

Hawaii Area 17 – Alternate Chair February 2011 Report

February 16, 2011

Aloha and thank you for letting me be of service. I've been busy since my last report attending to my duties as Alternate Chair. Here's what I've been doing:

Committee Meetings

1. Coordinated with Alan Y. DCM 10 (Waikiki) for this committee meeting (flier approved)
2. Coordinated with Ed J. DCM 5 (No Ka Oi) on May 21 committee meeting (location secured/flier approved)

Area Assemblies

1. Coordinated with Alejandro H. outgoing DCM 6 (Kauai) on April Inform the Delegate Assembly (location secured/flier approved but needs modifications to reflect servant changes in district 6)
2. Checking with Suzanne Z. DCM 3 (Leeward) on August Budget Assembly

Finance Committee

1. Met most other finance committee members at Orientation Assembly and discussed Sheri's idea that we try to increase participation and 7th Tradition across all levels and not just go out saying "Area needs money."
2. Suggested name "Kala Kalabash" for a joint flier by district (GSO, Area, District, Intergroup, with contact info)
3. Discussed #2 with Dick M. Oahu Intergroup office manager

Annual Hawaii Convention

1. Discussed outcome of inventory process – lots of good suggestions were given
2. Will head ad hoc committee on finding ways of increasing other island participation – I will certainly be asking for input from all of you here
3. Will be having next Convention meeting at the hotel so we can get an idea of the layout (different tower than last year – Kalia)

Oahu Intergroup

1. According to our S&G our chair is a voting member of Oahu Intergroup when invited. According to the Oahu Intergroup by-laws our delegate and chair, or their alternates, are voting members. Therefore I will be attending Oahu Intergroup meetings in place of our chair who lives on the Big Island.
2. Attended February Intergroup meeting. This was my first time at Oahu Intergroup in many years and I enjoyed the experience, especially the brainstorming session on how to make Intergroup more relevant and increase participation. Many good suggestions were given by those in attendance. Hopefully there will be more events sponsored by Oahu Intergroup in the future including bringing back the camping trips (under investigation).

Conclusion

It's been a real experience trying to keep up with all the tasks I'm assigned. I have a lot more respect for the work of the area officers than I did in the past as a GSR and later as a Standing Committee Chair. Still it's been very rewarding and I hope to be able to bring a lot more information back to this body as I continue to learn the ropes in all of these roles.

I'm especially heartened by the fact that both Annual Hawaii Convention and Oahu Intergroup are actively looking for ways to reach out and increase participation in partnership with Hawaii Area 17. It's clear to me that ultimately we all have the same goal, to carry the message of A.A. to the alcoholic who still suffers.

I am reminded of the long form of our first Tradition:

Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.

It's clear to me that throughout the bodies on which I'm currently serving I have the pleasure and honor of working with many, many people who are truly putting our common welfare first.

Thank you for letting me be a part of such a great endeavor. It's both an honor and pleasure to be of service.

In service,

Bob H.