

Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday June 6, 2015

Hosted by Puna District #12

9:00 Call to order

Host DCM announcements

Reading- Pg. F44 Service Manual – Area Committee

Introductions of guests- Past delegate Scott 1999-2001 panel

A.A. Birthdays – Celebrated members with 25yrs, 15yrs

9:15 Reports from Area Officers

Secretary: Secretary presented minutes, 3 corrections made Motion to approve Minutes were approved

* A member recommended adding “approval of agenda” as an agenda item to assure all items are addressed.

Treasurer: Presented report and procedure for upcoming budget assembly.

Registrar: Continues to update the registry, not as current as he would like but all information that he has received so far has been submitted to GSO. Is feeling more comfortable with the position and grateful to serve.

Alternate Delegate: Has not had a lot to do because Delegate is so competent.

Alternate Chair:

Aloha and welcome Panel 65 trusted servants,

It's a great honor to serve Area 17 as the Alternate Chair. It truly continues to be a learning experience. I've have a few teachable moments during these past few weeks. I continue to try and figure out what I should be doing and asking for help.

Since the Inform the Delegate Assembly and according to the Structures and Guidelines relating to the alternate area chair's responsibilities, I have...

- Attended the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee meetings
 - I will be part of an ad-hoc committee that will be looking at what the steering committee and planning committees would look like to function and provide support should the convention be on a neighbor island.
- Attended the Oahu Intergroup Meetings
- Assist with supporting the coordination and planning of upcoming Area assemblies and committee meetings:
 - **June 6th Committee meeting:** hosted by the Puna District. Mahalo to Bernie and everyone that has contributed to the success of today's meeting.
 - **Budget Assembly:** October 3 & 4, 2015. The budget assembly will be held at the Sunset Community Center on the beautiful north shore of Oahu. Please keep this in mind. Travel to the assembly from Honolulu or Kaneohe is an hour drive. Registration flyers are available; please see Bogey P, DCM. We will be voting on the 2016 budget along with other exciting business. To assist with a smooth assembly, we encourage all the GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs and Officers to send in their registration forms as soon as possible. There is no online registration available for assemblies. Registering early benefits all of us. (1) Helps the hosting district plan and prepare for us, (2) registration fees support the expenses related to the assembly, and (3) booking travel earlier than later is prudent. Assemblies do not have online registration, you must print out the registration form and send it in with your check. You may contact transportation and homestay via email. These email addresses and a phone number to the assembly coordinator is listed on the flyer.

I look forward to continue to grow in the fellowship.

Chair:

Aloha,

Since we last met, Tri Island District #13 hosted a Service Fair. They served pizza and root beer floats, and performed a funny skit of what happens at a district meeting. We each shared district and

area experiences. I was invited to share on Area 17 and how we participate in the general service structure. We ended with an "Ask it Basket."

By invitation, I also attend No Ka 'O'i District #5's May meeting.

Please take a copy of the motion proposed by Kauai District #6, and make copies for your GSRs. This gives GSRs lots of time before the Budget Assembly to get an informed group conscience. If your district has a proposal, please use our Area 17 Proposal Form and submit it to me in writing prior to our next meeting. Keep in mind, agendas are set and posted a month before schedule meetings/assemblies.

In an effort to be fiscally prudent in 2015, we have chosen to have our Budget Assembly in October, and have not scheduled an optional committee meeting or optional assembly. This means we won't meet as an area for four months. But, we can continue to focus on our common welfare and Unity by participating in district meetings, district events, delegate report backs and budget presentations. In the interest of creating an informed Area 17, please encourage district and area trusted servants to attend and bring a home group member or two to these gatherings.

Although we won't be meetings, we have other ways to bring up concerns and learn from each other. We can call each other, and we have our area email system to communicate with each other, and we have our area website to post events.

We have a lot on our plate for 2016. We plan on holding four committee meetings and four assemblies. We will be hosting The Pacific Region Forum, held on the Island of Hawaii; an event that any A.A. member may attend. Many of us will also attend PRAASA. And, although the focus is fun and not business, our Annual Hawaii Convention is an area event that many attend and enjoy. If we each do what we can, we will have done our part "for the health of the Conference structure and thus for growth and harmony in the A.A. Fellowship." (The A.A. Service Manual, S44)

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,

9:35 Delegate's Report: Is scheduling all of her report backs on all the islands, also shared GSO job openings and deadlines. Full report is available at Area17aa.org....

* Chair, Delegate and Alternates Area officer reports are available on-line at [Area 17aa.org](http://Area17aa.org)

9:45 Reports from DCMs

District 2 (Honolulu) report is pending

District 3 (Leeward)

District 3's Monthly Business meeting was held on June 4, 2015 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church. We discussed the Committee Meeting on June 6th in Puna. I told the group I would be taking copies of the Delegate Report Back/Family Day Flyer for June 20th 2015 at Kapolei Regional Park, any requests of concerns that GSR's wanted me to take with me. I requested these in writing. Also, I would present the Corrections Proposal that we submitted to the Area 17 Chair in May. Each GSR present and then Committees gave their reports. We then honored June birthdays. Some historical facts on Tradition IV and Concept IV were read and discussed as researched and printed in the DCM Agenda for June 2015. Finally, we discussed our hosting the Delegate Report Back/Family Day event at Kapolei Regional Park on June 20th. The July Business Meeting was cancelled due to our Secretary and Treasurer attending the International AA Convention in Atlanta. Our next Business Meeting will be August 6th at 6:30 pm with Alt. Chair as our Guest Speaker discussing our 2016 budget in preparation for the Budget Assembly in October.

District 4 (Windward)

Currently, Windward Oahu has 27 active groups. Of that, 27 groups we have 12 participating GSRs.

Practices to carrying the message to the suffering alcoholic are:

We (District 4 panel), caravan to a select group, typically a struggling or "dark group" once a month.

Since we last met we traveled to Kahaluu Discussion and Monday night Madness.

Kaawa step study, TYG, Pau Hana made monetary donations to support Founder's Day.

Upcoming Group Activities:

TYG - Celebrates 30 years on Wednesday, June 24, 1985. Breakfast at 6 am. Group members will put on

a skit. 7 amnesties to follow.

Kahaluu Discussion will celebrate 62 years in the Fall.

Burning Desires - Celebrates Birthdays with a potluck and fellowship followed by their bonfire meeting at Kailua Beach every last Saturday of the month until the weather permits.

Other Topics:

Adopt a Treatment Facility: District panel would like clarification on Adopting a treatment center. What are the duties and responsibilities of the district; state clear expectations of the adopting district. Is there a contact person the district will work with? What do we provide? How long is the commitment? Who will bridge the gap and solidify the service commitment between the district and treatment facility?

Oahu Intergroup's Chair, Secretary and Treasurer caravanned to our May meeting to inform the district of its purpose and functions.

Delegate report back on July 25th - combined district report back. Suzanna Wesley.

Our district is exploring a new location Christmas and New Years Alcathon: preferred location YWCA Kokokahi.

I will be proposing, to the district panel, the district purchase helping hand registrations for the 17 "dark" groups in the our district. Purpose - expose the dark groups to general service.

District 5 (No Ka Oi)

We hosted the April IFD Assembly in Paia with 100-120 in attendance. Currently have 8 GSR's attending our monthly Dist. Meetings. We still have 3 committee chairs open CPC, CEC, Intergroup chair. Our business mtg. has around 12-14 members in attendance with lively discussion on the tradition. We are discussing what to do with the excess fund from the ITD \$565.84 GSR's are taking this back to their groups 1) buying literature for our treatment centers. 2) Putting some of the \$ toward a booth at the county fair (Public Information) Strong support for Treatment Facility- Aloha House

Malama needs women to run the mtg. & chair this commitment. Our DCM will attend the International Convention and participate in staffing the Pacific Region hospitality suite would like anyone from our area who attending to contact him if able to staff the room. Discussion continues as to whether we will obtain a booth at the county fair, how will staff it? Funding- private member? Is this in accordance with the traditions? Co-hosting Delegate report back on June 21. Enthusiasm continues to grow at the Dist. Level. Discussion of a district fun summer event. Thank you for letting me serve.

District 6 (Kauai)

GSR's have streamlined their reports to focus on "How are we Carrying the message". This has lead to a more effective use of time and has created more room on the backside of the agenda for discussion about how we as a district can more effectively reach the newcomer.

We are prepared for having Cheryl come and stay with us (8/7-8/2015) for her report back .

We have secured the location for the January "Area Inventory Assembly" (1/30-31/2016) and are about to form subcommittees to make sure it runs smoothly. Also, this commitment has given us a chance to look at our own district and we are in the process of doing a district level inventory to focus on how can we best carry the message.

Updated the Website

Next weekend is the Kaua'i Roundup (6/12-6/14)

September 25, 26,27th is HICYPAA and they have been a strong force on the island for creating solution-based events generating fun and fellowship.

Also, our Alternate DCM has disappeared and our DCM is going to be off island for the next two months.

We are going to have a past Dcm sit in on next months meeting and our treasure who has been at district for a year is going to sit in the following month. I will also be there via Skype in June. This is all a bit wonky to me because it wasn't voted on. I've used "right of decision" here to make the best choice possible to ensure district would run smoothly in my absence. I am open to suggestions or ideas from others who may have been in this situation.

District 7 (Hilo/Hamakua)

Increase in GSR representation recently with 6 GSRs out of 20 possible ar regularly attending dist. Mtg. 2nd Tuesday of every month 5:30 to 6:30 pm at church of the Holy Apostle's (Kapiolani st.). Budget for Dist. Seven is in the black, partly due to not having sent a rep. to PRASSA in Utah 2015. We will commit to 2016 attendance and value the opportunity to fellowship. We are hearing

the several long-standing mtgs. In Hilo and Puna are at risk of discontinuing due to our relative small size; we have taken the opportunity for DCM's for Hilo, Puna along with intergroup chair, to talk lead in supporting both financially and physically each others missions; including Founders Day. Attending each other's district meeting and regular AA mtgs. District 7 and 12 offering financial support to Intergroup as they recently (last winter 2014) experienced theft of their entire East Hawaii Budget, Good news is that their DCM was told that the person responsible for taking that money is presently paying it back. We have one new meeting on Wed. night 7-8pm at Papaikou Community Ctr.; A Big Book Study.

District 8 (West Hawaii)

We have a good district when someone is absent someone steps in. Also positions are filled and people are enthusiastic, Seems to me about positions like corrections. I have been attending intergroup meetings in West Hawaii. June 13th 10-4 at Hapuna is the Delegate report back. Thank you. Also there is a 4th of July fish fry with dance afterwards at Kahalu'u beach park, sponsored by intergroup. It's great to serve. Next meeting is June 19 at Lako St. 5:30.

District 9 (North Shore, Oahu)

July 21st Alt. Chair will present the budget to Dist. 9. Working on securing commitments to service for the Oct. Budget Assembly. Positive signs showing in the district as more people are getting into service on the home group level. Also, there is an increased number of active GSRs. Kauai proposal regarding "Living Sober" seat to groups for consideration. GSR's were asking if a "sample" paragraph was available. A member is attempting to start our agnostic mtg. Registration forms for Oct. Budget Assembly now available online.

District 10 (Waikiki)

Will be working with Oahu Intergroup to attend all groups in our district that have not been donating to explain necessity and the 'carrying of the message' that is found in having group representation at the district level.
Date for Delegate Reports back for Districts: #1, #2, #4 and #10 is set for Saturday 7/25 from 11am to 2pm at the Susannah Wesley Center.
Atlanta International Convention Hospitality Suite – I am working with Mike / DCM #5 to gather volunteers to staff the suite during the following hours:
Thursday 7/2 from 4pm to 6pm
Friday 7/3 from 10am to 12noon
Saturday 7/4 from 2pm to 4pm
Please contact one of us if you have any volunteers from your areas.
Proposed 2016 Budget Presentation will be Tuesday July 6 at 6:30pm to the GSR's in our district.
Would like to host a 'What is Service' Workshop and will contact District #17 for how they are doing it.
Probably not till August or later in the year.

District 11 (Kihei)

District is practicing 12th concept of prudence. Groups are discussing need for "structures and guidelines" Need for workshops on Traditions and Concepts. Need for group inventories at Area and District. We hosted Maui fest in May. Founders Day is June 13th 11-4pm at VFW, Kihei.

District 12 (Puna) report is pending

District 13 (Tri-Island)

Thank you Bernie and all of the people in Puna District (and Hilo) who helped host the Committee Meeting today.
I'm really proud of the people in the Tri-Island District. It's inspiring for me to see the enthusiasm and joy they show in being given an opportunity to be of service.
Our District is showing me not to be afraid of the transportation challenges that come from being located on three islands, but to look forward to how we can overcome the distance challenge. We reached out to Moloka'i and Lana'i, and the people on Lana'i took our invitation to attend the Inform the Delegate Assembly. The group on Lana'i elected a GSR and Group Treasurer, and they are learning how to perform those duties. They attended our district's Service Fair.

The Service Fair was really well attended. Besides featuring Pizza and Root Beer Floats, David, our Alt-DCM and The Crossing Chair, had an idea for a skit which was very entertaining and also informative about what District does. We had four speakers talk about their service positions to give information about what work is involved in their service position, and also to show the benefits they received by showing up and helping make sure AA is always available. A big Thank you to Julie, Jubee, David and Colleen for talking and also answering questions from the Ask-It Basket. Thanks also to the players in the skit and Anita and her helpers for the pizza and root beer floats. We were able to get a District Grapevine Rep, and another person got information about becoming a Group Secretary.

For our next event, we are co-hosting our Delegate Report Back on June 21 with Kihei and NoKa Oi Districts.

As DCM, I continue to participate at Maui Intergroup, and will attend Founders Day June 13.

Our District is making the plans for the annual Maui Mini Conference, traditionally held on the Tuesday following the Hawaii Annual Convention (Tuesday November 3, 2015.) We welcome you to come over for that.

Jubee continues to make sure there is AA literature available at the two medical clinics and the senior center in Lahaina.

Our District Meeting is held the Third Thursday of every month at 6 PM at the Alano Club in Lahaina.

Attendance is small, but enthusiastic and slowly growing.

District 17 (Waianae)

Aloha my name is Cindy and I'm an alcoholic and I serve as Waianae district 17 DCM.

I'd like to thank Puna district for hosting this committee meeting. it's been wonderful spending some time here. I am happy to report that Waianae district is going strong our district meetings continue to have strong support with an average of 10 -12 groups participating in our district meeting. we're also looking forward to the delegate report back which is being combined with districts 3 & 9 at Kapolei park June 20th I would like to thank Jay with Leeward district for organizing the event.

We are also looking forward to our " What is Service " panel workshop we have secured our permit for Kamokila park where X-Factah meets July 25th 10 a.m to 3 p.m. we're planning a 4 panel workshop and ask it basketball, potluck, kickball, and a water balloon fight.

10:35 Delegate's General Service Conference Report:

General Service Conference was held in New York City. What I saw: 92 Delegates came together to share their experience strength and hope. An amazing collection of people came from all over. What I heard was the sharing of experience strength and hope, "We can't break AA." "You can pretend to care, but you can't pretend to show up."

Next year all non-English speakers will receive their pre-conference material in their native language. Sat. was a tour, Sunday -Monday started the work of the conference. Literature committee had a lot of work and background reading to do. They did approve the new pamphlet for AA's with mental health issues. Shared the process of a proposal to create change.

****Regional forum coming up Sept. 30-Oct 2 in Waikaloa, HI. GSO will come and present about World Services. They will begin sending information after the first of the year. We can start getting people excited and involved to be of service and attend now.****

11:30 Treasurer:

Draft Budget for 2016 - presentation and discussion

Process gone through is to look at fixed expenses, such as travel expenses, post office box etc., then looking at upcoming events such as Forum's etc. Assemblies etc. travel expenses are a best guess effort. Finance committee then asks for proposed budgets from committee chairs. Look at priority of spending. Taking into consideration past donations but not a definite number so priorities have to be placed on how money will be spent. Report has one mistake on page 3, bottom of the page last column to \$600.00.

The issue of increased travel expenses over the next few years needs to be looked at again, perhaps this can be an agenda item at the inventory assembly.

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Proposal of Kauai Happy Hour group

To make an addition to the Living Sober book in Chapter 29, Going to AA meetings was amended and will be added to the agenda of the Budget assembly for approval of the Area Committee.

Proposal from Corrections Committee of District 3,

To get large print Little Big Books into the prisons. Large Print version already exists and is being made available (resolved)

1:00 Round Tables:

Standing Committee Chairs, DCMs, Intergroup Chairs and Officers

2:10 Round Table report back

Standing Committee Chairs:

Please ask around for a volunteer for alt. website chair or webmaster to get ready for next panel. If you have any e-mail problems contact webmaster right away at webmaster@areal7aa.org. Talked about using area email for social media requests?? Possible roundtable discussion with DCMs and standing committee chairs.

One problem that is happening at district level is multiple GSR's are serving on one standing committee, while other positions are going unfilled, possible solution is to have GSRs pull from the hat when present with all district GSRs. Convention steering committee can have a breakout meeting or workshop at the convention. Standing committee's can have a table Oct.29-31st at Annual convention.

Mynabird needs stories/activities, Please announce/refer people to participate.

Corrections would like more contact with outer Islands...Big Island especially.

Work to do on Bridging the Gap with conventions.

DCM's:

Two subjects were addressed.

Questions: #1 Who decides how to spend funds after priority of spending?

We were corrected in our train of thought by a former Delegate; the correct flow is: a) written budget b) presented to groups c) approved by district d) any large changes should go back through the GSRs to groups.

#2. Court cards at a non-sanctioned AA event, over all procedure? Several suggestions that were new questions...a) Are we breaking traditions? b) was recent controversy personalities before principals? c) Isn't it a group conscience decision where each group is autonomous?

Officers:

Discussed what subject they might have at the Annual Convention, need for Alt. Webmaster and revisited discussion on changing email provider.

2:35 Reports from Standing Committee Chairs

CPC:

Thank you Puna Dist. for meeting place. CPC is going as well as it can be, and I will admit more can be done. I have been communicating with people needing pamphlets and information of what CPC does for AA. DCM's please if you have a CPC standing committee in your district please have them contact me at CPC@areal7.org. Really interested in idas and working with volunteers for a CPC table at the convention. I can't afford to go this year. DCM's please give me your contact for your CPC reps. And give pamphlets to GSRs and Standing committee chairs.

Conventions Chair- Report is pending

CEC:

Aloha and thank you Dist. 12 for hosting this Comm. Meeting. Thank you to M. for taking over CEC while I was on vacation during the Inform the Delegate Assembly. It's good to be back. Would like to apologize for the slow start for CEC but will work overtime to catch up. Will be checking in with Dist. CEC reps to have them work more to get the word out in their districts.

Archives- Report is pending

Mynabird:

We published Issue #4 for this panel and a few copies will be made available at the International Convention in Atlanta on July 4 where I have been invited to share my experience about newsletters and bulletins.

I want to thank those people who contributed to this issue of the Mynahbird and all of you who have made this experience such a joy for me.

I would also like to point out a column on page two which reminds everyone that the newsletter is just one more means of communicating with our fellowship as we request information and plan events. If we were given more copy, the Mynahbird would be bigger; we have been afforded the budget to make it so! Again, thank you all for the life I have today!

Corrections:

Aloha Area 17, I received a notice from GSO that the trustees committee on corrections agreed on the need to have an appointed committee member from Canada who has corrections experience to aid in the development corrections correspondence service of Canada. The resume needs to be completed by applicants for this opening to GSO by June 21, 2015

I will be travelling to Oahu next weekend to open a corrections service panel at the McCoy pavilion from 9-10am for their Founders Day event. Hopefully we will be bringing awareness for the need we have to gather more volunteers. On Oahu meetings are going in currently twice a month Waiawa, Halawa, OCCC, Kailua Womans, the federal prison every 2nd and 4th Monday. Currently we are attempting to bring meetings into Kailua youth facility hopefully by the end of August. We tracked down a large print abridged Bigbook that was requested from Oahu corrections.

I have addresses for corrections facilities if any of our groups would like to donate grapevines subscriptions. On Maui, MCCC AA is now very well attended, We have a woman's meeting every Wednesday, and men's meetings every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. I will be attending the International in Atlanta and Friday July 3rd from 12:30-5:00pm I will be volunteering at the carrying the message pavilion at the Georgia World Congress Center Building B/ Exhibit Hall B2 & B3. Please try to fill the dist. Corrections chair positions so that we can keep momentum with the enthusiasm towards this awesome 12th step service. June 12th in Hilo 8-4 ...need birthdate/contact info no later than 6/7/15

Public Information- Report is pending

Website :

Summary of hits on the website since the last committee meeting:

Feb 2821
Mar 2580
Apr 3042
May 1791
June (to date) 546
Total 10,780

Approximately 4-5 people still needed some assistance getting into their email. As a result of some of the suggestions in our roundtable today, I will move the email login button closer to the top and more prominent in design.

Still searching for a qualified and equipped alternate webmaster for this panel. I will send out the qualifications. Please have interested parties call or email.

In love and service,

Treatment:

Had 2 requests on website: (1) A member taking a mtg. to Queens (lockdown ward) on support from district or Area. I spoke from Area- First talked to service sponsor that maybe Area cannot support but maybe a district could? Also, called back on the phone to make suggestions. (2) Had a request to get support #s for patients in the hospital, Kaneohe. They stated that past chair furnished #'s. Said I had to get back to her and ask if patients are permanent residents or coming out in time. I'd like to bridge the gap for people coming out. I'm not sure if we are pen pals to insane patients? Got a go-to guy on Oahu for Literature. Will set up with a contact # for district liaisons checking literature racks to go to him for literature. If you have to also contact me @area17aa.org. Currently setting up with outer islands a system for them to get literature faster and efficiently. Use their

intergroups for literature (no books) have them bill Area Treasurer. Talked to Treasurer about billing, she just asked that a paper bill be submitted with Treatment/Hospitals on it to be used to categorize spending.

3:45 Adjourn with the Declaration of Unity

Declaration of Unity –

This we owe to AA's future: to place our common welfare first;

to keep our fellowship united; for on AA unity depend our lives

and the lives of those to come.