

**Minutes for
Hawaii Area 17 Inform the Delegate Assembly
Hosted by Tri-Island District #813
April 8-9, 2017**

8:00am	Breakfast
9:03am	Call to Order with the Serenity Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host DCM Announcements• Sobriety Birthdays: Megan 4/11 (6), Hili 4/15 (26), Carry 4/4 (5), Rob 3/17 (25), Wolf 4/11 (8), Cindy 1/31 (9), Keoki 2/1 (15), Scott 3/31 (31), David 2/26 (16), Clifford 4/3 (23), Chad 3/15 (2), Kunane 2/6 (17), Missing 2 other BD.• Past Delegates present are Scott C. (49), Ken K. (63)• No Reading
9:15am	General Service Conference – Process and Preparation – Scott C.
9:30am	GSC Committee Break-out Sessions
10:45am	BREAK
11:00am	Conference Committee on Archives Archives (p1249) <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Consider proposal for a new publication, Unity in Action; Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951 – 1970 (working title). (pp. 1251 – 1252) Additional committee consideration: should not move on it. Want to know cost and intended audience. Agenda (p.2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Review suggestions for the theme of the 2018 General Service Conference. (pp. 4 -9) “Living in the Now” 2018 GSC Committee recommendationC. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2018 General Service Conference. (pp. 26 – 31) Committee used their right of decision to change it up... Workshop theme – Carrying AA’s message in an age with sub workshop themes: Modernizing A.A., Literature, Finance, Social Media, Safety in AA, and How do we keep members interested in service – what do we do and how?
	Conference Committee on CEC Literature <ul style="list-style-type: none">G. Review progress report for the development of literature for alcoholics with mental health issues and those who sponsor them. (pp. 517 – 518) not enough information; send back to committee for clarificationJ. Consider requests for literature and/or language regarding safety. (pp. 538 – 677) (in-general) there should be more discussion about safety in AA and literature on Safety in AA. Send back for more clarification from Trustees.
12:00pm	LUNCH
1:30pm	Conference Committee on Conventions International Conventions/Regional Forums <ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. (pp. 1261 – 1264) No decisionB. Review 2030 International Convention Site-Selection Procedures. (pp. 1265 – 1273) (The group)

Conscience was split almost exactly

Conference Committee on **Corrections**

Corrections

- A. Discuss the Corrections Correspondence Service (C.C.S.) in the U.S. and Canada. (pp. 249 – 260) **send back to trustees**

We ask that you discuss the following topic with an eye towards how this might apply to Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

- B. Discuss carrying the A.A. message to incarcerated Native American/First Nations/Inuit People. (pp. 261 – 273) **No recommendation send back to trustees for more information**

Conference Committee on **CPC**

Cooperation With the Professional Community

- A. Consider retiring the pamphlet “Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W.” (pp. 86 – 139) **No action, should we archive? Keep it? Change it up? No substantial unanimity**
- D. Consider request that the title of the pamphlet “Is There an Alcoholic in the Workplace?” be changed to “Is There a Problem Drinker in the Workplace?” (pp. 163 – 173) **Recommendation for change. Employer is the intended audience**
- A. Discuss ways of improving communication about A.A. with professionals who come in contact with Armed Services veterans and men and women in the Armed Services. (pp. 174 – 237) **Create a committee along the line of corrections or other standing committees. Focus on having literature racks at VA facilities and affiliates, Increase our contact by offering to have meetings in VA facilities not currently holding meetings.**

Conference Committee on **Policy and Admissions** (DCM 2,4,6,8,10, 12 & Maui/Hawaii Intergroup)

Policy/Admissions

- F. Consider a request that the General Service Conference be held in New York City every other year. **No substantial unanimity – Slight favor to keeping it in New York.**
- G. Consider a request to allow regional service committees to bid to host the General Service Conference. 9pp. 797 – 799) **No action**
- H. Consider a request that the Advisory Action delegation site selection for the General Service Conference to G.S.O. management be rescinded. (pp. 800 – 809) **No action**

Conference Committee on **Finance** (DCM 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 17, & Kauai/Oahu Intergroup)

Finance

- D. Consider request to add test to the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix” indicating there is no dollar limit to the amount a group may contribute. (pp. 297 – 299) **Recommend Change**

Policy/Admissions

- A. Review final report on electronic voting at Conference. (pp. 743 – 747) **Recommended**
- D. Consider request that an anonymity-protected, digital Final Conference Report be published, starting with the 67th General Service Conference. (p. 787) **Recommend an anonymous version**

Conference Committee on **Grapevine**

Grapevine

- A. Discuss the spiritual value of Grapevine and La Vina in carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous. (pp. 309 – 313) **NO ACTION**
- B. Reconsider the 2010 Advisory Action regarding La Vina. (pp. 314 – 319) **NO ACTION**
- C. Reconsider the 2004 Conference Advisory Action on outside sales. (pp. 320 – 322) **NO ACTION**
- G. Discuss ways groups can be kept informed about Grapevine and La Vina when they don't have a GVR or RLV. (pp. 344 – 348. **Consider: DCM and GVRs do outreach**
- H. Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2018 or later. (Pp. 344 – 348) **Recommendation: stories by veterans, active armed service members and native people with specific demographics**

Conference Committee on the **Mynah Bird** (if time allows on Saturday, we will move topic)

Report and Charter

- B. The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service, 2018 – 2020 Edition: (p. 1029)
 - 2) Consider request to add text regarding area websites to Chapter Four of The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service. (pp. 1030 – 1032) **Recommended and passed**
 - 3) Review request to add the bylaws of A. A. World Services, Inc. and A. A. Grapevine, Inc. as appendices. (pp. 1033 – 1035) **No action**
 - 4) Review request to add a footnote to Concept VIII to accurately reflect the current ownership of the service corporations. (pp. 1036 – 1037) **No action**
- C. Consider request that changes to The A.A. Service Manual/Twelve Concepts for World Service be made available to the Fellowship in years that a revised edition is not published. (pp. 1038 – 1039) **Recommended and passed**

Conference Committee on **Public Information**

Public Information

- A. Review 2016 annual report from the trustees' Public Information Committee regarding aa.org and aagrapevine.org. (pp. 822 – 834) **No action**
- C. Review the distribution and tracking information for the video P.S.A. "I Have Hope." (pp. 871 – 873) **No action**
- D. Review 2016 report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Usefulness and Relevance of Public Service Announcements. (pp. 874 – 886) **No action**
- G. Review report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the 2017 Membership Survey. (pp. 969 – 987) **After loving discussion Unanimously recommended and passed**

Conference Committee on **Treatment**

Treatment and Accessibilities

- A. Review the revised draft pamphlet "A.A. for the Alcoholic with Special Needs." (pp. 1044 – 1108) **Recommended changes to 37 revisions**
- B. Discuss the accessibility of the A.A. message for Armed Services veterans. (pp. 1109 – 1172) **No action**

Conference Committee on **Website**

Cooperation with the Professional Community

- C. Consider development of a LinkedIn page for C.P.C. committees. (pp. 152 0 162) **Consider because we are always willing to listen"**

Grapevine

- D. Discuss AA Grapevine, Inc.'s continued exploration of an Instagram account. (pp. 323 – 326) **No action**
- E. Discuss AA Grapevine, Inc.'s continued exploration of a Facebook page. (pp. 327 – 332) **No action**

F. Discuss AA Grapevine Inc.'s continued exploration of a Google for Non-Profits account. (pp. 333 – 337) **No action but we could use more investigation**

Public Information

E. Review report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Implementation of a Google for Non-profits account. (pp. 887 – 925) **No action**

Review report from the trustees' Public Information Committee on the Implementation of a Twitter account. (pp. 926 – 968) **No action**

Conference Committee on **Trustees** (Area Officers)

Trustees

E. Discuss voting procedures for electing trustee-at-large/U.S. (pp. 1215 – 1226) **No action**

F. Consider request regarding the number of regions and number of regional trustees serving on the General Service Board. (pp. 1227 – 1229) **No action**

Policy/Admissions

B. Review final report on the translation of Conference background. (pp. 748 – 783) **No action**

I. Consider a request to add a "YPAA Subcommittee" to the service structure. (pp. 810 – 814) **No action**

Secretary – Minutes approved as written

Treasurer's Report – Approved

As of April 4, 2017 the Hawaii Area funds are as follows: Operating Funds	\$23,172.61
Prudent Reserve	\$5,004.78
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$600.45
Reserve for International Convention	\$1,129.89
Total Cash in Bank	\$28,177.39

Registrar –

- A reminder that everyone attending the Area Assembly needs to register twice – once with the Area Registrar to verify your group's information and receive voting slips and also with the Host District in order to pay registration fee.
- Any time the information for a Group changes - time, meeting location, GSR address change – there is a Group Change Form that needs to be filled out & sent to either the Area Registrar or GSO in New York. I have this form available in a typeable PDF that you can fill in and send back to me. Email me at registrar@area17aa.org
- There is a New Group Form for those groups who are not registered with GSO. I can send you a copy or it can be found on both the Area and AA websites. Even if a group chooses not to participate in General Service, we would like them to receive the mailings from GSO and stay informed.
- Standing Committees have been assigned for all Active groups in the Area. These can be found on the sign in sheet with your group's information. Each DCM also has this information, which will be updated

after each Assembly. If your group does not have a Standing Committee assignment, please see or email the registrar.

- Group Information Sheets have been given to the DCM's. The purpose is to verify and update the information for EACH group in the Area for the printing of the Regional Directory. My deadline for changes to be included in the Regional Directory is May 12. Please have changes to me by May 7th so that I have time to get them in the database. GSR's – please help your DCM's with this!!! – Mahalo Nui Loa.
- In order to be considered an Active group, each group needs 3 things:
 1. A primary contact person with a valid mailing address
 2. A meeting location
 3. A meeting time

If a group is missing any of this information or the mailing address becomes invalid, the group becomes Unknown and stops receiving mailings from GSO.

- A little more educational information...

A group's primary contact can be the GSR, or the Alternate GSR or a Mail Only Contact.

If a group does not want to participate in General Service, they are welcome to make that autonomous choice and still receive mailings from GSO.

Alternate Delegate – Attended PRAASA. Attended Convention Steering Committee Meeting via Zoom. Please take registration forms with you and register early. GSRs should have GSR Handbook, Structure's and Guidelines and Checklist for hosting Assemblies. Coleen suggested GSRs spend time with other GSRs and past GSRs to serve as a roadmap or gage for growth in current position.

Alternate Chair –Tommy G. Thank you TRI-Island district 13 for a great Inform the Delegate Assembly. As part of my duties I serve on the Hawaii Annual Convention Steering committee and as Coleen mentioned we were literally Zoomed in. I was at my home in Kona and I joined in on Zoom with our steering committee he members on Oahu, and it was different but worked out great, it's almost like being there in person. Also working with districts and their groups setting up assemblies and committee meetings and I have fun doing that. I want to thank the districts, in advance, with upcoming meetings or assemblies for their great efforts in getting facilities, and finding the right dates so not to interrupt other AA events. Being Alt chair has broadened my commitment to serve our area and World services, it has been more than I expected but so worth it getting closer to my fellow members in Area 17. See the agenda for upcoming events.

Chair – The agenda will be revised for tomorrows Assembly. Tommy will Chair tomorrows assembly because I must leave. Enjoy the assembly.

5:00 Close with the Responsibility Declaration – Dinner Hosted by TRI-Island District

Minutes
Hawaii Area 17 Orientation Assembly
Hosted by Tri-Island District #13
Sunday, April 9, 2017

8:00am	Breakfast
9:00am	Call to Order with the Serenity Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host DCM Announcements• Mock GSC Procedures
11:40am	Delegate Report Bob H. Delegate activities at GSC I'm reminded to "Take back what is interesting to you; take what moved your heart" Do what I did... say "I don't but I can find out the answer for you" Don't sweat the stuff that gets posted because you can get that later Jump in with both feet Remote Community meeting - volunteered to present "Linking Remote Communities Through Technology" PRAASA mp3 available AA world highlights copies provided and will be posted on the area website 92 items on the agenda at GSO – highest number ever What's going on at GSO will be available on AA website Letter to mental health professionals 5600 people buy e-books The greater Toronto intergroup Delisted an atheist-agnostic group the board Greater Toronto intergroup now list any AA group wanting to be listed GSC 2017 in Manhattan GSC 2018 in Manhattan GSC 2019 in Rye Show and Tell - Special artist in residence to the delegate is Keri - appointed by Bob H. Bob is taking postcard designed by Keri with a PRF pin attached to it. Thank you Scott C. Hawaii Area 17 nominee to Trustee-at-Large Huge travel Huge amount of time Will Attend the Redella Big island June 10-11 will do report back I will Take your Aloha to New York
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH
	GSR Roundtable – Bob H. Unity When do we call the police? Groups to participate in district low attendance at district meetings - Offer food

GSR RT with Ken

GSR don't like the standing committee he/she is on

How much information to take back

What does GSR take to district and what happens to that information? Group events

Closed meeting and singleness of purpose

Group inventory /aa group /pamphlet how often?

MARE STC RT

Conventions

Standing committee chairs duties in between assemblies

Inform the delegate roundtable mini conference was valuable

More preparedness for mini conference

BESTY – DCM RT

Calling the cops

DCMs service manual, tradition, concepts teaching

GSR RT with Scott C.

Big T vs Small T

Chanting in meeting

Religiosity

Adding to format not to chant

What to use for closing meeting serenity prayer or responsibility

Telling groups what they can and cannot do in meeting

Each group is antonymous

PATTILYN INTERGROUP RT

5 Intergroup in the state of Hawaii – Maui, Oahu, West Hawaii, East Hawaii, Kauai

Area Officers RT

1. Discuss the election process of the Trustee-at-Large in the interest of choosing the best possible candidate.
2. Consider allowing eligible members to attend the assembly via web conference to submit candidacy for Trustee – at – large nominee selection.
 - a. Should the consideration fail, is the body willing to pay the costs for the willing eligible candidates to attend the assembly?
3. Discussion to revise and populate the line item “Hawaii Annual Convention – Other” with the budget cost(s) not including travel, for the Alt Delegate and Alt Chair who are convention steering committee members to attend the 2018 state convention to fulfill their duties.
4. Discuss options/solutions/ideas to cover the costs for Alt Delegate and Alt Chair who are convention steering committee members to attend the 2017 Hawaii State Convention to perform their duties and responsibilities during the convention event.

PRAASA Reports

1. Matea's 18th PRAASA. Sacramento handed over to the next PRAASA in Sparks Nevada. Spiritual message - Hispanic woman need help, Young people in the service structure, and social groups need to be addressed

2. Deborah L .D17 1st PRAASA. The woman from Hawaii stuck together, trading exchanging numbers with people all over. We sit, chat and bounce ideas off each other. Hispanic woman need help. Their participation in AA is serving food or janitorial work. One of the woman she met at PRAASA last week shared at Xfacta.
3. Jeannie 1st time to PRAASA. It can be overwhelming being in service. Hispanic women needing to be accepted.
4. 6th praasa Clifford s. It was cold. Looking for an answer... moment came on Sunday when I found myself crying it was a spiritual experience that happened to me on Friday. 2nd year delegate shared spiritual listening vs. physical listening
5. Coleen's spiritual experience - I see unity at PRAASA. Trusted servants as "servants" traditions and concepts workshop had English translators. Attended YPAA Roundtable

3:23pm

What to take back is Forthcoming, Adjourned
Close with the Responsibility Statement