

## 2017 Budget Assembly Alternate Delegate's Report

Aloha. Thank you District 8 for hosting us and for taking the time to help make this assembly possible.

Welcome to any new GSR's. Please see me during the first break. I have copies of the GSR Handbook and Structure and Guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 for you. You can also find service material on our website [area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org). There is no way you can learn or catch up on Area 17 during one break. So, I am asking everyone here who participated in the Orientation Assembly or has experience with area service, to please reach out to the new GSRs in your district. As always, GSRs please reach out to us if you have questions or concerns.

Bob keeps me up to date. Usually, we are able to have a phone conversation on Monday afternoons. At his request, I replied to a questionnaire from Area 61 regarding how our area committees function.

We have an Ad Hoc Committee is looking into how other areas choose the best possible candidate for regional trustee or trustee at large. Bob and I put together a questionnaire. Because it is not always possible for our qualified candidates to attend assemblies, we asked: "Must those who qualify and wish to be considered, be physically present or do you allow candidates to submit their name and qualifications to be included on the ballot via other methods including but not limited to written resume, Facetime, Skype, ooVoo, or Zoom?"

Nine areas responded so far. Seven do require the candidate to be physically present were: 03 Arizona, 31 Western Massachusetts, 58 Oregon, 68 South West Texas, 70 Vermont, 69 Utah, 72 Western Washington (with this note added: but this might change in the future as technology is increasingly embraced).

Two areas that do not require the candidate to be physically present were: 47 Central New York, 91 Saskatchewan

Since only nine areas responded, we'll reach out again to those areas that did not respond as see if we can gather more information.

Annual Hawaii Convention –With the exception of the meeting where candidates for the next AHC Chair were interviewed, I've attended steering committee meetings via Zoom. Everything has been planned, ordered and reserved and we are looking forward to sharing with others how we trudge the road of happy destiny together. Please consider joining us at the Hilton Hawaiian Village September 28th- October 1<sup>st</sup>.

In July, Maui districts hosted a workshop on Safety in A.A. Vernon G. and I were asked to moderate. The workshop committee shared copies of new service material from GSO titled Safety and A.A.: Our Common Welfare. Attendees met in round tables and focused on the solution regarding handling disruptive behavior in meetings, and handling predatory/abusive/inappropriate behavior in the AA community. We also discussed questions from the ask it basket. The workshop was well attended and the notes from the round tables are in this month's Mynah Bird.

I attended the budget presentations that Mike made on Maui and was on hand for questions, if asked. Here are two questions regarding the expense for the alternate chair and alternate delegate to attend the Annual Hawaii Convention: Kihei district asked, "Have the GSR's ever had a say in the area and convention working together?" The answer is yes, in the past 12 years, there have been two motions for the convention and area to separate. Both times the motion did not pass. No Ka`Oi and Tri Island districts wanted to know; "Is being a part of the convention helpful for the area?" As a resident of Maui, I used to wonder about that myself. But as a steering committee member, I've seen more participation by local AA members at the annual Hawaii Convention than at any other gathering I attend. Newcomers and members with some time fulfill their responsibilities and become a part of an event that draws participants from all over the world. And, over time, many become the trusted servants that sit next to us as at assemblies and share in the responsibility of taking care of AA as a whole.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve,

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