2018 Elections Assembly - Delegate's Report

Aloha kakou! Thank you for the past two years. It's been quite a journey we've shared during Panel 67. I have no way of thanking you enough for this opportunity to serve, and just as importantly, for the opportunity to grow this position has afforded me. I hope you feel the same about your service position.

And now it's time to elect our new Area 17 Panel 68 servants. I know they will be facing the same hopes and dreams, and perhaps the same worries and fears, as we did two years ago when we were elected and began this two year journey together.

Let us choose our leaders with care, just as we were chosen.

While you might think things get slower during the last few months of a panel, at least for me they have not. I reported on attending the Pacific Regional Forum at our rescheduled Budget Assembly in Hilo, and then I was off to Maui to assist with a Twelve Traditions workshop. I want to thank the Maui fellowship for inviting me and, surprising to me, having such a great turn-out on a beautiful Sunday afternoon to talk about Traditions. Wow....way to go!

As you may recall, last year I was able to attend the Idaho, Area 18, Panel 68 elections and watch their current Delegate, Shannon, get elected. She took over for my great friend and Panel 66 Delegate, Barry S. I mention this because he'll be visiting Hawaii all week and is with us to help out at this Elections Assembly. Thanks Barry.

We'll also be headed to Molokai together next weekend where I'll give a brief report-back on the 68th GSC and Barry will probably share a bit about his experiences as well as the upcoming WACYPAA to be held in Boise this coming January.

And of course, the following week is the Annual Hawaii Convention where I'll be at a desk in the lobby answering General Service questions, welcoming folks, and having a blast. Some of your other Area Officers, as well as myself, will be hosting a panel on the 69th GSC's Theme, Our Big Book - 80 Years, 71

Languages , and the presentation and workshop topics:

Yesterday's World – Our Legacies Begin

Today's World – Demonstrating Integrity, Anonymity and Service

Tomorrow's World – Courage to be Vigilant

Clarity of Purpose – Addressing the Needs of Our Meetings (workshop)

Much has been happening at the GSO as well. I've made a few copies of the most recent AAWS Highlights have posted it online as well. Here's a quick recap:

Refer to AAWS Highlights]

I'm also happy to report that I've submitted the proposal we passed at our last assembly to the GSC. Patrick, on the Conference Desk responded:

Bob. Thank you. Will review and move the proposed agenda item into the process. Good to hear from you! Patrick

There's a chance we'll know more about the outcome this year as there's an October Board meeting coming up. I will, of course, let you know about any movement.

I'll also be reporting to you at least one more time about things coming from that board meeting after it is held. There's a November 6th conference call scheduled with our Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathi F., where we'll get updates. I should also note, our new Panel 69 delegate is invited to that call to say hi and get their feet wet.

And, after quite a wait, we have the paper copies of the Final Report of the 68th GSC. Hopefully, we'll have some time to go over it this weekend, but as you'll recall, I posted the PDF versions on the website in time for the last assembly.

I also wanted to say a couple of words about your district elections. I know some of you have expressed concern that it's hard to find servants to step up and stand for positions. It is always a challenge, one we seem to face every two years. We've muddled through more often than not, and I'm sure we will again. But, I do want to extend my offer to help in anyway I can. If you'd like me to visit, for whatever reason, just ask and I'll do what I can.

There's a lot more I could report on, there always is. But we have important work today, so let's be about it.

I'll close this, my last Assembly Report as your delegate, the way I started it. I can't thank you enough for allowing me to serve you these past two years, and the years leading up to this panel. I look forward to assisting your next delegate in any way I can, and I stand ready to be of service as your newest past delegate once January rolls around.

Yours in love and service,

Bob H. Hawaii Area 17 Panel 67 Delegate