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
     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
     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
     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
     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
     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.  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