

## PROPSAL TO DEFINE THE SCOPE OF THE ARCHIVE

**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\*: Serves as a permanent repository of materials pertaining to Hawaii A.A. Area 17, its Districts, and its groups histories.”

**Purpose:** to define the scope of materials retained in a storage unit that is paid for with Area 17 funds as per the Annual Area Budget and to eliminate duplication of materials retained in the archive of other A.A. service entities, such as The Annual State Convention, Intergroups, the General Service Office in New York. etc.

**Background:** For several years, Hawaii Area was blessed with a non-rotating archivist who had such a passion for A.A. history in Hawaii that he had a room in his place of residence dedicated to the archive. About three years ago, he stepped down, and the archive was moved to an appropriate storage unit, which cost Hawaii Area over \$400 per month. At that time, a new non-rotating archivist stepped up and did a tremendous amount of work doing an initial sort of the material; unfortunately she had to step down in September of last year. Subsequently, a temporary archives committee was formed and set about sorting some of the materials kept in storage in order to eliminate duplicated documents and that material that was not pertinent to Hawaii. By the end of February this year, the archived was downsized enough to be moved to a smaller storage unit, thus saving Hawaii Area about \$150 per month. There is still much work to be done in order to fully organize the archive and to make the archive available for displays and possibly digitizing so that we could eventually post some historical information on our Area 17 Website should the assembly decide to proceed with that process.

**Financial impact:** Hawaii Area now pays about \$250 per month to store our archive. The goal of the current archives committee is to further reduce duplicated documents and materials pertaining to other service entities so that the archive could be moved into a more cost effective storage space. Cost savings would depend upon storage rates at that time.