

Budget Assembly
August 27-28, 2016
Chair Report

After the Inform the Delegate Assembly a few people said, "We don't have anything to do for the rests of the year right?" Not exactly. The first half of each year is always busy, and the flow of AA information seems to go from the General Service Office to us, from us to our Delegate to the General Service Conference and back to us again. This afternoon, Cheryl will be sharing the Final Conference Report with us.

The rest of this year we can focus more on service opportunities that our committees help us with. Sunday afternoon we have at the mic time to share how we can coordinate, continue and improve committee work for the remainder of this panel. This was an area of need pointed out at the Inventory Assembly, so time has been scheduled for us to share experience and suggestions.

The Pacific Forum is coming up at the end of September. To help AA members know what a Forum is and what to expect, some districts have scheduled informational sharing session prior to the Forum weekend. Later today Cheryl our Delegate, Bob our Alternate Delegate and Tommy G. from West Hawaii District #8 will give us a Forum update.

Fall is election time for Hawaii Area 17. In November, we meet again in West Hawaii District #8 to elect a new panel of trusted servants. We have some at the mic time set aside on Sunday to talk about this transition from Panel 65 to Panel 67. If you are willing to serve on Panel 67, I encourage you to talk to those who currently serve in the position you are interested in. This may help you have an idea of the time and work commitment. I also encourage you to read the job descriptions in the Structures and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service, and in the Service Manual.

At the Elections Assembly, I'll have a Panel 65 Summary ready for you. It will contain summaries from the DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Intergroup Chairs, and Officers. The purpose is for the next panel members to have it on hand to refer to, as needed. It's also as reference for AA members who wonder what Area 17 does. GSRs, if you'd like me to include a page of helpful suggestions for GSRs, please send your ideas to me at [chair\(at\)area17aa.org](mailto:chair(at)area17aa.org). I'm asking all of you to be thorough, and brief at the same time. Please email your summaries to me on or before October 20th. Remember, we are writing a summary, not a novel.

The Hawaii Annual Convention is always our fun 12th step call that shows we can live sober and enjoy life. It's a great way to meet and get to know AA members from neighbor islands and far away places.

For the January Orientation Assembly, we will gather again in Kihei, but down the road in a different beach park. Remember you can always to check the area website for updates, or write to any of us if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service,
Coleen A.
Area 17 Chair, Panel 65