

HAWAII AREA 17

PANEL 65

SUMMARY

**2015-2016**

## **Assembly Dates and Location**

### **2015**

- **Orientation Assembly - January 17 – 18, Windward District 8**
- **Committee Meeting - February 28, Diamond Head District 1**
- **Inform the Delegate Assembly – April 11 – 12, No Ka `Ohi District 5**
- **Committee Meeting – June 6, Puna, District 12**
- **Budget Assembly – October 3 – 4, Central North Shore District 9**

### **2016**

- **Inventory Assembly- January 30-31, Kauai District 6**
- **Committee Meeting - February 20, Tri Island District 13**
- **Inform the Delegate Assembly – April 2-3, Honolulu District 2**
- **Committee Meeting – May 21, Waianae District 17**
- **Budget Assembly – August 27-28, Kihei District 6**
- **Election Assembly – November 12-13, West Hawaii District 8**

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Panel 65 Report**

**List of Officers, Standing Committee Chairs & District Committee Members**

**Area Officers**

**Delegate**

**Cheryl N.**

**Alternate Delegate**

**Bob H.**

**Chair**

**Coleen A.**

**Alternate Chair**

**Kunane D.**

**Treasurer**

**Karen N.**

**Secretary**

**Catherine W.**

**Registrar**

**Steve N.**

**Standing Committee Chairs**

**Archives**

**Lauren V.**

**Convention Steering Committee**

**Debbie G., Judy C.**

**Cooperation with Elder Community**

**Jack G.**

**Cooperation with Professional Community**

**Tommy G.**

**Corrections**

**Erik T.**

**Grapevine**

**Pattilyne B**

**Mynah Bird**

**Jim D.**

**Public Information**

**Cynthia B.**

**Treatment**

**Alan Y.**

**Webmaster**

**Sue B.**

**Non-Rotating Archivist**

**Linda McD.**

**District Committee Members**

**District 1 – Diamond Head**

**Floyd McC.**

**District 2 – Honolulu**

**Ernest S.**

**District 3 – Leeward Oahu**

**Jay W.**

**District 4 – Windward Oahu**

**Deborah S.**

**District 5 – Maui No Ka ‘Oi**

**Mike S.**

**District 6 – Kauai**

**Jonathan D.**

**District 7 – East Hawaii**

**Charlie B.**

**District 8 – West Hawaii**

**Miles H.**

**District 9 – Central North Shore**

**Bogey F.**

**District 10 – Waikiki**

**Mary N.**

**District 11 – Kihei**

**Bill T., Bill C.**

**District 12 – Puna**

**Bernie K.**

**District 13 – Tri-Island**

**Mike L.**

**District 17 - Waianae**

**Cindy K., Deborah**

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## **Proposals Summary**

### **2015**

- We passed the Proposal requesting the General Service Conference consider adding a paragraph extolling the positive experience of participation in general service meetings (including business/group conscious meetings) to Chapter 29 “Going to A.A. Meetings” in subsequent printings of Living Sober.
  - First vote: 52 Yes, 41 No
  - Vote to reconsider (need simple majority): Yes 74
  - Second vote: 81 Yes, 17 No

### **2016**

- We passed the Corrections proposal: 84 yes, 0 no. This enables the Corrections Committee Chair to be appointed in a manner consistent with other standing committee chairs. Also, the Corrections by-laws that were adopted in 1987 are no longer relevant and were removed from the Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service.
  - First vote: 84 Yes, 0 No
- We passed the proposal to send the approved Area 17 minutes to GSO
  - First vote: 80 Yes, 1 No
- The motion made on the floor to use \$600 of Area17 contributions to purchase lei for the Pacific Regional Forum was not seconded.
  - No action taken.

## Delegate Summary

Aloha kakou and mahalo mucho from the bottom of my heart for placing your trust in me to serve as your delegate for Panel 65. I am deeply touched and truly honored. The panel has absolutely flown by and my life has been enriched beyond measure from the experiences I have had.

Immediately upon being elected in November 2014, I began re-reading the *A.A. Service Manual* and the *Twelve Concepts for World Service* as well as *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, *Dr. Bob and the Good Old-timers* and *Pass It On*. Before I was halfway through, I was once again in awe of our history and fellowship. At the same time, I began receiving enormous quantities of correspondence from G.S.O. and Area Delegates from the U.S. and Canada.

Before I get to specifics, I want to share with you some constants that are part of a delegate's life and responsibilities throughout the panel.

- Primarily, serving as a link in the chain – the chain of Alcoholics Anonymous. My part was communicating to our area information I received from GSO and communicating to GSO our area's views, concerns, etc. This was an ongoing process throughout the panel.
- Communication with other delegates regarding issues of concern and solutions to problems.
- Attended all committee meetings and assemblies and provided report on GSO activities. Participated in all Pacific Regional delegate conference calls with Regional Trustee.
- Serve as a resource for GSRs, Standing Committee Chairs, DCMs and area A.A. members.

In chronologic order, here is my part in Panel 65:

### 2015

- January
  - Participated in our Orientation Assembly, January 17 – 18, hosted by Windward District on Oahu, working with General Service Representatives (GSRs), District Committee Members (DCMs) and area officers.
- February –
  - Upon receipt of the Final Conference Agenda and background material for the General Service Conference (GSC), I reviewed and developed agenda discussion topics to be distributed to our Area Standing Committee Chairs(SCC) and DCMs at the February Committee meeting.
  - Discussed process for Inform the Delegate (ITD) assembly, reviewed agenda discussion topics and distributed flash drives at committee meeting. Thanks to our alternate delegate for preparing flash drives with agenda topics and background material.
- March
  - PRAASA March 5 – 8, 2015 in Layton Utah
    - Delivered presentation on 'Discuss Ways to Engage Members in Corrections Service.'
    - Successfully condensed and presented 'Area 17, Hawaii Highlights' for the two-minute slot allotted despite there being many more amazing highlights to share.
    - Attended 2 Delegate workshops with Pacific Regional trustee.

- Participated in ongoing planning with Pacific Region for Hospitality Suite @ International Convention.
- April
  - Inform the Delegate assembly hosted by No Ka Oi District on Maui April 11 – 12. GSRs, DCMs, SCCs and area officers presented and discussed the 12 agenda topics chosen. The presentations and discussions were well done and got me ready for the conference.
  - General Service Conference held in Manhattan April 19 – 25.
    - Flew direct from Hawaii to New York, leaving April 16, arriving next morning.
    - On April 18, the Pacific Regional delegates and guests took a bus tour of historical AA sites in Manhattan and Brooklyn. That afternoon, I attended the Remote Communities workshop.
    - I proudly carried the voice of Area 17 as I attended all conference sessions, workshops and all meetings of the Corrections and International Conventions/Regional Forums committees.
- May/June
  - Prepared report backs of 65<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference including newsletter style summary, photo album and display in preparation for first of seven report backs which was given at the June Committee meeting held June 6 in Puna District on the Big Island.
  - Additional report backs were given in District 8, West Hawaii on June 13, combined Districts 7 & 12, Hilo-Hamakua Coast and Puna on the Big Island June 14, combined Districts 5, 11 & 13, No Ka Oi, Kihei and Tri-Island districts on Maui June 21 and on Oahu with Districts 3, 9 and 17, Leeward, Central North Shore and Waianae combining.
- July
  - 2015 International A.A. Convention celebrating '80 Years – Happy, Joyous and Free,' July 2 – 5, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia
    - In addition to being of service at the Treatment booth on Friday afternoon and the Old-timers' sign-up booth on Saturday afternoon, I enjoyed the fellowship in the Pacific Region Hospitality Suite and the many excellent presentations throughout the weekend.
  - Report back for Districts 1, 2, 4, 10, Diamond Head, Honolulu, Windward and Waikiki held on July 25 on Oahu.
- August
  - Final report back held August 7 – 8 on Kauai, District 6, with a report Friday night on the north shore and Saturday in Lihue.
- September/October
  - Budget Assembly, October 2 – 3, 2015 hosted by Central North Shore District
    - Final Conference Reports were distributed and reviewed at the assembly.
  - 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Convention, Honolulu October 29 – November 1, 2015
    - Participated in workshop on 'Diversity in AA' and welcomed those attending.
- November/December
  - Continued to receive material from GSO, forward relevant material to fellowship and serve as a link in the chain between GSO and Area 17.
  - Received final report of A.A. General Service Conference Inventory (2013 – 2015) and prepared review for discussion at Inventory Assembly in January.

## 2016

- January
  - Inventory Assembly, January 30 – 31, 2015 hosted by Windward district on Oahu.
    - Reviewed and discussed ‘A.A. General Service Conference Inventory (2013 – 2015),’ identifying many potential action items.
- February
  - Received and reviewed the Final Conference Agenda and background material for the GSC, selected 12 agenda discussion topics to be distributed to our Area SCCs and DCMs at the February Committee meeting. Thanks again this year to our alternate delegate for preparing the flash drives.
- March
  - March 4 – 6 PRAASA was held in Spokane, WA.
    - Delivered presentation on ‘Living Our Spiritual Way of Life in All Our AA Affairs.’
    - Attended two Delegate workshops with Pacific Regional trustee.
- April
  - Inform the Delegate Assembly on April 2 – 3, hosted by Honolulu District.
    - Presentations and discussions of the 12 agenda topics by the GSRs, SCCs, DCMs and area officers were informative. They prepared me well for my second GSC.
  - 66<sup>th</sup> Annual General Service Conference was held in Manhattan April 17 – 23, 2015.
    - Flew direct to New York three days earlier than prior year to acclimate better to 6-hour time difference and jet lag. It worked!
    - We joined many other delegates and their guests for the first “unofficial” event - a boat tour around Manhattan Island on Friday, April 16. On Saturday, many delegates and guests travelled to ‘Stepping Stones,’ the historic home of Bill and Lois Wilson outside New York.
    - Attended all general sessions, workshop and committee meetings for Corrections and International Conventions/Regional Forums bringing the voice of Hawaii to the General Service Conference.
- May
  - Report back included a newsletter style summary, photo album and a display board. The May committee meeting, hosted by Waianae District 17, on May 21 was the first of seven report backs.
  - Preparation for the Pacific Regional Forum in Waikoloa on the Big Island continued.
- June
  - The month was very busy with five report backs – June 11 at West Hawaii, June 12 at Hilo Hamakua and Puna and, on June 18, it was off to Maui where No Ka Oi, Kihei and Tri-Island joined together. Leeward, Central North Shore and Waianae districts on Oahu held their report back June 25<sup>th</sup> and the next day was for Diamond Head, Honolulu, Windward and Waikiki districts.
- July
  - At the end of the month, July 29, I traveled to Kauai to present their report back.
- August
  - Budget Assembly, August 27 – 28, was hosted by Kihei District on Maui.

- Final Conference Reports for the 66<sup>th</sup> Annual GSC were distributed and reviewed. Lively discussions and ideas followed.
- September
  - Pacific Regional Forum held September 29 – October 2, 2016 at the Hilton Waikoloa on the Big Island
    - Worked with and coordinated volunteers to greet attendees and extend our ‘Aloha,’ provided transportation to/from airport.
    - Delivered presentation on “The Meaning of ‘I Am Responsible.’” I chose this topic partly because it allowed me to include a discussion of the ‘Declaration of Unity’ – my favorite A.A.
- October
  - 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Convention, at Hilton Hawaiian Village on Oahu, October 28 – 30.
    - Participated in Area workshop discussing the spiritual aspect of our Seventh Tradition and the meaning of the “Responsibility Statement.’
    - Welcomed those attending.
- November/December
  - Election Assembly hosted by West Hawaii District, November 11 – 12
    - Facilitated election of Panel 67 officers with help of past delegates.
  - Assist with transition to Panel 67.

Cheryl N.  
 Delegate  
 Area17, Panel 65

## Area Chair Summary

Thank you for allowing me to be of service as Chair for Hawaii Area 17 Panel 65. The two years have gone by quickly. Here is a summary of my part and my responsibilities. Some of these duties are outlined in our Hawai'i Area 17 Structures and Guidelines, and the Service Manual; other opportunities to serve were requested by districts and Intergroup.

- Set the agenda for assemblies and committee meetings – after consulting with those officers and committee members on the program.
- Published the agenda online, and emailed it to DCMs, committee chairs, Intergroup chairs and officers approximately a month before the date of the event.
- Chaired the committee meetings and assemblies. It was my hope to run our meetings smoothly so all would have opportunities to hear and voice opinions, and have experiences that focused on the intention of each meeting.
- Appointed the Area 17 standing committee chairs in conjunction with the other area officers.
- Although I am a voting member, because I live on Maui, I was not able to attend the Oahu Intergroup meetings. However, when asked, I was usually able to attend Maui Intergroup meetings.
- Attended No Ka `Ooi, Kihei, and Tri Island District meetings, when asked.
- Assisted DCMs and Committee Chairs as needed to help draft three proposals, and followed procedure to bring these proposals to the assembly.
- Attended PRAASA 2015 and PRAASA 2016. At PRAASA 2015, I participated on Panel 3 Traditions – Our Primary Purpose, and spoke on the topic of “How Can A.A. Members Continue to Share our Message and Prevent Confusion with Other Fellowships?” At PRAASA 2016, I served as moderator for Panel 6: Attracting and Protecting our Members.
- Participated in 2015 and 2016 PRAASA report backs hosted by districts on Maui.



- Attended a Forum sharing session held on Maui.
- Attended the Pacific Regional Forum and reported back as requested.
- Participated in and helped to plan Maui District workshops when asked - Tri Island: Service Workshop, No Ka `Ohi: Picnic and Service Skit, Kihei: Traditions Workshop.
- Assisted No Ka `Ohi and Kihei District election of Panel 57 officers.
- Attended the 2016 Annual Hawaii Convention and greeted participants at the Friday night speaker meeting.
- Coordinated with District #5 officers and held monthly meetings for GSRs on Maui who wanted time to discuss/read topics of their choice (2015- the Service Manual, 2016- the Concepts).
- Spoke at Maui's Gratitude Night –on the history of Gratitude Night on Maui and how contributions are put to use at the General Service Office.

Serving as Area 17 Chair for Panel 65 has been an honor and a privilege.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,

Coleen A.

Area 17 Chair, Panel 65

## **Treasurer Summary**

End of Panel Summary – Treasurer Panel 65

It is with mixed emotions that I see Panel 65 come to a close – sadness that our panel of officers will go on to other things, satisfaction of doing service for Alcoholics Anonymous and anticipation of what might be ahead.

I have really enjoyed working with all of the other officers and committee members who were part of Panel 65. I felt a sense of cooperation and a sense that we all had the best interests of Alcoholics Anonymous in what we were doing and the decisions we were making. The Area purchased a dedicated computer for the Treasurer. This will make passing on the records to the next treasurer seamless. The Area has a debit card which was used for purchasing airline tickets, paying the archive storage fee and printing for assemblies and committee meetings. Past treasurers are an important resource – there are going to be things that come up during the panel that aren't covered when "passing the torch".

I learned a lot this panel. After all isn't this part of what service is about – learn how to do the job, pass the knowledge on to the next in line, and move on to something new. I had never worked with QuickBooks before and am still not an expert. I have however, learned enough to pass on the books to the next treasurer. Again, the resource of experience from people who held the position before me was invaluable.

I was able to attend PRAASA in both Spokane and Layton. I was also able to go to the Pacific Regional Forum last month on the Big Island. Again, the sense of gratitude that I feel for Alcoholics Anonymous when I attend these functions cannot be put in to words.

There are duties that the Treasurer for Area 17 performs that go beyond paying bills, balancing a checkbook and making regular reports. An early task is to form a finance committee – made up the treasurer, alternate chair, and representatives from all the islands. For this panel, in addition to myself and the alternate chair, a DCM from Oahu, a DCM from Hawaii Island and the DCM from Kauai made up the finance committee. The main tasks for the finance committee were to make a budget and then present to proposed budget to each of the districts. There are forms to be filed in relation to our 501c3 status. The Area has an insurance policy that needs to be renewed. The area also has a "Preferred Affiliate" account with Hawaiian Airlines. The treasurer also makes some of the travel arrangements for officers and committee chairs. I will include information about these items – dates, passwords, contact information etc. – to whoever is elected Treasurer for Panel 67

As I write this, I hope to be involved in some capacity for Panel 67. I will be open to whatever comes – be it an officer or committee member or “member willing to share experience and be supportive of our chosen officers and committee chairs”.

Karen N., Treasurer, Area 17 Panel 65

## **Mynah Bird Summary**

I put a note in The Chair-elect’s basket at the last Election Assembly telling her, “I’ll do whatever you need.”

Believe me, it was a shock when she called about a month later to tell me, “Your name was pulled from the hat to be Mynah Bird Chair.”

To be honest, if I had made a list of responsibilities I wanted, that was *way* at the bottom of the list!!

But reflecting back on my drinking career, I had no idea how much AA would help me; so it is much less of a shock to realize how much this position has enhanced my sobriety and my life!

First and foremost is the continuing comment in almost every inventory -- we need to improve communication throughout the fellowship. An already-existing newsletter is clearly one element we could easily access to accomplish this. To this end Colleen’s PRAASA report was printed in full.

Secondly was the opportunity to participate in the Newsletter workshop at PRAASA and learn that the immediate past delegate is the newsletter chair in the Utah Area (and he wasn’t happy about it!). So it showed me there are other ways to do things!

Thirdly, while the Secretary position really taught me things about my limited listening skills, making decisions about copy for the Mynahbird has forced me to relentlessly consider the group conscience of our area, paying close attention to the guiding documents we use and the inventories we do.

It’s really been a fun and exciting experience, and it’s forced me to constantly look at how I function in our area to carry the message of hope.

Lastly, I’m honored to announce that several people have told me they would put their names in the hat to be newsletter chair for the next panel and I take that as the highest form of praise!

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity!

Jim D

Mynah Bird Chair

Area 17, Panel 65

## **Honolulu District 2 Summary**

As DCM for District II, we've met every 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 7:30 despite the fact that we were in transition for another meeting location the district meeting was always held. We held a workshop with Districts #1, #4 and #10 on the 12 Traditions and another workshop on Concepts 1-6 with Districts #1 and #10. We're in process of doing the second half of the concepts 7-12 before Panel 65 rotates out. As DCM I've made it a point to attend whatever workshops held by other districts, homegroups or inter-group. Two in District #17, three in District #4 and two from a group in the Honolulu District aside from the two workshops the district held. As DCM our district does the New Year's Eve Alka-thon therefore our district put out the word in A.A. meeting to the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous for a chairperson to Chair the Alka-thon, so as to include the fellowship and allow the right of participation to all who met the requirements. As DCM I made sure that my GSR's was informed and made aware of any upcoming assembly. I assured them that if they

did not know the answer, it was my job to get it to them so they could be informed. As DCM I've learned to listen more because I'm just the conduit from the GSR to the Area and the Area to the GSR. I shouldn't take anything personal because it's not about me getting the word across. It's about the word getting across through me.

That's all I can sum up from my tenure as DCM for panel 65. Thank you for allowing me to be in service.

Ernest S.  
DCM, District 2  
Area17, Panel 65

## Windward District 4 Summary

My name is Deborah S. Currently I serve as the DCM for District 4 Windward Oahu from Makapu'u Point to Kahuku Point.

District 4 kicked off Panel 65 by hosting The Orientation Assembly. Our special guest at the opening assembly was our Pacific Regional Trustee – Joel C.

District 4 Initiatives for Panel 65:

1. Co-hosted 2 Delegate Report Backs with Districts 1, 2, and 10
2. Hosted 2 proposed budget meetings
3. Hosted a Sponsorship Workshop
4. Hosted a PI workshop.
5. Invited Joey C Honolulu District 2 PI committee member to talk about PI initiatives
6. Hosted 2 Holiday Alcathons
7. Participated as a district at Oahu Intergroup Homegroup Day 2015
8. Invited Oahu Intergroup(OIG) to share about their services
9. Caravanned to struggling and not so struggling groups in district 4
10. Submitted a Treasure Hunt Challenge Old-Timer story on John Mason to Archives
11. Strong group concerns regarding Oahu Intergroup financial situation, and how our district as a whole is responsible to financially help. Hence, the district made a one-time contribution of \$1000.00. Moreover, the district panel recommended groups send one month/quarter of their District contribution to Oahu Intergroup to help build prudent reserve.
12. General Service Representative Challenge – a fun initiative to educate GSRs about General Service. Using the A.A. Service Manual, District 4 Guidelines and Area 17 Structures and Guidelines. This initiative sprung from the Inventory Assembly.

Upcoming initiatives for District 4

1. Safety in A.A. Workshop –November
2. Christmas and New Years' Alcathon – YWCA Kokokahi Location
3. Provide a one- year Grapevine subscription to the Kailua and Kaneohe Library

Thanks to a financially supportive district and a trusted servant treasurer during Panel 65 I attended every assembly, committee meeting, including PRAASA 2015 and 2016 and the Pacific Regional Forum 2016.

In closing it was a busy yet productive 2 years - occasional challenges, mostly easy peasy, pleasant and fun.

Deborah S.  
DCM, Windward District 4  
Area 17, Panel 65

