Hawaii Area 17 Orientation Assembly Minutes  
Saturday, January 17th, 2015  
  
8:30 – Breakfast and Registration  
  
9:05 – Call to order-  
Serenity prayer  
        Host DCM announcements  
Reading – (Cyrus) The Service Manual – “2014 Final Report, Keynote address”  
        Introductions of trustee and past delegates: Joel C.  Trustee Past  
Delegates Chuck C. ,Scott C, Keith H., Elizabeth M., Linda M., Ken K.,  
  
9:15-  Area Officers- Introductions  
        Delegate –Cheryl N.  
        Alternate Delegate – Bob H.  
        Area Chair – Coleen A.  
        Secretary – Catherine W.  
        Treasurer – Karen N.  
Registrar- Steve N.  
  
9:30 Pacific Regional Trustee Report: Joel C.  
  
Thank you for inviting me. Shared the end of his story to qualify. How AA  
and service have changed his life. Story of service at the bottom of the  
triangle: Became Trustee when he was delegate in San Diego. How humbling  
the election to that position was “I’m gonna need a lot of help!” Each of  
us is going to need a lot of help. Ask.  
First official thing was to Chair the Pacific Regional Forum and share  
“What is the roll of the Pacific Regional Trustee?” Worked with the staff  
secretary to figure out what he was doing. Turned out that that was the  
best possible order that things could have happened. Made amazing  
connections within AA service. Joel is still an alcoholic that goes to  
meetings. Met up with two new comers and watched the miracle of sobriety.  
Became a sponsor of a new man in AA. “Participate fully!” “Speak up, ask  
questions and add yourself to the process. Harmony only happens when  
people are singing different notes.” The board is very “harmonious” right  
now. When others are off key, just smile and love them.  
First board meeting: New pamphlet “Many Paths to Spirituality” gave it to  
the new comer and watched him beam and grow “on fire” with AA.  Most  
Trustee’s facilitate elections for new Delegates but he came to this  
orientation assembly and is grateful for that. Delegates serve their area  
and bring your point of view to the conference. Went to a home group  
meeting because that is the heart of AA. Good to get out to the region and  
experience each area.  
Structure: Pacific Region is 15 Areas, GSO is made up of, 7 Non-Alcoholic  
“A” Trustees that support and serve AA just like us. 14 Alcoholic “B”  
(Boozers) Trustees, 2 Trustees at large…21 is the full compliment, lost 1  
from the Yukon. Joel asked  “How can I help?” and then waited! He was  
invited to help.  
Shared what he felt was important for us to take back:  
Stimulating interest…International convention in Atlanta, GA 2015. As of  
Dec. 30,000 registered, Dorm accommodations available for a cheaper  
rooming. Deaf 400 registered. Theme is “Happy, Joyous and Free”. Today  
Happiness is a dominant emotion for Joel.  
AA Website has been re-designed. Search box and menu are much easier. New  
button that says “Need help with a drinking problem?” Joel called AA in  
1989, got hope from the other end of the phone. Today, drunks may not be  
looking in the phonebook. They may surf the web, 5 clicks to get to a  
meeting/resource, help.  
Web banners available for our own websites at Area or District, or help  
treatment centers be aware of our traditions.  
The Trustee’s Board does it’s work through a committee process.  Each  
Trustee serves on 3 committees. ?? CPC is working on replying to  
corporations/associations for doing presentations for these “front line”  
workers. Class A Non-Alcoholic Trustees often go to present at these  
conferences. We want them to be able to speak our language though.  
International Committee looks at the places in the world where we are  
emerging when we are invited. Committee looks at requests and looks at  
reports from new AA areas, pioneering. Literature Committee:  Request to  
develop literature for Transgender and Gender non-conforming alcoholic is  
on the agenda. New literature of combining Bill W’s writings on the  
concepts and traditions and steps into one volume is also on the agenda.  
Financial Report: Oct. 31st $15 million net literature sales  reported,  
which was over budget. Hazelden bought 1.8 million.  AA Comes of Age is an  
e-book now. Grapevine $1.5 million in sales reported, so self-supporting  
but declining subscriptions at 6% yearly. “Sober and Out” is selling 3X  
more than projected.  
Phyllis H. General Manager of GSO is retiring in Oct. Applications are  
being accepted for someone with experience as a General Manager of a  
multi-functional organization.  
Orientation story: Paul C. past Delegate asked “What shape is your  
triangle?” Are we doing enough service? Are we balanced in our Service,  
Recovery and Unity participation?  We will never achieve perfection but it  
is an ideal goal to aim at.  
Great story about Dead Heads and AA in the same hotel!! Remember “WHY” we  
are here.  
Story of how what happens at Gen. Ser. Off. makes a difference. A corporal  
was having a hard time, and GSO sent him some literature. Got a meeting  
going. “The Peace keepers Group” attracted local members, that group is  
still going today.  
  
10:30 Break  
  
10:45 Panel Presentations:  
The Framework for General Services: The A.A. Service Manual  
AA’s Legacy of Service  (S1-S12)–Linda Mcd.,  
Short history of Bill and Bob creating AA through shared need.  Carrying  
the message of Alcoholic’s Anonymous is the whole point of groups,  
districts, Area and GSO to extend our hand anytime, anywhere.  
\*Breakdown of responsibilities  
\* Impact of 7th tradition  
\* The process of creating a pamphlet from the group level to the general  
service     conference.  
\* Service manual  
  
The Conference Structure: An Overview (Chapter 1) – Vernon G.  
  
Each person, group can make changes to AA as a whole by using the process.  
AA structure has members and groups at the top of the triangle, the GSR  
goes to the district that sends the DCM to the Area, in partnership with  
GSR’s, committees and delegates that take our “conscience” to the General  
Service Conference in NY.  
Each delegate will receive GS conference topics which are divided among  
the groups to take back to our groups to discuss and respond to for the  
“Inform the Delegate” Assembly. Each part of our triangle is important.  
The conference responds to the needs of the membership. AAWS is the entity  
that serves the world of Alcoholics.  
  
The Annual Conference Meeting (Ch. 7) Elizabeth M.  
  
The “Big Group Conscience” of AA that is a year round process. Delegates  
are assigned to 2 committees. When you are a delegate, you get ALL the  
information to read before the conference. God works in this process  
loudly for each of us. We are connected through the program of AA.  
Elizabeth went thru the Service Manual page by page because she wanted to  
know. Conference has half the Delegates that are first year and half that  
are second year.  She learned “You don’t need to know everything, just  
need to know where to go to get it!” On her report backs Elizabeth shared  
“What I saw, what I heard and what I felt”. It was a Grueling schedule  
during the conference. Elizabeth reviewed motion and second process, the  
voting structure and the importance of minority opinion. Pg. 20 of Service  
Manual “Why Do We Need a General Conference?” Written in 1954.  
Elizabeth shared some of her experiences from the conference that moved  
her, AA is able to overcome language barriers.  
  
The General Service Board (Ch.9) Chuck C.  
  
There are not any answers in one place when talking about the General  
Service Board of US and Canada.  That’s how it was was built. Overview of  
General Service Board of Trustees. Varied backgrounds but most have had  
Alcoholism in their family or through the recovery systems. One Trustee  
with a finance background is in Charge of the Finance Committee. (See  
handout) Chuck has a wealth of experience in service to AA. He stressed  
the amount of time that is involved in being in service at the World  
Service level. His message: “My purpose is to serve.” Selections take in  
to account our experience and expertise as to how useful we are to the  
Board.  
Q/A – A question was raised about finding a Class A “spiritual/religious”  
trustee when there may be a conflict with the GSC and religious pre/post  
Easter calendar.  
Chuck answered that he did not believe there was currently a Trustee with  
that challenge but that Trustee’s can be excused in special circumstances.  
  
12:00 – Roberts Rules of Order and the Group Conscience – Scott C., Keith H.  
  
Group Conscience: Comes from Tradition 2, Most of my information comes  
from someone else, 12 traditions illustrated and 12 traditions checklist  
available on-line.  
Keith shared that Bill found solutions by looking at the problem and using  
the traditions/concepts to get to the solution. How am I not unified? What  
if we all had to do it the same way? Finding “Harmony” within the group is  
through the group conscience, with information, not with “feelings”.  
Through his experiences in young people’s arguments was where the “magic”  
happened. “The decision is not important but how we get to the decision.”  
  
Roberts Rules of Order:  
  
Scotty reviewed the Area guidelines that explain how decisions are reached  
at the area level. The process is outlined in the Area 17 Guidelines p. 9  
-10.  The Area Chair has the right and responsibility to guide the  
discussion and keep the participation as fair as possible.  
  
12:20 Announcements  
Cheryl N. -PRAASA will be in Utah this spring,  they are looking for  
service people. If you are interested and are going to PRAASA, please  
register and sign up for service.  
  
12:30 Lunch  
  
1:30 Round Tables:  
GSR Orientation: 4 groups  
1.      Went over area 17 handbook, purpose of GRS is informational conduits,  
participate in assemblies. Ask questions, get phone #s for help. When we  
need help come back to the traditions. AA Comes of Age. Service Manual is  
our text, Structures and guidelines. Make sure the minority opinion is  
heard.  
Studied Appendixes.  
2.      Our job as GSR’s: learning what to do, the voice of our group. How to  
deal with problems within our group. Right of decision, with  
responsibility to go bake to your group with why you voted the way you  
did. Service sponsors are a good idea.  
3.      Important materials for GSRs, handbook, pamphlets and Online resources.  
\*How do we organize what to take back? When to share with your groups.  
\*GSR responsibilities, to show up and stay the entire time. Calendar  
review.  
 \* Inclusivity, how groups are doing that: Greeter and an exiter.  
\*Crosstalk in meetings and how that is dealt with, newcomer packets. GSR  
responsibilities, what each assembly is about. Lots of questions about  
different events, and how Area works. Conducting group conscience  
meetings, service sponsor.  
  
  
DCM Orientation:  
  
We received brief orientations from several area officers:  
     Catherine (Secretary) requested that we email our reports to her, no  
later than 3 days after the assembly at [secretary@area17aa.org](mailto:secretary@area17aa.org)  
     Sue (Web Mistress) distributed instructions on accessing our area  
email accounts, informed us she would be instructing us on creating  
email groups for our district at the February Committee Meeting, and  
told us to direct questions via email to [webmaster@area17aa.org](mailto:webmaster@area17aa.org)  
     Kunane (Alt Chair) asked that all fliers be cleared by him prior to  
distribution.  For hosting assemblies and committee meetings, there  
are host committee emails and a contact phone number that belong to  
the area and can be passed from host committee to host committee to  
maintain anonymity. [altchair@area17aa.org](mailto:altchair@area17aa.org)  
     Steve (Registrar) asked that we make sure GSRs fill out and submit to  
him the GSR change forms.  He will upload the data to GSO, and then  
GSO will mail the GSR their packets directly.  In addition, we can  
download the District officer change form from the [area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org/)  
website, under the Service Materials link and submit our contact info  
to him, and he will forward it to Cheryl (our Delegate).  
[registrar@area17aa.org](mailto:registrar@area17aa.org)  
     Karen (Treasurer) let us know that a member of the finance committee  
would be coming to our June District meetings to present the proposed  
Area budget to the GSRs so they can bring it to their groups prior to  
the Budget Assembly in October.  In addition, she noted that at any  
given assembly, the host district for the next assembly can request  
from the Tresurer the registration money for the area officers for  
the upcoming assembly to provide funds for reserving a site, food  
purchase, etc. [treasurer@area17aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area17aa.org)  
     Cheryl (Delegate) then reviewed the DCM responsibilities from the  
service manual chapter beginning on page S31.  The most important was  
maintaining good communication with the GSRs, keeping them informed  
of what is going on at Area, and helping support them in their duties  
to their groups.  It was recommended that we get service sponsors and  
ask them for guidance.  We are to hold regular district business  
meetings, and attend the area assemblies and committee meetings.  It  
is recommended that we get members of the district involved, delegate  
responsibilities, give them jobs they can succeed at.  We should send  
reminders prior to meetings and events.  Our alternate DCM can help  
us reach out to groups in our district, and give the opportunity to  
learn about and participate in General Service.  We should support  
local AA events, and attend.  We should familiarize ourselves with  
the GSR workbook (found on the area website), and make sure our GSRs  
are equipped for the assemblies with their workbook, structures and  
guidelines, service manual, and any materials on the website for the  
specific assembly (agenda, etc).  Encourage GSRs to book flights  
early, to allow better choice in flights, so they can arrive early  
enough and stay late enough to attend the entire assembly ( 9am sat  
to 4pm sun).  We are responsible for getting the GSR agenda from the  
delegate to the GSRs for discussion at the groups.  
     Joel C (Pacific Regional Trustee) and Vernon G (past delegate) shared  
their experience and recommendations.  Leave time for GSRs to bring  
challenges from their groups to the district so that other GSRs can  
share experience.  Give GSRs something to do, that they can succeed  
at – help them get excited about service.  
Submitted respectfully,  
Mike S  
District 5 DCM  
  
  
Intergroup Roundtable Report:  
5 intergroups in Hawaii. 2 on the Big Island, 1 in Oahu, 1in Maui and 1 in  
Kauai  
Hilo/Puna has closed the physical office, has literature in a storage  
unit. Phones are being manned 24/7 with gaps covered by answering service.  
Kona and Puna are combining literature orders to save $. Budget is $3500 a  
year. Donations are down, may be due to lava flow challenges and group  
rental increases.  
Oahu is grateful for new office manager, Jamie, who is working 5 days a  
week, prints schedules, creates budget, literature orders, website and  
mailings. No newsletter yet. Phones are being covered 24/7. Budget is $85K  
per year, no prudent reserve yet.  
Kauai has no physical office, phones are manned 24/7 with a phone service  
chair, Budget is $3500 a year and includes 3-5 events per year. Newsletter  
and website are going.  
Kona-Pattylyne is new office manager, No chair yet. Phones are covered  
24/7 and a Newsletter is available monthly. Budget 33K per year.  
Maui Intergroup is in transition at this time.  
  
  
2:30 Break  
2:45 Round Table summaries (see above)  
3:15 DCM reports:  
  
District 11, Kihei Maui presented by Past DCM Erik T.  
  
We had our election to choose a new DCM unfortunately no one showed up to  
stand for CM. The following month one member did show and was elected by  
substantial unanimity. Then it was brought up that this member smoked  
recreational marijuana. He admitted to this and claimed it was an outside  
issue.  
The following district meeting new GSR’s arrived and vacant district  
positions wire filled and a lot of disruption occurred over the incoming  
DCM. We elected an Alternate DCM.  
At the last district meeting of 2014, motions were made by substantial  
unanimity to remove the incoming DCM and state requirements a member  
standing for the DCM positions needed to be 4 years clean and sober to  
stand. So here we are at the orientation assembly DCM less. The first  
District meeting of the year will be this coming Tuesday and rumor has it  
that it will be a very full meeting, hopefully full of principles and not  
personalities.  
  
Intergroup Reports:  
  
West Hawaii Intergroup:  
Mahalo Windward District #4 for hosting our orientation assembly.  The end  
of 2014 was exciting and full of service. At our last business meeting,  
while we have on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. We did our officer  
reports and went into a potluck and meeting new steering committee members  
at our intergroup office.  
In November we elected new steering committee members, recording  
secretary, Treasurer Blair W., Webmaster, Tom L., Coconut Wireless, Dee  
H., AA Hotline, Jim W., and were still looking for a chair and vice chair.  
(Someone has stood since then and may be voted in at next meeting) Also we  
have a new office manager, Pattilyne B., our Area Grapevine Chair. The  
website is doing great with lots of visits, after the home page the  
schedule page is next and then the activities page. Our treasury is like  
most intergroups, always needing more, We are $2947.00 into the prudent  
reserve of $6000.00.  But at the steering committee meeting we found out  
that “The Daily Reprieve Group” Who sponsors a Christmas party to raise  
funds for Intergroup donated around $2900.00.  
  
Hilo/Hamakua/Puna Intergroup:  
East Hawaii Intergroup meets the second Thursday of the month at Keaau  
Community Center (between Puna and Hilo). We have a storage shed for books  
and archives. We have telephone service that is manned mainly by members  
but always live person. We put on a founders day luncheon and 3 /24 hr.  
alcathons. Our schedules are being revised again as we have had major  
changes due to the active lava flow. Groups have moved, changed days and  
survived. We have about 36 groups. Our treasury stands at about $700.00.  
It has been decided that the treasurer’s report needs to be accompanied by  
a bank statement. Our expenses are $3600.00 per year. An exciting new  
upgrade is that East and West Hawaii are cooperating to eliminate shipping  
costs for books. The challenges ahead are, like everywhere, inspiring  
service and 7th tradition, revising our tele-service manual and (unique to  
us) keeping ahead of Madame Pele.  
  
Kauai Intergroup:  
The Kauai Intergroup meets on the first Saturday of each month at the  
Lihue Neighborhood Center. Attending are 11-18 members. Our treasury now  
is at $3,347. Our new officers are present and working. Included are our  
chair, Susan O, our events chair, Alejandro H, Secretary, Cindy C. and Hot  
Line chair, Gabrille as well as our other officers.. Addressed at each  
meeting by our Agenda (provided to each attendee) includes minutes,  
treasury, our newsletter (Garden Isle Sobriety), the hotline( 24/7  
coverage), our paper schedules of meetings( printed about three times a  
year), our website( Kauaiaa.org, used more and more by our visitors and  
us), report on AA sponsored events on the island (three to five per year),  
old and new business, and our group reports ( we have 32 groups and about  
half are reported on). Our Christmas and New Year’s Alcathons we highly  
successful! The traditions were observed, meetings took place, we were all  
sober, but a big part of the attraction was the magnificent food served  
hour after hour. Intergroup on Kauai is doing well.  
Mathea A. Traveling Intergroup Chair, Kauai  
  
Oahu Intergroup Report  
  
•       2nd Wed of month at Palama Settlement, Dining Hall @6:30pm  
•       Oahu currently has 310 meetings/week and 186 groups  
•       Average # of IGR's that attend the monthly meetings=20  
•       Finances:  
            Ended 2014 with a deficit of                   approx  
-$400.00, which is ok  
            Had to transfer $3600 from Prudent Reserve  
            Last 4 months of 2014 had large deficits due to decreased  
donations, sales and large book orders placed before the price  
increase  
•       2015 OIG Activities (tentative)  
            1/17 IG Softball Tournament  
            3/21 Home Group Day  
            6/13 Founders Day  
            9/19 Bill & Lois Dinner/Dance  
•       Dec 2014 Central Office Stats  
            (1143) calls, including  
            (663) for meetings,  
            (12) literature orders,  
            (298) for information &  
            (41) 12 Step calls  
            (127) visits, including  
            (52) literature sales  
            (13) for information &  
            (7) 12 Step walk-ins  
•       Need Central Office and After Hours Phone Angels  
•       Upcoming Events  
            2/9 Waikiki Men's Stag Annual  
            Valentine Sweetheart Speaker  
            Mtg, surprise woman spkr  
            Waikiki Comm Ctr @7:30p-9p  
            2/20-22 Aloha Roundup  
            McCoy Pavilion $55  
            [aloharoundup.com](http://aloharoundup.com/)  
            10/29 54th Annual Hawaii  
            Convention  
            Hilton Hawaiian Village  
            $64 before 9/29, $74 after  
            [annualhawaiiconvention.com](http://annualhawaiiconvention.com/)  
  
  
4:15 Ask it Basket-  
\*A question was asked about sharing district minutes with other districts.  
A) Districts are autonomous and may decide for themselves if they want to  
publish minutes as long as they stay aware of anonymity issues.  
  
4:30 Ajourn with Declaration of Unity  
  
  
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8:00 Breakfast  
  
9:00 Call to Order  
        Serenity Prayer  
        Host DCM Announcements  
        Reading- (Kiar) Service Manual- Leadership in AA  
  
9:15 Introduction/Confirmation of Standing Committee Chairs  
        Archives- Lauren V.  
        Cooperation with the Elder Communitiy CEC- Jack G.  
        Cooperation with the Professional Community CPC- Tommy G.  
        Grapevine/ La Vina  - Pattilyne B.  
        Mynah Bird – Jim D.  
        Public Information PI – Cynthia B.  
        Treatment- Alan Y.  
        Website- Sue B.  
No confirmation needed:  
        Convention – Debbie G.  
        Corrections – Erik T.  
        Permanent Archivist – Linda McD.  
  
9:15 Officer Reports:  
Secretary – Catherine W.: Minutes were accepted with no changes. (Chrissy  
–Motion Mike S. –second) (Accepted)  
Treasurer – Karen N.: report presented (Motion- Jennifer D. Second-  
Heather C,) (Accepted) see last page.  
Registrar – Steve N. – Made members aware of registration procedures and  
committee assignments.  
        Alternate Delegate – Bob H. Shared job description and recent activity  
Alternate Chair – Kunane  Shared his duties and experiences, in his own  
very unique way, he will be ok!  
        Chair – Coleen A. - Aloha. I didn’t take notes, but I think this  
summarizes my report at the microphone:  Reflecting on my job, in a  
nutshell, it seems the area chair needs to show up on time, to run our  
meetings, to pay attention to and to follow through with the will of the  
area, and to keeps the delegate informed.  
I’m asked to consult committees and officers before writing agendas, and  
to have agendas online at least 30 days before attending an  
assembly/committee meeting.  
As soon “What to Take Back” for this assembly is posted on our website,  
I’ll start work on the February committee meeting.  
Thank you for letting me be of service,  
Coleen A.  
Area 17 Chair, Panel 65  
  
  
  
9:30 Delegate Report – Cheryl N.  
  
Ask it Basket:  
Should a disruptive member be asked to not come back to a meeting? Which  
tradition addresses this? Bob H. -Tradition 1 & Tradition 3 Unity, only  
requirement is desire to stop drinking, we must stick together but if  
behavior affects the entire meeting then it may be ok to take someone out  
to explain the rules of the location, we do not kick anyone out of AA but  
safety must come first.  
Members shared different experiences with disruptions in meetings.  
Tradition 2 – group conscience brings God into the decisions, before this  
kind of event happens.  
  
When does Tradition 4’s group autonomy affect on other groups/AA as a  
whole? When is that not OK?  
Cheryl N. Become a group member and/or go to the group conscience to be  
involved, have your voice heard.  
Members shared their experience in handling situations, having respect for  
other meetings and AA as a whole.  
  
10:30 break  
10:45 Panel Presentations  
Twelve Concepts for World Service- Illustrated pamphlet- Ken K.  
Concept I:  Ultimate Authority – Rooted in Tradition 2, Groups are to be  
the ultimate authority, thru the election of GSR’s and Delegates they make  
up the voice and conscience of AA. (responsibility) Concept II: The Actual  
Voice and Effective Conscience (delegation)  
  
Concept III: “The Right of Decision”- Linda McD. Taking your group  
conscience to a district or assembly, you receive more information that  
changes your opinion on the topic, you have the responsibility to vote  
responsibly but being sure that you can take back to your group the reason  
that you changed your vote. (trust)  
  
Concept IV: “Right of Participation”- Scott C.- We are doing work here for  
the alcoholic that we will never see. How does this apply to us? It means  
that no matter who we are or where we come from we have the right to  
participate in AA. At the area level those who have the information, or  
not; have the right to participate. (participation)  
Concept V: “Right of Appeal” – Assures that the minority opinion will be  
heard. Minority opinions compel a well informed decision because many  
times minorities may be right or have new/different information that may  
change perceptions of a motion. (petition)  
  
Concept XII: The Warranties – Joel C. Are about the specific relationship  
of the groups, Districts, GSC, Board etc. The steps and traditions could  
be changed, with great difficulty. The concepts 1-11 could be changed  
fairly easily. However, Concept 12 are the 6 Warranties that could not be  
changed without great effort.  
Warranty 1- The 7th tradition keeps us from being “the seat of perilous  
wealth” no outside profits besides some literature $. Tradition 2 says no  
one person makes decisions.  
Warranty 2- Calls for sufficient yet Prudent reserve. Prudence is the  
principle of this warranty. We need to be good to our word and we don’t  
use credit/ long term finance things.  
Warranty 3- No one has unqualified authority over another, right of  
participation, able to speak their minds freely.  
Warranty 4 – Tradition 2…group conscience and decisions are made through  
substantial unanimity (2/3rds majority). Taking time to discuss/ vote and  
reach unity.  
Warranty 5 – Traditions 9 & 10, never be personally punitive. We do not  
punish people in Alcoholics Anonymous. Principles are usually  
self-enforcing, Custodians of the Principles and Traditions.  No  
controversy on religion, politics and reform measures.  
Warranty 6 – The conference shall not perform acts of governing. Tradition  
9 and 2 rely on the group conscience.  
(prudence)  
  
Governing principles of remaining Concepts  
Concept VI (authority)  
Concept VII (harmony)  
Concept  IIX (respect)  
Concept IX (Change in leadership)  
Concept X (equality)  
Concept XI (partnership)  
  
  
12:00 Lunch (Finance Committee Meeting)  
1:00 Website Instructions – Sue B.  
  
Sue gave instructions on how to navigate on the Area Website.  Aloha page  
has links to Different Island Intergroups, Area Blogs, What to Take Back,  
Service Materials (forms etc. info) for assemblies or committee meetings.  
Checking e-mail from Aloha page “Area17e-mail login” enter e-mail address  
and password for Area Officers, DCM’s and Committee Chairs.  
  
1:30 Standing Committee Round Table  
2:45 Break  
  
3:00 Round Table summaries (3 minutes)  
Archives- Lauren V.  
4 years ago archives was in a big expensive storage container. Has now  
been reduced to a 6 x 10 container, digitizing is in process. Lots of  
sorting and cleaning of personal info is happening. Exciting time in  
Archives,  they are looking for searchable Area 17  business documents  
that reflect history of AA in Hawaii. Keep it anonymous,  
Cooperation with the Elder Communitiy CEC- Jack G.  
Talked about taking information back to their districts and finding out  
how they can help elder community on the different islands.  
  
  
Cooperation with the Professional Community CPC- Tommy G.  
Role of CPC -Shares what AA is and what AA is not and where AA can be found.  
We provide resources for the Professional Community to understand what  
tools are available to help them with an Alcohol problem when it is  
encountered.  
Suggestions discussed by our participants:  
\* Ask for an invitation to speak at Business Association Meetings  
\* Speak at Educational Facilities to the Principals, Teachers, Counselors,  
etc.  
\* Hold a luncheon and invite a select group of Professionals to attend  
\* Meet with Medical personnel personally  
\* Ask for an invitation to speak with some of the larger employers, i.e.,  
Hotels, Construction Companies, etc., who have more than 20 employees.  
\* Ask for an invitation to speak with State and County Officials about  
receiving pamphlets or information about AA  
\* Print and distribute Chapter 10 - To The Employer - from the Big Book  
Work in cooperation with PI and Hospitals Committee.  
  
Grapevine/ La Vina  - Pattilyne B.  
Discussed current subscriptions, some sub-culture group interest,  
discussed having writing workshops and the subscription contest. The  
shipping cost and delay in delivery. The dependence of people in  
rural/isolated communities on grapevine issues.  
  
  
Mynah Bird – Jim D.  
Newsletter that may align schedule with assemblies, Jeb 28th is next issue ,  
Talked about topics, schedule and electronic issues. Talked about history  
Each issue has a theme and puzzle, may have “Lucky we Live Hawaii, God  
Shots and what’s happening in Hawaii.  
Public Information PI – Cynthia B.  
Who we are, GSR’s role is to be a go between to district chair and area,  
Finding needs and …public schools, colleges, public transit PSA radio  
Speaking at non AA meetings, remain professional, pamphlets available  
Treatment- Alan Y.  
Make sure literature racks are full, contact other groups to get involved  
with treatment centers around them. Introduce bridging the gap literature  
to the treatment centers (did not receive written report)  
  
Convention – Debbie G.  
Possible neighbor island participation, homestays, speakers, kamaaina rate,  
(did not receive written report)  
Corrections – Erik T.  
Purpose is to recruit more members to get certified to take meetings into  
institutions. Each district has a Corrections chair and GSR’s support them  
by bringing information from the assembly.  
Discussed getting more people certified to go in but not all AA members  
can or should be certified. Everyone who goes into a facility must have  
volunteer training and background check. Process takes a long time.  
Volunteers recommended to have 5 years arrest free, off probation,  at  
least1 year sober and have a sponsor.  
 Archives – Linda McD.  
Website – Has been active for 10 years, discussed maybe easier links to  
google maps, importance of keeping it updated, changing font color for  
clarity. Web master cautioned on laymens percpective vs. tech. Keep it  
simple.  
  
Area Officers  
\*Officers discussed getting flash drives for General Service Conference  
background information disbursement to area servants.  
\*Clarified registrar expenses  
\*Discussed Corrections Committee and their bylaws  
\*Discussed finding a good home for speaker stands as they are not used  
much and are an added expense to transport.  
\*Discussed anonymity in a digital age as it pertains to our minutes and  
other documents on the website.  
DCMs:  
Discussed: Should the DCM go to PRAASA? Each district can decide how to  
handle that question, according to priority of spending  
Should decisions be made at district or taken back to the group?  
“Right of Decision” have to be comfortable and sure to explain to your  
group why you voted the way you did. Being prudent.  
DCM gets to go to 1 PRAASA, a real charge up for DCM’s  
PRAASA will be in West Hawaii in 2016. Best part of may be “Round tables”  
Getting groups involved, brainstorming of how to increase participation.  
DCM’s going to registered groups and inactive groups, attending business  
meetings to explain about the upside down triangle etc…Encourage those  
groups who don’t have GSR’s to get one. Asking GSR’s how to make District  
meetings more interesting.  
  
DCM Reports:  
  
District 5:  
I am excited and honored to serve as DCM for No Ka Oi district. Our  
district meeting  
is growing - we have all 4 officer positions filled, and 6 service  
committee chairs  
appointed: corrections, CPC, treatment, hospitals and literature,  
Grapevine, and PI.  
     We eagerly look forward to hosting you all for the Inform the  
Delegate Assembly  
April 11-12 at the Paia Community Center on Maui's North Shore.  
     My goals as DCM for this panel are -  
1. Fill all of our service committee chair positions.  
2.  Plan a district event for fellowship and increasing awareness of  
General Service  
3.  Reach out to dark meetings in our District and offer them the  
opportunity to  
exercise their right to a voice in the General Service structure  
In Service,  
Mike S  
DCM District 5  
  
District 8  
  We had the first meeting on 1/9/15 at the intergroup office in Kona.  
filled the  
room of new elected district members.It was awesome 4 new group  
represntitives  
attended. gave new group representatives hand out packets. our next scheduled  
meeting is February 20 at our new location Lako street church in Kona at  
5:30pm.  
Thanks intergroup for letting us use the office. there are 5 group  
representatives  
at the assembly . we had our MTG early to inform of this assembly great to  
see the  
great turnout. We also passed a proposed budget. Regular business. thanks for  
letting me serve.  
  
District 10  
•       Thanksgiving  successful!  
•       Group and District are Intergroup elections held – most positions are  
filled.  
•       New meeting – Women’s Book Study / Thursday’s 5:30pm / Queens Beach by  
concession stand (diamond head side)  
•       In the planning mode for a workshop / panel on 12 steps  
•       District Inventory was taken and we are acting on those areas in need or  
improvement.  
•       One of them:  Myself and Alex M. (alt dcm) along with two others in our  
district have met and reviewed the list of our meetings as on the  
[area17.org](http://area17.org/) site.  We are working on cleaning up the list (a) verifiying  
that all ‘unknown’ meetings are now defunct and, more importantaly (b)  
getting around to meetings that are not represented with a GSR nor on the  
GSO listing as a ‘group’.  We want to carry the message and communicate  
from the district level and offer ways to offer inclusivness to those  
meetings who are not listed as groups.  
•       We have completed our 2015 budget and currently project a surplus for  
this year (as long as contributions remain at same level as this past  
year); we plan to use some of this surplus to conduct additional workshops  
to carry the message.  
  
District 12  
Aloha my name is Bernie and I am an alcoholic my home group is rule 62 on  
the Puna District.In my home group I have served as a coffee maker,  
secretary,coin person, as a GSR and now as there speaker coordinator,as  
being a GSR I have also service a recording secretary for district 12,and  
as a alternate DCM during panel 63and 64and now I'm serving as the new DCM  
for district 12 with panel 65 I am so excited and honored to have been  
voted in by my district.  
  
District 13  
Our District meeting is held at 6 PM on the Third Thursday of each month.  
Only two new Alt GSR’s attended the December District meeting. Attendance  
was low because it was on the same day as WACYPAA on the Island of Hawaii.  
There were more GSR’s at the January meeting on 1/15/15, and we planned  
the date for our “Service Fair – How AA Works,” but the date we chose is  
the same weekend as PRAASA, so we may have to think about moving the day  
of the fair.  Fortunately, we have two years to learn how to get a  
calendar of all AA events and try to avoid another conflict.  Our next  
meeting is February 19, 2015.  
  
We have four GSRs here for the Orientation Assembly, including the first  
GSR from a fairly new Women’s Group, and a new GSR from a Men’s Group  
which has been around a long time, but now has a GSR at the Assembly.  
Our District is financially in good shape, and we are able to assist with  
the cost of airfare for GSRs to attend the Area Assemblies.  
There were a lot of people from Oahu and all the Neighbor Islands at the  
Molokai Crossing.  The next Crossing will head to Lanai, February 20-22,  
2015.  
Our District is planning to help host the 2015 Maui Mini Conference which  
takes place the Tuesday following the Annual Hawai`i Convention – Tuesday  
November 3, 2015. There are two speakers – usually one of the speakers  
from the Annual Hawai`i Convention if available, and one from Maui. We are  
already starting to work on getting speakers.  
We still need to do a better job in reaching out to the Groups on Lanai  
and Molokai in terms of communicating what is going on at District and  
Area level, and continue the individual outreach that has been ongoing.  
Thanks to Windward District #4 for hosting the Area Orientation Assembly  
in such a beautiful location. Thanks to the Area Officers, Past Delegates,  
and Pacific Regional Trustee for making it so informative and enjoyable.  
Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. – Mike L.  
  
District 17  
Aloha and thank you my name is Cindy and I am an alcoholic I am the DCM  
for Waianae district #17 I would like to thank Windward district #4 for  
hosting this assembly. We  
had our first District meeting of the year and also I hosted the meeting  
as the new DCM I am happy to report that we had 3 groups that attended  
that have not attended in the  
past. We had about 8 to 10 groups that participated in our district  
meeting. we also had our alcathon for Christmas and New Years was a big  
success I'd like to thank Joe C he was our alkathon chairperson he did a  
wonderful and awesome job. X Factah celebrated  
three years they had a potluck celebration at White Plains about 70 people  
in attend-     ance also Courage to Change is celebrating 23 years they're  
also having a potluck cele-  bration at Pok‘aī Bay Saturday February 7th  
and the Third Tradition popcorn group is   celebrating 5 years in April.  
We do have some groups are looking for some support         those would be  
Seeking the Truth, Makakilo Hill Climbers, To Thine Own Self Se True,  
Westside.  I'm happy that these group are now represented with a GSR. Also  
our district meeting night and time has changed it is now the first Sunday  
of the month at 4 p.m. On St. Johns Road. I'm looking forward to the next  
2 years of my service commitment we're hoping to have some workshops and  
see what the new year brings to us.  
  
  
  
  
3:30 At the Mic: Ask it Basket/ What’s on your mind?  
\*What is a service sponsor? Someone who helps you be effective in your  
service position, either someone who has done your position or you respect  
the way they work their program.  
\*What is the responsibility of a sponsor? A) Help walk a person through  
the steps and traditions.  
\* Can AA’s offer suggestions to the website. A) You can send suggestions  
to the area webmaster and the committee will discuss it and make a  
decision.  
A member can contact the regional AA person if they have a comment or  
suggestions by going through the AA.org website.  
“Area All” email mailing address is the area officers and DCMS.  
  
  
        What to take back  
        Host announcements  
4:00 Motion to Adjourn (Lauren) Second (Bridget)  
Closed Responsibility Pledge  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
TREASURER’S REPORT  
HAWAII AREA 17  
Elections Assembly  
January 17, 2015  
Aloha Panel 65 trusted servants,  
  
As of December 31, 2014, the Hawaii Area funds are as follows:  
  
Operating Funds $19,172.31  
Prudent Reserve $5,004.78  
Reserve for Computer Equipment  $823.20  
Reserve for International Convention    $1,400.00  
Total Cash in Bank      $26,400.29  
  
As of November 15, 2014:  
Total Contributions and Income  $32,194.16  
Total Expenditures  
Net Income/Loss $3,415.60  
  
Aloha and welcome Panel 65.  This is the first report of this panel.  
This report is co-authored by Karen N. (in-coming treasurer) and Kunane D.  
(out-going treasurer).    The information in this report is for fiscal  
year 2014.  
As of December 31, 2014, the Area Is now in the black with income of  
$3,415.60.  This brings us to a solid foundation to start the New Year and  
a new panel.  History has shown us that the bulk of our expenses come  
during the first 5 months of the year.  And since this year also includes  
the International Convention, we will see increased expenses throughout  
the first half of the year.   However, I have come to experience, this all  
balances out in the end.  We want to express a continued “MAHALO” to the  
homegroups for their continued support of area service.  
The treasurer’s documents and files are being transferred over during this  
weekend.   Signature cards at First Hawaiian Bank will be updated and we  
will be moving forward.   We will be selecting the Finance Committee  
members this weekend and looking forward to working together to complete  
the 2016 proposed budget.  
  
Please continue to spread the word to ensure all home groups to use the  
current Area mailing address. The forwarding order for the old mailing  
address has expired.  Mail being sent to the old address will be returned  
to the sender.   We want to thank all groups and the fellowship for their  
continued support through your 7th tradition contributions.  
The Inform the Delegate Assembly will be hosted by the No Ka Oi District  
on Maui on April 11th & 12th, 2015.  The earlier you book, the better the  
price. Please pass on the information about the Area’s code with Hawaiian  
Airlines. The Hawaiian Airlines Affiliate code is HAWAIIAREA.  The term  
“Affiliate Program” does not imply that we are affiliated or endorsing  
Hawaiian Airlines. The name is their choice, not ours, and this is not  
something special they are offering us because we are Alcoholics  
Anonymous. Any group can become an affiliate group. Airline programs are  
used for many A.A. events, including the International Convention of  
Alcoholics Anonymous. The earlier we book, the cheaper the tickets are.  
In the spirit of financial prudence and responsibility.  More information  
regarding Air Travel can be found on the Area website,  
<http://www.area17aa.org/air-travel/>.  
  
Should you need any assistance and/or treasurer support, please feel free  
to contact me through the Area email at [treasurer@area17aa.org](mailto:treasurer@area17aa.org).  Have a  
safe and joyous holiday season.  
Again, Mahalo for the privilege of service and recovery.  
  
In love and service,  
  
Karen N.  
Area Treasurer, Panel 65  
  
  
  
  
Catherine W.  
Area 17 Secretary  
Panel 65