

HAWAII AREA 17
2019 PROPOSED BUDGET NARRATIVE
May 19, 2017

Aloha Area 17,

The finance committee has worked hard on preparing the 2019 Hawai'i Area proposed budget. Attached is the proposed Hawai'i Area 2019 proposed budget for \$40,033.50. The budget reflects a priority of spending as set by the Hawai'i Area. The first priority of the Hawai'i Area is to ensure our voice is represented and heard at the General Service Conference by our Delegate. The budget reflects totals set by reviewing the actual spending from the last two years, totals for this current budget year and speaking with committee chairs and other individuals that directly serve the area that have expenses such as committee chairs and area officers.

Hawai'i Structures & Guidelines: 7.D Priority of Spending

1. Delegate Expenses
2. Area Assembly and Committee Meeting Expenses
3. Standing Committee Expenses
4. Other Expenses

Budget Notes:

Line Item:	Amount	Note:
Delegate Expenses	\$3050.00	Set expenses that occurs on a yearly basis to support our delegate to the General Service Conference. Same as 2018
Officers & Standing Comm. Chairs Airfare	\$17,740.00	Same as 2018 based on projected travel expense for area offices and standing committee chairs to participate at area assemblies and committee meetings. Airfare costs continue to increase annually by the airlines.
Standing Committee Budgets	\$6,040.00	The budgeted amounts for each standing committee were submitted by each standing committee chair based on the service work planned for their committee.
Pacific Forum	\$0.00	When possible, the area supports the delegate and chair to the Pacific Forum that happens every even year.
Trustee Visit	\$1400.00	When possible, the area supports Pacific Regional Trustee visit in odd years.
All other line items		Budgets are based on previous years' actual expenses.

As written in the Hawai'i Area Structure and Guidelines, the Finance Committee is responsible for monitoring the budget and making recommendations for any adjustments throughout the year. The budget and Area service work is supported by the 7th tradition contributions of the Area 17.

In love and service,

Mike K., Area Treasurer, Panel 67

SELF-SUPPORT

The 7th Tradition states: "Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

While contributions cover each group's rent and other expenses, the 7th Tradition is essential at every level of A.A. service. It is both a privilege and a responsibility for groups and members to ensure that not only their group, but also their intergroup/central office, local services, district, area and the General Service Office remain self-supporting. This keeps A.A. free of outside influences that might divert us from our primary purpose – to help the alcoholic who still suffers.

*The amount of our contribution is secondary to the spiritual connection that unites all groups around the world.
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