

What to Take Back
2016 Inform the Delegate Assembly
April 2-3, 2016

After panel presentations and much loving discussion here is a summary of the group conscience for Hawaii Area 17 (written in **Bold**). For more specific details, see secretary's draft of meeting minutes posted with Budget Assembly reports (area17aa.org).

Panel 1:

- Consider discontinuing the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W." **Yes, but**
- Consider adding text regarding A.A. and medications to the pamphlet "If You are a Professional..." **Yes**
- Considering adding text to the pamphlet "Is there an Alcoholic in the Workplace?" **Yes**

Panel 2:

- Review the Conference approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to The General Service Board from A.A. members. **Agree to raise amount.**
- Review the Conference approved maximum annual contribution to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. Member of \$3,000. **Agree to raise amount to \$6,000.00**

Panel 3:

- Consider developing a plain language version of the Big Book, *Alcoholics Anonymous*. **No**

Panel 4:

- Consider request for revision to the pamphlet "Young People and A.A." **Yes**
- Consider request to update the pamphlet "Twelve Traditions Illustrated." **Yes**

Panel 5: Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

- Review the trustees' Public Information Committee report on the Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan. **Yes**
- Review 2016 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan. **Yes**

Panel 6:

- Discuss a request to reconsider the 2011 Advisory Action regarding the "Policy on Actors Portraying A.A. Members or Potential A.A. Members in Videos Produced by the General Service Board or its Affiliates." **Support reconsidering.**

Panel 7:

The A.A. Service Manual, 2016-2017 Edition:

- Consider adding definition of "Service Manual" to Glossary of Service Terms. **Yes**
- Consider adding text in the Third Legacy Procedure chart in Chapter One. **Yes**
- Consider draft text for a section on "Local Forums" to be added to Chapter Nine. **Yes**
- Consider removing endnote #4 in *Concept Twelve of the Twelve Concepts for World Service*. **Remove endnote #4**
- Consider request to revise text in the Concept Eleven essay regarding "male/female" distinctions in the *Twelve Concepts for World Service*. **2/3 Yes 1/3 No**
- Consider A.A.W.S. recommendation regarding an alternative publishing schedule for *The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service*. **Yes**

Panel 8:

- Consider removing "Special Needs" from Conference Committee on Treatment/Special Needs – Accessibilities' name and throughout committees' Composition, Scope and Procedure. **Let it remain there**

Panel 9:

-Explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories. **Input and ideas from the assembly.**

Panel 10:

- Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. **Input and ideas from the assembly.**

Panel 11:

- Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.)

There is currently a shortage of male AAs signed up to correspond with male inmates. How would you increase participation among the men in the program? **Input and ideas from the assembly. Add way to state language spoken.**

Panel 12:

- Review report from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference regarding Conference observers from other fellowships. **Not in favor**

When she gets back from the General Service Conference, Cheryl, our delegate visits districts and islands to give her General Service Conference Report Back. Let your groups know where and when those reports back will be held.

Also:

PRAASA reports from the Delegate and Chair were given and can be found on the area website. If your district has a PRASSA Report Back, let your group know when it is.

Two proposals will be on the Budget Assembly agenda. (Please discuss with your groups and districts):

Proposal to rescind and remove Alcoholics Anonymous Hawai'i State Corrections Committee By-Laws from Structure and Guidelines.

Proposal to send copies of approved area minutes to the Conference Coordinator at G.S.O.

The Pacific Region Forum will be held at the Hilton Waikoloa from September 30- October 2, 2016. There is no charge to attend. 15 people from the General Service Office will be here. As GSO provides it, information will be available through a link on area17aa.org. Until then, go to aa.org for information GSO posts on the Pacific Region Forum.

The Annual Hawaii Convention will be held at Hilton Hawaiian Village from October 27-30, 2016. They welcome and are always looking for neighbor island participation. Also, they will be hiring a secretary. You can find the job description in the area structures and guidelines, or contact Annual Hawaii Convention.

Of course share your own experience: Pass on what you thought, heard and felt.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

Coleen A., Area 17 Chair