

**Hawaii Area 17 Inform the Delegate  
Assembly Hosted by Tri-Island  
District #13 Saturday, April 27, 2019  
Minutes - Annotated**

9:00 am **Call to Order** with the Serenity Prayer

• **Sobriety Birthdays**

- Introductions of Past Delegates Scott (49) Linda (61) Cheryl (65) Ken (63) Bob H (67)
  - Reading (The Delegate, Duties – S50) Kaleka
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**Panel I. Archives**

I. **Agenda** (pgs. 22-28)

C. Discuss workshop topic ideas for the 2020 General Service Conference.

VII. **Policy /Admissions** (pgs. 347-355)

Empowering new members; singleness of purpose; unity; open meetings vs closed meetings; attracting people to service; making it attractive; giving a feeling they can do it.

E. Discuss a request to “develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items.” (pgs. 540-541) .

Issue: no clear understanding of the background to discuss; need better synopsis of the issue; not enough information to make an informed decision.

A. Consider request to add the 1940’s home movie of the co-founders and their wives to the video “Markings on the Journey.”

Balance between yes and no although group did not view the video.

B. Review Archives Workbook. 11:30am consensus - no need revision:

**DISCUSSION:** Pati D9 Did you get to see the video? Video purchased by Alt Chair to view at Budget Assembly. Cyrus D8 compliments the group feedback.

**COLEEN:** Sense of the room to consider adding to add the 1940’s home movie of the co-founders and their wives to the video “Markings on the Journey Substantial Unanimity

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**Panel II. CPC**

**II. Cooperation with the Professional Community**

A. Discuss progress on implementation of A.A.W.S. Linkedin Page. (pgs. 70-89) Business to Business Marketing powerhouse platform.

B. Consider request to remove text “They may help arrange hospitalization” from the pamphlet “Alcoholics

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Anonymous in Your Community.” (pgs. 90-91) Discussed at length. Agreed to Remove statement “They may help arrange hospitalization” from the pamphlet “Alcoholics Anonymous in Your Community.” (pgs. 90-91) Consensus: Substantial to remove statement.

C. Review Content of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook. (pg. 92)

Recommend remove lets be friendly with our friends. Update information to jive with the times.

**Consensus:** Likes that Military and veterans are included.

**DISCUSSION:** MATEA (6) AA needs to be updated; MICHELLE (11); Cyrus (8) LinkedIn page cannot be “taken down” Erika (EHI Intergroup Chair) lots of groups that are on LinkedIn. Better platforms to get the word out to AAs. Tommy

**Coleen:** Helpful in some ways; already established; other platforms we can use.

Consensus that LinkedIn fade out Substantial Unanimity.

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**Panel III.**

**CEC VI. Literature**

C. Consider request to develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous. (pgs. 153-159)

Part 1: make no changes to 164 pages to make Big Book more relevant.

The older stories are still relevant. Part 2: include a section for the young people. Group unanimously agreed that Young People should have a section of their own in the big book. Newcomer packets in the workbook; examples of how much literature a group should purchase based on the size of their group.

**CONSENSUS:** Substantial Unanimity to develop a Fifth edition

F. Consider the development of a Literature Committee Workbook. (pgs. 165-175)

CEC Group Unanimously agreed a literature guideline book be developed. CEC group thinks it should be considered that a Literature Standing Committee be developed.

**CONSENSUS:** No more than yes. No substantial unanimity.

J. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.” (pgs. 262-263)

CEC agreed to consider revising the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.” (pgs. 262-263) and adding 2 parts.

Part 1: Do you feel safe coming to the group? Part 2: Are the groups members treated with respect?

**DISCUSSION:** we don’t need a new pamphlet. We need to do our job. Kathy: we should work on a 5th tradition. Sean (6) We should get started on a new big book Area consider having a literature standing committee.

Write a whole new book.

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Nancy: Adding to the pamphlet "Do the groups members treat each other with respect?  
Rather than "are group members treated with respect?"

**CONSENSUS:** Substantial unanimity to change the wording.

**Coleen:** Strong love for the first 164 pages of the big book. Show respect to the old stories. Want access to the stories removed.

Are we duplicating what central office does? Can be discussed at the group level.

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#### **Panel IV. Corrections**

##### **III. Corrections**

A. Consider request for a review of all corrections related literature in order to make the language more modern and inclusive. (pgs. 95-96)

change the word "inmate" to alcoholic change the language to be more modern and inclusive. Sense of the room: substantial unanimity no change

B. Consider request that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein. (pgs. 97-99)

Large undertaking and waste of time. Create database at the district or area level. Substantial Unanimity against consideration that the General Service Office establish and help maintain a database of Correctional Facilities in each service area in the U.S. and Canada and the status of meetings held therein. Sense of the room: Substantial Unanimity no change.

C. Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook. (pgs. 100-102)

Kit and workbook a standard and hard copy secondary. Make the kit and workbook readily available online to download and any other kit and workbook. The kit is no cost to us.

**Discussion:** Topic C (Sean); Jim the pamphlet is not broken; Freddie need clarification why we want change; Max Pretrial people are inmates and offenders are sentenced folk.

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#### **Panel V. Grapevine**

##### **V. Grapevine**

A. Consider the list of suggested AA Grapevine book topics for 2020 and later. (pgs. 115-118)

**Group Feedback:** The Early Days of AA and Getting involved in General Service; Surrender and Hope (La Vina).

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**Sense of the room:** Substantial Unanimity

B. Consider request to remove the “Alcoholism at Large” section from AA Grapevine. (pg. 573, pgs. 119-140, Does this violate Tradition 6 & 10. Pages 3 of 8 keep. Not written by A.A.s.

**DISCUSSION:** Nancy; Matea (B) leave it in. Important for doctors to learn from; Important to the medical community. Aaron on Alcoholism at Large thinks the stories are pertinent. Roxanne likes that part of the Grapevine” Ritch the grapevine is more up to date keep the medical opinion.

**Sense of the room:** Opposed to take out Substantial Unanimity.

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**Panel VI. Mynah Bird**

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M. Consider revising the Foreword to the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions. (pgs. 271-275) “

**Discussion:** To include the language about the 12 concepts.” 4 groups yes 3 groups no. the average person has no use for the concepts.

**Sense of the room:** Substantial Unanimity opposed not to revise 12 x 12

N. Consider suggestions to add “nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card. (pgs. 276-278)

**Panel Group Conscience:** Group said yes unanimously.

**Sense of the room:** 50 \ 50

O. Consider request to update the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.” (pg. 279)

**Panel group conscience:** 6 groups yes/1 group no.

**DISCUSSION:** Matty simplified language can only be beneficial for deaf & blind; Julie in favor of incorporating language from the “blue card”; Billy vital to our fellowship; Kelvin; Michelle every group is autonomous; lets focus on our primary purpose; Leave the pamphlet as is; you can find the concepts elsewhere.

**Sense of the room:** Substantial unanimity oppose change.

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**Young People’s A.A. Circles of Service Reports:** Paige remote communities outreach chair and crossing campout chair; Bridge the Gap  
Molokai 25 members daily meetings and Lanai 5-6 member 3 meetings a week.

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**Panel VII. Public Information**

**VIII. Public Information**

C. Public Service Announcements (PSA's):

3. Consider request that the video PSA "My World" be discontinued. (pg. 425)

**Group Feedback:** 2010; dark and updated. 1 min 13 sec long you can find PSA through any search engine.

**Sense of the room:** substantial unanimity to discontinue.

4. Consider request to approve the development of a new PSA in video format that utilized full-faced actors (not members of A.A.). (pgs. 426-439)

**Group Feedback:** Policy to protect both the actor alcoholic and alcoholic member. Read the full-faced policy. 4-0 yes approve new PSA. AA policy does not allow us to group in favor of showing actors full-faced. Use animals instead of humans. Full-faced actor might be a potential actor.

**Sense of the room:** substantial unanimity in favor of.

D. Review draft language addressing anonymity and safety proposed for the pamphlet "Understanding Anonymity." (pgs. 440-442)

**Group Feedback:** Group is in favor of the draft language. Body is in favor of the draft language.

E. Consider request to update language in the flyer "A.A. at a Glance," (pgs. 443-445)

**Group Feedback:** Change to "Sobriety is maintained through experience strength and hope"

**Sense of the room:** Substantial unanimity in favor to see the language changed.

H. Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook. (pg. 460)

**Group Feedback:** Annually updated by GSO; Discussion: not a radical idea. Consider animation.

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**Panel VIII. Treatment**

**X. Treatment and Accessibilities**

A. Consider revising the pamphlet "Bridging the Gap" to include related corrections activities (pgs. 477-483)

**Group Feedback:** Group votes 5 to 4 in-favor of.

**Sense of the room:** 50/50

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B. Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet "Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers." (pgs. 484-485)

**Group Feedback:** We want to be inclusive; add sign language; vote 9 in favor of.

**Sense of the room:** Unanimous

C. Consider updating the pamphlet "A.A. for the Older Alcoholic – Never too Late." (pg. 486)

**Group Feedback:** Groups in favor for. Stories are old, need current.

**Discussion:** strong favor to change. Change the print back to normal large print; Pamphlets are not reaching the younger generation. The younger generation are getting information through social media, us and APPs. Print is going out of date.

**Sense of the room:** Unanimous in favor to update.

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**Treasurer Announcement:** Area no longer has a P.O. Box as of end of March. Mail is being returned to the sender if return address is marked. Please hold off sending contributions until we get a new mailbox. New mailing address will be posted on website and emailed to area.

**Whats on your mind:**

Julie the concepts enhance' our lives.Focused on concepts 1,5 & 10

Nancy: Corrections inmates are eager when members go to visit.

**Delegate Report Back**

Aloha,

Thank you to everyone here, and the A.A. members you represent for participating in the general service conference process. Our sober lives, filled with family, work, friends and activities can keep us very busy. It is not always easy to set aside time to focus on agenda items or what we'd like A.A. World Service and A.A. Grapevine to do for us. The work we do helps us figure out what we'd like to have available for alcoholics around the world. Each person's contribution of time is no small gift. Showing up is part of what keeps A.A. around for us and for those who are new or returning to A.A.

Hawaii Area 17 also contributes to A.A. as a whole through individual and group contributions. GSO let us know that 29.43% of Area 17 registered groups have contributed a total of \$9,854.82 (as of March 31, 2019). Our contributions help us have access to all that A.A. publishes. It is all there for us, whether we are meeting with a sponsor or sponsee, gathering and our groups and events, or carrying the message to institutions and treatment options where we meet up with alcoholics who either cannot or have not yet joined us.

Our contributions help us to share the A.A. message around the world. In his February 2019 letter to A.A. members, our General Manager Greg T. wrote, "Today an A.A. presence can be

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found in more than 181 nations worldwide, with membership estimated at over two million. There are more that 120,000 A.A. groups around the world and A.A.'s literature has been translated into languages as diverse as Afrikaans, Arabic, Hindi, Nepali, Persian, Swahili, and Vietnamese, among many others."

Of course, we could not hold an annual General Service Conference without financial and spiritual contributions of A.A. members, groups, districts and areas. Who hasn't heard that the hat is where money and spirituality mix? It's one thing to have the financial means to get the work done. It is equally important to have a say in what gets done. Our Inform the Delegate Assembly gives us a place to voice our experience and meet that responsibility. It is not the only way to give back to A.A. It's not the only thing we need to do. I see general service is a way to be the link between the last panel and the next. If we make the effort, I believe we will be around for all the people who just might need Alcoholics Anonymous.

Thank you in advance for what you share today. I will do my best to carry your experience with me to New York. After the conference, I'll prepare written and oral reports of what it was like and what happened. If your district hasn't scheduled a Delegate GSC Report Back, please do so!

A.A.'s 85th birthday!  
International A.A. Convention:  
July 2-5, 2020 in Detroit, Michigan  
"Love and Tolerance Is Our Code"

**DELEGATE TRAVEL**

2019

April 27-28. Maui  
Tri Island District # 13, Lahaina  
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May 15-25 New York, NY  
General Service Conference

June 15, 2019 East Hawai'i  
Hilo/Hamakua District #7 (Hilo)  
Committee Meeting

August 24-25 West Hawaii  
District #8 (Kona)  
Budget Assembly

November 16 Oahu  
Windward District #4  
Committee Meeting

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DELEGATE GSC REPORT BACKS

June 8 Kona District 8  
June 22 Maui District 5, 11, & 13  
July 4. Kauai District 6  
July 13 Waianae District 17

DCMs please contact me to schedule when you would like me to give A General Service Conference Report Back with your district.

Excerpts from BOX 459, Spring 2019  
Box 459 is found on the A.A. website. aa.org

During the course of 20 General Service Conferences, Bill W. gave more than 33 talks, 16 of which are now gathered in the new book. Our Great Responsibility: A Selection of Bill W.'s General Service Conference Talks, 1951-1970, which is scheduled for publication in early May 2019. (see pages 1-2)

A.A. in Cuba

In November 2018. A.A. was invited by the Cuban Health Ministry to participate in their Third International Meeting Against Drug Addiction.

Dr. Peter Luongo, a Class A Trustee joined almost 100 doctors, addiction specialists, social workers, nurses and medical students. He noted that "A.A. in Cuba has an estimated 1,700 members and 100 groups, and this was a great step toward more active and effective relationships with Cuban professionals in the healthcare area." (See pages 4-5)

A.A.'s first group met in Havana in 1993. For a number of years GSO has been providing literature and support.

Opening for Non Trustee Directors

AA Grapevine's Corporate Board has started its search to fill the vacancy for one non trustee director which will open following the 2020 General Service Conference. Resume due by May 31, 2019.

A.A. World Services, Inc. has started its search to fill the vacancy for one non trustee director which will open following the 2020 General Service conference. Submit resume no later than July 1, 2019.

(see page 10 for details)

So much of the correspondence GSO sends to delegates addresses carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the still suffering alcoholic.



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The Hand(s) of A.A.

A.A.'s from Austin Texas formed a Deaf Access Committee so that members who are deaf, and those with other accessibility concerns can participate fully and be a part of AA. (pages 3-4)

Anyone Anywhere: The Shining Ideal

A theme for a sharing session held during the A.A. General Service Board was: "Love and tolerance of Others Is Our Code – Philosophy or Practice?"

Kathi. F., our Pacific Region Trustee spoke on "Making the Doors Wider in A.A." (page 5)

Clement C., a GSO Staffer who is African American gave a historical perspective in his presentation "Are We Inclusive?" (page 5-6)

Cultural Challenges in

Reaching Remote Communities:

How do AA member from the U.S. and Canada overcome challenges of geography, language and culture in carrying the message? Area delegates will share experience strength and hope at a meeting scheduled before the GSC begins.

National AA Technology Workshop:

September 20-22 in Bowling Green, Kentucky

Hopefully these brief summaries spark the curiosity of members, and serve as encouragement to read the current Box 459. Please feel free to copy this for your groups or interested A.A. members.

**Please visit [area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org) to view our Area Delegate Coleen's report in full.**

5:00 pm: Adjourn to close

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- Introductions of Past Delegates Scott (49) Linda (61) Cheryl (65) Ken (63) Bob H (67)
- Reading (The Annual Conference Meeting – S56) Loretta

**Panel IX. Website**

**IV. Finance**

A. Review suggested area contributions for delegate expense for the Conference. (pgs. 105-106) New York contributes the same amount as Hawaii and Alaska. It does not matter how close you are to the venue that might affect the cost to be cheaper the contributions are the same.

**Sense of the room: \$1800.00**

B. Review the Conference – approved level of \$5,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from A.A. members. (pgs. 107-108)

C. Review the Conference approved maximum annual contribution of \$5,000 to the General Service Board. from an individual A.A. member (pgs. 109-110)

**Group Feedback:** Donations are what you give to give to someone you need. Contributions is monies used for what the need is now. AA doesn't need are monies AA needs our gratitude. No dues or fees only expenses. We are self supporting. \$1800.00 majority

**DISCUSSION:** Matea: groups ought to be more consistent giving to other circle of circles. Cathy: Why is there more than 50 delegates? Because we include Canada that has more than one Delegate.

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**Panel X. Conference Committee on Annual Hawaii Convention Committee**

**XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

A. Discuss anonymity – protected photograph of the flag ceremony to be taken at the 2020 International Convention. (pg. 545)

**Group feedback:** You don't need to be in the photo. First photo 1950. In 1994 someone asked why the photo was taken.

B. Consider a broadcast of the 2020 International Convention Opening Flag Ceremony, similar to the anonymity – protected delayed Internet broadcast of the 2015 Internal Convention Opening Flag Ceremony. (pgs. 546-547)

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**Group Feedback:** Groups are in favor  
**Sense of the room:** Unanimous

C. Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees. (pgs. 548-572)

**Group Feedback:** advertising, area and district website announcement, intergroup website. Take a friend with you. Put money aside (accrue/ save) little by little.  
**DISCUSSION:** Share the joy and good of the program.

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**Panel XI. DCM's 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17**

**VII. Policy/Admissions**

C. Consider a process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference. (pgs. 297-343)

**Group Feedback:** In favor a process for how a Conference committee could review, discuss and act on proposed agenda items not forwarded to a Conference.  
**Sense of the room:** Substantial Unanimity that we want more information was not forwarded to a conference.

E. Discuss a request to develop a procedure to deal with special requests/agenda items. (pgs. 347-355)

**Group Feedback:** Concept 3 the right of decision.  
**NO DISCUSSION**

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**Panel XII.**

**DCM's 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and Intergroup Chairs**

**IV. Finance**

D. Review Self-Support Packet (pgs. 111-112)

**Group Feedback:** All those items should stay in the packet. Get the treasurers involved, Birthday envelope. Self support envelope not updated. Declare February Self-support month. Have a drive to contribute. Reference: GSO F19E 496.

**VII. Policy/Admissions**

D. Discuss the process of approving qualified representatives from other A.A. service structures to observe the U.S. and Canada General service Conference. (pgs. 344-346)

**Group Feedback:** No record of requests from other AA groups (outside the U.S.) to observe our GSC.If it ain't broke don't fix it.

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**IX. Report and Charter**

C. Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S. and Western U.S.) (pgs. 473-474)

Available online for a fee

**DISCUSSION:** request from a Non AA entity. Observers AA members around the world to help set up a conference.

Great cost to print. Accessible online meeting A.A. Licensed.

Remote areas need hard copies such as Beijing. Need government approval to hold A.A. meetings or activities.

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**AT THE MIC: Topics heard or not heard (ADDED to the Agenda)**

**Tonia:** Raising maximum from 3k to 5k japan is working on the same topic. Validating unity in our fellowship

**Kathleen:** Experience of travel to Germany. Using the GSO website to connect with an AA member in Germany. Then “ran” into them at International. Is now friends on LinkedIn.

**Coleen:** study guide has no idea what your higher power will point out to you when you read the literature. No one is the deciding factor - Higher power is. AAWS does not have one.

**Nancy** welcomes all to the MIC

**Dayna:** first time at the MIC - even in populated areas could not access online schedule. Club house had hard copies of meeting schedule.

Resource for newcomers like NA. Workbook for newcomer

If AA had a Benefactor

Clarification:

How much can a group give to GSO? Any amount

Maximum contribution of 5K from an individual acceptable.

**Cyrus:** organically work through the steps without a workbook

**Bill:** International Convention broadcast AA leaves a positive impact on alot of people.

Remote communities, geographically, is not discussed

Rules

**PRAASA Report Back** from Alberta, Kunane, Deborah

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**Area Officer Reports**

- **Secretary** – review and acceptance of minutes Deborah S. for Eric V.  
John M. motioned to accept. Pati N. second his motion. Minutes accepted as written.
  
- **Treasurer** – review and acceptance of report  
Pati N. motioned to accept treasurer's report. Wolf 2nd motion.

Update on the Postal Fiasco

- Area 17's PO Box has closed unexpectedly.
- The last mail drop from the Area PO Box was approximately April 1st. Any mail that did not make into that mail drop are being returned to the group as "undeliverable". If the mail did not have a return address when it was sent, it will not be forwarded and will most likely be lost.
- If there are any questions as to whether the Area received your Group's mailings, please email me at Treasurer@area17aa.org. I will be happy to answer any and all questions regarding this. Into our common solution...
- I am counting on the GSR's, DCM's, and Area Assembly Area attendees to help pass on the message that the current Area mailing address is no longer valid and all items mailed there will be returned. Please pass the word!!
- The report "7th Tradition Contributions by District" has been printed and handed out to the DCM's & Area officers. It will also be posted online. If your Group's contribution has been received, it will be on the report. If your Group's contribution is not listed, please contact me at Treasurer@area17aa.org.
- We will be setting up a new PO Box in Honolulu this week.
- Once the new PO Box is set up, we will begin by announcing it on the website and via email. I will also be contacting each of the island Intergroups to update the new address when we get it. I will also be creating a postcard to send to the current mailing address of each of the Groups in order to spread the word.

If there any other suggestions on how inform the Fellowship, send them in!

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Rachel S.  
Area 17 Panel 69 Treasurer

**Addendum:** Postal Fiasco: PO Box closed unexpectedly. A new one will be set up this week. Mail sent was returned to sender, if a return address was on the envelope. DCMs and area officers received a list of checks deposited since the close of area PO Box. Address will be removed from Intergroups, GSO, and Area 17 website

**Question/Discussion:** Website Line item has a expense but no budget. What is the expense for? **Answer:** Blue-host, domaine name and hot spot

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**• Registrar**

Aloha and Mahalo to District 13 for hosting this assembly. Since the March Committee meeting, I have done the following:

1. Entered any new group change forms that I have received. There are still a couple from the Orientation Assembly that I have not been able to enter for various reasons. I hope to be able to get any missing information at this assembly.
2. I updated the sign in sheets for all – officers, DCM's, GSR's, Committee Chairs and Central Offices where possible. I will continue to do that as I get information on new GSR's etc. In so doing I found a couple of GSR's that I had not entered in the database. If there are any GSR's who have not received their GSR kits, please let me know and I will check to make sure that I have made the proper changes in the database.
3. I emailed the Confidential Contact List to officers, standing committee chairs and DCM's. Please let me know if there are corrections to be made.

I have change forms available at this committee meeting for anyone who needs to make changes in the database.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Karen

Registrar Panel 69

**• Alternate Delegate:**

Aloha and welcome Panel 69 trusted servants,

It's a great honor to serve Area 17 as the Alternate Delegate. I am truly grateful and humbled by the love and growth this program, and fellowship continue to give me so freely. This is our 2nd assembly of Panel 69 and I am still excited, confused, worried and ready to do cartwheels. The thoughts of what's to come fill my soul.

Since our last assembly, I continue to have conversations with the area officers to figure out what needs to be done, how I can support the process and to ensure I fulfill my duties as Alt. Delegate.

According to the Structures and Guidelines relating to the area delegate's responsibilities are:

- Perform the delegate's duties in their absence: The Delegate has not been absent.
- Maintain and update the G.S.R. Orientation Handbook and the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous: Made the one change to update the S&G.

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The new cover is lime green. Please make sure you have the right copy. Version 69.0. I updated the G.S.R. Orientation Handbook. Both S&G and the Handbook were given to all G.S.Rs in attendance at this assembly. Both documents have been sent to the webmaster to be uploaded to the website. I have these documents for all new GSRs here for their first assembly.

- Conduct orientation sessions for G.S.R.s and D.C.M.s, as needed: The Area Chair and I have come up with a plan to ensure all new G.S.R.s receive an orientation at each assembly. This will be done during the roundtables at each assembly. One G.S.R. roundtable will be dedicated to new G.S.R.s.
- Serve, either as a member or chairperson on ad-hoc committees, as deemed appropriate by the area chair: willing and ready to go when needed.
- Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee: Attended the March 20th and April 3rd AHC steering committee meetings with Deborah. Judy will be reporting updates from this meeting. The AHC steering committee meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month. I would like to encourage everyone to register early and join us for a meal.
- Act on actions accepted by the area assembly, at the request of the area assembly: willing and ready to go when needed.
- Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup, when invited: This is part of the Delegate's responsibilities when they reside on Oahu. Since Coleen lives on Maui, it is passed to me. Attended the March and April IG meetings. Provided a short report on behalf of the area.
- Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers: completed

I attended PRAASA. The Alternate Delegates planned 4 roundtables during PRAASA. The universe and an instant connection was made with the Alaska, Idaho and Northern California Alt. Delegates. We all come from areas with large remote communities. Our topics of discussion included (1) The Road to the GSC, (2) Remote Communities/Underserved Communities (3) Supporting the new GSR, (4) Communication, (5) YPAA, and (6) Efforts to Coordinate with Intergroup. It was a very fruitful discussion. I learned a lot. Although each area had their own process to inform their delegate, every area had the same goal; to ensure their delegate went to the GSC well informed with their area's group conscience. I have the notes from our 4 roundtables if anyone is interested. At PRAASA, I was also humbled and grateful to speak on Panel 3, Our Singleness of Purpose. Specifically shared on "Reaching out to Minorities in A.A."

In love and service,  
Kunane  
Alt. Delegate

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**• Alternate Chair**

Aloha my name is Deborah and I'm an alcoholic. I serve Area 17 - Hawai'i as Panel 69 Alternate Chair.

According to Hawai'i Area 17

Structure and Guidelines on page 2 item 2.9 the "alternate area chair should:"

A. Perform the duties of the area chair in their absence. Since my last report I did not have to perform any duties for the chair.

B. Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all Area assemblies and committee meetings.

First, many thanks to District 13 for hosting us. Mahalo to the assembly host committee for your commitment to serve. Thank you chairs Jim, Tonia, Liz chairs for communicating with me assembly registration information as requested. Host DCM Jubee and Alternate DCM Julie for your service- leadership. The food and beverage team mahalo nui for your inclusive meal selections.

A google spreadsheet was created for record keeping of all the registrations, transportation, and homestay needs and assignments with attendee, host and driver names and contact numbers. Thank you Wolf and Valerie from District 3 who provided me a learning platform through your experience with the orientation assembly. Thank you Jubee for your servant-leadership

As announced the Budget Assembly will be held on the Big Island hosted by District 08 West Hawai'i instead of Central Northshore District 09 on Oahu.

DCMs 07, 08 and 04 will report on their planning schedule for the upcoming committee meeting June 15th followed by the Budget Assembly August 24-25 followed by a Committee Meeting on November 16.

As a friendly reminder "Let's make it gentle for others to put their hand out to be in service with home-stay and transportation. The more lead time we can give anyone it betters our chances of receiving help we need.

I strongly suggest you email your registration information to the designated chairs you will need service for. We must do our part and let our needs be known.

Registration: [registration@area17aa.org](mailto:registration@area17aa.org)

Transportation: [transportation@area17aa.org](mailto:transportation@area17aa.org)

Homestay: [homestay@area17aa.org](mailto:homestay@area17aa.org)



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Nugget: Typically, folk don't register because they don't have a confirmed flight, "yet". Register even if you don't know your flight information. You can send it later. Any information the host team can get from you is most appreciated.

According to tradition 4 long form:

"With respect to its own affairs, each A.A. Group should be responsible to no other authority than its own conscience."

With that said, there is no mail in registration or homestay deadline for the budget Assembly posted on the flyer because the deadline caused confusion per district 8.

C. Serve as a member on the finance committee: Districts 4, 9, 17, and 3 please see me for a budget presentation

D. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention. I've I've been attending our monthly meetings.

E. Serve as temporary group registrar, recording secretary, or treasurer if any of these officers are absent.

Today, I serve as secretary. Please submit your reports via text or email. I will post the annotated minutes immediately following the assembly.

F. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers - complete

August 26 & 27  
2019 Budget Assembly  
Old Kona Airport Large Pavilion  
75-5560 Kuakini Hwy Kailua-Kona, HI 96740

Nov. 16, 2019  
Committee Meeting  
Kailua United Methodist Church, Oahuember

April 4 & 5, 2020  
2020 Inform the Delegate Assembly  
Eddie Tam Center

**• Chair**

Aloha Panel 69 trusted servants,

So exciting, it's time for panel 69's first inform the delegate assembly. I hope everyone is feeling informed and ready to bring there homegroups conscience to AA as a whole. I believe this is the true moments when the upside down triangle in our service structure works at it's best. Our homegroups big or small has a big part in making the important decisions for our AA society as

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a whole. It has been a quick few months to get the conscience of our groups, districts and our AA members in area 17 and I thank all of you for working so hard to get our delegate the best information from our area to take to the general service conference.

Since the orientation assembly:

According to the Structures and Guidelines relating to the area chair's responsibilities are:

- Read and adhere to the area chair's duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual: Think I things are going smoother this year.
- Conduct all committee meetings: Our first committee meeting happened on March 9<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Kihei District.

o 2019 Hawaii Area 17 Schedule Revised and 2020 Schedule:

- Budget Assembly August 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> West Hawaii District 8
- October 2019 Committee Meeting – Windward District 4
- Inventory Assembly – January 2020 – Diamond Head district 1
- Committee Meeting – February 2020- Waianae District 17
- Inform the Delegate Assembly – April 2020-No Ka Oi District 5
- May/June 2020 Committee Meeting – Central North Shore District 9
- Budget Assembly –August/September 2020- Honolulu District 2
- October Committee Meeting-Optional- Puna District 12
- Election Assembly- November 2020- Kauai District 6

o Reviewed & discussed the Agenda topics for the 69<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference.

- Handed out topics by panels.
  - Discussed ways to inform our groups and members.
- Discussed the Inform the Delegate Assembly.
  - Publish and present agenda thirty (30) days before each committee meetinand assembly. Getting better 29 days this time.
  - Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers: Done
  - Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup, when invited: Been attending.
- I look forward to continue to grow in the fellowship.

In love and service,  
Thomas P. G.  
Area Chair Panel 67

## **Standing Committee, DCM and Intergroup Reports**

**DISTRICT 1** Forthcoming

**DISTRICT 2** Forthcoming

**DISTRICT 3**

Thank you to Jubee and District 13 for hosting this Inform the Delegate Assembly. Our district meetings are the 1st Thursday each month. District 3 meetings are doing well right now with good attendance at most meetings. However, service at the district level continues to

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be lacking. We had only four GSR is in the district. Then one of our meetings lost a GSR. There are 25 meetings in District 3. If anyone has suggestions as to how I might stimulate interest in service at the district-level without stepping on anyone's toes, I would appreciate hearing from anyone with good ideas.

We have one General Service Rep attending this assembly - Chris A. from Head Start.

Regarding the Orientation Assembly, while it was a humbling experience to admit to the things that went wrong. I kept my word to Jubee and listed the places where I fell short during the orientation assembly. I would like to see an archive put together so that all DCM's have access. Whether it be a committee meeting or an assembly access to check lists progress reports, things that went right, as well as things that went wrong.

The truth is I didn't know what I didn't know until I was in the middle of it.

Thank you,  
Wolf F. DCM Leeward District Number 3

#### **DISTRICT 4**

Treasury is doing well...

We voted to change our District meeting day effective May it will be on Mondays no time and place change...this change would be more efficient for GSR'S...yet May meeting will be in the 3rd Monday because the last Monday is a holiday...

We are hosting the Committee meeting on Nov 16th...a site has been chosen for that. Event at KUMC...

Two new meetings in the district are doing well...

We are in the process of setting up a Report back from the delegate...also our ADCM is in the process of doing a workshop on CARRYING THE MESSAGE OF RECOVERY INSIDE AND BEHIND THESE WALLS...

We have 3 general service reps attending this Assembly. Hang Loose, Kaneohe Discussion, TYG.

#### **DISTRICT 5**

District 5 has about 5 active GSRs out of around 40 groups. We have all of the officer positions filled and about half of our standing committee chairs currently filled. We are carrying the message to treatment centers, hospitals, professionals, and the elder community. Although we do not currently have a remote communities chair the Hana Caravan is still happening on the last Sunday of each month. In our district meetings there has been discussion of how we may best serve our district. We conducted a district inventory at the end of the last panel that we are using to guide us toward some healthy changes. We are also talking about doing a workshop (possibly a musical about the concepts?).

The three districts on Maui hosted a PRAASA report back which was lightly attended but a success in that we were able to share our experiences and I think we may have all stayed sober

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that day. We also have a joint effort Delegate report Back scheduled for June 22nd again hosted by the 3 Maui Districts. Our alternate DCM, Lea, has been busy securing a facility for next years Inform the Delegate assembly. We just confirmed the Eddie Tam Center in Makawao on Maui for the dates of April 4th & 5th 2020. I am looking forward to hosting this event in our district.

In Love & Service,  
Brandon L.

### **DISTRICT 6**

Aloha,

Thank you to District 13 Lahaina for hosting the assembly and thanks to all the general service reps, our Intergroup Chair and our Area CPC chair for attending the assembly. We have 6 general service reps representing the North, South and East sides of the island and we have a new CSR from North Shore Aloha Group. It's been many years since they have had a CSR so welcome Charlie! On the West side, Waimea Canyon Group doesn't have a CSR but they do have an IG Rep that has been instrumental in reviving their meetings. Meeting attendance has been growing strong and they now have a well attended potluck once a month.

Since our last assembly we have had a Valentine's Day Dance and Potluck, a St Patricia's Day Potluck, a GIGYPAA 12 & 12 speaker jam and a GIGYPAA campout. Upcoming we are having the 2nd annual Women's Retreat in Koke'e May 3-5th. There are scholarships available so if you're interested in attending please see me after. On Cinco De Mayo Sunrise Sobriety is having a taco breakfast after their meeting.

May 11th there is a Grapevine Workshop hosted by our GV committee chair. Johnathon D. will teach us

how to write and submit stories to Grapevine. May 18th there will be a Golf Tournament hosted by Happy Hour. June 9th Princeville Hanalei is hosting a Founders Day Potluck and speaker jam. July 4th Hui Ohana is hosting the annual July 4th Bash and our Delegate will be attending to give her report back. At our March District Meeting we voted to pursue placing AA PSA signs on the county bus. We are looking forward to working with Area to get this rolling.

We have good participation at our District meeting, but are still in need of filling many of our Standing Committee Chair positions. We are really excited to have so much participation happening all over the island. Our goal is to have a monthly workshop, potluck or event unifying our fellowship island wide and carrying the message for free and for fun!

### **DISTRICT 7**

Aloha. My name is Roxanne Z. and I am an alcoholic. I gratefully serve East Hawaii/Hamakua District 7 as DCM.

Mahalo to District 13 for a great weekend. We (District 7) understand the struggle. One thing that is said over and over is to register early! Let the hosting district know a.s.a.p. if you will need homestay &/or transportation – even if you don't have flight info. Yet. That can be given

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later. An idea I use is having copies of the registration form in hand to give to general service reps with a reminder to 'send it in now'!

Currently we have 13 groups, 23 meetings and seven GSR's. 3 general service reps are here this weekend – Jerrylene, Guy, and Steve. We have 3 meetings a day Tuesday & Thursday, 4 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 2 on Saturday and 1 on Sunday. ! meeting has moved to Puna district and a new meeting, a book study, is just starting up. I'm always excited when there is group activity. We have open discussion, speaker, stick, 12 & 12/Big Book discussion meetings and birthday meetings – a great assortment.

AA by the Bay just had their "Easter Feaster" attended by about 60 people. The group provides eggs, ham and beverages and the rest is potluck. Choke food and so Ono!!

The District has purchased 3 Grapevine subscriptions, each to be taken into each of the correctional facilities in the Hilo area.

Activities: On April 5<sup>th</sup> East Hawaii joined Puna and Kona districts, participating in "12-stepping" the 'Friday Night BBQ & Potluck' meeting in Na'alehu. We caravanned from Hilo, Kea'au and Kona. We grew the meeting from 6-10 to over 60 persons! Good thing we forewarned them!!

Sun day, June 9<sup>th</sup> is Founder's Day & Delegate Report Back. East Hawaii Intergroup provides the BBQ and there is potluck. Colleen will make her presentation from 10 – noon, with food, volleyball, horseshoes, and swimming to follow. Onekahakaha Park, Pavillion 3 is the place.

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> we are hosting the next Area Committee Meeting. It will be held at the Eagles Lodge at 16-111 Opukahaia Street in Kea'au. Breakfast is once again being cooked and presented by Rule 62 Group who cooked the ono breakfast at the Assembly – yeah! We're looking forward to a great day! Please register early, most especially if you need Homestay and Transportation. That would be awesome!

Again, Mahalo to District 13!

Yours in Service,  
Roxanne Z.  
District 7 DCM

**DISTRICT 8** Forthcoming

**DISTRICT 9** Forthcoming

**DISTRICT 10** Forthcoming

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**DISTRICT 11**

We have met 3 times and helped with the other districts on island to host the PRAASA report back

February district meeting we had a past delegate come to the district meeting to share about general service structure and the general service conference

Hosted the March committee meeting and special thanks to andrea aka wingman 😊

Groups are all doing fine and couple reported that their groups are growing

I attended PRAASA with 5 of our general service reps (GSR) and we all had a wonderful time

We have elected a District Secretary

We have one new GSR who took the place of one that had to step down.

We have a new district committee chair for CEC

Will be working on a workshop and playing with idea of an island wide workshop to help foster unity between the districts and possibly intergroup

Kihei district is making another jeopardy board new and revised

Central office bash May 12

Founders day June 8th

Delegate report back June 22nd

**DISTRICT 12** Forthcoming

**DISTRICT 13**

Since the past assembly our district participated along with District #5 and District #11 (No Ka Oe/Kihei) in the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous report baack held at the Cameron Center. Coleen gave her report and we had a Pizza luncheon.

In March the Lanai Crossing took place. Approximately 130 participants gathered and camped out for the weekend. Our District sponsored 10 people from Molokai to join us on Lanai for the 1st time. The ties between Molokai, Lani and Maui is growing stronger; sponsorships/sponsee' are connecting. We were blessed to fly 2 representatives from Molokai to be with us here today.

Our District is doing well. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. It's such a good feeling to know that the contributions that are made by the homegroups are being well spent.

Jubee B.

Tri Isle District 13

**DISTRICT 17**

Aloha all from the Waianae District #17,

Since our last report to the Area Committee we have conducted four (4) district meetings with favorable representation. Our Alt DCM had stepped down due to personal reasons. We actively looking for an Alt DCM.

Our "Delegate Report Back Event" at Pokai Bay on July 13, 2019 is confirmed. We are inviting

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other districts to the event. A flyer with details has been finalized, decimated and posted on the Area and Intergroup websites. It is unfortunate that I or a representative from District #17 will not be able to attend the Inform The Delegate Assembly on April 27th & 28th due to work travel and restraints. We have made arrangements with the Area Chair to ensure our voice is heard on the respective panel topic discussions.

Please accept my apology for not being in attendance Trusted Servant.  
Bill M.  
Waianae District #17

**Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee:**

Aloha Hawaii Area Committee,

Attached is the Profit and Loss for the 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Hawaii Convention. The event had a net profit of \$3, 476. 98. This was a significant increase from the previous years'. The surplus will be returned to our Prudent Reserve to begin the process of rebuilding it.

The 57th Annual Convention "The Family Afterward" was a critical success. Guests seemed to really appreciate the theme and how it was represented at the event. There were great speakers, exceptional food provided by the Hilton Hawaiian Village and the awesome fellowship of our attendees. Our mainland attendees enjoyed themselves and seemed eager to return for future conventions. We felt a great kinship being able to greet them with representation from all our islands. This labor of love was once again a great success.

We have always and will continue to seek out the help and participation of our neighbor islanders. They truly cherish the event. If you are interested in becoming more involved in 2019 please let us know!

Moving forward, the Steering Committee has signed an agreement for the next few years with the Marriott Hotel Waikiki. This smaller venue is proving to be more cost efficient and will allow us to remain self-supporting. Don't miss out on this special event as space is limited. Reserve your place today at the new low cost of \$60. 00 for the entire weekend. Book a room at the venue and enjoy our new lower priced buffet meals!

The preliminary budget has been drafted for 2019. We continue to cut expenses where we can. Doing everything possible to make 2019 as fiscally successful as we know the event will be.

We would like to thank Hawaii Area 17 for all its support. We had the pleasure of working with Coleen A and Tommy G for the past two years and now welcome Kunane D and Deborah S to the team for the next two years. Their support and guidance are priceless.

Mahalo to all for your service and support!

Pamela M.  
Treasurer  
Annual Hawaii Convention

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**Annual Hawaii Convention**

BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: FY18 P&L January - December 2018

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET
<b>Income</b>			
Activities Income	800.00	2,225.00	-1,425.00
Interest	4.51		4.51
Meals Income	49,771.00	57,000.00	-7,229.00
Other Primary Income	2,847.56		2,847.56
Past Souvenirs	325.00		325.00
Registration	71,683.00	68,090.00	3,593.00
Services	0.00		0.00
Souvenirs	13,153.00	13,297.00	-144.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$138,584.07</b>	<b>\$140,612.00</b>	<b>\$ -2,027.93</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$138,584.07</b>	<b>\$140,612.00</b>	<b>\$ -2,027.93</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Activities Expense	1,435.00	1,710.00	-275.00
Administration	19,815.26	21,228.90	-1,413.64
AI-Anon	149.36	150.00	-0.64
Audio Visual	13,285.73	12,500.00	785.73
Decorations	403.50	403.50	0.00
Entertainment	1,700.00	2,750.00	-1,050.00
Facilities Walkie-Talkies	429.95	300.00	129.95
Hilton F & B Comp	200.00	2,082.00	-1,882.00
Hilton F&B-Hospitality	4,499.35		4,499.35
Hilton Hawaiian Village-Meals	53,295.79	57,000.00	-3,704.21
Hilton-Equipment Rental	62.83	1,100.00	-1,037.17
Hilton-Venue/Room Rental	21,529.01	19,896.00	1,633.01
Hospitality	29.00	100.00	-71.00
Hotels-Chair/staff/Speakers Information	5,280.67	4,840.00	440.67
Leis	19.00	10.00	9.00
Literature/Big Book		400.00	-400.00
Printing		14.00	-14.00
Program Committee	777.92	2,000.00	-1,222.08
Registration Committee		10.00	-10.00
Signage	694.68	2,000.00	-1,305.32
Souvenirs Expense	100.00	100.00	0.00
Speakers	6,483.74	5,742.60	741.14
Special Needs	1,992.39	2,575.00	-582.61
Steering Committee	1,258.08	1,200.00	58.08
Website	1,603.32	2,250.00	-646.68
Wrap Up Meeting		250.00	-250.00
	62.51		62.51
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$135,107.09</b>	<b>\$140,612.00</b>	<b>\$ -5,504.91</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,476.98</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,476.98</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,476.98</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,476.98</b>



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**COOPERATION WITH THE ELDERLY COMMUNITY:**-monthly communication with CEC  
Committee members and District chairs

- many districts have CEC chairs now or active CEC committee members
  - CEC pamphlet on Area website. Each district or island welcome to change location on front of pamphlet and make it yours. ( show Maui pamphlet)
  - wrote article about alcoholism in the senior population being a "health crisis"; posted on website, will be in Mynah Bird next edition and in Maui Serenity Gazette. Sent to Big Island Intergroup and Adina on Oahu. Feel free to give to your doctors or anyone you think will find it useful.
  - committee members continuing to provide brochures and meeting schedules to any and all locations (physicians, senior housing, senior centers, libraries.) mention the beach park and how I always have brochures and meeting schedules in my car.
- CEC Chair, Mare L.

**COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY:**Aloha. My name is Brian and I am an alcoholic. I am honored to serve panel 69 as your area Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) Chair. Thank you to District 13 for hosting this assembly and mahalo to all those in service to make this event possible. As stated in our area 17 structures and guidelines the basic duties of my position is to "share information about the A.A. program with professionals who have contact with alcoholics, furthering mutual understanding and cooperation".

Before I share some of the things going on in our CPC committee I would like to thank all of the DCM's who have connected me with their CPC representatives at the district level. As the area chair I am learning that I need to find balance with "my" desire to do service work with that of each district. I would like to once again encourage all DCM's, GSR's, or groups that are interested in CPC work to contact me so that we can collaborate on how to support each other. I am here to serve.

- The Medical Association Conference scheduled for July 27-31 on Oahu that I briefly discussed at the Orientation Assembly is moving along. I have been in contact with Jacob D.
- at GSO who has been guiding me along the way. Lee J. who is a home group member of 12 Coconuts has stepped up to be our Oahu contact for this event. We are a couple months away and am waiting on more details to be provided by GSO and will keep everyone informed. The literature and display rack will be sent about a month before the event and Lee has volunteered to receive and hold these items until the event. We will also be working together on a schedule of volunteers as we get closer to the date.
- As previously mentioned, I have reached out to the UH school system and have received confirmation regarding their willingness to cooperate with our fellowship in terms of providing literature racks, doing presentations, and holding meetings on campus. I have a list of the contact persons from each school and rather than and would like to provide those contact names to the districts and you guys can figure out how best to move forward.

See below: ***Names below are not AA members***

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**Hawai'i CC**

Dorinna Cortez, Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

**Honolulu CC**

Lara Sugimoto, Dean of Student Services

**Kapi'olani CC**

Brenda Ivelisse, Vice Chancellor of Student Services

**Kaua'i CC**

Margaret Sanchez, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

**Leeward CC**

Curtis Washburn, Dean of Student Services

**Maui College**

Debra Nakama, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

**Windward CC**

Thomas Doi, Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

**UH Hilo**

Farrah-Marie Gomes, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

**UH Manoa**

Lori M. Ideta, Interim Vice Chancellor for Students

**UH West O'ahu**

Judy Oliveira, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

I would like to give you some brief history on this opportunity within the UH system. Within the CPC workbook there are some templated letters that are recommended when we try to engage with different organizations within the professional community. One of the letters was sent to an administrator within the UH school system, who informed me they were very interested in cooperating with AA. A big reason is because they are federally mandated through Title IV program called Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) started in 2015 and specifically part A of that act called Student Support and Academic Enrichment (SSAE) which is supposed to (1) provide all students with access to a well-rounded education (2) improve school conditions for student learning. All of that is to basically say they want students and staff to know about the resources that AA has to offer and have opened their doors for us to participate or not.

- District 4 has already begun this process with Windward Community College by starting a meeting and getting an information rack on campus. I would like to thank Janin and her home group Misfits for stepping up and making this happen. This is a perfect example of one member having a passion for something and through the guidance of her sponsor, support from her district, her home group, and the fellowship at large was able to make something happen out of nothing.
- There was also some discussion that UH Hilo might have a meeting on campus but still need to confirm this.
- District 6 Kauai has initiated contact with Kauai Community College and received permission to place an information rack on campus and to start a meeting. We are still trying to find a home group willing to sponsor this meeting and will move forward as soon as possible. There is also discussion of doing presentations to both students and staff and am working with the Vice Chancellor to set this up.
- The District #6 CPC chair, Chris K., has also been working with the Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital to create some connection there as well. Will keep you posted regarding any progress.

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- (Kauai)I have also reached out to a couple hotels to see if they would be willing to allow some presentations to the staff and employees. I am also trying to gauge interest with the Kauai Chamber of Commerce and different business associations on the island to provide information to them as well. I am trying to find opportunities to present information to the Kauai Rural Health Association which is made up of health professionals on the island. And finally I've also reached out to the judiciary and will hopefully have an in-service scheduled next month to talk about what AA is and what AA isn't.

I did receive one inquiry from GSO for someone on Oahu who wanted more information on CPC but did not leave a phone number or address so I mailed out a response and am waiting to hear back so I can follow up with this individual.

Received another inquiry from one of our members on Maui interested in taking a meeting into the psychiatric ward at the hospital and was able to connect him to a person with knowledge of the meeting in Kaneohe at the state hospital and what it takes to get one started.

In closing would like to say it's been an honor to be in service these past few months as your CPC chair and realize more than ever the power of service and more importantly being here with all of you and your servant hearts.

Mahalo,  
Brian K.  
CPC Chair

**CORRECTIONS:** Aloha Fellow Trusted Servants, Corrections activities are going well across the islands, carrying the message into most of the institutions.

On Oahu, Jack P is working to get meetings into Kapolei Juvenile center with Jesse S., coordinator for Halawa ready to assist. Jesse is also putting together a backup literature pack for facilities, they are now using see-through daypacks as required to take in.

On the Big Island, Chuck H., Corrections Chair for District 8 is working to get a prerelease contact program going for Hale Nani HCCC, and Mark N., Corrections Chair District 12, Puna, is keeping busy spreading the word on upcoming Volincor trainings, and has purchased more Big Books, for which he got funding from a local group.

I spoke with Keola on Kauai, meetings are going well there with both women and men going into KCCC.

Here on Maui, Brandon S. is doing a good job having taken over MCCC from me at the beginning of the year, and meetings are going well, despite the hiccup caused by the recent riot. Literature wise, I received a donation of 27 used Daily Reflections from a group here in Lahaina, 10 went to Oahu and the remainder to the Big Island. I purchased 10 softcover large print 12x12's that were sent to Oahu.

Total expenses for shipping and literature for coordinator and printing of committee meeting

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report against beginning budget of \$700 were \$109.23 leaving a balance of \$550.77 in corrections budget.

Yours in Service,  
Sean C.  
Area 17 Corrections Standing Committee Chair

**FINANCE:** Finance committee holds their first meeting to discuss the 2020 budget proposal. Aaron District 1 has joined the committee.

A PDF spreadsheet of the budget was sent out to the finance committee so they could become familiar with the layout, the various line items, and the Area's spending patterns. Also sent out to the committee was the proposed 2020 numbers for review to discuss at the inform the delegate assembly.

The budget presentation is due at the June committee meeting, and presented at district meetings (or as requested) on our home islands.

**GRAPEVINE:** I received both the GV and La Vina 75th Anniversary Tool Kits which have lots of helpful recovery tools to help groups carry the message, including one year GV print, audio, and online subscription, One On One book about sponsorship, GV back issues, 1 year access to story archives, GV subscription forms, bookmarks, stickers, info on how to write articles etc. Cost \$50.

There are 2 openings on the GV editorial advisory board and 1 AA GV non-trustee director opening.

Language of the Heart is now available as an audiobook.

Please submit your stories for the remote communities and holiday issues by 6/10 and about your spiritual awakening by 7/20.

Check out the new book One Big Tent about atheists and agnostics.

I would like to contact your district GV committee chairs and group GV reps so please send me their contact info to [grapevine@area17aa.org](mailto:grapevine@area17aa.org) so I can keep them up to date, hear concerns they have, help them out, and include them in the area GV committee. Please let me know if you have any Spanish-speaking people in your district so I can get them some info about La Vina materials.

**MYNAH BIRD:** Howz'it everybody my name is Ernest and I'm an alcoholic. serving as area 17 Mynah Bird chair. I d like to thank Tri-Island District 13 for hosting our Inform the Delegate Assembly, Thank you for your outstanding service! In this month s April issue there's stories of member's experience with attending PRAASA. Having had read their stories, it gave me a warm feeling of gratitude knowing that Alcoholics Anonymous is speaking the language of the heart. I urge you all to read their shared experience, I'm glad I did.

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There's an article from a member who chaired Oahu's Homegroup day, it's a good read. The different types of service that members get involved in just blows my mind. Members active in other service positions I believe expands their spiritual experience.

An article from another member that's involved in all around service for A.A. This member chaired a HICYPAA event which started out slow but had a great turn out by days end. This member wrote a great summary of HICYPAA. Another good read.

An article from a member who attended a workshop on Safety in A.A. She added some of the highlights that she wanted to share. This article gives pointers on what we can do, Who can help and how we can help. This would be good to share at the home group conscience.

"Chicken and Eagles" is a story of a member giving an analogy of when he came to A.A., what he saw in A.A. and what he had to do for his recovery. This story is gold when he shares it in a meeting other than reading it, however, still worth reading.

From the Maui newsletter there's a segment "Got Service?" Which is an article from members sharing their experience with their service position, whatever it may be. Hearing other member's view and experience of service is always rewarding.

Kauai got some upcoming activities which is listed and last week I was privileged to attend GIGYPAA. It's my 2nd time I've attended and It's a must do event to attend.

"Funny Kine" is short joke that had me laughing and so I thought I'd share it with you. If any of you have a good clean joke that you'd like to share please send it to me, I'll be happy to put it in the mynah bird.

Lastly is the word search, I'll have to figure out how to get more to keep it going. There is a website I just need to check it out.

Again, if anyone has stories you'd like to share, announcements to make for events or upcoming activities, workshops your district is hosting or whatever information concerning A.A. you want to outreach please send it to and I'll put it in the mynah bird.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.  
Ernest O. Santos

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**PUBLIC INFORMATION:** Reported by Cheryl

***What the Public Information Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:***

First of all I apologize for being not present and thank want to Thank Tommy and Cheryl for standing in for me.

My report is a follow-up on the goal of getting cards on the buses in Hawaii informing the public of who we are, what we do, and how to find us since our last committee meeting:

- Received the letter of 501 3c from Area Treasurer (Rachel) via email (thank you Rachel)
- Was able to make contact with the vender who works with the Honolulu City Bus and was given specifics on (3) things that he needs to present to the county i.e copy of the 501 3c, number of buses & the length of time to run the ad, and the verbiage of what we want the card to say on a 11" by 28" card in digital form and this vender does this part at no cost on a case by case basis depending on what we put on the card. First month is free, thereafter the cost is \$1.75 to install a card and \$14.75 per month.
- Was able to obtain more examples from the Public Information Person at GSO (Racy). So the card will read as this "IF YOU HAVE PROBLEMS WITH DRINKING, ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS CAN HELP, CALL \_\_\_\_\_(INSERTED WILL BE OAHU INTERGROUP NUMBER)
- I was informed by the OAHU Intergroup Office Manager (Adina) that (2) homegroups is wanting to pick up to more bus routes. Once I get everything in line and hear back from the City and County of Honolulu, then I will follow up with OIG with information regarding adding (2) more buses.
- I was informed by Mare (Maui) that Maui buses is not doing any advertisement on their buses at this time.
- I had no response from the island of Hawaii.
- Brian K, has been working with District 6 is enthusiastic about getting involved in this process for their district, thank you District 6.
- For the island of Oahu, I was able to meet with (2) standing committee chairs to go over the topics the upcoming conference.

**TREATMENT:** Thanks to the treatment committee members for reading the inform the delegate information. One of the questions asked was "why is there no treatment topics? Although there were no topics concerning Treatments there were other topics that our treatments committee could help address.

Treatment predecessors put literature racks with pamphlets in all treatment centers. Committee received requests for more pamphlets in some treatment centers. There are a couple sets left.

Please forward requests for treatment committee help to [treatments@area17aa.org](mailto:treatments@area17aa.org)

Workshops: the group is working on how we can reach out to treatment centers area-wide. Partnering with corrections. Targeting days before or after committee meetings and area assemblies.

Bryan A.

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**WEBSITE:** Aloha Friends and Family:

I am sorry that I couldn't attend this year's Inform the Delegate, however, there is sometimes that family comes first and I couldn't risk bringing my mother with me. Anyway, on to my report. (By the way it is a very visual report, so you will probably need to read the minutes to get the whole effect)

I have set up the registration for the June committee meeting already and will work with Roxanne to get the phone number transferred to her. I have also set up the flyer for the Budget Assembly in August.

I have caught up with the minutes and treasurer's reports that have been sent to me. Remember each district has their own page to post events, announcements, and their minutes and treasurer's reports.

I am still looking for someone to step up for the Alternate Web Chair. This would have been a great time to have one. Contact me if you are interested. I would like to let everyone know that there is a great new poster just released from AA.org. It is called "Anonymity in the Digital Age." I believe it is very pertinent to today's practices of never letting go of your cell phone.

I wanted to pass along some statistics to the group just to let you know how our website is doing.

Year Views Visitor

2013 24,159 6343

2014 23,031 5481

2015 23,810 6271

2016 25,495 6435 2017 21,430 5752

2018 22,203 6714

January 2019

February 2019

March 2019

April 2019

Ask it Basket - NONE

What's on Your Mind - NONE

What to Take Back

3:30 pm Adjourn

Close with the Responsibility Statement