

2017 Budget Assembly Delegate's Report

Aloha kakou! It really is both a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your Area 17 Panel 67 delegate. I'm grateful that you've allowed me this opportunity and I've trying my best meet your expectations as well as my own.

As you probably know, I've been busy since the we last met together at the Inform the Delegate Assembly. As you know, shortly after that assembly I attended the 67th General Service Conference, carrying our voice to the rest of AA in the US and Canada. It was a super experience and I hope you had an opportunity to catch one of our report-backs to hear all about it.

In fact, those report-backs are mostly what I've been doing since I returned. I've given my reports at:

1. June Committee meeting on Oahu
2. West Hawaii at their Founder's Day Celebration
3. East Hawaii at their Founder's Day Celebration (the day after West Hawaii)
4. Oahu for the leeward districts
5. Kauai on the Fourth of July
6. Maui for the combined districts
7. West Oahu

It was a lot of fun getting to travel and share my journey with so many members of our fellowship. The level of interest shown at each location was fantastic. If you want to know a little more about my travels since the Conference, check out the latest Mynah Bird for mysterious article about My Whirlwind Tour.

I also participated in a recent workshop on "Keeping It Simple" hosted by the Windward District. We had speakers discussing all different levels of service and Scott C. and I both spoke on Area Service.

And finally, this past weekend I was able to attend HICYPAA in a totally non-official capacity and I had a great time. It was a super event and I look forward to being able to attend many more.

And now that my travel mostly over for the year, I've been gearing up a bit for next year. As you may know I'm one of the co-chairs of the Remote Community Meeting that happens before the General Service Conference. Our theme this year will be one that came out of the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee. We don't quite have the wording yet, but essentially it will be revolving around our military, active and retired, and families, as remote communities. If you have any input you'd like to give me, I'd love to hear it. In fact, GSO is actively requesting information on this topic.

Requesting Shared Experience

The committee requested that the General Service Office continue to explore strategies to provide more effective services to alcoholics who are veterans and active members of the Armed Services and provide a progress report to the 2018 Conference Committee on Treatment and Accessibilities.

In light of the above Committee Consideration, G.S.O. is requesting shared experience from two different perspectives.

1. How is your committee and/or local members carrying A.A.'s message, within the context of military life, to alcoholics who are veterans and active duty members of the Armed Services?

2. If you are an A.A. member who is also a veteran or active duty member of the Armed Services, please share how the A.A. message was effectively carried to you. Within the context of military life, what barriers, if any, did you face in receiving the A.A. message? Share any additional information you believe would be helpful.

Earlier this month we had our regular Pacific Region Delegate phone conference with our Pacific Regional Trustee, Joel C. We had a great conversation touching on many points from the recent General Service Board Meeting.

Besides the information included in Joel's report we also discussed the ongoing lawsuit over the printer's manuscript that is currently being litigated in New York. There's really not much I can say about the case, other than to tell you that given the nature of legal cases, neither Joel, nor any another board member, can say much. If you have questions I'd be happy to answer what I can, which isn't all that much, but better, you should direct your comments and questions to Clay at our GSO PI Desk. I promise you, as did Clay when I spoke with him, that all your concerns will be forwarded to the board and they will hear them.

Now for the highlights of Joel's report.

[Discuss Joel's Report - too long to include, a shortened version with names removed will be emailed to you upon request and distributed to our Area All mailing list. Please be circumspect with distribution in case. This is not necessarily "official" in that it is Joel's take and not a release from GSO as are the highlights we'll discuss next.]

Besides the information contained in Joel's report, I've posted a copy of the AAWS June Highlights document.

[Discuss AAWS Highlights Report]

And now that I've had a week of vacation, it's time to buckle down and get going with the rest of the year! I'll be at the Annual Hawaii Convention as there's be an Officer's Panel on Saturday morning where we'll discuss the theme and presentation topics for next year's Conference:

A.A. - A Solution for All Generations

- a. Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not Exclusion*
- b. Participation in All of A.A. - Is My Triangle Balanced?*
- c. A.A. Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions*
- d. Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.'s Relation to the World*
- e. Group Conscience: The Guiding Force*

I'll be spending a lot of time with the 67th GSC Final Conference Report as it is a great way of prepping for next year's conference. You can get a real feel for what we'll be asking you to Inform the Delegate about by understanding what was discussed this year. If you have any questions please ask me early.

And finally, there's an opening for an appointed nontrustee committee member for the trustees' committee on literature. Given all the emphasis on looking at our literature for young people that came out of this year's conference I really encourage all our young folks to see if they meet the qualifications, have the time, and want to make sure that A.A.'s message remains, "A Solution for All Generations."

Thank you again for allowing me to be of service as your Area 17 Hawaii Panel 67 Delegate. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. If you'd like me to visit your group or district, please ask, I'd be happy to do it if at all possible. I travel regularly to Hawaii Island and to a lesser extent, Maui. I don't get to Kauai quite as often, but I'm always open to it.

Yours in love and service,

Bob H.

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