based on the available information to date. Thank you DCMs for your work.

Alternate Delegate, Ken K. - Attended convention steering meetings. CNS service workshop. Still in process - ad hoc committee to review our structures and guidelines. Those asked to be on committee, we will meet at lunch today.

Alternate Chair, Bob H. - Aloha and thank you for letting me be of service to Hawaii Area 17.

AREA ACTIVITIES

I was asked to speak at the April 30th Central North Shore District workshop. I was happy to participate and talked about my experiences in General Service as a past alternate GSR, GSR, Standing Committee Chair, and your current Alternate Chair. I also gave an overview of what each of the Area Officers is tasked to do during their term. Besides myself past delegates Scott C. and Elizabeth M shared their experience. Our current Grapevine Chair, Libby, was there with an excellent display and gave an overview of what's going on with the Grapevine. Other's attending were Ken K., our Alternate Delegate, Heidi G. our Archivist, and Hugh F. our Treatment Chair. My apologies if I've missed anyone. All in all it was an excellent event with a great lunch! Thanks for inviting me. I'm happy to attend any event where lunch is served. Seriously though, if you have questions on how to conduct a great workshop, contact Eric L. DCM 9 (CNS) and ask how he did it!

ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION

I continue to serve on the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee and will be assisting with the project to look over Appendix C of our S&G. Area is currently engaged in a project to review the entire S&G through the subcommittee headed by Ken K.

OAHU INTERGROUP

I also continue to attend the Oahu Intergroup meetings on a monthly basis. I was asked by the current Intergroup Officers and Central Office Manager to help them determine what sort of computer should be purchased to replace the current office computer which is failing. I reported my findings at the last Oahu Intergroup meeting. The Intergroup voted to approve the purchase of a new computer within the budget I'd suggested and I have just learned that a new computer has been purchased. It is likely I will assist in setting it up.

For those Standing Committee Chairs who would like to have a display at the Annual Hawaii Convention the person you'll need to contact is the Convention Facilities Chair, Ernie. It will probably be while before he's ready to give you space requirements and the like but his committee will be in charge of where and when our displays are placed.

SCHEDULING EVENTS

I'd like to remind everyone planning on scheduling an event to submit their event to our webmaster Hugh C. so that it can be placed on our Area Calendar. At least on Oahu that calendar is checked by Oahu Intergroup, and I'm sure other island Intergroups do the same. If our events are posted early conflicts can often be avoided. I also encourage everyone to check the Intergroup website on their island before scheduling events of their own. I know that as a member of A.A. I'm always disappointed with two events I'd like to attend are scheduled at the same time.

Again, thank you for letting me serve. It is an honor and a privilege.

Chair, Cheryl N. -

Aloha everyone. I am honored and privileged to serve as your Area Chair for Panel 61. Mahalo for the opportunity. As your Chair, I interact with a variety of trusted servants in between our gatherings - DCMs, Standing Committee chairs, GSRs, Intergroup officers and reps and other Area

officers. I enjoy all these conversations as they are usually solution oriented and revolve around how we can best serve alcoholics in Hawaii and worldwide. For example, today we will be discussing translation of AA literature for Tongan AA members in Hawaii and elsewhere. Others involve adhering to and respecting our traditions and concepts. Still other involve planning for the remainder of Panel 61. I come away from each encounter enriched. Mahalo to all of you.

In addition to the above, I have attended Intergroup and District meetings in West Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to be of service.

Introduction of new Treatment Chair, Hugh F., pending confirmation by Assembly

Delegate Report, Linda McD.- 61st GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Sunday May 8, 2011: I am now on my flight home to Honolulu. The past week flew by, no pun intended. I left Honolulu the evening of April 28th and arrived in Newark April 29th about mid-day. By the time I got to the hotel where the Conference was to be held, there was time for a Starbucks, a stop at the corner market for fresh fruit, cookies, and yogurt for the

room, a quick meal, and then off to bed. The next morning, the Pacific Region Delegates and their guests met for a guided bus tour of A.A. historical sights, such as Bill and Lois' house on Clinton Street in Brooklyn and the building that used to be Towns Hospital. Our tour was led by George M, past Delegate, past trustee, and past General Service Office manager. We were joined by David E., past Hawaii Area Delegate and past General Service Trustee. What a pleasant surprise it was to see him. Because David and his wife Tanya, also a past Hawaii Area Delegate, now live in Massachusetts, I hadn't seen them for a while. I wish Tanya had been able to come also. A funny thing happened while on this bus tour: the bus driver dropped us off across the street from what used to be Towns Hospital. We considered the building with awe given its place in the history of A.A. A narrative about our co-founder's several stays at the hospital and his spiritual awakening that took place there ensued, pictures were taken, and then we were ready to leave, but the bus had disappeared! After what seemed like a really long time (after all we are not a patient lot!), cell phones came out in attempts to reach the bus driver. At some length and much to our relief, the bus finally reappeared. The driver could not find any space at any curb to wait for us, so he had to keep driving and had trouble getting back to us. N.Y.C. is not an easy town in which to drive. And forget trying to park a bus to wait for a bunch of alcoholics while they look at a small yellow brick house.

Following the bus tour and another quick meal, I attended the Remote Communities Workshop, where I was a presenter. We talked about three aspects of what constitutes being a remote community: geography, language, and culture. In varying degrees, Hawaii qualifies in all three categories. Think of islands of people separated by fundamental differences yet bound by one common purpose. I would really like our standing committees to bear this aspect of our Hawaiian society and our Fellowship in mind when carrying on the work of their committees.

Some preliminary information: The conference is made up of 135 voting members, including the 93 area delegates of the US and Canada, the 21 trustees (7 class A & 14 class B), 6 non-trustee directors, and 15 GSO staff. In addition, there were 4 observers, 2 from Great Britain and 2 from Peru. During the conference, each delegate is assigned to a conference committee where the agenda items, some of which we discussed in April at the Inform-the-Delegate Assembly, were considered. Each committee then reports to the Conference as a whole the outcome of its deliberations in the form of recommendations or additional committee considerations. The Conference members then discuss each recommendation before accepting or declining to accept the recommendation. Additional committee considerations are not debated and are a way of reporting to the Conference items that need further refinement or items on which the conference committee chose to take no action. For example, the Conference Committee on Literature considered a request to reconsider the 2010 Conference action to develop a piece of literature on spirituality. After careful consideration, the committee decided to take no action, effectively prohibiting the reconsideration from coming up for a vote by the conference. Remember that the 2010 Conference had already approved the new piece of literature. After each of the committee reports is heard, floor actions submitted during the conference are heard, possibly debated, and possibly voted on. (*Pause for questions.*)

Sunday May 1, 2011: The first official day of the Conference. The theme of the Conference is "We are Responsible for A.A.'s Future - Let it Begin With Us." During the opening remarks, we were cautioned to avoid distractions and not to water down the program of A.A. We must stay focused on our primary purpose and remember that before we came to A.A., we came to humility and despair. (*Insert reading from Tradition 5.*) Following the opening, we broke up into our conference committees and met with our joint trustee committees, if we had one. I was assigned to Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities. We take great pride in having the longest committee name of all the conference committees. That evening, there was a dinner and a 5-speaker A.A. meeting. Please note that each speaker had ten minutes and was timed. No exceptions to the 10-minute limit were requested or granted. In fact, each time at the mic was always timed, no exclusions!

I believe that it was Sunday night when I returned to the room that I was asked what I thought about the news. I said, "What news?" That's when I heard about the death of Osama Bin Laden. It was interesting to be in N.Y.C. and watch the open celebrations going on in the streets. At least publicly, the city that was most effected by the 9/11 was elated over its perpetrator's passing.

Monday and Tuesday May 2 and 3, 2011: Monday and Tuesday were filled with conference committee meetings, highlights from each of the areas' Panel 61 Delegates and presentations. So this is how each of my days went: Up in the morning (please remember the 6-hour time difference and my life-long dislike of getting up before 9 AM), get ready, go to the "coffee place" (to name it might be to endorse it) one block from the hotel for the morning iced tea, get to the assigned room by 9:00 AM; noon - or there abouts - break for lunch and possibly go for an iced tea refill and lay down for 10 minutes; 1:15 return to assigned place for afternoon agenda; 6:00 PM break for dinner, 7-7:15 PM return for evening sessions; maybe by 10:30 PM we would be done for the day. When the Conference started, I was exhausted by the long flight and an abrupt

time change. After three days I was even more fatigued, so imagine my surprise when I heard someone say on Tuesday night that "tomorrow the conference begins." I did not understand that statement and wondered what did she think we'd been doing for the last 3 days, but I was about to find out.

Wednesday May 4, 2011: A change of pace, we started the day with Workshops on "How to Increase Participation in A.A. - Striving for Self-Support In All Our Affairs." The sessions were started with a quote from Concept XII, Warranty Two: "Our attitude toward the giving of time when compared with our attitude toward the giving of money presents an interesting contrast." During the discussion about the benefits of A.A. service, members shared that:

- ❖ We can be useful as well as ornamental.
- ❖ Service makes A.A. possible.
- ❖ It is in A.A. that we move from our old way of life to a new way of life, that we move away from being self-oriented to a life of service.
- ❖ We learn the three T's: time, treasure, talent.
- ❖ And my personal favorite: Each group is autonomous, not independent.

When asked how we can encourage participation in A.A., the resounding answer is to have fun! Use active and aggressive attraction. Smile! Take our program of recovery and survival very seriously, always remembering Rule 62, never take yourself too damn seriously! That reminder came just in time because Wednesday afternoon, the Conference Committee Reports began - the so-called "real work" of the Conference process.

Thursday May 5, 2011: On one of my walks to the coffee place, I noticed numerous policemen lining one side of the street and several police cars and other vehicles, all with lights flashing. I thought, "Oh, this could not all be for me!" Seriously, I didn't know what was up until I heard later in the day that President Obama was going to visit the memorial to the fallen fireman of company 54, who lost their lives in 9/11.

Meanwhile, back at the Conference, we spent from 9 AM to about 5:30 PM on Committee Reports and discussions. Some committee reports took minutes, while others took several hours and were hotly - I mean lovingly - debated. During one of these debates, the conference members started to become a little impatient (Did I mention that we are not a patient lot?) and irritated with some uncool remarks made by one of the Delegates. In response, another Delegate went to the mic and said, "We are all adults here. We know that Andy Griffith is not really mayor of Mayberry!" Of course, some of us were shocked to hear this truth. After the rigorously honest Delegate sat down and in one of those uncanny moments of silence, we heard someone in the back of the room whistle the theme song for the Andy Griffith Show. It was a great tension breaker! Thursday evening, we had a presentation and discussion on Alcoholics Anonymous in a Digital Age. I was not aware that online meetings can be registered with GSO and that there is an online Intergroup. One of the conclusions of our discussion is that the Internet can be a unifying force. Following the presentation and discussion, the Conference returned to - what else - Committee reports and discussion.

Friday May 6, 2011: Committee reports and discussions continued. For a while it looked as if, the official business of the Conference might set a record and finish in accordance with the agenda, which had us concluding business at 3 PM. Not happening! I think we did finish around 6 PM and then had the floor actions to consider. Floor actions can be submitted at any time during the week but are not heard until all Committee reports and discussions are finished. Fortunately, for the Conference members, we had only five Floor Actions this year. Of those, one was withdrawn and one was ruled out of order. For the three remaining, the final vote was taken about 7:10 PM. After a short break, we heard the Panel 60 Delegates' farewells. I'd like to say a word about the conference: by the end of the week we are all physically and emotionally spent. You all know that I am not given to frequent bouts of emotionalism (right!?), but the farewells really got to me. One of the reasons that the Conference members form such a strong bond is that those particular people with those exact experiences will never take place again. We bond because we have been in the trenches together and survived together. We also bond because we have each been honored and entrusted by you, the members of A.A., to carry out the business of A.A. The outcome of the business of the 61st GSC is binding on the General Service Board until the 62nd GSC and so on.

61st General Service Advisory Actions: (Bold sections refer to items discussed at our Inform-the-Delegate Assembly last month.)

Floor Action:

It was recommended that:

1. The 61st General Service Conference express its appreciation and gratitude for the French-language magazine "La Vigne," and the value it has for French-speaking members of Alcoholics Anonymous and the respect "La Vigne" has shown for the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous. (*"La Vigne" is NOT published by The Grapevine yet donates all proceeds to A.A.*)

Cooperation With The Professional Community (CPC):

No recommendations. All agenda items were either sent back to the trustees for further review or there was no action taken.

Corrections: It was recommended that:

2. (Summary) Replace certain text in the pamphlet "A.A. in Correctional Facilities" be changed to make reference to Step meetings, Tradition meetings, and Big Book studies as possible meeting formats.

Finance: It was recommended that:

3. An additional blank pie chart be added to the pamphlet "Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix" suggesting that each group has the autonomy to have its own distribution split.

Other Finance Committee Agenda Items were sent back to the trustees or there was no action.

Grapevine: It was recommended that:

4. (Verbatim) In the spirit of being self-supporting while also protecting our Traditions of attraction, anonymity, and non-affiliation, A.A. Grapevine be permitted to utilize digital channels and current (commissionable) support and distribution technologies, such as, but not limited to, smart phones, tablets, e-readers, applications and commissioned online stores for the sale and distribution of magazine, books and products. The committee requests that the Board ensure that all contracts protect our Traditions, with the option to discontinue any and all contracts at any time. The Committee requests that a status and financial report be submitted to the 2012 Grapevine Conference Committee. (Discussion on this item went on for over two hours and several friendly amendments. The item was accepted 109/16. A motion to reconsider failed)
5. (Summary and comments.) The Committee reviewed a request on how best to support the Grapevine magazine. (The Conference made it quite clear that the Fellowship as a whole values the Grapevine Magazine but is unhappy with the Grapevine, Inc.'s financial performance.) Discussion on this went on for one and one-half hours and passed unanimously.
6. Editorial revisions made to the pamphlet "The A.A. Grapevine and La Vina: Our Meetings in Print" were approved.

Literature: It was recommended that:

7. The revised pamphlet "The A.A. Member - Medications and Other Drugs" be approved.
8. The trustees' Literature Committee continue to develop literature which focuses on spirituality that includes stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in Alcoholics Anonymous. The Committee expressed support for the trustees' efforts to develop a pamphlet which reflects a wide range of spiritual experiences of A.A. members and asked that a draft pamphlet or progress report be brought to the 2012 Conference Committee on Literature for consideration. (Carried 95/28, motion to reconsider failed.)
9. Certain wording in the pamphlet "When you are a G.S.R." was expanded to be more historically accurate.

Policy and Admissions: The four observers, two from Peru and two from Great Britain were admitted. Two Alternate Area Delegates whose Delegates could not attend were seated. Dates for the 64th G.S. C. were set.

10. The General Service Conference conduct a thorough inventory of itself in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan formulated by the Conference Inventory Planning Committee.
11. Procedures for the submission of Concept V minority appeals to the General Service Conference were established. (For further information, please see your Delegate or wait for the Final Conference Report to be released sometime during the summer.)

Public Information: It was recommended that:

12. The 2011 A.A. Membership Survey be conducted by area on a random basis as was done in the 2007 A.A. Membership Survey.
13. An amended "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates was approved. The policy defines "video," and "potential A.A. member." A copy of this policy shall be given to all entities participating in the production of a video prior to commencement of production. The background documentation for the policy will always be distributed with the policy. (For complete text, see your Delegate or wait for the Final Conference Report.)
14. New Spanish-language P.S.A be developed.
15. The revised pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity" be revised.
16. The revised "The A.A. Fact File" be approved.
17. The section titled "How You Can Find A.A. in Your Town" in "A.A. At a Glance" be changed to "How To Find A.A.," and that that section be revised.

Report and Charter: It was recommended that:

18. Text will be added to *The A.A. Service Manual* in Chapter Nine regarding trustees emeriti.
19. *The A.A. Service Manual* will be revised in several places, notably in the section titled "Inactive Service Workers." The current text on page S37 was revised, and text was added on pages S28 and S33 specifically to address inactive G.S.R.'s and inactive D.C.M.'s.
 - a. NOTE: At our Inform-the-Delegate Assembly, we heard a presentation of the Agenda Item to consider a request to "address and remedy the inconsistencies between the Current Charter and the Original Charter as found in *The A.A. Service Manual*. The Report and Charter Conference Committee made a recommendation in this regard to accept the differences but then withdrew the recommendation and had the request sent back to the trustees'. A GSB trustee brought a similar floor action, which failed 24/98. The inconsistencies have to do with undocumented changes that were made prior to 1988.

Treatment Facilities/Special Needs/Accessibilities: It was recommended that:

20. The recovery pamphlet "A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs" be approved.
21. The name of the committee be changed to the Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs//Accessibilities and that these changes be reflected in the committee's Composition, Scope and Procedure.
22. The title of the pamphlet "A.A. in Treatment Facilities be changed to "A.A. in Treatment Settings" and that the term "treatment facilities" be replaced with a more appropriate reference such as "Treatment Committees" or "treatment settings" wherever it appears in the pamphlet.

Agenda: It was recommended that:

23. The theme for the 2012 General Service Conference be: "Anonymity: Our Spiritual Responsibility in the Digital Age"
24. The following be presentation/discussion topics for the 2012 General Service Conference:
 - a. Carrying the A.A. Message
 1. Still Our Primary Service
 2. Social Web Sites
 3. Young People in A.A.
 4. Importance of Sponsorship
 - b. Change - Essential to A.A.'s Growth
 1. Service: Our Third Legacy
 2. Spirit of Rotation
 3. Diversity - Let's Keep the Doors Open for Any Who May Suffer from Alcoholism
 4. Archives - Where the Past Meets the Present

25. The following be the workshop topic for the 2012 General Service Conference: "Safety in A.A.: Our Common Welfare."

At the last assembly, I reported on the unaudited 2010 financial statements for A.A.W.S., the A.A. Grapevine, Inc. and the General Service Board. During Conference week, we received audited financial statements for 2010. There were substantially no changes. I do have the results here if you would like to see them. As I previously reported, the Grapevine magazine and La Vina have reported substantial losses in recent years and are heavily into the Reserve Fund. It was made abundantly clear, during the Conference, that the Fellowship is not at all pleased with the current financial trend. There is a new Executive Editor/Publisher, and we have urged greater oversight by the Chairman of the Board, so we expect changes made that will not degrade the magazines yet not drain finances. The new digital version of Grapevine magazine is one project that is intended to achieve great things both fiscally and spiritually. We would do well to remember that when it comes to the Grapevine magazines and products and all of our other literature that our literature does not carry the message, we must do that.

There was also much talk about the e-version of the Big Book. The first release should be rolled out in October this year. I will keep you posted as I have more information.

Finally, I cannot stress enough how much the focus of all the endeavors of the Conference is on the alcoholic who has not yet found us. Everything, including revision of existing literature and development of new literature, is aimed at the alcoholic who still suffers. The Conference is vital to A.A. as a whole and, as such, is vital to us. I encourage each of you to bring your opinions on A.A. matters (no outside issues please), questions and considerations to the Area Committee. Let's try to bring questions on concerns before us because they may benefit other areas having the same concerns. We are responsible for A.A.'s future, and it does begin with us.

If you would like a full copy of this report or any other information that was not reported on here today, please email your requests to me at delegate@area17aa.org.

Respectfully submitted in love & service,
Linda McD
Delegate Panel 61, Area 17

Q/A: BB version safely on whatever venue? What do you mean safely? With Kindle incident, our personal information was captured by an outside entity that could be used for _____. Mae sure our traditions are adhered to, develop it by ourselves, we have control of the publication, we don't endorse outside entity. I don't fully understand it, but will talk with our website guys. First version will be available on apple devices. When you go to buy the book, you'll have a choice of buying it from Apple, or buying it from AA. If you buy it from Apple, they get 30%. Select AAWS when you purchase it. (When you buy something from Amazon, other books were suggested so we discontinued the contract. IT had to do with the marketing model of Amazon, not us/AA).

Isn't the BB was already available online? The second printing is available, we lots the copyright to the early editions of the BB. The one AA will publish are the newest version and it subsequent editions.

Librarys who purchase the Big Book? Didn't come up.

Bring questions regarding AA - in the "Ask it basket". Love to go to the conference with questions from our area, and bring them up on the a conference floor. We were instrumental on getting the pamphlet on spirituality. It is from us.

Only 25 items? There were more. Some housekeeping i.e. recommendation to accept certain/ two alternate delegates who came at the last minute. We had to vote on that (formality/procedure).

Yes, these recommendations (in Linda's report) were discussed, debated, lovingly discussed, and approved.

The spirituality pamphlet - no action regarding the motion to reconsider.

Request to reconsider timeline of agenda items - no action.

General Service Board - does what we want them to do. The trustees do what we want them to do. That request to reconsider the pamphlet on spirituality. The trustees approved it to be on the agenda, but they felt bound to pass on the request to the fellowship, although they did not approved of it.

If you have question, write them down, give them to Linda. Happy to construct it to your vision.

Break at 10:40

DCM, Intergroup, & HICYPAA Reports -

Oahu Intergroup, CO Manager, Dick - Founder's Day: \$35 on pass list, opportunity to sign up, call central office. Service function - Inventory emphasize the community aspect and not the service aspect. Campout - same weekend as budget assembly, at Bellows. Sense of community not like it used to be. Trying to foster, try in the future to try to do intergroup

office functions in conjunction with the district - i.e. picnic, to get people from other districts. Also looking at traveling intergroup meeting - possibility of having one on the north shore, nothing finalized yet.

8 West Hawaii, Tommy G. -

Thank you No Ka `O'i district for the great food and great committee meeting.

West Hawaii district is doing great and is having fun working towards unity in our district. Our last district meeting was last night at the Kailua Kona neighborhood place and it was a record short 1 hour and 15 minute event. We had 12 GSR's 2 alt. GSR's, I will be forwarding my agenda and meeting minutes to all DCM's to join in our quest to help and learn from each other.

Our next district sponsored event will be founders day June 11, at Hapuna beach state park. Our delegate will be attending to give her report back from the general service conference.

I want thank Adina for her great work with registering our home groups with GSO, our home groups felt excited being contacted by area, they felt like a part of the whole AA family with her communications.

#4 Windward, Suzanne - We are preparing for budget assembly Sept 24-25, Windward Oahu. Flyer is online. Be fiscally prudent and get airfares early. Working on district guidelines, working on event for Del report back and intergroup event. Progress on meeting change sheets. Doing well fiscally.

#9 Central North Shore, Eric - District 9 presented a Service Workshop Saturday April 30th in Mililani. We remain grateful to all who gave presentations and helped support the event.

We continue to choose a meeting each month for the District "Meet and Greet." This month we plan to attend Brown Baggers on Schofield Barracks Army Base.

On July 17th we will celebrate Unity by hosting a potluck at Kaiaka Bay Beach Park in Haleiwa. All are welcome to join us for fellowship food and fun.

Leeward District invited us to join them in hosting a Delegate report-back on August 6th. We are grateful for the invitation and pleased to help host the event.

Yours in Service,

#3 Leeward, Dianne - My name is Diane and I'm an alcoholic. I serve as the DCM for the Leeward District 3 on Oahu. I am pleased to report that we've increased our District Committee membership to a total of 13 including 1 standing committee chair, 5 GSR's, and 1 alternate GSR. New GSR's include Segundo S. from Ka Hui Mo'olelo and Tom B. from Mustard Seed.

We published our second newsletter which describes the different responsibilities of the AA group, the district, the area and GSO and includes a chart depicting AA in Hawaii. (I brought a few copies today if anyone is interested).

Our District submitted our Tax ID number to Dick Mayberry, Manager of the Oahu Central Intergroup, for inclusion in the information sent to the executor of the estate of the deceased AA member who wished to donate money to Hawaii AA after his death.

Three of our committee members staffed the Area CPC's exhibit at the American Psychiatric Association's convention at the Hawaii Convention Center on Tuesday, May 17th.

We have scheduled a Delegate Report Back for August 6 at the Hokulani Community Center which is being co-sponsored by the Central North Shore District 9. It will be held from 12 to 4 pm and will include lunch. The district is also planning a District Inventory for sometime this fall.

#11 Kihei, Karen - Mahalo to No Ka Oi District for hosting this event.

Kihei District is re-introducing the Tongan Literature Translation Proposal that was first proposed during the last panel.

At our April District meeting, we held a third legacy election to choose a workshop topic to be presented by the District. The topic chosen was "Why General Service? - Because it saves lives". We are planning on having the workshop either the last

Saturday in July or the first or second Saturday in August - depending on availability of a facility. We've formed a small committee to work on a format for the workshop to present at our June District meeting.

We now have a District Treasurer - however our CPC chairperson needed to resign because of health reasons. We also welcomed a new GSR and a new Alternate GSR to our meeting.

Because some of our groups have been meeting at Kalama Heights, a retirement community, our CEC committee has been distributing information about Alcoholics Anonymous to support people at the facility.

We are looking forward to tomorrow's Delegate Report Back from the General Service Conference.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

#17 Waiaaeae, Bart - Not a lot to report. Workshop in conjunction with Budget report.

#12 Puna, Ken - Puna is looking forward to our Founders Day/Delegates report back. This event will be hosted by our Intergroup, East Hawaii and Puna Districts combined. It will be Sunday, June 12th, from 9am until 3pm at Carlsmith Beach Park. There will be volleyball, swimming, food and fellowship.

We are planning (still) a PI/CPC Workshop, to be held in late July. This event will be co-hosted by East Hawaii and the Puna Districts.

A "bellybutton birthday" party for our District Treasurer will follow our next District meeting. With the promise of cake and ice cream, we hope to attract more groups to attend.

And finally, as a member of the Area Finance Committee, I have the honor of presenting the proposed budget to all Hawaii Island districts. Not only does it give me an excuse to visit Albert's East Hawaii District meeting, but also I am planning a long overdue trip to Kona, with a side trip to visit Tommy at the West Hawaii District meeting. Thanks for allowing me to be of service! Ken C.

#7 East Hawaii, Alfred N. -

Aloha to everyone attending today. I'm happy to announce that I'm currently done with working, till next school year so I have a little more time to focus on our district during the summer.

- Currently we're discussing on getting an EIN (tax number) for our district.
- Some of members in our district have just moved away leaving our positions at district open. As we are still looking for new members. We're working a little harder at maintaining and covering these certain positions that were abandoned.
- Our Founders Day Event on June 12, 2011 put on by District and intergroup is our next event. Some plans have changed and we're working along these new plans accordingly.
- We are discussing on issuing money for our public information's person for his new and upcoming project. Some questions are still waiting for answers with the monies for reimbursements.
- Our corrections person ran into a slight halt, as he is waiting for, and coordinating the authorizations to bring the people into jail. Also he's already collecting the big books from Intergroup that we have bought, to take to jail
- Our district will be conducting a service inventory at our next business meeting.
- The proposal "separate area from the conference committee " was unanimously voted at our district meeting on April 12, 2011 to be taken to Area

#10 Waikiki, Alan - Got an EIN #, now at district, talk about money was heated discussion. Getting opinion of the groups. Memorial Day, two strong groups in Waikiki throw picnics, happy Hour, Solutions, opposite ends of the park, same day. Two places to go.

#6 Kauai, Moises -

INFORM ASSEMBLY

- April 19, Since the assembly was on Kauai the participation of GSR and other groups would be more, that shows that reports of expense travel is not only the problem.
- Registered 90 people, after expenses \$300.00 in the black.

- The groups that prepared entrees had a budget of 2 to 3 hundred dollars, there is one group that used its 7th tradition.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Reimburse Area 17 of \$25 for (inform delegate assembly).

DISCUSSION:

- Decease AA member left a contribution, accept or not? First we need to know of a tax I.D. # 501C3, than discuss what step is next.
- Increasing group participation in doing activities, workshops, by using topics from GSR.

EVENTS

- June 3-5, Kauai Round up
- June 4 Linda McD. Report back @ Hanalei Pavilion.
- Next district mtg. drawing of 3 people to be reader at State Convention.
- July 29-31 Oahu is coming to challenge Kauai in volleyball, baseball, an nite a dance?

Intergroup

- Working on putting a web site?
- Hosting founders day at Lydgate park on June 10
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#13 Tri Island, Matt - verbatim

District officers attended Maui Intergroup's May business meeting to give a district report, offer to participate in upcoming events, and to generally show support.

The Crossing to Lanai was held in April. Fifty members from Maui and Oahu attended. Contacts were made and AA literature was delivered to several agencies in town by Area PI chair, Chris. The last trip to Lanai was three years ago.

Dates for the Crossing to Molokai are being explored. Members there have been asked to discuss the date amongst themselves. It will probably be in the Fall when it the weather is cooler. The last trip to Molokai was one year ago in May.

#5 No Ka`Oi, Ed - 8 GSR's showed up, 2 committee members. Still looking for district support, it is me, myself and I - DCM, Secretary, Treasurer. Coordinate districts for Delegate report back tomorrow.

#1 Diamond Head, Kevin - Two things to report on : 1. Money - \$3,000 bequest, steering committee members knew him. After discussion, decided not to be included in any bequest. District meeting - biggest meetings we've ever had. Dark groups showed up and said they did not want the money. 2. Delegate Report Back - Group would be happy to work with Jacquie and Alan in having a group Delegate Report back like they had the past two years, was sparsely attended, Ask Linda is she's willing to speak to at least 3 meetings in the district.

#2 Honolulu, Jacquie -Hello, I'm a grateful recovering alcoholic and my name is Jacquie. I am currently serving as your DCM for the Honolulu District. We held our District Meeting on March 10th at the Kalihi Valley Gym. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm.

The 3 events that were held in February were a success.

The Hawaawaa Group is still looking for an Alternate GSR because the current GSR is unable to attend Assemblies due to work. The Malia Discussion Group now has an Alternate GSR. Welcome Misty! Kane Alli asked for a tally of past contributions made to the District. There was some confusion about when or if they made any recent contributions. DOWNTOWN Lunch Group is still hoping that contributions will pick up so they can keep their doors open. Kalihi Sobriety has voted to send their GSR to all District and Area functions. The Grapevine Group held a Group Inventory last month and was satisfied that they were fulfilling their purpose.

The Honolulu District was assigned the topic - "Consider ways to communicate about self-support". The topic just seemed to fit our needs perfectly. A couple of groups are struggling just to keep their doors open. Assistance was given by the Area

and the District just so two GSRs could attend the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

As previously reported, earlier this year funds from the District bank account were stolen. Two fraudulent checks were printed and over \$1000 was withdrawn from the account. The bank has since reimbursed us \$779 but the remaining \$388 is still pending. The bank is investigating and will pursue criminal charges. We (Honolulu District) have no suspects nor are we looking for any. We also want to squash any and all rumors that may sprout. Our Treasurer has complied with the Bank's requests to help resolve this matter. Our next District Meeting will be on April 14th @ 7pm. Thank You for letting me be of service,

Update on Money/\$25,000 will situation, Dick - Executor needs list of the 6 districts/ groups and tax ID #. Would like to get the checks sent out by the end of the month. Men's retreat put on the list? Group on the list? Need to be area, district or intergroup. Men's retreat, groups need to contact executor themselves. Tax ID, told you can get a tax ID on the internet. Put it in your account, in all probability, nothing would happen, not a guarantee though that IRS would contact you.

Tongan Literature Proposal - District 11, Kihei- Is the same proposal put forth at last panel.

Q/A apparently some pamphlets in New Zealand, old, not in digital form, would have to be retyped.

Is this literature for alcoholics anonymous in general? Get copies of what was already translated, seems mostly for Tongans in Polynesian islands. What is available is listed in the correspondence. Karen/DCM looking into it.

1985 Tongan materials include the pamphlets "Is AA for You?" And "This is AA"

Karen contacting both Australia, and New Zealand. IF we end up doing this locally, who will do the translation? It is my understanding that there is more than one Tongan language. Also question of distributing literature that is not AA licensed. Don't want to break copyright laws and traditions. Check with GSO before we distribute it. - Purpose is to work with general service office. Proposal is to form ad hoc committee to work with GSO with objective to have some Tongan literature produced. Area 17 wants consensus if this is something we want to proceed with.

Is it possible to get copies of already produced pamphlets? It is in Tongan, how would it help us?

Visitor who spoke in Tongan hasn't been back to the meeting. There are Tongan churches though.

Aside from the one visitor, is there a need? Not that I am aware of. There is a Tongan population though.

Why is it specifically for localized for here? Because they are fairly small, could give to someone easily. Why does it need to be Kihei district?

Question is to develop an ad hoc committee to see if there is a need. Two can be done at world service 1. Request to undertake a translation. 2. To request to do the translation ourselves. The world service policy is online.

Proposal does say distribution, and produced in bulk. Doing the translation is different. Be very clear in proposal brought to the assembly.

Area has authority and power to create our own literature, and can pass it on to GSO. It is cheaper for local entity to create this. Create a committee and do it.

Here to discuss and give feedback today, for Karen to take back, and may come up with a slightly different proposal.

There are Tongans on Maui, some are alcoholics, do need A.A., there is a need.

Spanish speaking meeting on Kauai, started a new meeting, brought folks to see Spanish literature, it was a spiritual experience for them. IT is valuable, not exactly worded the way you want it to be.

Like to propose an amendment to this proposal to take out Produced in bulk - that is part of the ad hoc committees process. Don't know who would pay for this. They'll come back with a report in ____ months, what you require.

Karen will get back to area in a month or so, let know what will presented, to circulate it to the districts. We are looking again at a proposal to develop a committee to translate literature into Today.

Lunch at 12:00 (Finance Committee meets, and Ad Hoc Committee for review of S & G meets)

Budget Proposal (Treasurer)- verbatim cover letter

Finance committee members can visit district meetings to go over the budget.

Q/A none

Standing Committee Reports

Convention, Kunane -

May 7th Steering Committee meeting: Hilton Hawaiian Village

- Hilton Hawaiian Village: Kunane is trying to negotiate internet access in the Tapa Ballroom lobby.
- Appendix C: The steering committee will be reviewing the current Appendix C and updating the content. We would like to bring to the Area at the September Budget assembly to approve any needed updates.
- Committee Job Descriptions: The committee is looking to update the committee chair job descriptions.

- 2011 Convention
 - 113 registrations as of May 7th. This is 23 more than this time last year.

- November 18 - 20 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village
 - Thursday, November 17th is still our free night
 - Committee meetings are the last Wednesday of the month, Kaunakapili Church at 6:00pm.
 - To get into service, please call T @ 852-1200
 - Standing committees: We want to invite all standing committee chairs to have a display or table at the convention. Please contact Ernie, Facilities Chair, at 953-5833 to request space. Remember, everyone attending the convention including service need to be registered.
 - APEC: The APEC Conference will be happening right before our convention at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The hotel is now booked through November 15th. Rooms become available November 16th. This may impact mainland guest's plans to arrive early to Oahu. It doesn't impact our contract.
 - We are looking into having additional food for sale in the hospitality suite such as a bento. We are in negotiation with the Hilton to see what can be offered.
 - Saturday's dinner is a black and white affair. The photo area will be set up again. Please spread the word.
 - Please spread the word about the convention
- 2012 Convention
 - We are currently accepting service resumes for the 2012 convention chair.
 - Please submit resumes to Kunane by June 1, 2011.
 - Selection of the chair will be at the June 4th Steering Committee meeting.
 - All interested members will be asked to come to the meeting.
 - The Service description for 2012 chair is posted on the area website.
 - 2012 convention negotiations have started with the Hilton. More information to come. As soon as the dates are finalized, we will put word out to the area.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

Treatment, Hugh - I want to thank No Ka `Oi District 5 for spending the time and the effort to put together this committee meeting, thank you to your service. I also would like to thank the Area officers for allowing me to serve as Hawaii Area Treatment Chair. I look forward to serving in this capacity, for most people close to me suggested that it may be a good idea if I put my name in for this position. Good timing on their part.

I have been busy, however I have plenty of time to serve Hawaii Area in this capacity. Since finding out that I received the green light I have reviewed previous minutes from the Committee Meeting and the two Assemblys from panel 61 to review what has been going on in the Hawaii Area. My Home group has an AWESOME GSR, so we have been informed at our home group. I have obtained the list of GSR's in which are involved with Treatment and look forward to working with all GSR's.

I went back to panel 55 up to the current panel and reviewed specifically information about the Treatment Chair, to assist me in getting the information needed foremost reaching out to the treatment facilities. I have some big shoes to fill, again look forward to serving Hawaii Area 17 in this capacity.

I have been in contact with Central Office on Oahu, and also have contacted Treatment Chair in New York.

I continue to move forward the past two weeks I have been in contact with various Treatment centers on Oahu, Kauai, Big Island, Maui, and Lanai, I am still searching for any contact information if any for Molokai.

Oahu I contacted: Hina Mauka - needs pamphlets and schedules

Bobby Benson - are good on literature

Kahi Mohala - needs pamphlets

Salvation Army - needs pamphlets and schedules

Mckenna Recovery - needs pamphlets

Habilitat - would like pamphlets, also would like to meet and show us the facilities.

Women's Way - needs literature

Tripler AMC - needs literature

Queens - needs literature

Kauai I contacted: Mckenna Recovery are good on literature

Maui and Lanai I contacted: Aloha House - do not need AA Literature - All Literature they receive is from AA

Big Island I contacted: via email Waikoloa facility - awaiting reply.

Mckenna Recovery requests literature and schedules.

I have sent email off to AA.org with my name and contact information. I am awaiting the Treatment handbook and all other information from New York. Thank you

Archives, Heidi - Participated with Eric on CNS workshop. Coordinating with Founder's Day committee. Need people to step up and man that. Flyers for different events, if in digital format, email it to Heidi archives@area17aa.org. Committee will go though what you send.

Grapevine, Libby - \$34.97 you can have GV online. Website completely revamped. Pass out flyers regarding submitting articles for/to the GV.

Public Information, Chris - Fruitful since last assembly. Took literature to Lanai and make contacts with people responsible for putting literature out on Lanai.

Obtained/took 100 pamphlets from west Hawaii, 75 from Oahu Intergroups, 100 from Maui Intergroup. Gave my report in the floating meeting in the ocean. Next putting together display for state convention, cards for the islands with the intergroup numbers on it. Also taking a tri folder to founder's day, and the district workshop. May request more funding as has spend most all of funding.

CPC, Susan - As reported at the committee meeting CPC has been very active and it has been great fun.

CPC has accomplished our first activity by providing an information booth at the Hawaii Convention Center for the American Psychiatric Association. The event was held May 15th thru 17 and was a great success thanks to many helping hands. The booth display and literature were sent by GSO with many thank to Mary C. The display was lovely however our booth was not the biggest or brightest, loudest or most expensive - we didn't have to be. Our shiny smiley faces, full of aloha and the fact that we weren't selling anything made us approachable to both the medical community and those working the convention.

Upcoming events for CPC in June on Kauai we will be providing an info table for a addictionology medical supporting Big Island's informational activities in July. More will be revealed!

Thank you AA for being there and allowing me to serve.

Corrections, Lena - Women's prison is doing very well. All meetings have stopped on the men's side - can use some help. If there is anyone that wants to go in, please get in touch with me. The next training session on Oahu is August 8,10, and 11, 2011. Contact Lena, she needs info from you to present to the prison. Thank you.

CEC, Rochelle - Aloha,

- Attended Central North Shore District's April 30th workshop and gave update on CEC activities.
- To participate in Meals on Wheels program serving the elderly.
- Completed and emailed clean approved copy of CEC Workbook for reference purposes.
- Excited to be part of East Hawaii/Puna workshop planned for this summer.
- CEC committee member Mare introduced AA program to administration of two retirement communities in Maui. Reception received graciously.

In love and service. Rochelle A., C.E.C. Standing Committee Chair

Website, Hugh -

Aloha, and thank you for allowing me to be in service as Website Committee chair.

Since my last report I have been performing routine updating of the website, posting documents as I receive them.

I have also been considering ways to do videoconferencing; we have been up to now considering full multi way video conferencing, but I want to try one way web streaming as a starting point. This would be in the way of a password protected link from our website to a private video stream.

(Note: After presenting this idea the consensus is that there would still be concerns about anonymity, since we would not know who would be watching the video).

Q/A Cost? Hugh has two accounts available, through his company, subscription account.

Concern showing everybody without people being able to opt out. People who don't want to be on camera the broadcast. Because we don't know where it was going to be watched.

Not in favor, those who go to microphone a lot, some are timid, and wouldn't go knowing they would be watched.

At time with budget concerns, potential trying to reduce that kind of travel, why do you want to bring people back and forth. Believe in personal interaction. It's not just a meeting, it's like a 12 step call. Why PRAASA is throughout the Pacific Region. Not a lot to gain, a downside to it.

Could we start with the next committee meeting?

Webscreen it, not for people to interact. Too much out there for an anonymous group.

Hospital, Jim - Report from woman who received a 12th step call at the hospital on Kauai. Commitment to have article in Mynah bird, this MB had the first article in it. Talk about treatment settings rather than facilities. Population in hospitals aren't necessarily newcomers. May have illness and would like a meeting in their room. Lot of work to be done, not necessarily to the newcomer. Linda's report helps me, looking at out standing committees, the don't line up with what goes on in New York. If any of you are doing this kind of work, please correspond with me.

Mynah Bird, Kathy - Mahalo to No Ka `O'i Maui! Great transportation committee! Great food! Thank you for the "brewed decaf coffee".

When I came to AA you told me I never have to drink again, and I never have to be alone. When I took this commitment, I had no desk top pu experience. Due to personal challenges, I had to ask for help, lots of help, to get this issue completed. The immediate past Mynah Bird Chair, stepped up to complete the work I had started.

I learned here at this committee meeting that I have to ask for submissions, both from the officers, standing committee chairs, DCMs and G have a committee and a job description. I must utilize both!

So I will nudge you!

I gave all the DCMs hard copies of this issue. Give them to your GSRs. Not everyone has a computer. They need to take them to meetings. Please announce at your meetings that we have an area newsletter, called the Mynah Bird.

Thank you Hugh for technical help during your break and lunch during this conference.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

P.S. Thank you Karen for carrying Nora's message. I know she worked very hard to bring this proposal to fruition.

Q/A Linda, Delegate a lot of standing committees really overlap i.e. treatment/treatment settings. Instead of directly addressing the dialog in the video Hope, it doesn't adhere to all of our traditions, doesn't violate. We want it completely redone. Coincidentally, 2 other committees also wanted the video redone, so standing committees with overlapping areas, would like to see a greater spirit of cooperation amongst those committees.

Thursday Night Special Group Conscience, need to Make a more formal proposal to take to area assembly discuss separation from area to the convention.

Q/A does this have anything to do with the officer's proposal? Same one, generated from home group in Hilo.

Suggestion - present it at assembly so DCMs take back and discuss at the next assembly.

We voted it down at the last panel, why are we rehashing? Every group can bring proposal, that is our process. Asking for the right to discuss?

At conference, the same issues come up every 3-4 years. The spirituality pamphlet has been floating around since the 80s. The group has a right to bring that. Can't refuse to discuss something just because we discussed it in the last panel.

Process question - Budget assembly in Sept, may or may not come with a proposal to discuss. Not to vote, but to discuss, and to take to our home groups. We honor the group conscience. If we don't like the decision that's made, we shouldn't come back every time.

Right of minority, also not be held captive of the tyranny of the minority.

In looking at the rationale, the proposal is a misreading of the traditions they refer to. Outside enterprises, and AA activity is anything that is put on by an AA group for AA. Argument should be based on something other than that. Charging for activities, also documentation from GSO regarding conventions, we pay for what we do. The argument doesn't really apply.

We went through this the last few years, full circle, discussion points/ separation, all the facts. Convention is AA. When you look at statistics other states that have conventions. Literature committee at GSC, revisit pamphlet on spirituality. Discussion/ decision of the group, won't discuss, nothing new.

The prerogative of the chair to put on the agenda. Feeling out process of the body. Is there anything new?

Respect decision, verbally it is the same motion but see two different reasons. Last one, convention can stand on it's own. This one is about the traditions.

2010 conference (GSC) decided to go on with pamphlet. 2011 request to reconsider.

This is a different body, the circumstances area different. They were trying to reverse an action that was accepted. This is a different proposal.

Break at 2:10

Tentative Schedule for 2012 - Not confirmed yet, some optimal dates for 2012 - Not confirmed yet- DCM's check and get back to Bob H., Alt Chair.

Inventory	East Hawaii	Jan 21-22
Com Meet	Central North Shore	Feb 18
ITD	Diamond Head	April 14-15 (Merry Monarch Festival)
Com Meet	Tri Island	May 19
Budget	Puna	Aug 11-12
Com Meet	Waianae	Oct 13
Election	West Hawaii	Nov 17-18, 2012

DCM, Standing Committee, Intergroup Roundtables

Standing Committees - Hilo/Puna event in July, squeeze our way in to be of service and share what our committees do. Having a presence there to spread the word of what service is for our committees.

Success and challenges - submission to Mynah Bird - Three possible articles for the next MB. Hawaii AA's newspaper, if we want it, it's our responsibility to submit the stories. Send out paper - "No stories submitted"

DCM's updates please in various committee work in their district, what they are doing. How can we get that info, hear about it, direct link/ better communication.

Rotate time on agenda when standing committees present, to motivate the DCMs to want to spread the word of our committees, to inspire them to do this work in their district.

More GV info - digital, audio, how it works, what it entails.

DCMS -

We discussed how to approach a District or service person who has not showed up or hasn't contacted any person for more than 2 months.

We also gave to webmaster the dates of the different districts meeting days.

Discussed what and when unity day is and when to hold it, and what districts do celebrate a unity day.

Reviewed a newsletter a district had and asked which district currently uses one.

Officers -

Ideas for Mynah Bird. Encourage DCM's officers, and SCC to send paragraph in. future events, need for volunteers, events you had.

Encourage everyone to submit a year end report. Cheryl will collate and put on website. Can take to groups, this is what area does. People ask what does area does, it's a document that lets them know. Bullet point summary, send them to Cheryl, in document form. Send snail mail if you are not computer literate, and she'll type it up.

What's on your mind?

Standing Committee Reports - should be reported following the area officers reports. Chair sets agenda, rotates/ alternates DCMs and SCC, sometimes after workshops so you can include that in your report. ITD assembly, no time, but wanted you to give report after you met with your committee.

When committee chairs are asked to travel to other islands for events, who is responsible for their airfares? Sometimes invited, sometimes presenting. Reasonable for SC chairs to use budget. But if everyone spent every penny in their budget, we'd have a hard time to be prudent paying our bills. Ask district to help pay airfare. Last panel the SC chairs put on workshops in the locations they went to for the committee meeting Sunday morning, all the people were already there.

Does GSO endorse ereader version of the big book in libraries. We don't endorse. The library would have to purchase the digital version. If I purchase a book from the retailer, many of those books, not all, I can loan to a friend who has the same system. There is a limit on that time my friend has to read that book. And then it is gone. You can't reborrow it. GSO wants to make sure that all rights are reserved on any digital version of our literature. And that AAWS would have complete control of the content. They are going to develop a private infrastructure. GV already has a digital infrastructure, AAWS does not.

Losing the copyright of the first and second edition? Do we know when we are losing the rights to the third and fourth? We've also lost the copyright to the concepts, this happened about four years ago. Somebody was asleep at the helm. There is now an ad hoc committee to make sure we don't lose any more. AA is trying to create one.

What to take back to group - Highlights of May Committee Meeting

Delegate Report on General Service Conference

Linda, our Area 17, Panel 61 Delegate has returned from the General Service Conference where she represented the groups and members of AA in Hawaii. She presented the highlights of the week and will be making the rounds to the various Districts. Don't miss your District's Delegate Report Back!

Budget

- o The proposed budget for 2012 was presented. It is available on the website.
- o Members of the Finance Committee are available to attend your District meetings to present the Budget and answer any questions you might have. DCMs, please contact the Finance Committee member on your island and make these arrangements so the groups can have this information in plenty of time to be able to ask questions and give input into the Budget process. We will vote on the Budget as a whole at our Budget Assembly, September 24 - 25. All comments and proposed changes must be submitted prior to that time for consideration by the Finance Committee.
- o Next year's budget will have greater travel costs than this year's due to the location of the Assemblies and more officers and SC chairs needing to travel than this year.
- o One of the challenges of Area 17 will be to increase contributions and decrease costs as much as possible.

7th Tradition Contributions/Green Card

- o One of the items in the GSO packet on self support is the Green Card. Please make your District, GSRs, and home groups aware of it and consider incorporating it in your format. All financial packets and information are available from GSO, free of cost. The Green Card says:

SELF SUPPORT

The 7th Traditions states: "Every AA group out to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the 7th Tradition is essential at every level of AA service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps AA free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose - to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.

Tongan Literature Translation Proposal - Proposal to form an ad hoc committee to look into translation of AA literature presented by District 11.

Budget Assembly September 24 - 25, Windward Oahu, District 4 - Please make your travel plans as early as possible to take advantage of lower airfares and wider availability of flights. The Assembly will start at 9 AM Saturday (Breakfast from 8 - 9.) and end at 4 PM on Sunday. Virtually all of us are using 7th Tradition funds for our travel whether it be from our home group, district or area, and it is our responsibility to be prudent with these funds and to attend the complete event. DCMs Please give updates to Adinah.Revised contact list. Add where you meet and where to send contributions to. Confirm the update of your service position with Adinah, and those serving in your district.

Adjourn at 3:50 with Declaration of Unity