

Hawaii Area 17 Panel 61 Elections Assembly

Alternate Chair Report

Aloha and thank you for letting me serve as the Panel 61 Alternate Chair. It's been an amazing two years of both challenges and rewards. In retrospect the job was not at all what I expected when stood before you two years ago as the Alternate Chair elect. I'm not sure exactly what I expected; I'd read the job description and talked with the previous alt chair, indeed I'd worked closely with him. That still didn't prepare me for the amount of fun, the great rewards, and the knowledge I would gain. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me this opportunity.

I didn't achieve all I wanted to achieve; a few things fell by the wayside due both to personal family issues and the pressing need to get on with the work at hand. It seems that this was a very period for all the service bodies the Alternate Chair involved with, but when is it not so?

I've written a longer piece that can be found in the latest Mynah Bird on my experience over the last two years. It would be inappropriate to list everything here in this report, but do let me extend two years of gratitude to all you. Now, what have I been doing since we last met?

Annual Hawaii Convention

The 51st Annual Hawaii Convention was held November 1-4, 2012 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. This marked the last convention in which I will participate as Area Alternate Chair and likely my last service on the Convention Steering Committee. It was an amazing experience. This year's convention had fewer problems than the last from my perspective. We are getting more experienced at working with the Hilton and it showed. There were some glitches, a data breach we've discussed before, the feedback we got from using a band system rather than simple nametags, and we've learned from our mistakes and our attempts.

Oahu Intergroup

My tenure on the Oahu Intergroup will also be coming to an end at the close of this panel. It's been a wonderful experience and I've learned a lot about another facet of AA service. I hope that the participation of both myself and our delegate have helped create closer bonds between our two service bodies. While I wasn't there this past Wednesday as I'd already left for Hawaii Island, Oahu Intergroup held their elections using the Third Legacy Procedure which was incorporated into their amended by-laws, a project in which participated.

Hawaii Area

As outgoing Alternate Chair I don't have much to do with the next panel's assemblies and committee meetings, but I have been working Oahu's Windward District and Maui's No Ka Oi District to help them be ready for next year's first two assemblies.

As part of the Area Finance Committee we've had to make some hard choices about how to allocation monies that needs to be spent now before the next panel takes over. While the budget we worked on did pass, keep in mind it is only a plan describing how we will spend contributions if they come in. If contributions don't come in it we cannot go ahead with those plans.

Summary

It really has been my pleasure to serve as your Alternate Chair. I've learned a lot about AA and about myself. I've grown in ways I never imagined and I hope I have taken to heart the lessons I've learned along the way. I don't know where or when I will see most of you again, but you will be in my heart as I continue to trudge the road of happy destiny. May God bless you and keep you – until then.

Aloha,

Bob H

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