

Hawaii Area 17 Panel 65 2016 Elections Assembly Report – Alternate Delegate

Aloha and thank you for allowing me to be of service to Hawaii Area 17 as your Alternate Delegate during Panel 65. It's been a busy time since our last assembly. My two primary focus areas during this period have been the Pacific Regional Forum and the Annual Hawaii Convention.

Pacific Regional Forum

I was honored to serve as the chair of the host committee for this event and I'm more than happy to report that the 2016 PRF was a success and it was a success because of you! We had 449 registered attendees at the Forum and 309 of those attending were attending their very first Pacific Regional Forum. Just as importantly, if not more so, many of those in attendance, at least from Hawaii – and there were many of us there, are not currently involved in General Service here in Hawaii Area 17. The purpose of our Forum's really is to "...help the General Service Board, A.A. World Services, Inc., the Grapevine Corporate Board, the Grapevine Staff, and the General Service Office Staff stay in touch with A.A. members, trusted servants and newcomers to service throughout the A.A. service structure." The A.A. service structure, as far as I am concerned, is every one of us; in group service, Intergroup service, and General Service.

My special thanks goes out to those of you who spent long hours sitting at the desks outside the venue registering folks, answering questions, giving out translation equipment, helping folks in a spirit of fun and fellowship.

I'd like to share part of a letter I received from Steve Smith, our Regional Forums Coordinator:

Your Welcome committee was great, and the dedication you showed throughout our time together helped make it happen. Each welcome committee is different, and yours did an excellent job of helping the Forum run smoothly, from setting up to staffing the registration table, to passing out handouts, transportation committee, greeting folks and so much more...We sent thank you notes to all the volunteers but please pass on our appreciation again for a job GREAT done on behalf of all A.A. members in the Pacific Region...The Forum really was a wonderful weekend of open and honest sharing and listening, and we were thrilled with the number of attendees. On behalf of Ivy and myself, and all who attended from the General Service Board, the General Service Office and Grapevine staffs, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Thank you again.

Currently I'm compiling my notes on what we've done to host the 2016 PRF and I'll be passing that along to our next panel, the Welcome Committee of the 2018 Pacific Regional Forum, and the GSO Forums staff.

And remember, we get to be the guests as the next PRF in Area 06, California Northern Coastal, September 7-9, 2018 in San Jose, California.

Annual Hawaii Convention

As soon as the PRF was completed I changed hats to that of Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee member. To the best of my knowledge this year's convention was a real success. Again I want to extend a big Mahalo to all of you for your service before, during, after the convention, for your attendance, and for talking it up at your home groups all across our islands. This truly is our state convention and you make that possible.

This was a bittersweet convention for me as it's the last I'll serve on the steering committee as part of Hawaii Area 17. I've served on the committee as part of my duties as Alternate Chair during Panel 61, and again as Alternate Delegate during Panel 65. In addition, and apart of from my Area duties it's been my pleasure to serve as convention webmaster for the past six years. I am stepping down in the spirit of rotation at the end of this year and the convention committee

is currently looking for a new webmaster starting next year. If you have the skills and are interesting, please see the job description and requirements at www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com/service-committee-pos/ahc-webmaster-position.

Other Business

During the past two years I've also sat as one of our representatives to the Oahu Intergroup. I was honored to attend their elections this past Wednesday and look forward to helping the new panel of Intergroup Officers in any way that I can. I hope we continue to see support for the Intergroup from our new Oahu DCMS who are also invited to attend Oahu Intergroup meetings as voting members.

Mahalo

The past two years have flown by much faster than I expected when we gathered together in January of 2015 at our first assembly of Panel 65, our Orientation Assembly. I've known many of you for years, some of you I've just met, but all of you have become a rich and valued part of my life. It's hard to express just how much I owe you for allowing me serve as Alternate Delegate. It's an experience I am so glad I did not miss. My life and my sobriety are the better for having served with you these past two years.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Yours in fellowship,

Bob H.

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