

# DELEGATE REPORT

Hawai`i Area 17, Panel 69  
Committee Meeting

March 9, 2019

Aloha,

Our Pacific Region Trustee suggested that instead of taking detailed notes at the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, we listen for an overall sense of what is being expressed.

Every day we got together in one big room where we ate, talked story, listened to speakers, and had opportunities to go to the mic and share our particular concern or contribution to AA. We also broke into smaller groups where we could discuss concerns and share solutions. GSRs, DCMs, committees, young people, officers, etc. met to talk about service work, and about those we need to extend the hand of AA to.

Although I haven't attended yet, I suspect that is what we will do at the General Service Conference in May: meet by committee in smaller groups, discuss the concerns that groups sent to GSO, come to consensus, and then get together in one big room to share and make decisions.

As individual AA members make efforts to reach the still suffering alcoholic, AA World Services responsibilities have grown. AAWS now publishes over 100 pieces of literature. Some are intended to be service pieces for the fellowship, others are intended for the public.

Along with this increase of available literature has been the proliferation of specific types of meetings. We have meetings for seniors, women, LGBTQ, men, young people, atheist and agnostics, and more to come, I suspect. For the sake of recovery, we do need to go where AA speaks our language, and we need a place to air our concerns. For the sake of service, we need ways to provide outreach that newcomers relate to. However, finding our niche is not enough. Whether we are two peas in a pod or as different as night and day, we will always need to travel outside our comfort zone. That is how we become friends among friends, workers among workers, and one in this family we call Alcoholics Anonymous. That is how we strengthen the Unity AA needs to survive.

The hope PRAASA gave me is similar to the hope I felt as a newcomer. I'm apprehensive and not sure what to expect. I hear the purpose and it sounds like a good orderly direction for AA and me to head towards. I continue to receive support and help by those who have done this work in the past, and am cheered on by the folks who want AA and me to continue and succeed. There is boatload of information to read and become familiar with. In this wonderful "we program" of ours, we'll move through all of this together.

That was the heart of my PRAASA experience.

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## DELEGATE TRAVEL

April 27-28, 2019 Maui  
Tri Island District # 13, Lahaina  
Inform the Delegate Assembly

May 15-25, 2019 New York  
General Service Conference

June 8, 2019. Kona  
District 8  
Delegate Report Back

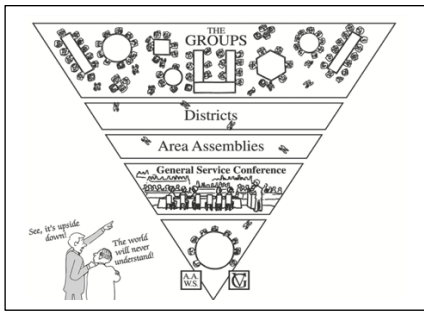
June 20, 2019. Maui  
District 5, 11, and 13  
Delegate Report Back

July 20, 2019. Waianae  
District 17  
Delegate Report Back

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

## Explore aa.org

Watch and share the  
video invitation to AAs  
International Convention  
July 2-5, 2020 in  
Detroit, Michigan  
"Love and Tolerance  
is our Code"  
Celebrate AA's  
85<sup>th</sup> anniversary



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## **Excerpts from the January 2019 Highlights from AA World Service News**

### **General Manager's Report**

*Archives* – Projects for 2019 include digitizing Bill W.'s personal collection of unpublished correspondence; scanning past trustee correspondence and conference committee background; organizing, filing and digitizing historical materials from the 1950s and 1960s

*Communications Services* – New videos, video descriptions, tags, key words and translations are being developed and added to the YouTube channel.

*C.P.C./Treatment* – Staffs traveling A.A. exhibits at national professional conferences in their area; 35 exhibit locations are scheduled in 2019.

*Group Services* – The Group Handbook has recently been updated and is being reprinted.

*International Convention* – An animated 2020 International Convention video flyer is in final editing and will soon be available for download through G.S.O.'s website. Registration and housing will open September 9<sup>th</sup>, and members will be able to register online.

*Literature* – Forty-six submissions were received for the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies and 59 submissions were received for the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.

*Public Information* – The new PSA "Changes" has been added to aa.org.

**Finance** – Actual contributions for the year ended December 31, 2018 were \$8,384,721, 2.25% higher than budget and 0.29% lower than 2017. Online contributions for the year of 2018 amounted to \$878,333.

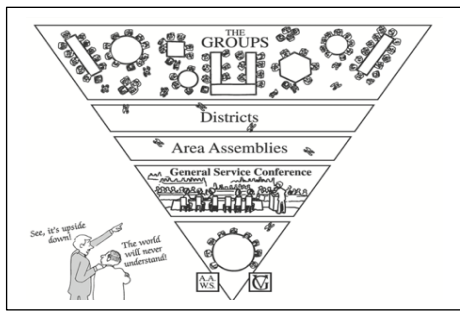
*Self-Support*: the committee discussed developing a Seventh Tradition impact report which could include stories about people who have benefited from A.A. services that are funded by contributions.

**Publishing** *Gross sales*: December gross sales are under budget with actual gross sales at \$967,043, which is a \$20,642 or 2.09% negative variance against budget of \$987,685.

The Board approved the following recommendations brought forward by the Publishing Committee:

That a proposal to cease development of new literature and focus on making all current literature accessible in all possible formats be forwarded to the trustees' Conference Committee.

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