

**Hawaii Area 17 Budget Assembly
Saturday August 18, 2012
Hosted by Puna District 12**

Call to Order at 9:06 Serenity Prayer, Host DCM announcements
Reading, Chris - Warranty Two, Eric - Unity: S 20, "Why do we need a conference?" Loyal - Concept 8
Past Delegates: Scott C. Panel 49. Birthdays/ Anniversaries.

Area Officers Reports:

Secretary, Coleen A. - Review and acceptance of recording secretary's minutes Motion to accept Margaret, Seconded by Tommy. Accepted.

Treasurer, Sheri B. - Treasurer's report (item 1. after minutes) Motion to accept by Jack, Seconded by Ken. Accepted.

Registrar, Adina M. - Made sure voting members had voting cards. Had lofty goals, and I don't know what I was thinking. The goal is, before the end of panel, I'll be able to forward each district's information, including address of meetings place and GSR's to their intergroups. Trying to make it transparent, so info on the website is the same info New York has. I'm 1/3 of the way through, still working on it. If the info I have is not accurate, let me know.

Alternate Delegate, Ken K. - Thank you Puna District, for your work. I had the opportunity to fill in For Linda at Kauai and Leeward District Delegate Report Back Meetings, and present the Delegate report back.
I participated in Convoy of Hope for Public Information.
The Ad Hoc Committee will have a review of Structures and Guidelines later on today.
I'm also on steering committee on Convention.
New GSRs introduced themselves.

Alternate Chair, Bob H. - (item 2. after minutes)

Chair, Cheryl N. - (item 3., after minutes)

Delegate, Linda Mc D. - (item 4. after minutes) A couple things I forgot to put in the report: Two new books out Young and Sober, available in ebook format. The other book is Into Action, stories of all ages all background. All DVD's from will now come in slim packs, at no additional cost.

Proposal - Proposal to Adopt GSO Guidelines on Acceptance of Financial Contributions by Finance Committee. "The Hawaii Area 17 Assembly recognizes that contributions are made in the spirit of sacrifice, and they honor A.A.'s code of "love and service." In keeping with our Seventh Tradition we will accept personal financial contributions only from members of Alcoholics Anonymous. We will accept a maximum per year contribution from living individuals not to exceed the amount accepted by GSO at the time of the contribution. Bequests in wills are acceptable only from A.A. members, limited to the maximum accepted by GSO at the time of the bequest from any one person, and only on a onetime basis - not in perpetuity."

Motion by Bob H. seconded by Tommy. This motion passed: 78 yes, 1 no. No votes changed after minority opinion. 80 registered voters.

Discussion and minority opinion: (item 5., after minutes).

2013 Proposed Budget - Treasurer presented Motion to approve Ken, Seconded by Chris.
1st vote In favor 78 Opposed 0 Motion passes unanimously.
Discussion: (item 6., after minutes).

Proposal - Proposal to Combine Treatment and Hospitals Standing Committees by Jim D., Hospitals Chair: The change would be:

"H. Treatment Settings - Coordinates the service work of A.A. groups and individuals who carry the message to alcoholics in hospitals, clinics, treatment facilities and other institutions where alcoholics receive attention from medical and other professionals for their diverse restrictions which may or may not limit their participation in meetings outside of the restrictive setting."

AND THAT Article 3.7 be deleted and subsequent subsections be appropriately re-lettered.

Discussed, was not voted on today. (item 7., after the minutes).

Panel Presentation - Final Report, Ad Hoc Committee on Review of Structures and Guidelines, Ken, chair. Committee Dianne, Jim, Tommy and Eric. Also Matt (not present.)

The Ad Committee has been meeting throughout Panel 61 to review the Hawai'i Area 17 Structures and Guidelines and is making the following suggestions and recommendations:

1. Purpose: To more accurately reflect the scope of this document.

Title Page

Recommendation: Change the title of the Structure and Guidelines to Hawai'i Area 17 Service Manual.

2. Purpose: To insure that the Treasurer is responsible for maintenance of the Area's tax-exempt status.

Section 2. OFFICERS OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY, 2.10 Treasurer's Duties

Recommendation: Add item J. Maintain Area 17's tax-exempt status.

3. Purpose: To provide consistency when discussing Prudent Reserve.

Section 2. OFFICERS OF THE AREA ASSEMBLY, 2.10 Treasurer's Duties

F. Maintain a second bank account for a Prudent Reserve as specified by the budget...

Section 7 FINANCES, 7.3 Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) will be the amount of the area's prudent reserve...

Recommendation: Decide on a definition of Prudent Reserve and use in in both of these sections.

4. Purpose: To clarify who appoints the standing committee chairs.

Section 3. AREA ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES, 3.1. The area chair appoints the standing committee chairs...

Recommendation: Change the "area chair" to the "area officers" to reflect what is the actual practice.

5. Purpose: To clarify which standing committee chairs are confirmed by the assembly.

Section 3. AREA ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES, 3.2. The assembly must confirm all standing committee chairs, except the Convention Steering Chair.

Recommendation: Change the wording from "Convention Steering Chair" to "Convention Steering Committee and Corrections Committee chairs".

6. Purpose: To limit the scope of materials stored in the Area archives.

Section 3. AREA ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES, 3.7 Standing Committees

A. Archives: Serves as a permanent repository of every aspect of Hawai'i A.A. history.

Recommendation: Redefine what will be saved in the Archives, taking into account what could be better saved by other bodies, i.e. Intergroup materials saved by Intergroups.

7. Purpose: To indicate where to find detailed information about the Corrections.

Section 3. AREA ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEES, 3.7., E. Corrections: Coordinates the service work to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the alcoholic who is confined in a correctional facility.

Recommendation: Add "(See Attachment for ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS HAWAII STATE CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE BY-LAWS).

8. Purpose: To allow the Finance Committee leeway to determine spending priorities.

Section 7. FINANCES, 7.5 D. Priority of Spending: The priority of spending is as follows:

1. Delegate expenses

- a. Fund all of the expenses to support the Delegate
- b. Send an annual contribution to G.S.O. at its request.
- c. Send additional funds to G.S.O. at the request of the area.
- d. Fund expenses related to the Delegate's attendance at the General Service Conference (G.S.C.) and report-backs to districts.

Recommendation: Eliminate this "Priority of Spending" section or indicate that the priority of spending shall be determined by the Finance Committee.

9. Purpose: To insure that all geographical sections of Hawai'i are located with a District.

Section 8, Districts in Hawai'i Area 17. There is a geographical area in Maui that does not seem to be assigned to any district.

Recommendation: Redraw the Map of Area 17 Districts.

10. Purpose: To perhaps establish the positions of non-rotating Archivist and/or non-rotation Webmaster.

Section: A new section would need to be added to reflect these positions since they would be neither Officers of the Area Assembly, nor Area Assembly Standing Committees.

Recommendations: Take under consideration the establishment of a non-rotation Archivist and/or a non-rotating Webmaster for Area 17.

11. Purpose: To insure that Area 17 Assembly members are well informed regarding changes to the Structures and Guidelines.

Recommendation: That the Area Chair establish a committee to be responsible for any updated changes to the Structures and Guidelines as approved proposals occur. This committee would also need to be informed of any updated information under the Corrections and Convention Committees for inclusion in the Structure and Guidelines. This committee would give a written report of all updated information at Assemblies and Committee meetings. The committee would also compile a history of Structures and Guidelines revisions made over the years since their inception.

Updated Appendix C, Structures and Guidelines - Hawaii Annual Convention Steering Committee - Kunane D. Changes made to show/clarify relationship with Area 17, Al Anon, and A.A. No questions asked at the mic.

Proposal submitted by District 4: "Have committee meetings at scheduled assemblies (during and/or before assembly time). This was brought to assembly to discuss only. Discussion: (item 9., after the minutes).

Standing Committee Work Sessions followed by report backs:

Web Committee, Hugh - maintained and updated what was wet up by previous webmaster. Keeping it clean of Spam. Sent out emails regarding these updates to area17all and anyone interested. It became unmanageable. Rather have message going out to too many people than not enough.

Video webcast of committee meeting - I still want to do that, maybe offline we could have a chance. Has videoconference equipment. Thinking of having it set up, and showing people how it works. As a dry run, to make sure it works. From Hugh's office to another computer, not off island.

Corrections Committee- Jeannie filling in for Lena. Changes to corrections S and G. Lena did not infor Jeannie of any changes.

Conventions, Kunane - update on 2012 convention. (See item 10., after the minutes).

Mynah, Kathy -Discussed ways to help Mynah Bird be more user friendly and interesting suggested.

Archives, Adina - Has a list of what is in archives. Has written a proposal to be discussed tomorrow.

Website, Hugh- We discussed video conferencing. Does it add anything over conferencing, if we solve technical and expense problems? It is an investment involved to set up. There are other problems to solve such as moderating meetings, voting, and discussions.

PI, Chris - Overlapping between hospitals and PI. And Intergroup. Libraries, meeting schedules and "AA at a Glance." Volunteers are needed for Hilo county fair. Kona puts schedules in hotels.

CPC, Susan- Puna covered for CPC. No Ka`Oi CPC is talking with Job core and with judges. Information for clergy.

Corrections, Jeannie- Getting literature - not allowed to take. Need statewide clearance. It's rewarding to take meetings into corrections.

GV, Clifford- There may be a future GV committee chair for next panel. Answered group questions, realized he has some knowledge of GV.

Treatment and Hospitals, Jim- Try to continue to maintain our presence in facilities we are in. We need to have flexibility and availability. Need for increased CPC and PI activity in the treatment settings. Brief history on meeting on Big Island: 4th Dimension established to help someone who couldn't get to meetings, so they took a meeting to him. Started taking meetings to people who couldn't get to meetings. Rovers set up the meetings. Goes where a person needs a meeting in hospitals and mental institutions.

CEC, Bart - Great need in nursing homes for AA representatives to go in. To educate families and doctors as well as helping seniors already in AA, and reaching out to those who aren't in AA. Newly published book: Voices of Long Term Sobriety

Reflections on Panel 61, What's on Your Mind? (item 11., after the minutes).

4:05 PM Motion to adjourn by Eric, seconded by Mark. Passed.

**Hawaii Area 17 Budget Assembly
Sunday August 19, 2012
Hosted by Puna District 12**

Call to Order at 9:05 Serenity Prayer, Reading - Monte, Concept I: Responsibility

Roundtables - GSR, DCM, Standing Committee & Officers, followed by Summary of Roundtable Discussions:

Group 2 GSRs - Primary purpose of GSR to home group - conduit of information, heartbeat of the home group. Be informed via attending meetings and assemblies. Discuss topics at home group meetings, assemblies and districts. We're trusted servants and have the right of decision. We serve our district, home group. We keep AA alive and include everybody. We want to learn about everything, pass that info on to next GSR, stay in service hopefully and take on another service position. Keep/use the service structure in our home group. Keep everybody involved.

DCMs-

At the DCM Roundtable we shared about rotating out and not having anyone to stand for DCM.

Suggestions: Do rotate out

Still hold district GSR meetings

If there is no DCM have GSR's rotate attending assemblies

Also the thought of just leave the coffee pot and books

Also talked about when districts hold their elections.

Some in October, some in November, preferably before the elections assembly.

We also got an idea of what DCMs want to stay in service and interested in area service.

A subject was alcohols and who holds them.

We had a small panel reflection and talked about the great time we had this panel.

Standing Committee Chairs - An intergroup rep came to group to ask how we could work together, and how to pass appropriate things on to chairs. When it's time to rotate out of your position - is when you get it. Example of what it means when we come together, the true spirit of what happens here. The small groups were able to connect here. Communication - are we best serving the fellowship? This is supposed to happen on all islands. You had to be there to get the true spirit. Literature distribution. Today was a true example of the blessings of meeting at assemblies.

GSR group 4 - GSR has a preamble. A few pros of being in service-being excited. Con -taking back to a home group that is not too enthusiastic, but try to be supportive of what we do on these weekends. It's about communication, listening and a

GSR. We talked about travel expenses, skeptical about proposals. We take back to our home group and come here, and it's moved to the next assembly. We have to take it again to our home group. We need to get on the ball so we don't have to go back to our home group with the same thing. It's complicating to decide which is what, if we pass or not pass it. Talked about being part of standing committee. Some had cons: some were willing and wanting to learn more about being in a standing committee or other areas in AA. There's also talk about PRAASA, it's a very good experience. About rotation - everything that happens is God's will. It doesn't matter what I want, it's what God wants for me. Some say leave the coffee pot and the book. There are a lot of old timers still stepping up just to keep the doors open.

GSR group 3 -

Topics Brainstorm. - Purpose of GSR - Communication.
Passing the Torch.
Encouraging Service - Financial Support
Understanding the Structure - Informing a new group.

#1 Reason for GSR - Resistant members/bullies - People skills - not about the trips. Keep and open mind. Find out what the group wants. First Assembly is Orientation Assembly. Help the next person, to be GSR. See people come and go. Sometimes difficult people, just need to be so they can stay sober. Let group conscience work. Sometimes it boils down to work with sponsor. Sponsors educate folks with tradition and concepts, even with newcomer. Patience and tolerance let the God Conscience work. find ourselves becoming a bleeding deacon, until humility returns. Best way to stay sober is Service. Sponsors most successful at getting folks on board. Comes back down to me, How willing am I? get newbies into SERVICE. Love to Serve this Group and love to serve my Home Group. What do you need? Read the GSR literature.

Build a fire under your sponsees.
Go back with enthusiasm. Let folks know in your share in meetings.
How do I keep an Alcoholic coming to Meetings!

GSR group 1 - We discussed problems we had as GSRs. 1. Lack of attendance at home group meetings- Lead by example. We explain more what a Home Group is, announce it in the meeting format. Educate them. 2. Old timers coming only to business meetings and not coming to AA meetings, to control: This is disregarding the rules. People who don't go to business meetings, and disregard the group conscience. Step back, give them love and compassion. 3. How to fund GSR to PRAASA: Redefine your priorities, pass a second basket. 4. Addressing racial slurs and prejudice at meetings: Is exclusionary. If you don't like what's going on at a meeting, you can go to different meetings. You can't fight it. Love and tolerance is our code. This is a very sick person that needs love and compassion. Violence is a different thing though. 5. Paying for insurance in small groups. Archives Proposal - Adina M.- The proposal is to change the "Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guideline for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous" (S & G), page 4, Paragraph 3.7, Item A. from "Archives*: Serves as a permanent repository of every aspect of Hawaii A.A. history" to read "Archives: Serve as a permanent repository of materials pertaining to Hawaii A.A. Area 17, its Districts, and its groups histories."

Discussion was followed by a motion to approve by Kathy, Seconded by Marissa. 76/80 .

After further discussion, -motion to table this proposal by Loyal . Seconded by Bill.
Vote to table the motion: In favor 44 Opposed 29
The Archives motion was tabled.

Discussion and further discussion: (item 12., after the minutes).

Standing Committee Chairs' Panel -These SC Chairs shared briefly what they do:
Grapevine/La Viña - Clifford, Treatment- Hugh, Website - Hugh, Cooperation with Professional Community-Susan, Public Information- Chris, Corrections- Jeannie (for Lena), Hospitals -Jim, Cooperation with the Elder Community - Rochelle, Mynah- Kathy, Convention - Kunane.

DCM, Intergroup, HICYPAA Reports:

Ken, DCM #12 Puna - Aloha, my name is Ken, and I am a grateful member of Alcoholics Anonymous. My Homegroup is the Promises Group, and I am humbled to serve as the DCM for Puna.

I want to thank all the members in service here today. It takes a small army to put on an assembly, and today the troops came out in force! Linda is the assembly Chair, Freddy is the Homestay Chair, Ben is the Transportation Chair, and Lei is the Feeding Chair. Without their (and many others) help, this assembly would not be possible.

During all this planning, our districts work to reach the still suffering alcoholic was continuing. The Public Information Committee has made sure that pamphlets and meeting schedules are stocked at the public libraries. CPC has been contacting clinics and other professionals. Archives

have been making audio recordings of member's stories of the early days of Hawaii Island AA. Our Grapevine and CEC Committees have also been active.

We are still planning on conducting a district inventory and also a service workshop. Hopefully, this will happen before I rotate out!

Speaking of rotation, I am looking forward to the Election Assembly in Kona. While it will be sad to see this panel's term come to an end, it will be exciting to witness the very start of the next one.

Thanks for allowing me the chance to be of service.

Dianne, DCM #3 Leeward - My name is Diane and I'm an alcoholic. I serve as the DCM for the Leeward District 3 on Oahu.

Since the last Assembly in April, the District has added two new GSR's to the Committee - Cliff W. from Fifth Chapter and Jennifer G. from Anela Hulu. Unfortunately, two of our groups have had to close their meetings - Waipahu Na Wahine which met on Mondays in Waipahu and Manic Mondays, which met at St. Philomena's Church also on Mondays. Our treasurer resigned in July and was replaced by Paul W. who had served in that position on the last Panel.

In June, the Hawaii Area 17 treasurer, Sheri B. attended our District meeting to discuss the proposed 2013 Area Budget. Her input was helpful to GSR's who brought the information back to their groups.

And on July 14th, we held a Summer Fun in the Sun event at Cabana A near Pearl Harbor. One of our GSR's, Steve K. from Head Start cooked chicken and hot dogs and the 40+ participants brought side dishes. Although our Hawaii Area 17 Delegate, Linda M., was unable to attend, Ken K., the Alternate Delegate gave a Report Back on the 2012 General Service Conference. There were over 40 in attendance. Following lunch, there was a short skit on Recovery and everyone joined in an A.A. Trivia game. Door prizes were awarded at the end of the afternoon.

We are looking to publish a final Newsletter this fall, which will highlight Tradition 7 and will also talk about electing A.A. members to service positions for the next Panel. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Chappy, Vice Chair for West HI Intergroup -

Aloha Everyone, It has been an exciting time here at West Hawaii Intergroup! In June we found a volunteer who filled our Activities Chair position, Donna R., and she coordinated a very successful Annual Intergroup Fish Fry. In June 2011 the Groups voted to set Intergroup's Prudent Reserve at \$7,500.00 and in July 2012 we were able for the first time in over four years to have an intact prudent reserve. The Fish Fry was very successful, we had an estimated 100 people attend the event and pay \$7.00 per plate. There were a number of door prizes prized and we held a silent auction and live auction that had a successful completion. One of the biggest live auction prizes was a 1st Edition, 15th printing of the Big Book. It was purchased with a high bid of \$290.00. We all together collected \$2,700.00 +/- dollars for the whole event. In July the State Convention distributed \$1,200.00 to West Hawaii Intergroup, and in the beginning of August the Big Island Bash distributed \$2,000.00 to our Intergroup. These donation will allow the Panel 63 of the Intergroup Steering Committee to turn over Intergroup better than we found it. Respectfully submitted.

Suzanne, DCM#4 Windward -

District #4 is in the process of organizing the January Orientation Assembly, to be held January 19-20 at Kokokahi YWCA in Kaneohe. The registration fee has been raised to \$35.00

The district will be holding a Chili Cook Off and Volleyball Tournament on August 25, from 12-5pm, at the Kailua Beach Park where TYG meets. There is a \$5.00 registration fee. There will be prizes for each event. It's a potluck affair, so bring some food and a friend!

We had, in July, our Area Treasurer, Sheri, visit us to present the 2013 Proposed Budget. We are expecting a presentation from our Delegate, Linda, this month.

We have one group in the district, TYG, that takes an AA meeting, twice weekly, into Castle Medical Center in Kailua.

As a district, we meet at St. Christopher's Church in Kailua. The church has asked us to provide them with a comprehensive general liability insurance policy. We are in the process of acquiring GLL.

We will be holding our elections in October.

We are organizing the Windward District Holiday Alcothons to be held on Christmas Eve through Christmas Day and on New Years Eve through New Years Day.

We will be holding our district inventory in December. With Aloha,

Jack, DCM#2 Honolulu - First of all I would like to thank Ken and the East HI District for all their efforts in hosting this year's Budget Assembly. You all have done a great job in making this a memorable weekend. Ken, you have to share your secret of controlling the weather.

What a great turn out. We come here this weekend strong. Thank you Arron, Leonard, Moki, Pamela, Ernest, and Linda for your support.

With the end of panel 61 winding down it seems that our focus tends to be our elections for District 2 in October and the November area elections Assembly in Kona.

Up Coming Events: We will be discussing holiday alcathons. Have one? Where? When? So many decisions, but we will get through it.

Bart, DCM #17 Waianae - We moved the district meeting from Kapolei Regional Park to Maili Beach Park about three months ago. Our meeting time is now 6:15 p.m. - we start shortly after a big meeting, Courage to Change, ends. This move immediately doubled the number of home groups in attendance, from 5 to 10, and for the past three months attendance has remained at that level. Preparations for the October Committee Meeting are underway. A site has been secured - St. Phillips in Maili. GSRs are already expressing an interest in helping with setup and breakfast; I plan on canvassing the home groups in the District when I get back from the Budget Assembly to solicit volunteers for lunch, transportation, and homestays. As this panel winds down over the next four months, in addition to the October Committee Meeting, our district will be working on scheduling the Delegate Report Back, elections, and holiday alcathons.

Moise, DCM #6 Kauai -

- ❖ July 4th Pot luck Celebration @ Pious Beach Park; Groups on the south side provided, meetings, Live entitlement, 2 BBQ Grills, Volley Ball and lots of Good Fun.
- ❖ The Big Move; we decided to look into moving our District meeting to a more suitable place. We moved it to the Lihue Neighborhood Center, on the 3rd Saturday @ 9:30 am. The cause to the change due to need of tables and Wheelchair accessible.
- ❖ P&I; JD put together a concept of adopt a rack with a kit of Meeting Schedules, Literature and have GSR'S to sign up to adopt a rack near there library, or where there is a rack near there meeting town.
- ❖ Report Back; Area Delegate Linda M. was unable to make her report back on July 29, we voted to have alternate Delegate Ken K. all in all we all had a fun.
- ❖ Kauai Elections; be held on September 15, 2012,
- ❖ Public information setting up a booth @ farm fair.
- ❖ Involved in service @ State Convention
- ❖ Kauai is host to HICYPAA September 28-30 on the north shore.

Jessica, Oahu Intergroup Chair - Aloha Kakou,

As Bob reported yesterday, Oahu Intergroup has over gone a few changes. As our board is up for election in November none of our board members have been on the board since the beginning. We filled our Vice Chair position for this year with a past Chair, Connie F. We had an awesome turn out for Founder's Day, which was chaired by Kalei M. In June, Secretary Mike P. stepped down from his position and has been temporarily filled by Elise. Also as many of you already know, we have lost a long time member of AA Jim P. our Treasurer has passed on June 30, his position has been temporarily covered by Chuck.

EVENTS: Oahu Intergroup Campout at Bellows on October 18-21. Pre-Registration required.

VOTING IN NOVEMBER FOR NEW POSITIONS. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE INTERESTED TO STAND FOR ANY OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE POSITIONS PLEASE SEND THEM TO PALAMASETTLEMENT SETTLEMENT TO OUR INTEROUP BUSINESS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Billy, East HI/Puna Intergroup Chair - Thank you to SC chairs for letting me join in your group. Contributions, checking, balance reviewed. We're surviving, and lot of volunteers to keep CO open. People who come to intergroup, and Ken does a wonderful job keeping us informed. We keep schedules up as soon as possible. Provide service for hearing impaired. Joanna, Intergroup Secretary shared as well.

Eric, DCM #9 Central North Shore - not sent.

Karen, DCM #11 Kihei - Mahalo to Puna District for hosting this assembly. Kihei District has been fairly quiet since the last Assembly.

Thank you Linda for being willing to make your first Delegate Report back on Maui following the May Committee meeting. All who attended were grateful for you effort and came away with a new appreciation of what we have in Alcoholics Anonymous.

Our efforts are concentrated on our Dinner Theater, which will be presented on October 7. The purpose of this event is to promote interest in General Service. We are hoping to encourage more groups to have active GSR's and to have more people interested in standing for District positions.

Our next District meeting is this coming Tuesday and we will be setting a date for elections and also start looking at our budget for next year. There is both a committee meeting and an assembly scheduled to be on Maui in 2013, so this might be an excellent time to get people interested in service.

On a personal note, I had the opportunity to spend a couple of weeks on the east coast this summer. In looking for possible AA meetings to attend, I was disappointed in how few meetings there were in the area where I was staying. It made me extremely grateful for the many meetings that we have each day in Kihei. Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Tommy, DCM #8 West Hawaii -

DCM Report Budget Assembly

Aloha area 17,

Thank you Puna district for hosting a wonderful assembly. I would like to thank Ken the DCM for the Puna district #12 for attending district #8 west Hawaii business meeting and presenting the proposed budget to our GSRs. Mahalos. I want to thank the 6 GSRs, 1 alt. GSR and to members for making the trip to Puna and attending this budget assembly. Also, mahalo to our west Hawaii Intergroup for being here also.

I'm going to throw Jim our area hospitals chair a bone and talk about hospitals in our district. Unfortunately our hospital chair for district 8 couldn't make, he was injured and is in the hospital and he used the opportunity to show some members how to take meetings to members in the hospital and starting a rapport with north Hawaii community hospital. My homegroup daily reprieve meets in the Kona hospital and we have contact with them to bring patients to meetings if they want. It's always a good reminder to see these people hooked up to IV's to not forget where we came from.

We had a great report back from our delegate at our founder's day June 10th, lots of fellowship and food. Also planned is a unity day for our whole island to be held August 25th at Lindsey in Waimea with softball, volleyball and beach ball for some fun competition.

Nov. 17 & 18, district #8 will be hosting the elections assembly. We will have the flyers ready soon and will have it on the website as soon as possible. Please send your registration early and we look forward to seeing you all there. Mahalo.

Alan, DCM #10 Waikiki - I'm an alcoholic and my name is Alan, DCM for Waikiki District 10. Aloha Panel 61 and thank you District 12 and Ken for hosting this assembly. Today Waikiki is represented here this weekend with 5 groups: Bad Brains, 12 Coconuts, Happy Hour, Saturday Night Live and the last and newest group in the District, Daily Reflections.

District meetings are the same with about 10 in attendance, about 1/3rd of the meetings on the schedule for Waikiki District.

Waikiki meetings are recently larger, with a lot of visitors in attendance. I'm speaking for my group on Sunday at 8AM, even with other events going on, and no parking, attendance is still about 50 people. Either lots of court ordered in attendance, or everyone want to start their day with recovery. That's great!

Thank you everyone with this opportunity to serve in AA.

Standing Committee Reports (3 minutes)

Hugh, Treatment- Thank you, Puna district for putting on this assembly.

I have been keeping busy with Bridging the Gap, carrying the message into treatment centers and hospitals last month and this month. I have put an order in for pamphlets to GSO this past week to have a much needed stock of pamphlets and literature available to our treatment settings which includes hospitals.

Literature has been delivered to additional treatment settings such as Queen's Hospital for the adolescent program. Most of the Treatment settings on Oahu are located in hospitals, where taking in a rack with literature has been a common commitment. Information about Bridging the Gap has been provided, along with other Treatment information that is readily available to the fellowship.

I recently received the Chair persons of Treatment Committees, Bridging the Gap Committees, and H&I Committees Activity Update from the General Service office. The Treatment Committee has reviewed the Treatment Committee Workbook and Kit and have suggested changes such as **"Delete the current section titled "Carrying the message into Psychiatric/Mental Health Facilities or State Hospitals" and replace it with the following expanded section titled "Carrying the Alcoholics Anonymous Message into Psychiatric Mental Health Settings:"** I have readily available copies for the fellowship. If you would like a copy please come and see me.

Cooperating with Admin and Staff in Psychiatric Hospital will provide a direct link of communication channel to the professionals responsible for the care of patients in various settings is key to carrying the message. Suggestions of getting CPC involved in the future may assist the next chair to successfully carry the message to the sick and suffering alcoholic.

Carrying the A.A. message to alcoholics in treatment settings, such as locked psychiatric units, detoxification units, or medical-surgical units, where alcoholics might be dually diagnosed with mental illness, often requires additional flexibility and extra cooperation with facility staff. The essential elements for success include enthusiasm, preparation, and a good understanding of A.A.'s Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

I have a list of contact information for all the Area Treatment, H & I, and Bridging the Gap Chairs in the United States and Canada. If you would like to see this information please ask. This information is CONFIDENTIAL. I feel this is a vital tool for helping us carry the message, utilizing Bridging the Gap.

I will continue to improve communications with all A.A. members to include groups and districts. Ensuring those whom depart treatment settings have assistance readily available for "Bridging the Gap" between the facility and continued recovery in A.A. Thank you

Kunane, Conventions - The Treasurer's 2011 report was posted online. An unanticipated 200 people resulted in extra income, so we did splits. Appendix C was updated and submitted. We're anticipating we'll be ok in 2012. We're inviting all area committee chairs to have a table. Call Kathleen, before the convention and say you need space. If you want to be in service,

there's always something to do. Our Alcathon chair is Leo. Inviting home groups to host a meeting. Looking for readers, neighbor island participation.

Kathy, Mynah Bird - Aloha. Thank you to Puna district for hosting the budget assembly. Thank you especially for accommodating my special needs for an additional night of home stay. It means so much to be able to get to the assembly on time!

Now that panel 61 is nearing conclusion, I want to tell you that I actually enjoyed and felt competent in producing the Mynah Bird issue number 9! I did not need any technical assistance at all! Thanks to all who were kind enough to submit articles for this issue. I hope the DCMs will pass your copies out at the district meetings.

Since there will be so much business at this assembly, I will do another for the Committee Meeting in Honolulu in October. That deadline will be October 7.

The final business of panel 61 will conclude with election at the November Assembly in Kona. I would like to ask all of you to consider writing an article for the final Mynah Bird with the following topics:

1. What service on the area level has meant to me.
2. What office or standing committee I want to stand for, and why
3. Why I would or would not encourage other members of the fellowship to stand for area service.

The deadline for the final issue is November 11. This is your last chance to be in the Mynah Bird, Panel 61... Thank you for letting me be of service.

Clifford, Grapevine -

My name is Clifford, and I am an alcoholic. I am also your Area Grapevine Committee Chair. Thank you Puna District for hosting this Assembly.

Here are a few highlights from our AA Grapevine May, June and July newsletter:

May:

Grapevine ended first quarter 2012 in the black.

The audio plan was approved at the 62nd General service Conference.

This will allow members to call in and record their own stories. More information will be available soon.

June

The Grapevine quote is available online or via email.

New book "Young and Sober" has been released.

July

La Viña celebrated it's 16th birthday on July 29th.

There is a 50% off sale on CD's and 75% off on Tapes. Go to AA Grapevine.org

The 2013 wall calendar is available. Cost is \$9.00

Deadline to submit photos for the 2014 calendar is December 31st. All of this information is available online at aagrapevine.org.

I've been setting up the Grapevine display at events and being available to answer questions. A number of events are coming up in the last half of the year and I hope to be at most of them. In love and service.

Susan, CPC - not sent.

Rochelle, CEC- Aloha,

The following CEC related activity has occurred since our Committee Meeting in May 2012 on Maui: I attended Founder's Day on the Island of Oahu at McCoy Pavilion Park and made a short three minute presentation on the purpose of C.E.C. with mention of the needs and/or purpose of some of the other Area Standing Committees (not mentioned at the assembly.)

Announcement - The next S.I.S. conference is coming to San Diego with details forthcoming.

My goals for the remaining term of this panel are:

1. Send an introductory letter to those senior assisted living facilities we have identified;
2. Finalize a C.E.C. kit to be passed over to the next chair and any other person(s) wishing to have a kit which will include several articles from the Seniors in Sobriety (S.I.S.) website, a copy of the C.E.C. Workbook, and several related A.A. approved pamphlets;
3. Create an updated poster display board depicting special needs of seniors such as hearing, seeing, and being part of a group.
4. Chairing the Seniors' Meeting at the upcoming Annual Convention on Oahu to be held on Friday, November 2 as well as a second such meeting on Saturday, November 3.

Lastly, if you want to know how our long-timers stay sober, there is the newly discovered book called Voices of Long-Term Sobriety, Old-Timers' Stories from the AA Grapevine. One excerpt reads: The young man was sharing at an AA meeting, "This hasn't been a good day for me. I wasn't centered, I wasn't in touch with my feelings, and my inner child felt deprived. I just wasn't comfortable in my own skin." An old-timer leaned over and whispered to the woman next to him, "I'm hard of hearing, what did he say?" The woman replied, "He says he's hungry, angry, lonely, and tired." If you want to know how timers do make it new, their jumping-off place, how they meet the challenge of change, get this book for \$12 at your intergroup. Mahalo for the opportunity to be in service,

Chris, PI - In June I was contacted by a teacher at Keaau High School for a speaker to come to their summer school class. I contacted Todd E who got sober at 24 and has 7 years of continuous sobriety. The students were really glued to what he was saying and a few talked with them after the meeting. I brought schedules and AA and Young People in AA pamphlets for them and the teacher pasted them out.

At the beginning of July I contacted by The Convoy of Hope coordinator. I then sent a mass email to area 17 ALL. Paul W contacted me and stated he would be willing to staff a table, and was there from 8am set up, with "doors" opening 9am through 1pm. With initial help from Ken K/Alt Del and Ernest S/GSR-Kalihi Sobriety, with Aaron A/GSR-Grapevine and Randy Beretania Disc coming to sit for a spell. It was a success. Kathy H came by the booth and stayed to sit the table for a while. At one point we had five of us!

Paul is now gearing up for the Honolulu Community College Health Wellness Fair on September 19th from 10a - 2p.

In addition, there is a possibility that we may have a booth/table at the County Fair Sept 13 to the 16th at Afook Chinin Stadium. I will be putting the word out to members who would be willing to staff the booth at the Fair for three days.

Lastly, in the works right here at Paho Community Center on October 3rd the women of Pa'a "First Annual Recovery Day." AA will have a booth with literature staffed by Linda R. Thank you for letting me be of service,

Jeannie (for Lena), Corrections - All is well on Oahu. Need help to relieve shifts. No reports on outer islands.

Jim, Hospitals- I will be working on the proposal to combine the Treatment Committee, along with the Hospitals Committee.

Hugh, Website - Earlier on, this year, expanded the scope of our mailing lists so GSR's get mail that area 17 all gets. Activity on the website is up since then, which is a good thing for us.

Adina, for Archives - Archive Plan of action for the balance of Panel 61:

1. Rough Inventory of the Archives:
 - a. Hawaii Area miscellaneous stuff not sorted (26) boxes, Area Binders (20) several recent years, GSO conference binders (21) dating as far back as 1987 several years missing.
 - b. Pier 12 (1) box, District 2 (1) box, District 3 (1) Box, District 4 (2) boxes, District 6 (2), District 9 (2) boxes, District 10 (1) box, District 11 (1) box, District 12 (1) box, and District 12 (1) box.
 - c. Supplies: Wood Display Boards (5) on a wooden cart; cardboard mattes (28); Several pieces of glass for the display boards; 4 portfolios (XL-2), (Lg-1) and (Med -1); Metal folding chairs (3); Office rolling Chair (1), Small step ladder (1); Plastic folding tables (six foot -2), (four foot -1); Tri-fold cardboard display boards (2); Cork board bi-fold screwed together in a bi-fold display board (3x4 feet -1); Metal adjustable shelves (6); Small Plastic supply file cabinet and other office supplies.
 - d. Foreign Language Books (5) boxes
 - e. Cassette, VHS and DVD speaker and conference tapes (7)boxes
 - f. Pacific Region (5) boxes
 - g. Maui Intergroup (4) boxes, Maui Gazette (2) boxes, Maui Fest (1) box, Dawn Patrol (2) binders.
 - h. Kauai Intergroup (3) boxes
2. Write Proposal to identify scope of Hawaii Area Archives (submitted at Budget Assembly)
3. Additional reaming steps: Organize the material, reducing duplication and all articles which don't pertain to Hawaii Area, in hopes of relocating a second time to an even smaller unit. Identify smaller storage unit, and at Election Assembly discuss future plan for the Hawaii Area Archives.

What to take back to your home group/District - Cheryl N. Area Chair -

1. A lot of business was discussed at the Budget Assembly. We had an opportunity to unanimously pass the budget, review a variety of proposals and have much loving and lively discussion and also table a motion. Many also shared their reflections on Panel 61. Themes I heard included were gratitude for experiences, importance of reporting back to home groups with enthusiasm, and how to encourage others to get involved in General Service.
2. 2013 Budget passed unanimously.
3. Proposal to Adopt GSO guidelines on acceptance of financial contributions. Proposal was presented by Finance Committee. Passed - 78/1.

4. Presentation on "Combining Treatment and Hospitals Standing Committees" by Jim D, Hospitals Chair. Pros/cons were discussed. Proposal will be distributed to body via website and email. Watch for that.
5. Ad Hoc Committee on Review of Structures and Guidelines presented their recommendations for changes to the Structures and Guidelines. Check website for your copy.
6. Presentation by District 4 regarding combining Assemblies and Committee Meetings. Lots of discussion both pro and con. Motion is currently on website.
7. Archives proposal to define the scope of the Archives presented by Adina. After much loving and lively discussion, the motion was tabled. Check website for proposal.
8. Standing Committee chairs discussed what their committees do. One of the requests from the Area Inventory Assembly in January was more information on what the Standing Committees do.
9. The updated Appendix C, Structures and Guidelines – Hawaii Annual Convention Steering Committee was presented.

Mahalo for the opportunity to be of service and for your service to help insure AA is here for generations to come.

Ask it Basket, What's on your mind? (item 13., after the minutes)

3:57 Adjourn with Declaration of Unity first by Chappy seconded by Jack.

Attached Reports:

Item 1. Treasurer's Letter/Report:

Aloha Panel 61 trusted servants,

As of July 31, 2012 Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$ 7,476.08
Prudent Reserve	\$ 5,000.00
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$ 1,250.00
Reserve for International Convention	\$ <u>700.00</u>
Total cash in bank	\$ 14,426.08

As of July 31, 2012:

Total Contributions and Income	\$ 16,425.33
Total Expenditures	\$ 22,086.64
Net Revenues	-\$ 5,661.31

As we begin the Budget Assembly, I would like to acknowledge all the hard work of the Finance Committee.

Bob, Ken, Ed and Moises have all traveled to Hawaii district meetings and presented the budget. Thank you Finance Committee!

Recently the area mailing address has changed. The new address has been printed on postcards available here at the assembly. DCMs and GSRs please take a postcard or postcards back to your group's treasurer. The new address is also listed in the Mynah Bird, Area 17's website and below. Ken has also updated the contribution split sheets and he will be handing copies out to all DCMs today. The forwarding from the previous address will be in effect for twelve months, so please help us to get the word out to all concerned.

Hawaii Area Committee
1253 S, Beretania Street #2107
Honolulu, HI 96814-1822

Officers and standing committee chairs, if you haven't done so, please book your flights for the October Committee Meeting, hosted by Waianae District on October 13th and the Elections assembly, hosted by West Hawaii, on November 17th and 18th early. By booking early, area can save close to \$80.00 on some round trip fares. In my opinion, this is the most direct and effective way to help Area 17 save money. Feel free to call or e-mail me and we can book the flight together using the Area debit card, if you are unable to purchase early on your own.

In love and service,

Item 2. Alternate Chair's Report:

Aloha and thank you once again for letting me service as your Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair. As most of you know, I was unable to attend our April Inform the Delegate Assembly because of my mother's ill health and subsequent death. I want to thank all of you for your kind thoughts and prayers during that time. The simple fact that never once during that period did I even think of having a drink proves that Alcoholics Anonymous really works.

Finance Committee

I'd like to thank the DCMS of the Waikiki, Honolulu, and Diamond Head Districts for inviting me to present the proposed 2013 Area 17 budget during the months of June and July. I thoroughly enjoyed participating and really appreciate the dedication and hard work of the GSRS and other servants who work to carry the message at the Group and District levels. Some of your questions were difficult, as they should be, and I think we all came away better informed.

Oahu Intergroup

It's been a sad time at Oahu Intergroup. Jim, our dedicated treasurer, passed away recently. He was a wonderful man, a dedicated servant of AA, and he will be missed. Chuck M. has stepped up and will be covering that position through the end of the year. Next month we will be voting on the updated by-laws as well as the central office manager's job description, both of which I was involved in drafting as part of an ad hoc committee.

Annual Hawaii Convention

The convention draws closer, November 1-4th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, and I'm beginning to get excited. It's going to be better than ever as far as I can tell thanks to the hard work of the dozens of volunteers who work so hard to bring this off every year. Later this weekend the steering committee will be presenting our updated Appendix C of the Area 17 Structures and Guidelines. Essentially this document describes how the Annual Hawaii Convention is governed. It incorporates changes which we think bring us closer than ever to and more in line with the overall goals of Hawaii Area 17.

Summary

It's been a difficult year for me, both with the death of my mother and some continuing health issues I'm currently dealing with, but I have to tell you that working for Hawaii Area 17 is always a highpoint. I look forward to seeing you all again, chatting with you over coffee, learning from you, and working together to carry the message of hope that is Alcoholics Anonymous.

Item 3. Chair Report

Aloha everyone. My name is Cheryl and I am an alcoholic. Mahalo for allowing me to serve as your Area Chair. Since our Inform the Delegate Assembly, we had a productive committee meeting in May in beautiful downtown Lahaina. Mahalo to Tri Island District for hosting us. Many of you might not know that it's at the committee meetings, which are attended by Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and DCMS, that we make preparations for the upcoming Assembly.

I have also attended a number of District and Intergroup business meetings in West Hawaii. As the end of the panel approaches, there has been a lot of talk about completing projects and pulling things together for the next panel. I have heard many in service positions looking forward to how they might be able to be of service next panel – in their home groups, their districts and at the Area level. And also a lot of gratitude for what they have experienced in their current service position. I hope many of you will step up and make yourselves available for the next panel. Don't worry if you don't feel qualified. There is an often repeated saying in AA – "God doesn't call the qualified, he qualifies the called." And, from my own experience, I can tell you that you will have an excellent grasp on your position when you are just about to rotate out.

West Hawaii celebrated Founders' Day and our Delegate Report back on June 9. I will also be participating in the Big Island's Unity Day's service program in the skit "You're an Alcoholic Charlie Brown," on August 25.

Item 4. DELEGATE REPORT:

It's good to be back in Pahoehoe. Almost, six years ago, the day before our Election Assembly, I miraculously survived a three-hour hike on the lava fields at Kalapana, wearing hiking boots I had just picked at the dump and with NO water! The next day I was so happy to be alive; I stood for my first area officer position. I can hardly believe that in about 4-1/2 months, I will be relegated to the back row as a silent observer. Could be my toughest challenge yet.

GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE (GSC): Following our Inform-the-Delegate Assembly in April, I attended the 62nd GSC in Rye, NY. I find that participating in the conference is both humbling and educational because not only have I witnessed a some of A.A. as a whole (and come to know that we are not it) but also I have been a part of the service structure process that began as an experiment in 1950. We are all here because of the General Service Structure and our trust in the process of the Conference, our annual business meeting. I am a sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous today because someone took the responsibility to reach out to me with the hand of A.A. We must always ask how we can better reach and serve the broadest possible range of alcoholics of whatever age, race, faith, and digital capabilities. The GSC is a precious gift passed on to us by our forebearers and, as the inheritors of their legacy, it is our responsibility to be sure the hand of A.A. is always there for the still suffering alcoholic reaching out for help anywhere in the world. The following is a brief summary of some of the Advisory Actions approved by the Conference this year:

- ❑ Floor Action: The limit on one-time bequests from A.A. members to the General Service Board has been increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
- ❑ Grapevine: A.A. Grapevine, Inc will move forward with an audio strategy to have members call in and record their story on third-party technology.
- ❑ Literature:
 - The pamphlet "A.A. and the Armed Services" has been updated and is now available.
 - The development of literature that focuses on spirituality that will include stories from atheists and agnostics who are sober in A.A. is moving forward
- ❑ Public Information:
 - The long form of Tradition 11 will not be revised to include references to current media in use. The P.I. Conference Committee concluded that the spirit and principle of anonymity at the public level is conveyed adequately by the existing long form. However, the short form may be revised.
 - The Membership Survey pamphlet has been updated to reflect the findings of the 2011 survey and is now available. Please note that in the "Introduction to A.A., where you see 1% (e.g. 1% of members were introduced to A.A. by a member of the clergy) that represents over 14,000 members.
 - Report and Charter: The term "Rotation" and its definition will be added to the *A.A. Service Manual* in Chapter One: Introduction to General Service, in the section "Glossary of General Service Terms."
- ❑ Additional Committee Consideration (not an Advisory Action) from the conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities:
 - The Treatment Workbook and Kit have been revised with minor changes
 - The Special Needs-Accessibilities Workbook and Kit have also been revised with minor changes

Note: the Agenda Item to develop literature for the alcoholic with mental illness was revised in Committee and failed on the floor of the Conference. There was a Floor Action brought that was close to the original item. Discussion on the floor went for nearly two hours with approval of the action by exactly 2/3rds majority. However, after the minority opinion was heard, a motion to reconsider passed, and, on the revote, the action failed to receive the required 2/3rds majority. Therefore, the action failed. I look for this to come back in subsequent years.

I have heard the question many times as to the appropriateness of selling the A.A. Grapevine magazine on the literature tables at our meetings. We know that we sell only Conference-approved A.A. literature. However, since it is impossible for each issue to go through the Conference approval process, the Grapevine magazine is considered Conference supported.

Another question I often hear discussed is whether or not it is OK for members to identify themselves during meetings as cross-addicted alcoholics (e.g. alcoholic/addict) as opposed to specifically and alcoholic. According to a past delegate, by doing so "I am telling you that I am a special kind of alcoholic – that my case of alcoholism is different from yours...In so doing, I have just cut our common bond in half, and, more importantly, have diluted my own purpose for being here." It is the responsibility of each of us to keep our program intact, to pass it on to the newcomer as it was given to us. To seek a balance among every approach to A.A. is an exercise in humility, trust, and acceptance.

I've talked a lot about our spiritual responsibility. Now a few words about our fiscal responsibilities/opportunities: according to the financial presentation at the Conference, the cost of service per member per year is \$6.32, yet contributions per member per year are \$4.47. That leaves a shortfall of \$1.85, which must come from literature sales. Similarly, the cost of service per group per year is \$137.01, while actual contributions are \$96.95 with only 42.2% of groups contributing. We can give ourselves a pat on the back because Hawaii Area's contribution rate is 53.1%. But let's not rest on our laurels. Contribution rates have declined from about 58% in 1987 to the current rate of about 42%. While these numbers may be abstract to you and your eyes may glaze over when we talk about money in A.A., the fact remains that it takes financial funding to keep our service centers operating and continuing to reach out. Our 7th Tradition funds make it possible to fulfill our spiritual responsibilities and for A.A. to reach every corner of the world. So the next time the basket comes around to you, remember that portion of your contribution helps to reach your sons, daughters, grand children, and your future friends.

Part of our reaching out goals ought to be helping those leaving treatment settings transition into A.A. in their home communities. To assist us in that effort, many areas have a Bridging the Gap committee or include this valuable tool in the Treatment Committee. I hope that you will avail yourselves of the information and tools we have available both from our Treatment Chair and on the A.A. Website. Go to aa.org, click on "For Groups and Members" and look in the yellow triangle down the side that says "Treatment Committees." If you can go to great lengths in this valuable endeavor, you can attend the 22nd Annual A.A. Bridging The Gap Workshop Weekend September 7-9 in Bloomington, MN.

I have been reporting on the eBook project for over a year. For those of you who have been eagerly awaiting the release of the Big Book and the 12 x 12 on your Android or devices other than iPods and iPhones, the project has been ended due to the unsustainability of creating and maintaining eReader Apps. According to the GSB, the continued development of the Apps is not a practical or a prudent use of G.S.O. resources. For now, what has already been created will be maintained. For the future, the Board has concluded that best way to make eBooks widely and easily available is to utilize eReader vendors to sell our books. A progress report will be presented at the 2013 GSC.

Reminder: At the 2013 GSC, a new Trustee-at-Large will be elected to a four-year term. Each area is allowed to elect one candidate. The resume of the candidate must be submitted by the delegate before January 1, 2013. To date, no one qualified has yet stepped forward.

Another couple of reminders:

- Do not contact GSO regarding the 2015 International. Your group GSR will receive all information when registration and hotel reservations open up.
- The Pacific Regional Forum is September 14-16 in Fairbanks, Alaska. I thank each of you for the opportunity to represent Hawaii Area at one last regional event. Of course, you will get a report of my experience at the November assembly.

I have enjoyed the Conference report backs that I have attended so far. For the second year in a row, Maui was first on the schedule. What a lively bunch! We discussed the workshop topics (attached to this report) for at least an hour. I encourage each of you to discuss these important and timely items at your home groups. We were honored with the attendance of our Panel 57 Delegate Vernon G. and the Panel 59 Delegate from Area 91 Saskatchewan who happened to be vacationing on Maui. Next I visited the Big Island where I was scheduled to give two report backs, one on the west side and one on the east side as part of the respective Founders Day celebrations. Unfortunately, I was unable to make it to the east side and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Ken C., District 12 DCM, who stepped in at the last minute to give the report back. Yet another reminder that there is always a solution.

I have also experienced the solutions built into our area service structure. Some of you know that I had major neck surgery on July 10 and was unable to get to the Leeward District or the Kauai District for the scheduled report backs. Ken K., as Alternate Delegate, graciously filled in to give those report backs, thus getting you the information about the Conference on schedule. I am confident that I will be at the Windward District on August 30th and am waiting for Waianae and Central North Shore Districts to schedule. The important thing here is that the information keeps flowing back and forth and that, by being informed about the Conference business, members will have a greater understanding and interest in our service structure.

One last thing: I have not yet received the Final Conference Reports. I am confident that they will arrive in time for the October Committee Meeting on Oahu, so the DCMs should be prepared to take home 10-12 copies each. I ordered more reports this year so that everyone who wants one gets one and to ensure that the Central Offices have a few copies each. Hopefully, we will have another successful presentation on the report at the Election Assembly in November.

Submitted in love & service, Linda McD. Delegate Area 17, Panel 61

Our workshop was "Safety in A.A.: Our Common Welfare." The following are the results of the workshop in which I participated:

- How can we make our Home Group a welcoming and accessible place?
 - SMILE
 - Have both men and women greeters if mixed meeting
 - Have the meeting space set up early
 - Be ready to escort handicapped if necessary
 - Help newcomers find the coffee
 - Be sure the secretary reads housekeeping items and guidelines for the meeting (e.g. cell phones away, no smoking, crosstalk, etc.)
 - Personally invite the newcomer back
 - Be sensitive to closing the meeting with a religious prayer
 - Don't leave any cleanup people alone to do the chores
 - SMILE
- How can sponsorship aid in keeping our A.A. meetings safe?
 - Discourage profanity
 - Discourage sharing re sexuality
 - Educate as to pray vs. prey
 - Offer guidance in life skills
 - Be an example of appropriate conduct
 - Be aware that predators exist and speak up if see inappropriate behavior
- In keeping with the Traditions, how would/does my group address matters that may arise, such as:
 - Conduct that disrupts the meeting
 - Be sure the secretary reads housekeeping items and guidelines for the meeting (e.g. cell phones away, no smoking, crosstalk, etc.)
 - Speak quietly with the person; if one-on-one is not effective, ask the person to leave the meeting (but not AA)
 - In group conscience, define disruptive behavior and develop a plan (snoring, texting, kids running around, pets running around)
 - Illegal activity
 - Any illegal activity that jeopardizes the health and well being of others needs to be reported
 - Call police
 - Take action, don't withdraw
 - Inappropriate behaviors towards vulnerable newcomers (e.g. "13 Stepping")
 - Be aware/mindful
 - Sponsors can alert newcomers to potentially harmful situations
 - Encourage newcomers that we need to change behavior in sobriety (i.e. appropriate dress and language)
 - Inappropriate behavior includes more than sexual predation; be mindful of monetary predation and so-called personal behaviors; watch for drug dealers
 - Emergencies (injury/accident/fire)
 - Have procedures in place
 - Call 911

Finally, here are two thoughts:

- Inaction = condonation
- Remember: what's good for the group comes first, but personal welfare follows close behind.

Item 5. Discussion and Q and A: Proposal - Proposal to Adopt GSO Guidelines on Acceptance of Financial Contributions by Finance Committee.

- Assume the placement of the wording was left open on purpose. Where in the finance section would this go? Not stated explicitly because there is going to be a revision of S and G, so leaving it up to the S and G committee.
- The phrase for non living donation when it refers to in perpetuity. Why this cannot be allowed? Can't speak to why. GSO does not allow you to leave a living will that every year grants money to GSO. We're adopting GSO's guidelines.
- Two part question. How does GSO define the amount? Why are we 1:1 mirroring GSO's amount? The reason is because if we're mirroring their amount it's an accepted amount by the AA community. And we don't have to bring this up every time GSO changes the amount.
GSO is real big, shouldn't we accept less? They probably get more than we do. Proportionately it's probably about the same. Few people leave money to GSO, fewer leave it to us. The limits are put in place for corporate poverty. There was a very long discussion about this at the last GSO conference. Something like 9 times in the last 25 years. It's just a guideline, keep it in perspective. It's only happened once in Area 17, we're just playing it safe.
- The financial happening outside our society is happening inside our society. Need to remember it has nothing to do with us.

Quorum: 80/80 present to vote. 2/3s of vote cast = 54
1st vote In favor 78 Opposed 1

Minority opinion:

- I went over the budget, knowing what we go through, area gave only \$375 to districts. I can think of a lot of things, we could use more than \$375. We are having to raise the registration fee for our district. I don't think that is going to change a whole lot. That's my reason.

No votes changed, the motion carries.

Item 6. 2013 Proposed budget discussion (before the vote):

- Thank Bob for presenting the proposed budget to Honolulu District. I learned the first goal is to make sure the Delegate goes to the conference. Like the district's goal is to send DCMs to assembly. That is the main purpose, and there are other factors involved. For the tradition that says each group should be autonomous, except in matters that will affect other groups or AA as a whole. The contributions, the way monies are dispersed from 7th tradition, does affect AA as a whole if your group is not contributing. Maybe your group can think about that.
- I didn't see an item line for CEC. - It's on the first page.
- Question, today we're voting on combining treatment and hospitals, how does that affect the budget if they are combined? The finance committee would meet and discuss/decide. The budget is a just a guideline.
- Got a lot of feedback from my district. We reduced the cost without reducing the services that archives is providing. We are reducing the stuff we have stored and keeping the services us. Archives committee is doing a good job.

Vote :
1st vote In favor 78 Opposed 0 Motion passed unanimously

Item 7. Discussion of Proposal - Proposal to Combine Treatment and Hospitals Standing Committees

- S and G for Area 17, page 4 you find the description of standing committee H. Hospitals. H would be deleted, K would become J, and it would read it like it is, and call it "Treatment Settings and Hospitals"
- There is no longer a handbook from GSO.
- We need to focus on our work of CPC and PI particularly. We're doing this work, why do we need another person?
- Budget: I didn't spend any money, Hugh did. So I think we need to combining the work and combine resources. Not to let hospital work go. We're doing it.
- To bring us more in line with what GSO is doing. At GSO, Treatment and special needs is one committee. Brings us in line with GSO.
- The Proposal, we'd get rid of H, the committee would be Hospitals and Treatment, and the wording in K would remain.

- Minutes from May committee minutes: Read by Cheryl.
- There is a financial benefit, we'd have one less committee chair. And there is overlapping in the committees.
- Have experience and concern to share. First year, I was in the hospitals and was given the task of going to my district to see if hospitals had racks and pamphlets up for AA. I was able to do that. And are regularly replacing those at the hospitals. If we don't have somebody doing hospitals, is that going to be done? Treatment is overbooked. The work is getting done and that is marvelous. We sometimes forget that the deal is not us, but the groups. They do the work, not us. We're here to help and support them and their work, and we're doing that. I don't think this proposal will retard that. In the long run will

help them. In the long run the new DSM V will be printed, and will change how treatment is handled. It has nothing to do with us, but it changes who shows up at meetings. We need to concentrate on CPC work to let folks know we're available.

- Nervous, concern is treatment is loaded up already with work, need to help treatment chair more.
- in 1985 it used to be H and I, and a can passed around for Hospitals and Institutions, related to helping recovering alcoholics. Then it got split apart. Now we're bringing it back to put it back together. It saves airfare cost. I'm a CPC chair for this area and as a result of that I read the CPC information. I went to/visited clinics, and psychiatric associations - that is two committee covering, as well as PI covering information as well. Combining sounds like a really good thing.
- We have a phone answering service where you dial the AA number and get forwarded to who is on duty. 4 weeks ago I got a call from someone who needed help. It was frustrating. I called ISAP, he's been turned away from Kona Hospital. There didn't seem to be any place to go. I called 911, and was told the individual who had the problem had to call. There aren't enough places for us to go on the Big Island. This may not be true on Oahu or Maui. We need to deal with this somehow.
- In a previous panel we helped a homeless shelter, Hospital and treatment were not involved with homeless shelters. Consider something is done for homeless shelter. There are alcoholics there, and the group is underserved.
- Current treatment chair - I'd approve this, most of the work is do is for hospitals. I've been delivering literature to hospitals. Most of the treatment centers are in the hospitals. I'd be for this.
- Some areas do still have Hospitals and Institutions. The area recognized by GSO do include hospitals and treatment centers. Can have co chairs for youth facilities, jails, etc. It's completely different. We have not hand H and I in Hawaii.
- Having personal relationships with professionals in medical field. Know you as an individual, not as a society. The hospital committee that was unified wasn't just for potential members, but also for current members of AA who are in the hospitals and who need support and/or can't get to a meeting.
- Response: we are at the point that intergroups do have people to whom they respond in those situations.
- why aren't we voting on it? People need time to take to their home groups. Since it's a change in the S and G wanted to be sure everybody was informed on it, so that is why we're not voting on it today.

Item 8. Ad Hoc Committee Review of S & G, discussion:

We are giving suggestions and recommendation that we found could better our S & G. These are not proposals. They are suggestions for you to take back to your group, and see if they want to make a proposal regarding these items.

Questions/Comments:

- Clarify that the ad hoc committee would encourage members of the assembly to bring a proposal on each one of these points, so that at the next assembly we could have possibly 11 proposals. Encourage anybody who wants to make a proposal in regard to this document, do it ASAP, so we can vote on it in this panel.
- Who is maintainint the tax empt status and how much work is involved. Sheri - we file a tax return, and we also have a Dept of Commerce DDCA and send in a registration fee every year.
- Archives, if we're goin to set a list of what we're saving in archives. What about things that aren't on the list? Can the archives add it, or just things on the list. Important we need someone who knows what they are doing.
- Archives - idea is body decide what we keep, anything else, it would be up to body to decide.
- Why didn't the committee not do proposals for each of these things? I don't know the ins and outs of the S and G, They are guidelines for us to figure out how to do things in an orderly manner. A: ad hoc committee was directed to review and give recommendations not to make changes. But to open it up to the assembly for what they found.
- Eliminate priority of spending left a bad taste in my mouth, that's a lot of leeway, I think we need to have a priority.
- Basic frustration, this is a reasonable things to change. I don't know if we as individuals can make proposals to make this happen. One of the suggestions was the assembly was informed, and need a standing committee to inform them. A S and G committee could let the body know the changes they think are needed.
- Anyone in AA can bring forth a proposal. You don't have to have a service position to do that. Generally the most recommended way was to bring it to your home group, then take it to your district, flush out the wording and see if there is general support. See if you're the only one who thinks it's a good idea. Then, at committee meetings we talk about upcoming proposals and work out the wording for the proposal. Then we bring it to the body. Yo'd also want it ot be widely publicized. If it's at a committee meeiings, the DCMs can districbute it to their GSR, so we have an informed group conscience prepared to vote. Encourage, someone who is energetic, get it moving. We've had some discussion. This panel is almost finished. For example - there was a group on the big island who wanted to take literature to aKorean church. The pastor didn't think they included his people. Proposal submitted, made it to GSO and the pamphlet was revised.

According to the forward to 2.7 on page 2. Ii tells us the times it was revised. We don't revise it without the approval of this assembly.

- who requested the ad hoc committee? Chair. Home group meetings 2-3 people show up. This is heavy duty stuff. I'm beginning to understand this. Our groups won't understand it. I'd prefer to see the ad hoc group formed, have them review it , make the proposals, and this body vote on it.
- wanted to bring up the same thing. These are defacto, already done, changes to Never saw a GSR guideline until I came here, and it's just great. If we hand our group guidelines and structures, they'll leave the meetings. Otherwise it won't get done.

-address the last two comments, I hear where you're coming from, but, that proposal you made is something that needs to be proposed. It's an amendment of policy and procedure on how we do things. As a member of AA, I want to stay away from a concept that as an organization, we decide how we're going to do anything, and then go back. I like the top down structure. If we don't do it that way we're heading down a dangerous slope.

Item 9. Discussion of Proposal submitted by District 4, Mark read/presented this proposal. To have committee meetings at scheduled assemblies (during and/or before assembly). District 4 brought this proposal:

-On its face it appears to be a good idea, but don't know if it actually would work. Downside would be continuity between assemblies, are setting agenda for the next. A lot of information and face to face contact.

- Really like this idea, have it the night before. Because I'm tired from information gotten on Saturday and Sunday.

-Work at committee meetings is to find out what committees are doing and how we can better serve them. So there is discussion between the assemblies. Some DCM's aren't "on it," sometimes there is a disconnect. Reason for it being set up that way is so there can be ample discussion, so you guys are well informed, read, discussed talked about, have formed some kind of idea. If you're not informed that way, there is something not working. Reason for committee meetings is discussion.

-One problem I see is Committee Meetings last 6-8 hours. That cannot be done in a night. We'd have to take either the Friday before or Sunday after, and for those that work, we're asking you to take a day of work. Plus district people hosting, I see a logistics problem there.

- I like this idea for financial reasons. The airfare keeps going up. I don't know if it can be done 1 ½ for assembly, and ½ day for committee planning for the next assembly.

It's an interesting idea. I don't know, I haven't been DCM, I haven't been able to secure a location. How expensive is it to add another day or a half a day on to that. How do DCMs feel about that? Is it possible, or would we have to shorten the assembly. I turn it into a 3 day event, but logistically it would be more difficult.

-Looking at old vs. new budget airfare, we were in the red on the last budget, minus \$4,500. We alcoholics have an incredible frugality on the things I don't want to spend money on. We get to be a little tight. I'm glad we're not deciding on this today, but it's up for discussion. Having these meetings on Oahu would centralize things and save on airfare, or combine with assemblies.

-Has anyone looked into videoconferencing, a central location, using a community college or television station? Distribute among DCMs and people who need to be there, cut down on costs and you'd still have your 6 hours to plan.

-Not sure logistically how this would work. As chair, I am totally exhausted after one of these weekends. I'm tired at the end of two full days, I try to pay attention and focus on what is going on here. I can't imagine another day. I'd try to do it if the body decides. We often meet in schools, and they are not available on Fridays.

Last year we cut an assembly and a committee meetings, hard to keep continuity of what is happening. Like the idea of video conferencing. We've been talking about it for 1 ½ panels. Need someone with the technical ability to come forward with a proposal. We wouldn't be able to meet in the kinds of locations we meet in now (parks, community center)

- I was once area chair, we started Friday 7:00 and ended Sunday at 5:00. People asked me to eliminate that. The system that we have is really nice. We get to see each other, talk story, bond, and find out what's happening in our district. It's cost prohibitive. We've got to come up with better ideas.

-I don't see a way for myself of doing this without adding a day to the weekend. I'm not decided on this, but am at the looking at it stage. 6-8 hours for a committee meeting, and 6 hours each day for the assembly. Is everything we do at the assembly essentially, and have to do? Askit basket, reflection. There's discussing motions I don't see a way to replace, but one direction to look at is to look at our agendas and trim fat for a way to spend our time.

-plan our assemblies on 3 day weekends?

- need a hard hat in service.

-Meeting together at assemblies and committee meetings creates the unity Hawaii Area 17 has.

-level of service it would take me to bring this back. I like this proposal. It works if we work it.

-I wouldn't sit for 3 days at this. Fear of not having enough money. It seems to come if it's the next indicated thing. I think God provides.

-I would support this idea. By the time I finish as GSR I will know what I am doing. At committees, I have no idea what you discuss. There is email, why not discuss via email. Friday night spend 2 hours, touch up, then be ready for the assembly.

-without my DCM's help I wouldn't be able to be here. Watching everyone in the room helps me stay sober and stand up in unity. I was scared at my first assembly. People before me show how it is done. I don't like the media thing, I like to be face to face. If I need to let go of something. I don't want to be in same room with everybody watching a TV.

-If it works, don't fix it. This has been working a long time. God will provide. My home group increased the prudent reserve so we could have more money. I couldn't fathom 3 days of this, two days is enough. You people who have to write all these reports, that seems overwhelming. People working how do they get the extra day off? We live in a unique situation, we're all islands but we're all one. Got to include the outer islands so it's all inclusive.

-First panel I've been on where I attended committee meetings. Committee chairs work hard at committee meetings, and because of that, our assemblies go smoothly. We were able to discuss committees, and work more smoothly. I live here, not everybody has weekends off and not everybody has holidays. I'm into for this. so I like it being separate.

-This is the third panel where "videoconferencing" was the buzz. I'm working on my expectations for tomorrow. Appreciate the effort District 4 made in presenting this motion. I don't own a computer, I haven't gone to committee meetings, don't want to, don't see how adding one more day to an assembly would work for us. Don't put the cart before the horse. Wait to see how video communication works.

-I like the information from my DCM. If committee meeting at same place as assembly is there are too many people. MY DCM can bring back to us what needs to be brought back, and I can take the important stuff. I love the financial aspect but I feel that this is better.

10. Report from Annual Hawaii Convention, Kunane:

Aloha All,

Zeke is unable to attend today's meeting, however, he sends his regards. Today's report is short and sweet.

The final 2011 Convention treasurer's report has been complete and made available to the fellowship. As reported by Zeke at the last area assembly and outlined in Appendix C, the treasurer has distributed the excess balance of \$11,379.20 to the Area, Al Anon and all inter-groups statewide. The excess money was a result of all committees staying within their budget and having more attendees than anticipated.

Appendix C has been finalized and approved by the Steering Committee and presented to the Area on August 18th.

2012 Convention

- Total registration at this time is 311. This is about the same as this same time last year.
- We are inviting all standing committees to host a table or display at this year's convention. Should you want to have a table space at the convention, please contact Kathleen T.
- If anyone would like to be of service at the convention, please contact Cathy J.
- The Alkathon Chair, Leo B. is looking for homegroups to get into service at the Alkathon. Please contact Leo.
- Registration flyers are available here at the assembly. Please register and join us. It's going to be a great convention.
- The program committee chair is looking for neighbor island readers for the evening meetings. Please contact Judy for more information.

Thanks for allowing me to be of service.

11. Saturday, Reflections Panel 61, What's on your mind? :

-Our next assembly will be our final one. It is our elections assembly. Prior to that you groups will have held elections for new GSR, Districts will have held elections, and Intergroups will have held elections. I encourage you to start thinking now what you could do for the next panel. I cannot tell you what service has done for me. Also been encouraging every SC chair to please try and get a contact on every island. Gets calls from CO on Oahu asking who to contact, if you have someone the intergroups can refer too. Ideally every SC would have someone for each district, but that may not be possible. Let's remember the alcoholic who hasn't reached us and really needs us.

- Like the angle of where the officers sat, it kept the focus on who is at the mic. Also felt uncomfortable, talk about a higher power of our own understanding. A pray together should be that higher power as opposed to Son of God or, Lord. Please include us all, we ma not all believe in that God.

-It has been an eye opening experience. Before I was able to serve, I looked within more, and not too far out. Service has opened my eyes onto a different orientation of living. I don't let too many people in, but service has helped me with human relations. There are a lot of people who need help. Still working on getting to step 12.

-Just beginning to figure out what this is all about. Personally hope we continue to have all the meetings that we have. Tend to get uninspired after being away, but when I come here, each assembly, something happens that re-inspires me and carried me for a while. Something someone says can inspire and carry me. If we weren't meeting in person, I wouldn't have that face to face interaction that wouldn't reinforce my need to participate here. Here we carry the word of AA as a whole. It costs money, but if we didn't gather, we would not have the richness of experience that we have, or the organization that we have.

- Love stops you from doing what you should be doing. If you don't have love, you're sick.

-There's an order in which you're elected, but I don't see that anywhere in our guidelines. Anyone you see, tell them to come to elections assembly and be willing to stand for a committee, learn.

- I was in this area as a child. When I come to assemblies I look forward to it. I have two jobs with staff meetings, workshops and training. I get so bored. But when we come around to assemblies, I get excited. You give me hope. I have choices. It is hard work, but being able to commit to service, I am grateful. I was so wild. Today I can face my challenges with my kids, and can handle, and it's a blessing. If I can't take care of my sobriety, I can't do nothing.

-Heard good discussion today, and heard discussion on what we're doing here in AA, and what they are doing in the professional community and working together. In the community of AA I have the idea that our solution is the only solution. The professional communities have the same idea. However, I'm in both communities, and we need to work together on this.

On Oahu and neighbor islands there is an agency called Access Line. They can help people get help so they don't harm themselves. Police can be called to do a "well check."

-I love AA, it saved my life so I'm going to have to stay in it and try to help someone else.

-Q. Tongan translator - are we working on getting? RE "How it Works" translated in Tongan: have we dropped the ball on the Tongan translation again? Where is it? A. The ball is with you guys, there is a series of emails on that, and I will send them to the DCM. Response : Something doesn't fit. I think it would be a good idea to find out what's happening. A. Delegate will send info to the DCM.

-This morning I showed up at the Hilo airport, two guys with AA t-shirts showed up and suggested I get in the van. Someone showed up. That's the kind of stuff my mother warned me about. But, I remember all that's happened. The first time it happened, someone in a BMW showed up. And someone else said, "Oh you're staying at my house tonight. Thank you."

-For whatever reason, continuing to enhance our spiritual life comes to mind a lot. It means reaching out to those who still suffer. I've seen more evidence of selfishness in my home group where people are sitting on their laurels. It doesn't happen here. Reaching out to the person who still suffers- I love this stuff. We need to begin to focus more directly to service the groups so the groups continue to work, but it dissipates. We need to look at how we concretely help and reach out, and that's the focus of what we do.

-I love AA and service. If I had pompoms I'd... I have a passion about service, and brought two people with me. They see how much fun I'm having. If you live on this island and you didn't bring two people with you, you're a slacker. Be passionate about it a shine about it. It saved my life. It's exciting I can share it with people.

-Thinking back how I got into service, my sponsor asked if I was interested in the CPC committee. I hemmed and hawed, and said I don't like to talk in front of people. I thought she was going to ask me to talk to the medical convention. She asked me to stuff envelopes. Next I went to an assembly, I heard people fight there. I got chicken skin as they prayed before the meeting. I felt the unity and the love. I get back so much more. This last Wednesday, I gave the district report, talked about the election assembly my district will be hosting, and the needs. Someone wanted to know when they'd know exactly how many are coming. I said around noon on Saturday.

-Can't just say that I'm a DCM, and what an honor this is. Wanted to talk about where spirituality and money sometimes mix. When I got here I didn't have any idea about a higher power, and I had to be the ultimate authority of everything, and it ostracized me. I saw that word "God" and didn't want anything to do with it. But I read further and saw it was a Higher Power. I could design that HP that I could understand, as long as it wasn't me, or something that I could tear apart. I had to find something that I was comfortable with. Along with being comfortable with other people, and absolutely no idea how it was going to develop, today I have 21 years of sobriety. I'm old enough to go drink. And I thought "A good root beer would be really good." I've never found the bane between spirituality and money. You can find out online through social security, how much money you made in your entire life. And since I got sober, I notice there was a steady incline in what I made. I can get by on less. I have to take responsibility, badger my home group. I don't care how much you contribute, if you can give \$2.00, then give \$2.00. Don't save it for later.

- When I came to AA 25 years ago, I met a man. He's not with us anymore. He directed me to my first meeting. There were these old wrinkly people who said if you want what we have then do what we do, and I didn't want what they had. The reason that man could help me, someone put money in the basket, sent it in, and as a result AA was there for me. I am in service today because someone else was in service for me when I needed. I can't give back what AA has done for me, but if I can help then I've done my job. Service helped me get through the past two years. I'm through the other side because I'm active in AA.

-Acknowledge people in service for me here today. I didn't know my sponsor was in service. I watched him cry when he shared. Had no idea my service sponsor was a past delegate. It's often the quiet voice in the room that's powerful. The point isn't who we pray to, it's that we pray. It's me I need to protect AA from.

-My daughter was born two weeks ago. She had a stroke, and I get to be there for her and be in the solution. My wife supports me coming here, you remind me why we do this today. We make relationships with people we wouldn't normally, I think that's why we get involved at this level.

-In our district, in the middle of the panel, we needed a new DCM and Alternate DCM. I got alternate because I was the only one who stood for it. I forgot it's a two year commitment. After the first year, I was elected half way between the past panel. They asked if I'd volunteer to stay for the next two years. At times I grumble at being service, and the next day I had to retract that. My home group LOVES me: Listen, Overlook my shortcoming, Value me and encourage me to be the best that I can be. And because of that, I am standing here in front of you today. Give yourself a round of applause.

-Did research on Tongan Proposal- at Budget assembly regarding Tongan Language. What didn't I do that I was supposed to do to make it happen? Delegate will send the info to DCM #11 (Kihei).

Item 12. Discussion and Further Discussion of Archives Motion:

Discussion:

-Point of clarification, it's not the convention archives.

-What are the things that don't pertain to Area 17? 26 misc. 20 binders misc. area stuff, 21 binders of General Conference reports date back to 1987. A bunch of supplies, 5 foreign language boxes, 7 cassettes, speaker tape boxes, 5 pacific region, 9 boxes from Maui boxes and Kauai. Maui intergroup chair willing to take their things back.

-Archives is a place to store A.A.'s history? Read above proposal. Current statement, before there was area, there was intergroup that did all the things area does now. That history needs to be included. When you give intergroup back our history, it will delete the history we set forth.

-(response) Kauai and Maui stuff is about their meetings etc. Not histories. There are agendas, and business reports.- Intergroups are their own service entity and not a part of the Area 17 service structure, they have a vote as we have been invited to have a vote there.- Area is not qualified to sort through area intergroup information, and would not presume to sort through the documents of another entity. Intergroups are qualified to sort their own.

-Concerns: Appreciate the work the committee has done. However archives is to store historical records over an organizations lifetime to show it's function. We're operating without an archivist. Need someone that has background as an archivist. Maybe we need a permanent archives. Send them to GSO - GSO has a class for archivists. Colleges have classes to show how to store, and what information to look for. We are separate, but interconnected so it's hard to draw a line there. I didn't hear direction, we have a dedicated committee searching for direction. This body needs an archivist to help us with this direction.

-An archive is a history of an organization: all we wanted is to define the organization. We're not asking for an archives chair or area archivist. We're asking for the scope of materials to have in our archives.

-Thank you for your work. Thought is was historical record of history of AA. Intergroup came first, Area came second. Fellowship was very small in early Hawaii. Intergroup is the womb of AA today. That's our history. AA came to AA when it wasn't a state yet. It's our spiritual lineage, and genealogy.

-All for us having a history. Based on the information I've seen, I don't see how to have a history from an agenda, or treasurer's report. No one has taken the time to write the history, other than the pamphlet AA on Oahu from Ted. That doesn't go away. Want to change the scope so people can have access to our stuff in storage.

-Not defining the archivist and archivist chair, we're putting the cart before the horse. Where is that perception of what's important coming from. Need someone skilled. That would be mo bettah.

-Motivation for cutting down on duplication was the cost of storage. It was a huge chunk of our budget.

-concern, not having an archivist, things are getting thrown away that is not "junk" to an archivist. I understand it was to save money. I'd like to see a cease and desist, until there is an archivist. This is creating a justification for things that were already done. Like to see an archivist or accountable archives committee.

-cups, shirts, hats haven't been found in our holding. We have... (repeated above record of what is stored). It's all paper. What was asked of us. We wanted archivist and non rotating archives chair asked for help for a panel and $\frac{1}{2}$, until finally she stepped down. As an officer I thought we shouldn't let it sit. Not one piece of information was thrown away that had anything to do with Hawaii. That is why we created this proposal. If you say no, and nobody makes a motion based on this proposal we'll continue to have the bill we have for storage. If you're willing to help, you can come and help.

-Regarding things you heard, rumor, innuendo (not referring to just this). If you're not sure it's true, please go to a source. This has become a hot issue, so emotional for some people. Ask us.

Motion to approve.

Further Discussion:

-Archives - microfish, everything we have can be on a shoebox

-Against, not enough time to bring to home groups.

- We have detailed list of accountability. For us to cut down the cost on Archives, I don't think I support this proposal. We work together, cooperate. Area has a vote in intergroup.

Motion to table- passed.

Item 13. Sunday What's on Your Mind ? at the mic.

Thank you Puna for hosting. Archives, I'm a former historian for other non profit organization, it is a difficult proposition for people do deal with archives. You've done the best job you can do and you've done a great job.

-Q. Translation into Tongan language Proposal, We spent assembly time in voting for, any information? A. We will not have voted to turn the translation over to GSO because that's not what happens. They will translate for countries who are developing a service structure. They will not translate for communities that already have a service structure. I have copies of some communication on my computer at home that explains this. It's my impression there is a group of people in Kihei that is going forward with this action. I'll send info to DCM. If you want a more specific answer with actual facts, please email me at delegate@area17aa.org and I'll make sure you get the information.

-History of the archives. We were lucky to have to build the storage, and take care of it for 16+ years without us paying a penny. Archives - contain primary source documents that have accumulated, records that are long term preservation on grounds of enduring ... value.

-Q. By acception caps for contributions set by GSO, are we handing over some of our autonomy? A. No, GSO does not send out notices what we cannot accept. That cap is for GSO, not anybody else. But GSO does a number of things with guidelines compiled from shared experience from various areas, and reflect experience. We're free to do anything we want. But by deciding to do anything we want we're throwing away their shared experience. This is a decision we made, and we are

charged with your finance committee to come up with plans. We chose GSO caps because it's a cap that works. Our autonomy wasn't compromised, GSO did not tell us to do this.

-Q. What is the reason for letting go of the priority of spending? A. The reason, the S and G is really good. But our job was to see if we could find something to talk about. It wasn't proposals. They aren't the kind of suggestions you sponsor gives you, it was something to talk about. I saw, when looking at the language of priority of spending. There wasn't enough specificity the more likely we would need direction in how to spend money. It wouldn't be a good time to debate those issues when money is tight. It might be a good idea to make it clear the finance committee has ability to make decisions.

-Election Assembly - is going to be long. It may take up a whole day, depending on the number of voting session that we have. Be prepared for that, when you make you flights, please choose slightly later flights, because it's very likely we'll have a full day on Sunday. I don't know, it all depends on how much discussion there is.

- Time management at these assemblies is a bit of a challenge. We all want to talk, and be heard. Sometimes we have to stay flexible, proposals come up that aren't on the agenda, and that we have to make time for. If the person who wrote this question, has further concerns, please see me at the conclusion. If you have proposals please be ready to vote.

-What needs to happen if you have a proposal, put it in writing, submit to chair@areal7aa.org. The agenda goes out 30 days before the event. So proposal should be submitted before October 17 or 18. Send it to webmaster, so he can put it on the website.

-I am concerned and quite saddened that we are missing 4 DCMs this weekend. 4 out of 14 are not here. I'm not saying they don't have excellent reasons for not being here. My concern is who is going to take this information to their district. We have these meetings to foster unity. If we're not showing up, and not reporting to those we're responsible to, we're not doing our jobs.

-Groups who are facing the problem of insurance: find cheaper place that doesn't need insurance. Combine insurance with other groups that meet in the same place. Have church put you on their policy, and maybe pay more rent with that. If kids are running around, the insurance is higher.

- Under 2 years ago, I was sitting in Puna district assembly, call went out for DCM, room was silent, and Linda nominated Ken. I was working on saying "No," but I'm so glad I said yes. So thank you Linda for nominating, and Cindy for not killing me when you heard the news. Glad I didn't have to reinvent the wheel. I love that promise "Fear of service positions will leave us." You don't have to do the job alone, and remember to ask for help.

-I'm here taking notes for No Ka `O'i District, and I have lots of copies of everything.

-It's been a great two years. I've had lots of mixed feeling, but all in all I'm thankful I've been able to participate. My home group meets 6 days a week, and very vocal. When I first started there was a group that said everything we do here is crap. I thought of stepping down. Then one member said, that Steve is our trusted servant and we've asked him to do this position because we trust him. We don't need to be informed about every minute detail, because we trust him. Archives, I trust the people will step up and do the right thing, and if something goes wrong I trust we'll figure out how to fix it.

-Represent my home group, if you're mad at your wife, girlfriend, boyfriend, come to the meeting. I'm a Tongan, I'm grateful this was brought up, and for those of you from Maui who brought up this effort. I know about AA because of DUIs. Suggested, my sponsor forced me to be in service. Today, will be my second year. For somebody like me, first time in AA, thank you. Maui, if you need help translating see me after the meeting, I'd be grateful to translate. I can even come to Maui. Thank you.

-I was wondering I came in a GSR, I haven't done the full two years, so what is the suggestion for those of us who came in late? What to do- continue another two years turn it over and get a GSR in my home group? We can't tell you what to do. Each group is autonomous. Generally speaking, if you haven't served a full panel, you are eligible to serve another panel. If you have not been a GSR for the full 2 year term, you can stand for GSR at your home group. Also, there is a reason we have the orientation assembly, it's hopefully to orient people. We spend a full two days preparing you. If possible, you'd feel more informed and have a better grasp on things. Also our Trustee is here, so you get a chance to meet our trustee. We have an inform the delegate assembly and a budget every year. Sometimes we have an assembly at the end of the first year sometimes we don't. Then in the second year we also have an inventory assembly and at the end of the panel, of course we are perfect. It it helps to start at the beginning of the panel.

- My home group, we have underwriting of the church. We stay on the timetable. We have police too on the property. After the 9:30-10:00 we're not responsible, but it's our responsibility to follow through with the church.

-In 1994 we hosted the entire body of Japan, we hosted for 90 days. We didn't go to Tonga, but went to Fiji, along with the Japanese contingent. In 1994, we had the Australian experience. It isn't AA, but it is stories of recoveries. We have a special relationship with Japan. AA was birthed in Japan over here. Look for it in Polynesian Experience. Japanese Experience.

-Thank you Puna district for this great assembly. It's been a real honor and privilege for my home group as their GSR. I have to remember that it is a privilege. They actually trust me. They believe that I'm trustworthy, and I believe, who'd a thought. I wanted to say my dad died at age 4, in his short life, he had 2 businesses, owned his home, he was man of the year, this and that president. I was senior in HS when he passed away. At age 45 I was sitting on a horse, in my life, what have I accomplished? (I wasn't sober) It was about a year ago I realized I found my niche in life and I heard my father say, "Good job, Linda." It is being of service as a humble servant. My pastor said to ask two questions: Are you willing to do the job? Are you able to do the job? With that in mind, I know sometime we're not willing. Answer for all problems is to pray. And see what answer comes to them as to whether they should step up to the plate and be of service.

-Insurance question - state requires in my business I keep a certain amount. I have experience working with homeowners. Sometimes they ask me to add them on to my policy. Go to the administrators of your church and ask if you can be added on. That might be a cheap way of getting insurance.

-My enthusiasm - my first two months in this position, I was not happy. Someone called me on it, and I changed my attitude. More people joined my home group. As a GSR I represent the group. I've learned courage, to be the only group that was opposed to a proposal. I've also learned compassion and patience.

-I don't know when I meet you again. If I don't share, I go home with myself. Thank you Sheri for asking me to be on the finance committee. Participating, I've been a newcomer, not knowing anything about anything, and I've learned to be a part of. I struggled with what should I do. I prayed- God gave me a sign. The DCM stepped down. I was going to be GSR. Be safe in using the tools. In the beginning the words mean a little but, but if I take action, it means more. I purchased a PA system to feel comfortable. Without the love you gave me. Keep practicing. And I love the Big Book. Seek and you shall find, come join us.

-Food Fun, and Keaka beach park 10 AM meeting, following that, email me, and I'll send you a map, send you directions.

-Thank you for the opportunity to be here. For me, for 3 ½ years, I may be one of four that have the most time in my home group. I say I'm an alcoholic addict in recovery. I found out, my bottom was the other substance, but I didn't know I was an alcoholic until I came to AA and became a member of AA. My group recognizes they are alcoholics/addicts. Even treatment centers get funded because of drug addicts too. Thank you God we have Alcoholics Anonymous.

-Remember being a GSR, remember being that deer in the blind. It's gonna be OK. Once you get it, it's time for you to move on to a different position. This weekend, one of our members who is our GSR got injured, I'm the treasurer for the group. Because of the situation I ended up being an alternate GSR. Good memories, it hasn't changed. It's all part of being here, no matter where we are. The assemblies were for me to learn, not for me to control anything. I worked the AA program in my work/home. I believe the AA program and applied it in the home/work. It closed, and it hurt my heart. But, I got married in February and I cannot be at two places at once. I struggled to keep the home open. It was God's will for it to shut down. This is what created me, made me who I am. Gave me the power to carry the message to the ones that are suffering. I want to get into service. You gave me the life I needed. Now I want to be a part of the Big Island.

-I have one question about GSR's who came up in the middle. Is it our aim to stand up again if we can, to get those groups in the rotation that the area is in? It depends on the group, up to their decision. They are autonomous. There is a logic to the sequence of the assemblies.

-Recommendation for S and G- am I correct in thinking that each of those suggestions can turn into a proposal? Yes.

-When I was living on this island, mahalo Ke Akua. The lessons I received to have two lives, here, and Oahu. GSR from can no longer keep the meeting, open, it's a remote community. He appreciated the support he did get, those who came.

-Yesterday ran into Wayne R. Said hi to everybody, he couldn't be here.

- I have a request of everybody in the room. Registrar every group in Hawaii are recognized and they have a link between New York and they get information directly from GSO through the GSR. When you go to other groups, that don't have GSRs, so GSO can contact every group, or visitor can use regional directory. Would you ask long time members if it's all right if GSO can communicate with them, and use their phone number as a contact.

-I got clean and sober in Waianae. I live in Kapolei. Since I live in Makakilo and have been a member of M Hill Climbers. Sad to say, we don't have participation in Waianae. It saddens my heart. They don't have members to step up to the plate. Past 3 assemblies I hear "not too many step up to the plate." How can we make it interesting for the members? Let them know about the convention, Waianae is my home. I have hope to share what I have on my heart and my mind. This is what service is all about, reaching out to suffering alcoholic/addict. If we have old timers sitting on their laurels, they have to be told, we need your help, to reach out. To go as we are. There are times when I call members with clean and sober homes and ask what's up with your home groups? We need the support. Coming to the mic adds confidence.

- Share my home group in Puna, we had a campout for our group inventory. We also had a group inventory and he shared what they do in their home group. We make our own pamphlet with own table on contents, members, email address, birthdays. We got people we can call when another alcoholic needs help. Earlier I heard someone share trying to figure out the districts in Maui. Maui has 4 districts, east west south and north. When I moved here it was the spiritual healing of this island that made me feel comfortable. If it's not broken don't fix it. I had a great weekend and made a lot of awesome friends

-Do you want groups that are registered or do you want meetings that are not represented? If a group asks to be entered into GSO data base, have GSR, they have a number. Your DCM or me about that number. IF you have contact me, I've sent you an email with the information about your group. If you've done that, you're a group. If you don't have that, or you've submitted your information to intergroup, district, area, and maybe GSO. If GSO doesn't know where you belong, they sent communication to Linda.

There are groups that are listed that are no longer meeting. If we could remove them from the list. There are groups that are meeting that are not on the list, I can list them if you give me the information.

-I have one long drive home, and I wanted to express my gratitude to this body. I'm grateful I made it here this weekend, It feels good to see the faces we see every month. The aloha is unreal, man.