

## Website Content Policy

The Hawaii Area web site ([www.area17aa.org](http://www.area17aa.org)) is a public information tool of the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholics Anonymous (Area 17). This web site is neither endorsed nor approved by AA World Services, Inc. and is solely the property and the responsibility of Hawaii Area 17. Any other web sites linked to or from this site are not the responsibility of Hawaii Area 17 and links do not imply endorsement or approval of the contents of those sites.

Our current content policy is as follows:

1. The spirit of A.A. principles and traditions will be followed at all times. This means that at a minimum:
  - 1.1. Anonymity will be preserved and protected. The full names of individuals, individual phone numbers, postal and email addresses, and identifiable images will not be displayed on the website (Traditions 11 & 12).
  - 1.2. There will be no endorsement or affiliation with non-A.A. entities (Tradition 6).
  - 1.3. Autonomy will be respected. Each district or standing committee will decide for themselves what information they do or do not want on the website, provided such contents falls within our policy, as well as the extent of their participation in the area website (Tradition 4).
2. The website will state its purpose and focus on A.A. within Hawaii Area 17, making clear there is no attempt to speak for A.A. as a whole.
3. Copyrights shall be respected. Registered trademarks, when used, should be acknowledged as such.
4. Anonymous email addresses will be available for Area trusted servants, District Committee Members, Standing Committee Chairs and others as needed.
  - 4.1. Email addresses will use the Area's domain name to maintain the anonymity of trusted servants (e.g., [delegate@area17aa.org](mailto:delegate@area17aa.org), [treasurer@area17aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area17aa.org), and [secretary@area17aa.org](mailto:secretary@area17aa.org)).
  - 4.2. All replies to visitors' email will be made using anonymous email addresses.
  - 4.3. Temporary email anonymous addresses for the use of those working on special area events may be created as needed.
5. The following types of information are approved for display on the website:
  - 5.1. Ongoing Area and District level business meeting information including calendar listings, minutes, and general information.
  - 5.2. Contact information for Area and District servants.
  - 5.3. Area and District newsletters when they conform to website policy (e.g. no personal phone numbers, postal or email addresses).
  - 5.4. Links to A.A.W.S., Grapevine, PRAASA, the Annual Hawaii Convention, and Hawaii Intergroup websites. All such links will include notification that the user is leaving the Hawaii Area 17 website and that Hawaii Area 17 is not responsible for the content of the linked site.
  - 5.5. Special Hawaii Area 17 events either at the Area or District level.
6. The following types of information are not approved for display on the website:
  - 6.1. Personal addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses
  - 6.2. Group level events.
  - 6.3. Meeting schedules.
  - 6.4. Links to events that are not sponsored by Hawaii Area 17 or a District therein and not expressly allowed in section five (5).
7. While the content policies of this website will evolve over time, it will endeavor to follow the model and advice of GSO as described in the [GSO Guidelines: Internet \(MG-18\)](#).