

Highlights of May Committee Meeting Area 17, Panel 61

Delegate Report on General Service Conference

Linda, our Area 17, Panel 61 Delegate has returned from the General Service Conference where she represented the groups and members of AA in Hawaii. She presented the highlights of the week and will be making the rounds to the various Districts. Don't miss your District's Delegate Report Back!

Budget

- The proposed budget for 2012 was presented. It is available on the website.
- Members of the Finance Committee are available to attend your District meetings to present the Budget and answer any questions you might have. DCMs, please contact the Finance Committee member on your island and make these arrangements so the groups can have this information in plenty of time to be able to ask questions and give input into the Budget process. We will vote on the Budget as a whole at our Budget Assembly, September 24 – 25. All comments and proposed changes must be submitted prior to that time for consideration by the Finance Committee.
- Next year's budget will have greater travel costs than this year's due to the location of the Assemblies and more officers and SC chairs needing to travel than this year. One of the challenges of Area 17 will be to increase contributions and decrease costs as much as possible.

7th Tradition Contributions/Green Card

- One of the items in the GSO packet on self support is the Green Card. Please make your District, GSRs, and home groups aware of it and consider incorporating it in your format. All financial packets and information are available from GSO, free of cost. The Green Card says:

SELF SUPPORT

The 7th Traditions states: "Every AA group out to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the 7th Tradition is essential at every level of AA service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area, and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps AA free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose – to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.

Tongan Literature Translation Proposal – Proposal to form an ad hoc committee to look into translation of AA literature presented by District 11.

Budget Assembly September 24 – 25, Windward Oahu, District 4 – Please make your travel plans as early as possible to take advantage of lower airfares and wider availability of flights. The Assembly will start at 9 AM Saturday (Breakfast from 8 – 9.) and end at 4 PM on Sunday. Virtually all of us are using 7th Tradition funds for our travel whether it be from our home group, district or area, and it is our responsibility to be prudent with these funds and to attend the complete event.