

Aloha Hawaii Area 17 Trusted servants,

I hope you and your loved ones are well. This is a long update with lots of information. Before you hunker down and read all this, please feel free to pause and pour yourself a cup of coffee ...

OK, are you ready?

I wanted to update you on what is going on in regards to the 70th General Service Conference, and to let you know what the Area 17 officers are planning for Hawaii Area 17:

1. The AA World Service Board of Trustees responsible for the General Service Conference rescinded the decision to hold a virtual General Service Conference the week of April 19-24, 2020.
2. The General Service Conference staff and trustee committees are willing to plan and work towards a virtual 70th General Service Conference to be held between May 16-24, 2020.

Kathi, our Pacific Region Trustee conveyed this information to the Pacific Region delegates and asked if we would like to have a conference and would be informed enough by our areas by May 16th. I am willing to participate, but realize I don't have a sense of the area this year. I am not alone. All the Pacific Region delegates are feeling less informed than in the past, and are working to be as informed as possible. Other choices were discussed. To continue with a bare bones version of the General Service Conference seemed most preferred.

Because of current circumstances, Hawaii Area 17 had to cancel our Inform the Delegate Assembly that we had scheduled to be held on Maui the first weekend in April. To get input on the panel topics, we created an online survey so we could still get the information from groups and members to the delegate. But, that is not enough. I don't feel informed and need more input from you.

The officers decided to have a virtual Inform the Delegate Assembly via Zoom. It will be a new way we can hear each other, and share our experience, strength and hope with each other.

The Area 17 officers have observed/attended some virtual assemblies, met via ZOOM, and have come up with a plan for Hawaii Area 17 to "Inform the Delegate" as best as possible, considering the circumstances. **A Zoom "Inform the Delegate Assembly" has been scheduled for Saturday May 2nd, 2020.** It will be a bare bones assembly, lasting the full day, with time for each Panel to present 3-5 minute written summaries of their agenda items, time at the mike, and time to take a "sense of the room" (take an online poll for voting members to vote Yes/No for each agenda item). As the day unfolds, we will all see the results after each panel presentation. Equally as valuable and important, you will give me a way to participate in the General Service Conference with a knowledge of Area 17's experience, strength and hope.

What's the plan and timeline?

1. Today through April 24th - DCMs, You may recall I gave each of you a survey to complete. This survey pertains to my committee assignment: Agenda Committee for the General Service Conference. Please, I would like 100% participation from all the districts. If you haven't already done so, please mail this survey to me by April 24th. The sooner the better though.
2. Today through April 24th Online surveys for the "Inform the Delegate" Panels: Those in area service who are voting members already have your committee assignments, topic assignments and access to your background information. (voting members are General Service Representatives, District Committee Members, Standing Committee Chairs, Intergroup Chair, and Area 17 Officers). Please finish your research and gather your group conscience for your assigned topics.
3. Then please enter this information/complete the survey on our area website area17aa.org by April 24th. **We extended the cutoff date. We need you to please complete your part of the survey by April 24th.** You may of course complete any of the surveys.
4. April 25th, our Alternate Delegate will collate the answers you submit in the survey and distribute them to Standing Committee Chairs, Intergroup Representatives, DCMs and Officers.
5. April 25th (time TBD) Area 17 Committee (DCMs, SCCs, IC, Officers) will have a ZOOM meeting to explain and answer questions regarding written Panel summaries.
 - a. Each Panel: Prepare a written 3-5 minutes summary of your topics to present at the assembly.
 - b. Standing committee chairs, and panel presenters, please review the submitted survey results, and write a summary of 3-5 minutes in length. Using the survey results as a reference, SCC's can present the summary, or choose a member of your panel to do so. Your panel also need to choose a presenter to read your summary at the Zoom Inform the Delegate Assembly.
 - c. DCMs – You all need to summarize your input as well. Choose someone to write a 3 – 5 minutes summary. Choose someone to present. If you want to use the email system to communicate that is fine. We could also set up a DCM zoom meeting, let me, Kunane or Tommy know and we will figure that out.
6. What about the new GSRs? Wednesday, April 29th, from 7:00-8:00 PM Kunane, our Alternate Delegate will hold a ZOOM New GSR Orientation meeting.
 - a. DCMs – if you have new GSRs, Kunane needs their email address, so please send them to altdelegate@area17aa.org. Other are welcome to attend as well.
7. May 1st: Panel presenters mail written summaries to officers. Our Area 17 secretary will collate them so they are available to attendees on May 2nd.
8. Be on the lookout for your invitation to attend the Inform the Delegate Assembly Saturday, May 2nd, 8:00am - 3:30pm.
 - a. Although the assembly will formally start at 9:00 AM, we are opening the ZOOM room at 8:00 am so we can figure out "registration" (who are voting members, who are visitors and guests) and how to get everyone in the room by the 9:00

starting time for the assembly. Tommy, our Area Chair will be sending out and posting the agenda.

9. With breaks and time for lunch we will have our Zoom Inform the Delegate Assembly. I know we will send invitations to area17all, we need DCMs to contact GSRs and invite them as well.
10. Please be patient! There may be sudden and unexpected challenges as we figure this out together. We have our spiritual principles to help us all. This is a new frontier for us and we are all pioneers.

Timeline for the ZOOM Inform the Delegate Assembly: **“2020: A Clear Vision for You”**

WHEN	WHO	WHAT
Before April 24	DCMs	Mail Agenda survey results to delegate.
April 10- April 24, 2020	Area 17 GSRs, DCMs, SCCs, ICs and Officers	Complete the online survey for your panel
		Complete online survey for any panel of your/your group’s choice.
April 25 th Time to be announced	Area Committee Members	Zoom meeting to answer question, clarify roles and responsibilities.
April 29 th 7:00-8:00 PM	New GSR orientation	Zoom Orientation Meeting – open to others who want a refresher.
May 1 st	Panel Presenters	Email your written panel presentation to officers.
May 2 nd 8:00AM- 3:30PM Or ‘till pau.	All voting members (GSRs, DCMs, SCCs, ICs, and officers) and guests	ZOOM Inform the Delegate Assembly. Agenda will be sent out prior to the assembly.

That’s our plan. I am excited and nervous at the same time. In in past, when faced with “life on life’s terms” events that were unfamiliar, challenging and at times difficult, my sponsor would share: “That’s when Higher Power gets to shine!”

Please contact me, or any of the officers with your questions. We are a phone call or email away.

DCMS, if you would like me to attend your ZOOM District meeting, please let me know.

Aloha,

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