

2017 October Committee Meeting Delegate's Report

Aloha kakou! I'm grateful for the opportunity to be of service to you and thank you again for allowing me to serve as your Area 17 Panel 67 Delegate.

I've been busy and on the move since our last gathering.

I want to thank Larry W., the Windward District #4 DCM, and all the other servants who invited me to do my last Delegate Report-Back of the year on September 16th right here at the Kailua United Methodist Church. I can't speak for my presentation, but the food was great, the fellowship excellent, and I again I was especially pleased by the intelligent questions asked. It's great to know just how much interest we have in how A.A. as a whole is functioning.

Two weeks after that I attended the Annual Hawaii Convention, along with many of you, and I want to thank all the volunteers for doing a great job. I was out front at my 'Delegate's Desk' answering questions about General Service and our Hawaii Area. It's great to see so much gratitude in action. Most of your area officers also participated in a Saturday morning panel using next year's Conference Theme and Presentation Topics:

- A.A.: A Solution For All Generations
- Today's Alcoholic: Inclusion, Not Exclusion
- Participation in All of A.A. — Is My Triangle Balanced?
- A.A. Technology: Where Innovation Meets the Traditions
- Attraction Not Promotion: A.A.'s Relation to the World
- Group Conscience: The Guiding Force

We had great presentations from each of our presenters following by a lively discussion of issues by attendees.

As always both our Area Chair, Kunane, and Area Delegate are asked to take the stage briefly on Friday and Saturday evenings to welcome all our convention attendees on behalf of Area 17.

I also want to thank both our Area Alternate Delegate, Coleen A., and our Area Alternate Chair, Tommy G., for their hard work throughout the convention. We had a great discussion about their participation at the convention during our last assembly and I can assure you that they worked long and hard hours in service. Having served twice on the Convention Steering Committee myself, I can assure you that serving at the convention is not a vacation. It's work, plain and simple, work we've asked them to do. Great job you guys!

The week after our convention I was in Burley Idaho for their combined state convention and Area 18 Fall Assembly. I'd decided to attend because of my great friendship with Barry S., their Panel 66 Delegate. Joel C., the current Pacific Regional Delegate was also in attendance and we had a great time together. You can read all about my doings in the "Delegate's Corner" on our area website. I'll just say here that I was happy to be of service at their elections assembly at the registration desk and later in assisting Joel in facilitating their elections. I was happy to be there when their new Panel 68 Delegate was elected, Shannon C. She'll be a great asset to the Idaho Fellowship and I eagerly look forward to serving with her next year at the GSC. I'll also note that Greg T., our current General Service Office Manager, was not able to attend for health reasons. Because of that, I was asked to step in as the Saturday Night Speaker at their convention and I had a great time. Idaho does Aloha almost as well as we do.

That brings us almost up to date, but I should mention a few other activities. I was pleased to attend the TYG Home Group Day on Saturday, October 15th. It was a wonderful event as those of you who attended know and I was very pleased to note that it was planned so as to include Al-Anon Family Group participation. The next weekend I attended the Waianae District's workshop on "Emotional Sobriety." It's a great topic and you might want to check out Bill W.'s letter to an old friend on the topic which can be found in the book, "Language of the Heart."

I also was able to play host to two different visiting servants, one from Area 80, Manitoba, Canada, Ian R. their current delegate, and Mike B. from Houston, Texas. I got an update on how Houston is doing following the devastating hurricane there. Mike's currently a GSR in the South Texas Area, as well as serving on the conference committee for the Annual Brazos Conference. I was able to involve both of them in A.A. service during their stay. Yes!

I'll be traveling again the first weekend in December to visit Laura H., the current Alaska Area 02 Panel 66 Delegate and her husband, Torvald, a past Delegate from Alaska. As it's the first weekend of the month I'm hopeful we can make it on the monthly trip to Lanai for a meeting. Also, I'll be there Friday night through Sunday evening, so if anyone needs me for anything while on Maui, let me know and I'll try to fit it in. Perhaps I can even bring along Laura and Torvald, though it is a vacation for them I know they'll be attending meetings.

And that's what I've been doing lately. I was thinking that perhaps there's a slow time for delegate's, but it seems that comes after we step down.

The rest of my report will be based on the A.A.W.S. Highlights and on possible upcoming conference topics. As they are only possible topics I will only be discussing them, it's important that was they have not yet been approved, we don't spread them out there and get people thinking that they will definitely be topics. That won't be decided until the January General Service Board meeting. But it's still worth getting a heads up on what we'll be discussing next year.

[AAWS Highlights – see separate document]

[Possible Conference Agenda Topics – orally presented]

PRAASA is really just around the corner. I've already been asked to provide names for people I'd like to recommend for service as presenters, moderators, timers, and the like. If you know you are going, please sign up today with your full name, contact information, and whether you've ever presented or been 'onstage' at a previous PRAASA. We'll be doing this again in January at the Inventory Assembly, but they've started early this year, so let's do the same. I'm already booked for Reno, how about you?

I'm also gearing up to chair the Remote Communities Meeting prior to the Conference. It'll be a bit of work, but it was very rewarding to be involved last year and I'm really looking forward to it.

In fact, because of you, Hawaii Area 17, I can honestly say I look forward to each new day. It's an honor, a privilege, and a pleasure to serve you.

Yours in love and service,

Bob H.

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