

**To: Hawaii Area 17 Members**

**From: Elizabeth M. Panel 59, Area 17 Delegate**

**Re: Request for input from the Fellowship, Please Respond to Delegate by 1/12/10**

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**At the 2009 General Service Conference, following Advisory Actions came out of the Finance Committee:**

**It was recommended that:**

*7. The Trustees' Finance Committee gather input from the Fellowship on the following for review by the 2010 Conference:*

- a) If we continue to use literature profits to fund services, should there be a limit?*
- b) If there is a limit how do we continue to pay for services if there is a shortfall in contributions?*

**(The Committee requests that the statement of policy "Self-Support of the World Services of Alcoholics Anonymous" be distributed as background)**

*8. A discussion of additional ways to communicate with the Fellowship about Self-Support be included on the agenda for the Conference Finance Committee for the 60<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.*

*These could include, but not be limited to:*

- a) How to reach the 50% of groups MIA (missing in action/not heard from/not listed/do not participate in area/structure.*
- b) Ways to discuss the effects inflation has on passing the basket & member contributions.*
- c) Wider use of the Birthday Plan.*
- d) How can we share information – how can we encourage sharing information? (i.e. - if an area has made a poster – how can we access it...if an area or groups do something that really works...how can others gain that experience?)*
- e) A possible service piece or pamphlet with stories of how the A.A. dollar has reached those in need.*
- f) A thought to use Box 459 and Grapevine to work with further dialogue with the Fellowship or even the questions we posed in recommendation #1 (see Agenda item 7 above)...or an article on the trustees' subcommittee policy that was adopted in conjunction.*