

Minutes: Hawaii Area 17 Committee Meeting
Saturday February 28, 2015
Hosted by Diamond Head District #1

8:00 Breakfast and Registration

9:00 Call to order

Host DCM announcements
Reading- Lauren Concept 1
Introductions of guests : Scotty and Ken, Past Delegates
A.A. Birthdays: 5 announced

9:15 Area Officers' Reports

Secretary - had members review May 2014 Committee meeting minutes for approval, Tommy G, Motion to approve May 2014 Committee meeting, Mike S. seconded.

Treasurer-

Appreciates timely receipts for reimbursement of airfare. Please let her know in a timely manner if you need her to make air arranges. One typo mistake to treasurer's report was shared with members. Expenses exceeded revenue but that is expected at the beginning of the year. We are all on a learning curve and all the help is appreciated. Presented treasurers report and Profit Loss statement for review

Floyd M.- motion to approve with correction of treasurers report, Mike L seconded.

Registrar

Has been able to enter all new GSR information forms and update all the group information by district. DCM's have a list to approve.

Alternate Delegate

Bob has a seat on the Convention committee has been evaluating a new software for accounting. Did a presentation on PRASA at Intergroup meeting and shared alternative housing option for International convention. Has been able to create flash drives with information for all the DCMs.

Alternate Chair

Kunane is still figuring out his duties, attended convention committee, help coordinate committee meetings and assemblies. Next is Inform the Delegate Assembly, No Ka Oi Maui, Please register early. June 6th committee meeting hosted by Puna, held in Hilo town. Please book travel (Any mainland travel has 5% discount) through our "Preferred Affiliate Program" so that Area earns miles. Instructions are on the website. Budget Assembly in Oct. will be on North Shore.

Chair

Aloha.

Since we last met, I was asked to present at PRAASA on the topic of "How Can A.A. Members Continue to Share our Message and Prevent Confusion with Other Fellowships?" and am looking forward to attending PRAASA next weekend.

I also researched A.A. websites, looked at how other areas conduct business and provide A.A. information at their members. GSO Guidelines for the Internet, page 3 has information on password protected sections for members only (not everyone on the www). I look forward to hearing your thoughts and considerations when we discuss this topic later today.

I'll be attending Maui Intergroup meeting in March, and inviting them to the Inform the Delegate Assembly in April.

We have accrued Hawaiian Air preferred affiliate program miles . For this panel, it seems most cost effective for those of us traveling from neighbor island (not Oahu) to neighbor island assemblies/ committee meetings. Contact our treasurer for more information

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,
Coleen A., Chair Panel 65

9:35 Delegate's Report

Including assignments/information for our
Inform the Delegate Assembly
Report is on-line... Cheryl summarized main points.

Inform the Delegate topic assignments*** are by **Committee assignments*****

Literature topic #1- Archives
Literature topic #2 – CEC
Literature topic #3 – Website
Literature topic #4 – CPC

Presentations 18 min. 10 min at the microphone
2 minute summary from delegate

10:15 Break

11:00 Round Tables: Standing committees, DCM, Intergroup and officer

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Round table Reports

DCM's

Scott/former Delegate joined our table. Shared with us that this roundtable is a great forum to discuss concerns that come up in our districts, sharing, etc. Build your lasting relationships here!

*Mike #5 /reviewed plans for April Assembly and handed out registration flyers. Please reserve early!

*Deborah #4 / inquired as to who was planning on going to PRASSA and offered a suggestion that we split up the two DCM round tables between us.... That will allow us to attend another round table to gain more exposure. 8 DCM's present todaywere split up into two groups.

1st Scheduled Round Table:

Deb / #4
Floyd / #1
Mike S. / #5
Cindy / #17

2nd Scheduled Round Table:

Jonathon / #6
Mary / #10
Mike L. / #13
Myles / #8

Discussion: regarding new DCM who is not receiving support to attend PRASSA from her district. Another district has a policy which takes personalities out of the conversation ... suggestion to implement in your district.

Discussion regarding a district who has a bit a drama/gossip surrounding whether or not a person providing service to the district (treasurer) has to have a home group in that district. Resounding opinion is that NO and several DCMs cited examples where a person is in service to a district but lives or has a home group that is not in that same district. Service is service and has no boundaries.

Again, perhaps a solution might be to draw up a district's version of 'structures and guidelines'. This would alleviate re-occurring issues from panel to panel and have a clear guideline for all basic agreements that would forego memory lapses and personalities.

FYI to registrar: DCM's are waiting for new DCM mailing packet from GSO.

Suggestion for Districts to try to plan/budget to attend Regional Forum next year. Discussion followed with overview of the procedure known as "priority of spending" with regard to budgeting process.

Another DCM brought up an individual issues of an individual who is dominating the district meetings and is not really even in a position to have a voice per se. Suggestion to review the job descriptions in our service manual and perhaps consider the implementation of district-specific "structures and guidelines".

Reviewed next actions for each DCM when we leave this committee meeting today:

1. Review your printed District Meetings overview that Steve/Registrar has passed out earlier today. Those GSR's that were in attendance at the January assembly have received their Standing Committee assignments as indicated on the print out.
 - a. You can visit with Steve/Registrar and he can go ahead and assign those who were not in attendance so they have a knowledge and can review the background information prior to arriving to the April Assembly.
2. The thumb drives as passed out by Bob H./Alt Delegate. This thumb drive contains ALL background information for ALL topics. Each DCM in your district will only need the background information for their assigned Standing Committee's topic.
3. It is strongly suggested that this information is NOT sent via email/posted on websites. Instead, please invite your GSR's to bring their laptops to your next district meeting to be able to load the pertinent topic onto their computer for their review.
4. The GSR's should take that topic and the suggested questions back to their home group for discussion and input.
5. The GSR's bring the voice of their group back with them to the April Inform the Delegate Assembly.
6. At the April assembly, the round tables will be set up for each Standing Committee's topic and the assigned participants. A chair will be chosen to take notes and to be able present to the full assembly the collective voice of all on this topic.

The DCM's are not assigned to a standing Committee. They have received a green folder with their topic on the folder. That topic coincides to the questions/background provided on page two of the handout entitled "2015 Inform the Delegate Topics" NOTE: I have copied below for ease of reference:
DCMs, Area Officers

DCMs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

IX. Report and Charter Group 2

A. The AA Service Manual, 2015-2016 Edition

- 8. Consider request to include a chart in the section "Working with Local Intergroups and Central Offices" on pages S41 – S42. Pages 430 - 432

DCMs 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17 and Area Officers 2015 GSC

Inventory Questions

C. Yearlong Process Effectiveness

1. How can we better communicate that the Conference process is more than one spring week in New York?
2. How do the delegates and regional trustees support the yearlong process

effectiveness? (In this case consider how DCMs and area officers support the process.)

Standing committees:

*Discussion of Agenda Topics for 2015 Inform the Delegate Assembly:

All DCM's need to get background information to their GSR's

Email GSR's on your committee to see who responds for an idea of who will help present. Take a look at the background information, getting information out to members of the standing committee's will be challenging. Try to create a profound email to get interest in the topics for more participation.

Committees will have time at the assembly to work together to create a good presentation. Bullet points on the topic sheet are suggestions for the discussion...not part of the question.

*How to get members to be a part of:

Archives: challenge the district with baby steps

CEC : Immediately googled the "Elder Community" found an abundance of information, then told members to slowly absorb standing committee.

Conventions: Chair is a passionate participant, use the website and get neighbor islands involved.

Grapevine: Chair made packets to involve the comm. Members in the Grapevine challenge and open communication with the GCMs.

PI: Get in touch with people on the committee

Intergroup:

Oahu – has new Chair and Co-Chair...attend more committee meetings and assemblies

Corrections: Connecting with people to teach, came early to Oahu to attend meeting in the jail. Let people know how rewarding to take meetings into jails.

Work on getting the new chairs to get old information and connections from outgoing chairs.

Myna Bird: Using old information to see how it worked.

Treatment: Use liasons on all islands to fill empty racks.

Grapevine:

What the Grapevine Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

Hi My name is Pattilyne and I'm a alcoholic. The Grapevine committee will be working with other standing committee's to hear how we can help them. We are also working on the Subscription challenge throughout the state. More will be revealed at our next assembly.

Officers:

1:20 A proposal was introduced from District 6, Kauai, Happy Hour Group to add an agenda item to the 2016 General Service Conference to make changes to the "Living Sober" book.

Discussion followed with editing and intentional considerations for the group to take back.

1:30 Reports from Standing Committees, DCMs, and Intergroup

Josh T, Intergroup report from Oahu, events coming up

Discussion of participation in intergroup meetings

West Hawaii Intergroup, Fish fry for 4th of July coming up. Got a new computer and moving forward.

DCM Reports:

*District #1, Diamondhead

Diamond Head is doing well at our last Dist. Meeting we made a decision to change our meeting from the first Thurs. of March, to the second Thurs. of March because DCM will be in PRASSA on that first weekend.

Our second meeting, the District had 8 people show up which was very good, overall some groups are small but able to send their GSR's to district and it looks like more GSR's will be coming to the next monthly meeting. District is still growing.

Thank you, Dist.#1 DCM

*District #2, Honolulu

Intergroup has expressed interest in running our New Years Eve Alka-thon and so it went back to the groups. The two groups reported back, 1 group wanted for our District to keep doing the Alka-thon and the other group had a questions about the operations of how inter-group would do the the alka-thon with group participations, we are still discussing that matter. We are discussing having our Alt. DCM Pamela be the intergroup rep. for District keeping the district informed of intergroup activities as well as keeping intergroup informed of what's going on in our District. Our District also talked about getting a printer so that we can print up all documents for our District meetings and assemblies as well. We had a printer donated to our district so now we going to decide on who will take on the task of printing up these documents. We're still trying to run our District in an appropriate manner and finish on time.

DCM, Dist. 2

*District 3,

Held our monthly business meeting on Thursday, February 5th 2015. I brought to the meeting excerpts from The DCM/GSR Roundtable held January 17th at the Orientation Assembly and chaired by Joel C., Pacific Regional Trustee. I shared his ideas on longevity and retention of GSRs and other District Officers through delegation and shared responsibilities.

We decided to table elections for Alternate DCM and Registrar due to low attendance. All GSR's in the District, however, were sent reminders on the importance of this meeting and the amount of material I had planned to cover from the Orientation Assembly. To the GSR's that were in attendance, "What to Take Back from the Orientation Assembly", "The Upside Down Triangle", and the latest copy of the "Mynah Bird" were passed out and discussed.

We also discussed finding a suitable location, food arrangements, live music and other recreational activities since we are hosting the "Delegate Report Back" on June 20th with the Windward and Waianae Districts. We came up with some awesome ideas and will publish and distribute all of this as soon as we finalize it.

We were all thrilled when Jesse, Corrections Committee, GSR from my home group, reported that the Corrections Chair had donated \$100.00 for literature and materials. We know this is a great start and we are budgeting even more for Jesse to carry this vital and most important message to the jails and prisons where I once called home for several months myself.

Finally, we looked at our budget and plan to donate all that is over our prudent reserve to GSO and Area 17.

Thanks, Jay W.,DCM3

*District #4, Windward Oahu

We focused on the following -

- District Housekeeping
 - District Guidelines
 - Page S16 – the upside down triangle
 - Page S17 Communicating Through the Structure – focusing on The Group...”Where the communication process starts” and “...and that they are part of the delegates thinking at the Conference”...
 - Page S20 –Why We Need a Conference? Paragraph one

- Going forward into Panel 65 our district is forging ahead to carry the message (of alcoholic anonymous) to the still suffering alcoholic.
- GSR's took back to their homegroups for feedback – how can the district help their group carry the message to the alcoholic that is still suffering? We are looking for ideas to help carry the message in our district.
 - Suggestions:
 - District 4 (pot luck) Picnic with workshops
 - District 4 Panel topic Workshop
 - (Continue) to caravan to meetings in district 4 offering support and share about service.

Other Topics:

- GSR Reporting at the District Meeting –
 - GSR's will use the same format as the DCM's report (on the area website) to report at the district meetings. This practice will offer direction, consistency, grooming for DCM and a sense of belonging.
 - Reporting time is 2 min.

*District #5 No Ka Oi, Maui

District 5 is looking forward to hosting the Inform the Delegate assembly on Maui on April 11+12. We have a full host committee - Clifford S will be registrar, Alicia O will be our home stay chair, and Craig S will be our transportation chair. Please send in your registrations ASAP so we can arrange home stay and transportation for you.

Participation at district is increasing -we now have 16 active members.

We are taking meetings into the prison, as well as to our treatment centers Aloha House and Malama House.

We will be working with Tri-Island and Kihei district to revive Unity Day on Maui in the coming year.

I look forward to attending PRAASA with many of you next weekend.

In Service, Mike S , District 5 DCM

*District #6, Kauai

Many members of district (GSRs and DCM) helped support and facilitate a H.I.C.Y.P.A.A Event for Valentine's Day that consisted of two panel meetings, food, and a dance.

Other Topics:

- 1) There has been only one district meeting since the orientation assembly.
- 2) Our meeting has been running smoothly. Yet, as a DCM I am looking for some suggestions to streamline the GSR reports. For example, giving them specifics on what to report; such as, how is their group carrying the message, attendance, and perhaps what they are doing with 7th tradition.
- 3) District has asked me to bring a motion to area asking, "extolling the positive experience of participation in general service meetings (including business/ group conscience meetings) to the chapter on Attending Meetings".
- 4) We also have a member of our district change their sobriety date and are looking for time requirements about holding the "website committee position".

*District 8, Kailua Kona

Had our Dist. meeting at new location, Lako Street on the 20th of Feb. Our next District meeting will be March 20th after PRASSA.

Had good turnout and were identifying our committee chairs and what positions we had open. Who was going to stay in service? More people to railroad next meeting. Will get information out on Inform the Delegate and topics. Business as normal.

*District 10, Waikiki

...12 steps panel workshop coming up March 21st at 8:45am. More information is in the Oahucentraloffice.com Intergroup website.

World famous 12 Coconuts is turning 30, Celebration Saturday 4/4/15. More information will be on Oahucentraloffice.com intergroup website soon

A couple of updates from January meeting:

...We have submitted a list to eliminate all 'unknown' meetings that are now defunct. We are 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 inclusiveness to those meetings who are not listed as groups.

...We have completed our 2015 budget and currently project a possible deficient for this year (as long as contributions remain at same level as this past year).

My district has historically sent the DCM to PRASSA once during each 2-year rotation & I will be attending this year.

*District 11, Kehei

Our DCM elect stepped down in January and as Alt. DCM elect I was installed as DCM with a new Alt. elected at our February Dist. Meeting.

Our groups are well attended. We now have a Dist. Treasurer, we have set aside funds to help our GSR's travel to assemblies. Had 3 GSR's volunteer for presentations at the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

*District #12, Puna

Aloha my name is Bernie my home group is rule 62 Puna district DCM 12. We have a lot of work ahead of us but with progress it will be ok. Meet every first Saturday of each month at the serenity house in Puna for February we have had two more GSR attend and also invited our Hilo/Hamakua DCM to join us in our meeting and to share our participation of working with each other on the beautiful island of Hawaii. Our Founder's day will be held on the 14th of June and looking forward to our delegate Cheryl's attendance, the committee meeting will held on 6th of June in Hilo. We have also received our archives back. And the last thing I have to say is that district has finally got to do the transfer of banking from our last treasure to our new elected treasure and myself. Thank you

*District 13, Tri-State:

Our District meeting is held at 6 PM on the Third Thursday of each month. Three GSR's and one Alt GSR attended the February District meeting. Another GSR and our Alt DCM were preparing for The Crossing to Lana'i which took place on February 20-22.

We are planning our "Service Fair – How AA Works," hopefully on Saturday May 2, 2015. Our next meeting is March 19, 2015.

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. We decided to help the Kahana Spinners Group fund the airfare for their GSR to attend PRAASA.

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, and would appreciate help from the Convention Steering Committee members.

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.

A number of people in our District are making plans to attend the International Convention in Atlanta in July. We are looking forward to helping No Ka Oi District with the Inform the Delegate Assembly April 11-12, and coordinating with both the No Ka Oi and Kihei Districts for a Delegate Report Back and a Unity Day event on Maui.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service. – Mike L.

District 17, Waianae

Aloha and thank you to Diamond Head District #1 for hosting this committee meeting. We held our district meeting on the 8th of Feb. instead of the 1st due to Superbowl Sunday, we had a great

turnout around 10 groups were represented including 2 groups that have not been active in district for a few years had GSR'S, Sunday Eye Opener and Monday Mosquito Junction. I have also been contacted by 2 other groups that would like to participate in district. Principles before Personalities, and Sobriety 101, I supplied information to them and am looking forward to their participation in district. I am very encouraged with the support we've had at district and at the orientation assembly hopefully this will continue. I will also be going to PRAASA in March with the majority of the district approving I will be paying for my own registration and meals, and I am looking forward to this experience in the hopes of learning and doing my best for my district. We are also discussing a workshop to discuss PRAASA looking to hold that in May. Courage to Change celebrated 24yr Feb. 7th with a potluck about 70+ attended. Third Tradition Group will have a 5yr Birthday Bash April 4th at Pokai Bay starting at 10am they will have a 3 panel workshop "Working Steps with a Sponsor", potluck, volleyball. Looking forward to the activities coming up thank you.

CINDY K. DCM DISTRICT 17

Standing Committee Reports:

Archives:

Thank you for trusting me to be of service for this Chair- I hope to contribute well and in a helpful manner. First, I'd like to acknowledge all the hard work that Linda M. has done as archivist to start the digitizing process, The assembly and committee meeting minutes from 1975-2002 are now linked on Area website- you can find it on the Archives page. Unfortunately, we don't have it set up for search terms yet but we are working on it. Thanks Linda for your amazing effort in seeing this through.

Other tasks I want to tackle,

#1 Develop job descriptions and responsibilities for our structures and Guidelines delineating "Archives" vs. "Archivist".

#2 Where do you want Archives to be? Conventions, District events...How can we serve you?

#3 Do you know what's on our Archives page?

-History of AA on Oahu, Neighbor Islands, Leeward, Waianae, Windward

-How to do an interview with oldtimers and how to get group History.

#4 Panel 65 District challenge- I want each District to go on a Treasure hunt before the end of the panel, I would love to have each District contribute- find us your treasured oldtimers (25+) and/or oldest groups in your District and I will create a file/link on our page after I "scrub" them for any names. I can also submit to Myna Bird too!

#5 Come up at round table: Do chairs want us to hold contact info for future chairs? Let us know- you worked hard to make connections with facilities-let us help you save them for the next guy.

Thank you, Archives Chair

Corrections:

Aloha Panel 65, I'm Erik T. an alcoholic and Corrections Chair for Area 17.

I've received my corrections kit from GSO, Ive viewed the DVD that is suggested as a tool for convincing the Institutions about the value of AA meetings. I've begun to read the workbook.

On Maui we have been struggling to pull together volunteers to go into MCCC. It has taken a lot of back and forth with the institution to finally get a date for the orientation, which will be March 18th and 19th the applications need to be submitted prior to March 10th.

I have copies of the Oahu training schedule, one is coming up March 9th and 11th. Oahu could use any sorts of literature donations that the Oahu groups can generate. I had the privilege of extending my stay for this committee meeting to attend an AA meeting in OCCC Thursday evening.

We are about to fill the district corrections chair position. It would be great if each district could get a corrections chair to report what is going on in each district involving correctional institutions...so that we are creating a strong connection for Area to each and every service position available or/ (?) in correctional facilities.

Public Information (PI):

Aloha all let me start off by apologizing to everyone that I have not been in contact with sooner. A couple of days after the Orientation Assembly the internet where I live went out do to a storm. It just came back on line on Wednesday 2/25/15 that same day I received my PI Packet from GSO (Yeah). This was not how I wanted to start my service playing catch up. I am up and running now. I received quite a few emails from individuals who are interested in Pi service this is very encouraging. Some of the things I would like to work on and will need help with from all of you in accomplishing them are, strengthening the PI service at the district and group levels. Working with all of the DCM's and Intergroups to get PI Packets put together that can be given to those District PI committee members, groups and individuals that might be interested. Also, getting Pamphlets and meeting schedules in Libraries and other places. I will be contacting those who were selected at the Orientation Assembly to be on the PI Committee to touch base with them and let them know the Inform the Delegate Questions so they can contact there DCM's for the research and back-round information. I am continuing to grow and learn in this service position. If anyone would like for information on PI service please contact me I would love to hear from you.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Cynthia B.

Website:

Since the last committee meeting, we have helped the Standing Committee Chairs and the DCMs access their emails and updated the website as necessary. There were 3,700 hits on the website in January 2015, compared with 3,022 hits in January 2014. Similarly, there were 2,708 hits in February 2015, compared with 1,842 hits in February 2014. This indicates that we are using the website for gathering materials for our assemblies and committee meetings, and that usage has increased from last year.

2:30 Break

2:45 Host Districts for our 2016 assemblies and committee meetings (from the hat)

Jan. Inventory Assembly- Kauai District 6
Feb. Comm. Meeting- District 13 Tri Island
Inform the Delegate- District 8 West Hawaii
May/June committee meeting- District 17 Waiānae
Budget Assembly- District 11 Kihei
Comm. Meeting- District 3 Leeward
Election Assembly- District 2 Honolulu

3:00 Website tutorial:

Tools for Trusted Servants: Sue reviewed the tools that are available for all Area members to use emails, dropdown menus, log in through ALOHA page, area17email.

3:30 Discussion topic:

Area practices regarding confidentiality, meeting minutes, and our website.

Discussion: Some DCM's would like to be able to view minutes from other districts in a password protected venue, Anonymity is important but we don't want to be considered an elitist group without open. Hawaii may not be as anonymous as other places, we need to have more discretion. This is a business meeting and not an AA meeting we could scrub out all names and use titles. Our minutes are an accurate record of what we do at our business meeting.

3:45 Ask It Basket/What's on your mind?

Host announcements

4:00 Adjourn with Declaration of Unity

Agenda subject to change due to time management.