

Hawaii Area 17 Inform the Delegate Assembly

May 2, 2020

The primary purpose of the Inform the Delegate Assembly is to ensure the voice of Area 17 is carried to the General Service Conference via an informed Delegate. With this in mind:

Please be flexible and open to changes to agenda times based on topic presentations.

We will ask Area officers, DCM's, Standing Committee and Intergroups Chairs to submit a written report.

Voting members are GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committee Chairs, Intergroup Chairs, and Area Officers

****** Secretaries note (report). Seeing as this is a new format, I did the best I could to make things as cohesive and understandable as possible. Summary reports are put in entirety before polls and discussions as I could not find a way to separate for each panel. Actual reports are put at end of minutes. Any suggestions welcome for future meetings such as this. Thank you Kunane for your poll and notes!!!!!!!!!! ******

If anyone wants the chat file please email me and I will email them directly. They have sensitive info so it is not to be shared at all.

Thank you all for making history, great work!!!!

8:00am Inform the Delegate Zoom Waiting Room Opens

✚ Deborah and the gang helped rename and allow entry to zoom meeting.

9:00am Called to Order with the Serenity Prayer

✚ Tommy went over guidelines and proffered patience and tolerance for our new normal.

✚ New GSRs were introduced. 3 new

✚ Reading- A.A.'s Legacy of Service (S-1) by Anastasia

9:15am Panel Discussion Procedure

✚ Please see handout

✚ Coleen talked about experience with other areas doing online meetings and looking forward to ours today.

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Archives ITD

Question #1: Consider requests to develop a book on AA history from 1955 through the present.

Background: The book AA Comes of Age documented the history of AA from the start to 1955.

This topic for consideration is should we contemplate continuing documenting our history from 1955 to present day.

15 Total Responses: 12 Support 3 Take No Action

Comments:

"Wasn't even aware that our recorded history ended in 1955! Glad this topic was brought up."

"After much talk we came up with "Yes" (Thumbs up) We saw that new members and the most important discussion was that history needed to be written about Younger people in AA's history needed to be brought to its attention. It also was said in our group -before it was lost. How did AA's under 30 get their groups going and where is it the strongest."

"Also, where do loner's who can't make meetings because of age or location, develop that part of AA's history ... not much of that is discussed in "AA Comes of Age "

" Overall, the group wasn't prepared to say a blanket yes without having information about the cost of this endeavor, especially in light of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The Group appreciates the idea in theory. A member recognized that there is information in the Archives. A great suggestion was made and appreciated by all to pursue the possibility of completing this book and releasing a digital version to mitigate costs and preserve our AA history. Taking into account the basic question which is simply, should this be looked into, as trusted Servant, I am also interested in preserving AA's history by completing a book that brings AA into the present day in an accessible way and looking into releasing a digital copy until a future publication estimate can be obtained."

"Excellent idea"

"yes however we considered it a B priority. We should focus on electronic issues such as social media and digital infrastructure"

"Need to continue to authoritatively continue recording our AA history"

"We feel that archives and present literature is sufficient to inform the fellowship."

"Our group saw a need with younger people coming in and the need for information needed or collected since AA Comes of age."

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“Don't want to lose the history”

“No Decision”

15 Total Responses: 6 Support 8 Take No Action* 1 Abstain

*Note: There were several responses that would support C. but because A-C were combined for one response to Question #2, these Responses are not fully reflective of our individual response to each part.

Question #2: Review the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix”

Comments:

“The Group feels that the request is understandable, but that the current suggested splits apply to most areas. Since every Group is autonomous, Groups can decide on their own how to allocate splits.”

“It's just a suggestion and a good one at that.”

“Do not think revision of pamphlet would help beginning treasurers, and experienced treasurers know to make their own divisions. Message is pass along money to District, Intergroup, Area and GSO, not control divisions”

“They thought they should have the right to see where their 7th tradition should go. The need might be greater in the district or the area and they wanted to make that decision”

“Each group should feel free to decide how to distribute their 7th tradition”

There were 3 parts to this topic – further comments related to each of these subparts are listed below.

A. Consider a request to revise the pie chart percentages

Background: Return the suggested percentages back to what they were changed in 1996

With Intergroup Distribution			Without Intergroup Distribution		
1996	Service Entity	Current	1996	Service Entity	Current
30%	District	10%	60%	District	40%
20%	Area	10%	30%	Area	30%
10%	GSO	30%	10%	GSO	30%
40%	Intergroup	50%			

Comment:

“...it's up to the group to decide on how that is to be distributed...”

B. Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities

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Background: There are 3 pie charts in the current pamphlet. Remove the 2 charts that indicate the percentages from #2 above – leaving only the chart without actual numbers and add the following language:

“Duties of the entities noted above are described on page 7 of this pamphlet. Performance of these service duties vary from area to area. Please be sure to inquire which services these entities provide in YOUR area and contribute accordingly.”

Comment:

“...on view of the expense of the district, area and intergroup and what was available for committee work – we all agreed to change the wording back to what it was...”

C. Consider draft language related to the “virtual basket”

Background: The CoVid pandemic provided sufficient background without saying anything further. Add the following language:

“Q. Some members of our group wanted to pass a “virtual” basket – to collect Seventh Tradition contributions digitally. How could we do this?”

A. A number of groups have utilized digital payment platforms as an adjunct to passing the basket in the conventional sense in order to provide opportunities for cashless contributions. There are different payment platforms to facilitate this service and it is up to the group to determine which one to use. Some groups have found that a smartphone app-based payment platform is the most efficient, seamless and minimally disruptive solution for providing a digital contribution. Experience suggests that the treasurer is a likely choice to handle digital contributions, though some groups add more than one trusted servant to share the responsibilities or create a new service position to inform the group about digital payment options and assist other group members who are interested in contributing this way.”

Comment:

“My group supported the virtual basket part of the finance issues but they voted to take no action on the pamphlet... the group does want GSO to look into the virtual basket issue.”

“VIRTUAL BASKET is a good idea, since it saves on stamps, and letters.” Written pre-CoVid.

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CPC Inform the Delegate Report

Panel 69 Area 17

- A. Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet “AA in Your Community” (pgs.99-117)
1. The group “Sobriety Society” in area 64 Tennessee made the proposal with the primary premise being the information is already present in two other pamphlets “Information on Alcoholics Anonymous” and “AA at a Glance”. This pamphlet has been a topic of discussion since the 1980’s where it was discontinued and then reinstated in 1981. The group points to low sales as another reason why it should be discontinued. They also pointed to some grammatical errors in this pamphlet. There was a letter from Lois F. , secretary, dated 1/15/1981 that stressed the importance of the title of the pamphlet as her reason for supporting the pamphlet remain in circulation. She stated “My experience is that “AA in Your Community” is needed. It is true that other pamphlets contain similar information. However, I believe that pamphlet titles are important since they, too, make a statement.” Regarding this question there were 5 in support of “considering” this proposal, 3 who voted to take no action and one that abstained. Based on some of the comments it seemed to be redundant information and therefore were in support “considering” this proposal.
- B. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals (pg. 118-128).
1. This proposal was submitted by the Area 11 Connecticut CPC committee. Although they agreed that most mental health professionals were aware of AA there remains a lot of misunderstanding and misconceptions about what AA is and what it is not. Some of the points they thought should be included in this pamphlet are as follows; 1) AA is not the same as psychotherapy. 2) AA is a spiritual program not religious. 3) Inform them that prescribed medication does not interfere with the principles of the program. 4) AA does not offer financial help to those in need nor does it provide housing or social services. 5) AA requires no payment for participation. 6) Reinforce the only requirement for membership is the desire to stop drinking regardless of any other outside issues. 7) AA is not affiliated with any other 12 step programs. 8) Describe the disease/craving/obsession concept of alcoholism. 9) make them aware of the AA website and smartphone app. 10) Let them know alcoholism impacts people from all walks of life. 11) Explain the anonymity of the program. 12) Suggest they attend an open meeting. 13) Suggest they make contact with the CPC committee in their community. 14) Let them know the long history of mental health issues within the fellowship and the likelihood of coming across a potential alcoholic within their day to day work. The group was unanimous in their response to “consider” this proposal. Some additional comments were:
 - 1) “A pamphlet for health professionals is outdated. If health professionals were researching AA they would use an electronic data base such as “Up to Date”.
 - 2) “direct insinuation of a positive view of AA into the places where mental health and all physicians look for info, that is on their smart phone, the app “UpToDate” and the attachment of the UpToDate info to the electronic medical records now in

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universal use would be a meaningful advance. The newly trained doctors would be helpful in this.”

Cooperation with the Elder Community

Topic: Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “AA for the Older Alcoholic - Never too Late”

Background: In January 2019, the Conference Treatment and Accessibilities Committee advised that the pamphlet be updated with a revised introduction, current and inclusive stories, reference to online AA and an updated “How Do I Find AA section.”

A subcommittee worked on the revision and reported back. In August, the committee then requested for additional sharing and requested a call out for stories. 44 stories were submitted with equal participation of male and female A.A. members, as well as broad regional representation.

Hawaii has been active in participation with suggestions and stories for the pamphlet. Several seniors were interviewed and four stories were sent from newly sober over 60 years of age AA members.

After reviewing the background information and several discussions, our Cooperation with the Elder Community committee agree that the pamphlet should go forward. We know that this population is vulnerable, growing quickly in number, and in need of support.

We request that the pamphlet be printed in the regular “large print” however, NOT the Huge font used in the existing pamphlet, making it bulky and heavy. We feel that it is an insult, that we are seniors, not visually impaired. We developed our own pamphlet because we felt so strongly opposed to the current one.

One member comments, “The older alcoholic is changing- so should the pamphlet.”

Topic: Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A.

Background: In February 2019, the Trustee’s Literature Committee agreed and forwarded to the 2020 Conference Committee a progress report regarding creating a pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A. In July, the chair requested feedback from Spanish speaking women members from throughout the United States and Canada to support the idea. Conference calls, round tables and workshops have contributed many possible titles and material for such a pamphlet.

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Our group feels strongly to support the idea of a pamphlet for Spanish -speaking women in A.A. Although we do not have a large Spanish -speaking population in Hawaii, we have attended PRAASA's that speak to the need.

Topic: Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

Background: suggested to remove the phrase "opposite sex" from p. 117.

Also to reconsider the use of the phrase "lustful enough to rape" on p. 66.

There were concerns that "if we start changing language, where will we stop? However, those in favor commented that those phrases were not inclusive and offensive.

Our group felt strongly that the word "lustful" should be removed ("No one wants to be angry enough to murder,lustful enough to rape"...). We now know that lust does not cause rape and that it was not known in Bill W's time. It is offensive at least and certainly incorrect and misleading. Omitting it will not change the gyst of the paragraph.

Half of the committee agreed that removing "opposite sex" from the sentence was appropriate, that this terminology was outdated and wrong and what does the gender of our partners have to do with the success of A.A? It is important to not have language that would cause someone to reject the program.

"But replace it with what?" was asked by several members of the committee.

The other half of the committee said that it was a waste of money to change the book, one line at a time. People recognize when the book was written, the gender question was not charged as it is now. Others said a whole new 12 and 12 revision might be appropriate in the future to improve many of the archaic terms.

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Corrections Panel Report May 2020 for Inform the Delegate Topics

Q1. F. Consider a request to develop an A.A. Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message.

For: 10 / No Action: 3 /Abstain: 1

Comments:

For: In favor but keep it simple please, it would help to enhance the mission of the Grapevine and put all the information about it in one place.

Against: The Grapevine does job well without pamphlet to assist, It's redundant and not the best way to raise awareness of the Grapevine.

Q2: T. Consider revising the pamphlet "Questions & Answers on Sponsorship"

1. Change the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.
2. Expand the section on "Service Sponsorship" and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship.

For: 8 / No Action: 5 /Abstain: 1

Comments:

For: These should be two separate topics for survey, current language does not accurately represent today's diversity of membership, but some felt more specific wording needs to be provided. Service sponsors are important, including in title good idea, another was in favor but there needs to be separate pamphlet for service sponsorship.

Against: Same sex sponsor is most appropriate, not appropriate for newcomer to address these issues, topic draws conflict & controversy. There is adequate information on both topics, no change is needed.

Q3: U. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet "G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole."

For: 9 / No Action: 3 /Abstain: 2

Comments:

For: Further explaining the role of GSRs good idea and would be a positive addition, another in favor but we need two different pamphlets not just preamble, many of us never read GSR preamble.

Against: no comments, an abstaining group commented that preamble is not broken.

Panel V. Grapevine Inform the Delegate Summary Report, Julie G.

Question 1). Review progress report on actions taken from the findings of the AA Grapevine and La Vina Fellowship Feedback Survey.

Background:

Fall 2018, 4500 15 minute surveys were completed by readers and potential readers of GV and LV to measure attitudes toward existing, current/intended usage, and future preferences. Summary of findings from the feedback survey are listed below.

1. Opportunities to improve perceptions and relevance of GV/LV as important personal recovery tools, via outreach coordinator, improved communication with GV chairs, workshops, expanded AV content on YouTube channel, increase call for tradition and step stories
2. Clarify funding of GV & LV may increase revenues, via educating that GV is self-supporting and new GV/LV product catalog
3. Improve content to reach younger members and be more relevant to those with long-term sobriety, via more digital delivery platforms, website rebuild, young people stories in every issue and young and sober stories all the time, GV Staff attend ICYPAA, and increase content on YouTube
4. Desire for simpler subscription model and less interest in stand-alone digital subscription

Feedback from Area 17

All responses (10 GV committee members & 5 other people in general service who completed the survey) were neutral or in favor of the GV changes. AA's like picking articles from GV's online search by topic for their meeting. AA's feel supported and like that the GV is offering all their services for free as part of the We-Are-Here-To-Help response to the pandemic, providing free online access to all written and audio GV/LV articles and YouTube videos. Some AA's select topics from GV to discuss during walking AA meetings, and others, who are uncomfortable with Zoom, listen to GV audio stories with headphones while taking walks. AA's like the changes which are making GV/LV more current and accessible for young people.

Question 2). Consider revising the AA Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other..."

Question 3). Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence of the AA Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..."

Background:

The AA Preamble was written in June 1947, and introduced in the GV soon after the GV began circulating to non-alcoholics, to describe what AA is and is not, and to be used for public information purposes, later it was added to many conference approved publications, and now is often used to open meetings. It was revised in 1958, when the word "honest" was removed from the phrase, "the only requirement for membership is an honest desire to stop drinking."

An advisory action from 1992 references an advisory action from 1986 pertaining to sexist language in the Big Book and other Bill W writings addressed the issue. 1) "as

the preface of the Big Book clearly states that the text was written in 1939 and that it hasn't been changed, no further explanation regarding out-of-date phrases and/or gender-oriented pronouns or chapter titles is necessary." 2) "AAWS editorial staff continue to degenderize AA literature, with the exception of Bill W.'s writings, as the items are reprinted, i.e. Staffing the booth rather than manning the booth, etc.

There were 6 requests to AA GV in 2018 & 2019 to revise the AA Preamble, which were made into 2 different agenda items. 4 of the requests were from GSRs and 2 from Area Delegates, and none of the 6 had the support of substantial unanimity from their areas. All 6 people were concerned that the current preamble stating "...fellowship of men and women..." Isn't inclusive, especially for those transgendered persons who do not identify as either male or female, and for AA's as young as 12 who hardly consider themselves men and women, but simply alcoholic. 5 of the 6 requested using the term "people" rather than "men and women" since it sounded more welcoming to all persons.

Feedback from Area 17 (since all people responded the same to both questions 2 and 3, they were grouped together)

No Action (7 GV and 2 others): We all come to AA and we all feel we don't fit in, which is why most of us drank. Our goal in AA is to be inclusive and make everyone feel welcome. The way we convey this message during the meeting is more important than the language in the Preamble. We have learned in AA to identify with each other even though we are all very different. As women, we have been subjected to sexism and know much of the AA literature is sexist. However, we are going down a slippery slope if we start changing the language as we may start changing the message of recovery. Many groups don't support making any changes since they like it the way it is, and it has worked for them. Some people wondered if anyone had asked someone who doesn't identify as either male or female how they feel about changing the Preamble, if they thought it would make a big difference to them, and if they would want it changed to something else, like "alcoholics" rather than "people."

Support (3 GV and 3 others): In the survey, one GV GSR referenced how AAWS is trying to degenderize AA literature, except for the Big Book and Bill W's writings. The Preamble was written by the GV staff and not by Bill W., and it is not included in the Big Book. One group had 5 in favor and 4 opposed to making a change, so there wasn't substantial unanimity. No one who supported the change came to the GV committee Zoom meeting 4/30.

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We were Panel VI Mynah Bird and we had 3 agenda item topics to consider. GSR's did a great job, as we had 13 groups from across the state that gave feedback.

Topic 1: Consider request to add subtitle to the booklet "Living Sober."

A group in California suggest that the title of "Living Sober" be amended to read: "Living Sober. How not to take the first drink."

(2) Support

- 1.-To be consistent with table contents. Chapter's suggesting of "How not to take the first drink."
- 2.-Group voted to support

(7) Take no action

- 1.-Keep it simple. Staying away from the first drink is the second article in the booklet.
- 2.-motion did not pass
- 3.-We are voting to not change it-trivial and the book is fine with the title as is
- 4.-group stated leave it alone.
- 5.-We think that the current title is inclusive of all the topics within the booklet, including how not to take the first drink.
- 6.-No change is needed.
- 7.-Book is fine as it is and very popular
- 8.-no comment
- 9.-no comment
- 10.-no comment
- 11.-no comment

Summary: It is the consensus of the participating groups to "Take no action." We believe that it is already outlined in the booklet and mentioned multiple times of how not to take the first drink. Members did not want to change something that was working.

Topic 2: Consider request to revise text related to open meeting in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.”

Last year **ITEM N**: Consider suggestion to add “Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers” to the end of the open meeting side of the Primary Purpose (blue) card. This item failed. However, in “The A.A. Group” pamphlet on page 13 it reads: **Open meetings** are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous’ program of recovery from alcoholism. Non-alcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.

The request is to have consistency in our literature and would like it to read: **Open meetings** are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous’ program of recovery from alcoholism.

(6) Take no action

- 1.-In the A.A. group pamphlet it is basically describing the difference between an open and closed meeting. I believe it's important to inform those who may want to know the difference between an open and closed meeting.
- 2.-Some of us didn't even recognize that we were alcoholic until we had attended a few meetings (as observers.)
- 3.-Tradition four: Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or AA as a whole. The group conscience can decide whether to use or omit that language.
- 4.-We like having the text read as is
- 5.-unnecessary
- 6.-No comment

(2) Abstain

- 1.-Group voted they were not in favor
- 2.-No

(5) Support

- 1.-Our home group is in favor of exploring
- 2.-Majority voted.
- 3.-We agree with the following suggested change: "Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous. “Program of recovery from alcoholism.”
- 4.-No comment but in support of.
- 5.-No comment but in support of.

Summary: The general consensus of the group is to “Take no action.” No changes are necessary. The groups can decide for themselves. The importance of knowing the difference between open and closed meetings.

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Topic 3: Consider request to revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.”

This paragraph was referenced in the background notes: “What does membership in AA cost?” we have a problem with the answer which state that most local groups “pass the hat” at meeting to defray the cost of renting a meeting place *and other meeting expenses, including coffee, sandwiches, cakes or whatever else may be served.*

(7) Support

- 1.-I support request of revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet "Frequently Asked Questions About A.A." I believe we should state that 7th tradition pays for rent, coffee, literature and for contribution to Area, Inter-group and GSO. Nothing more and nothing less.
- 2.-We agree that AA is not a catering service, and that that language does not reflect AA's primary purpose, to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers.
- 3.-Group voted in favor
- 4.-Pass the hat should be removed, that's why each group pass the basket etc. for the 7th tradition. To be used for meeting expenses, including coffee, sandwiches or other expenses that the group might have.
- 5.-It's simpler and more supportive of Tradition 4, to allow the group to define what their 7th tradition supports and how specific they wish to be. In our area, the days of sandwiches are long gone.
- 6.-This piece of literature needs updating.
- 7.-Support but no comment.

(3) Abstain

- 1.-our group feels the text is transparent of what money may be used for.
- 2.-need more info.
- 3.-Abstain with no comment

(3) Take no action

- 1.-We recently added this to our reading material before the meeting so we vote no.
- 2.-No comment
- 3.-No comment

Summary: The consensus here was in support of. However, during our zoom committee meeting it was mentioned that there, were other verbage that needed to be addressed and so it was decided to abstain.

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Public Information Chair: Deborah L.

Having repeatedly going over these topics, my focus shifted to Tradition 5, as a group the only primary purpose is to carry it's message to the alcoholic who still suffers. In short my understanding of the topics for Public Information is 1) convert three selected pamphlets to video shorts that would be readily available through technology for the alcoholic, 2) create an A.A. podcast available through the internet and/or app that would cover all aspects of sobriety that include topics such as "Experience with Steps/Traditions/Concepts," "The Service Manual," "Experience, Strength, Hope from current and past trustees and delegates," "Our different pieces of literature," and "The Grapevine and La Vina." In yesterday and today's world we are conditioned to engage ourselves in technology, it has evolved to being the "go to" solution via phone/computer for instant answers, solutions, education for almost everything and anything, this would allow more opportunity to reach out to persons that have a problem with drinking vice versa for those seeking help, and 3) Update the pamphlet "A.A. and the Black African-American Alcoholic" and my perception on this topic is like going through the process of developing a 5th Edition book of Alcoholics Anonymous, and it is asking to update the personal stories of experience, strength and hope that just may just help that alcoholic.

I found the list of contact for GSR's on this committee helpful in a way that, I was able to discover who is still a GSR and who is not, whether or not the phone number is active or inactive, if so, I was able to leave a message and wait for a response or not (in most cases no response). I appreciate the few that answered my call. I was able to actually talk to two GSR's on this committee including an alternate GSR whom actually reached out and contacted me (he was not on that list). In addition to, I had shared these topics with other members of the fellowship and was able to get their feel or feedback, however they are not voting members, so I took Concept III, Right of Decision on their behalf. Other difficulties I gathered from the GSR's were not having access to a computer, more focused on the struggles with adjusting and adapting to the limitations set because of this COVID-19, not clear as to what was being asked on the survey and the readings were lengthy and difficult to understand. Most effective for me was being able to talk to someone one to one via phone.

Here is a roundabout consensus for the topics for the topics laid out for Public information through the survey and through members of the fellowship of Area 17 that I have personally spoken to. For the members of A.A. I have spoken to, I will provide a comment on the majority of their opinion in favor of or not.

Item G: Review a draft plan to create video shorts based on A.A. pamphlets.

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Survey: (4) Yes, comment: more visual the better (1) take no action, and (1) abstain, comment: w/ the Covid 19 there was no Group Conscience and did not understand, did not want to make a comment because it was unclear.

Members of A.A.: The majority of individuals that I spoke with were in support of reviewing for reasons being that with technology, why not, it would be easily available and some people need visuals rather than reading the literature, on the Members AA: Yes, move forward, however one individual did mention, these video shorts will cost money to create.

Item J. Consider a request to develop a plan to create an A.A. podcast.

Survey: (5) Yes, comment: modern way to get information out there, great educational platform. and (1) take no action.

Members of A.A.: Yes. Again, the gist of comments geared towards having more opportunities to reach out to the alcoholic and having this service is a step further to having a Grapevine on-hand, being able to connect instantly through listening to another alcoholic sharing their experience. The majority said yes, were technology inclined and there were those that said yes, however felt they would not utilize this service because they were not technology inclined and preferred being in a physical meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous carrying the message.

O. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic.” (pgs. 488 – 501)

Survey: (4) yes no comments and (2) abstain

Members of AA: A majority of members was for updating this pamphlet with new stories and others were not either interested or open. I noticed that members with time, took this personal after sharing the background history as why this pamphlet came about reasons such as voicing “you’re either an alcoholic or not, all is inclusive. One person was Hawaiian and an Alcoholic and felt as an Alcoholic he once felt discriminated for being an alcoholic and recalls being called a loser.

Committee report—treatment committee

Based on the survey, the vote on two of our issues was 7-4 with two abstentions. This is not substantial unanimity, so the committee was invited to discuss the issue on April 28. Four members and the committee chair were present

Q1- add text from the pamphlet about the AA meeting to the big book.

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Survey vote was 4 in support and 7 for take no action

The committee chair read out the comments from the survey and asked the four members if they represented the minority or the majority. All present represented the majority except the chair. So the chair spoke for the minority however a couple of the survey responses had already changed my mind. While I'm in favor of promoting this material, the big book is for new members and the point that the 12&12 may be a better fit changed my mind. The four members did not change their votes so substantial unanimity was achieved with the change of my vote.

Final recommendation from our committee is 8-3 take no action.

Q2 revise the big book to eliminate inappropriate gender references.

Survey vote was 4 in support and 7 for take no action

The committee chair read out the comments from the survey and asked the four members if they represented the minority or the majority. All present represented the majority except the chair. So the chair spoke for the minority. This time I did not change my mind. I feel this is a thoughtful approach to a serious issue that is damaging to new members. However, the four members present did not change their minds. They said their groups feel strongly that changing the first 164 should not be done. They felt that creating new or alternative versions of the texts would be a better direction—instead of changing a historical document.

To achieve substantial unanimity, I changed my vote from support to abstain 1—not because I changed my mind but because as chair, I felt my vote should be a tiebreaker instead of causing dissent.

Final committee recommendation: is 7-3 take no action.

Q3. Create a new Spanish translation of the Big Book

Initial survey vote was 8 votes for support and some abstentions.

Since this vote was unanimous, no additional discussion was necessary. All present agreed.

Final committee recommendation: unanimously support.

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The District Committee Members (DCM) got together on April 26, 2020 to discuss and vote on Panel Topic XI for consideration. There were 11 DCMs, 2 Alternate DCMs and 2 Area Officers present. The discussion involved the DCMs and Alternate DCMs with the voting body being left to one representative per district (11).

The Focus of Discussion:

VI – Literature Committee

Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution.

In short, 6 DCMs voted in support of the consideration, 4 voted against supporting the consideration and 1 DCM did not vote. Though the discussion was meaningful, it was difficult to differentiate the comments made by each participant with a definite yes or no vote because most comments focused on or reflected the proposed agenda items (5 to be exact) versus the consideration itself. This might help us to better understand why 50% of the online survey voted to abstain. During this discussion, the abstain option was not available. The proposed agenda items and recommendations made in the background information raised much concern amongst participants but also some items and recommendations were found applaudable.

The most prominent point made in all the comments documented (direct or in-direct) was

1. Separate considerations for each proposed agenda item (5),
2. The need for more clarity on each item (some made available in the background information but more needs to be done).
3. and what would be the proposed intent for each item considered (Clear intention for change)

This would make clear a yes and no voting process. It is obvious in the notes that each participant's comment reflected both sides of the argument (yes and no to individual items based on recommendations) because all the items were bundled into one.

With this said, I highlighted the individual comments that may have supported the yes vote. We hope this provides a better understanding to the majority and the minority conscience of the DCMs.

In summary,

It was difficult to decide on a yes or no vote on the entire consideration due to multiple items being bundled in one consideration. Though the majority voted yes to support the consideration, it is important to understand that the intent of this consideration is to see if the proposed agenda items can be addressed by a common solution. Nothing more.

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Highlighted comments may represent support for the majority vote (6) and comments not highlighted may represent support for the minority vote (4) or may not represent either. Will use some comments as examples if presentation time permits

Discussion documented on April 26, 2020 by Roxanne Z.:

- Lots of discussion. Common Solution? No – too many items. Conversation held about each specific item. **Yes on simplified language**, no change to first 164 pages of Big Book.
- 5 different items in question. Need more clarification.
- Plain language book is not replacing BB.
- A lot of good input from GSRs. Stay as is. Could not agree to abstain or say yes.
- How much do we accommodate every subgroup? Then it possibly could remove/minimize the face-to-face, the personal aspect of AA. The use of a sponsor is important to understand the BB.
- Again, don't change original document (BB). **OK with stand alone companion book abridged in 5th grade language.** (from p368 – 369) **Questions to ponder: Does this request belong to the Conference Literature Committee or does it belong in Accessibilities? Are we really serving the members of our fellowship when we continue to encourage our newcomers to buy a Big Book that some cannot read? Would not an additional piece of literature meant to make "Bill's Story" and the "12 Steps," more understandable, pay for itself in ways we can't begin to imagine? Doesn't our 5th Tradition call us to carry the message to the still-suffering Alcoholic and this message is in the Big Book, but it is possible the message cannot be understood by everyone?**
- Against changing BB.
- We either support the item in its entirety or not (similar to budget). As a whole, too many pieces. Our duty is to have a yes/no vote, not abstain.
- A lot of tiers to this question. If the question is understood, ok on some items, not ok with others.
- BB changes: Over 85 years there have probably been 5th grade level readers. About changing/adding appendix addressing religion/spirituality: Where do we get by adding religion to the program? It's a spiritual program.
- There are already workbooks and dictionaries available.
- It's the responsibility of the sponsor to help the sponsee by walking them through the BB.
- Too many items in question. We wouldn't want all of these pieces to be approved.

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- Too many pieces. **Ok with companion to BB in Simplified Language.** Some of the background material was 20-25 years old and not new to discussion.
 - Large print for accessibility? Already have one (big print BB).
- Went to PRAASA and my take-away was Relevance and Inclusivity. Is this relevant and inclusive to all. The question presents all these ideas. The background materials give examples of simple language – Do not like. Who will be the deciding party to translate and how will they do it? A lot of the BB is beloved and poetic. A lot of Bill W. More conversation needs to take place.
- Inclusivity is the main consideration.
- **There is so much supplemental literature out there that will never replace the first 164 pages. A simplified language could be a supplemental to BB to help those simple language potential members. Why not let AA take control of the simplified language market. Simplified language helpful to marginalized members.**
- No change to first 164 pages of BB. BB is still the predominantly used text and a minority would/will use supplemental (translations).
- Break down question into separate considerations.
- No changes to BB. They used BB with sponsor and looked up words together. Sponsee better understood BB with help of sponsor.
- **Ok with additional book for simplified language.**
- Why is all of this bundled in one category? All items are there to enhance, help with literature of AA, in addition to simplified language.
- The individuals in our district were very vocal against a plain language and simplified language versions of BB. They questioned what “accessible translations” meant. And, isn’t there a big print BB already? **The group liked the idea of a workbook. Group. Consensus:** This entire item cannot be addressed with a common solution

Then discussion went over what the Conference would be considering. Would they be voting on the question to move forward or voting on further consideration. Some were understanding it one way, others the other way.

Comment: Consider means it may be voted on or not.

One comment: Too many subtopics to vote all together. Need individual discussion on topics. Stop agenda item before it goes to floor for vote.

VOTE: Yes (for agenda item)	6
No (against agenda item)	4
Did not Vote	1

Prepared: Roxanne Z

Presented: Bill M.

Convention Steering Report

Consider proposals related to the possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

Q1: Develop a fifth edition? (1) Against (7) Support (1) Abstain (2) No action

Against- The group feels it's not a priority to begin work on the 5th addition.

Support- Would like to see the language updated to more current vocabulary, to include social media & younger generations.

Q2: Develop a fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories & REVISIONS TO Appendices III and V? (1) Against

(7) Support (1) Abstain (2) No action

Against- The group felt they're plenty of updated stories available through Podcast, Grapevine, You tube.

Support- Would like to see it show where we're now & updated stories

Q3: Add a proposed addendum to a fifth edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous?

(2) Against (7) Support (2) No action

Against-DO NOT PUBLISH

Support-Would like more clarification & information on what would be updated, could better answer this question.

Alberta S.

Convention Steering

9:30am Panel I. Archives- Lisa B. Chair

XII. Archives

A. Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present. (pgs. 1007-1021)

VI. Finance

A. Review the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Spirituality and Money Mix.: (pgs. 179-189)

1. Consider a request to revise the pie chart percentages on page 12.
2. Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities.
3. Consider draft language related to the “virtual basket”.

XII. <u>Archives</u>				
A. Consider requests to develop a book on A.A. history from 1955 through the present. (pgs. 1007 – 1021)				
Poll Results:	Support:	88%	Do Not Support:	12%
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is in the history? Is this a new book with repeated information?• Would start as of 1955. AA come of Age covers up to 1955.• Please see the report for additional information regarding the panel.				
IV. <u>Finance</u>				
B. Review the pamphlet “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix.” (pgs. 179 – 189)				
<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Consider a request to revise the pie chart percentages on page 12.b. Consider a request regarding contribution percentages to service entities.c. Consider draft language related to the “virtual basket.”				
Poll Results:	Support:	70%	Do Not Support:	30%
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intergroup and districts should have a higher priority in the priority of splits. Neighbor island intergroup struggle with costs.• No needed to make changes.• Hoping to hear both sides of the discussion in these presentations.				

9:55am Panel II. CPC- Brian K. Chair

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

A. Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet “A. A. in Your Community.” (pgs. 99-117)

Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals. (pgs. 118-128)

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community				
A. Consider a request to discontinue the pamphlet “A.A. in Your Community.” (pgs. 99 – 117)				
Poll Results:	Support:	53%	Do Not Support:	47%
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 				
B. Consider a request to create a pamphlet for mental health professionals. (pgs. 118 – 128)				
Poll Results:	Support:	96%	Do Not Support:	4%
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please include information on “sponsorship” in the pamphlet. • Include a letter from a mental health professional such as the letter from Dr. Silkworth • Physicians don’t look for a pamphlet for information 				

10:20am Panel III. CEC- Mare L. Chair

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

C. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “A, A. for the Older Alcoholic.” (pgs. 955-956)

VI. Literature

F. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet for the Spanish speaking Women in A.A. (pgs. 284-285)

P. Consider request to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions: (pgs. 502-508)

1. To remove the phrase “opposite sex” from paragraph two on page 1147 in the chapter “Step Twelve”.

2. To reconsider use of the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in Paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six”.

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

A. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet “A.A. for the Older Alcoholic.” (pgs. 955 – 956)

Poll Results:	Support:	97%	Do Not Support:	3%
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Notes from the Mic:

- None

B. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet for Spanish-speaking women in A.A. (pgs. (284 – 285)

Poll Results:	Support:	99%	Do Not Support:	1%
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Notes from the Mic:

- This would be a good thing.

P. Consider requests to revise the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions: (pgs. 502 – 508)

1. To remove the phrase “opposite sex” from paragraph two on page 117 in the chapter “Step Twelve.”
2. To reconsider use of the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six.”

Poll Results:	Support:	59%	Do Not Support:	41%
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Notes from the Mic:

- Remove “opposite sex” and use “partner in life”
- Advisory action written a while ago stating that these statements were written at a time when and in a way for that time. And asks that people understand this and no changes are needed. (1986)
- Making words more welcoming will help keep people in the rooms
- Keeping things the way it’s originally is written is offensive and sends a message that people don’t count.
- Move to the 21st century.

11:00am Panel IV. Corrections-Sean C, Chair

V. Grapevine

F. Consider request to develop an A.A. Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA grapevine can be utilized to carry the AA message. (pgs. 232-243)

VI. Literature

T. Consider revising the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship”: (pgs 521-533)

1. Change the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.

2. Expand the section on “Service Sponsorship” and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship.

U. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet “G.S.R.: Your Groups Link to A.A. as a Whole.” (pgs. 534-537)

V. Grapevine

A. Consider a request to develop an A.A. Grapevine pamphlet on how the AA grapevine can be utilized to carry the A.A. message. (pgs. 232 – 243)

Poll Results:	Support:	55%	Do Not Support:	45%
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Notes from the Mic:

- None

VI. Literature

T. Consider revising the pamphlet “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship”: (pgs. 521 – 533)

1. Change the suggestion that sponsor and newcomer be of the same sex.

2. Expand the section on “Service Sponsorship” and retitle the pamphlet to include service sponsorship.

Poll Results:	Support:	60%	Do Not Support:	40%
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Notes from the Mic:

- “Same sex sponsor” is not necessary.
- Is the wording to replace, too restrictive: look for someone that is “ugly”
- We don’t want to tell people who they should ask for a sponsor.
- No change at this time. Make the program more inclusive.
- “We recommend” is good messaging. Women work with Women, Men work with Men

B. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet “G.S.R.: Your Group’s Link to A.A. as a Whole.” (pgs. 534 – 537)

Poll Results:	Support:	77%	Do Not Support:	23%
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Notes from the Mic:

- None

11:25am Panel V. Grapevine- Julie G. Chair

V. Grapevine

C. Review progress report on actions taken from the findings Of the AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey. (pgs. 201-204)

D. Consider revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, “Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength, and hope with each other..” (pgs 205-207)

E. Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: “Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share...” (pgs. 208-231)

V. <u>Grapevine</u>				
C. Review progress report on actions taken from the findings of the AA Grapevine Fellowship Feedback Survey. (pgs. 201 – 204)				

Poll Results:	Support:	90%	Do Not Support:	10%
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Notes from the Mic:

- None

D. Consider revising the A.A. Preamble to use gender neutral pronouns. For example, "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share their experience, strength and hope with each other..." (pgs. 205 – 207)

Poll Results:	Support:	65%	Do Not Support:	35%
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Notes from the Mic:

- Lots of talk about “we”. What about the not “we”?
- Support updating the Preamble. The Preamble is not one of Bill’s writings.
- Voting yes to support changes shows we are moving forward as a fellowship.
- We get sober, work with a sponsor and conform to AA. Not AA conform to us.
- When we start to change topics based on “issues”. Are these questions based on an outside issue.

E. Consider a request to change the language of the first sentence of the A.A. Preamble as follows: "Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of people who share..." (pgs. 208 – 231)			
Poll Results:	Support:	66%	Do Not Support: 34%
Notes from the Mic:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a neutral version of the book available. Keep both • Society has changed. We have to look at all of society as society exists today. 			

11:50am Lunch, everybody ate home lunch 😊

12:40pm Panel VI. Mynah Bird- Ernest S. Chair

VI. Literature

Q. Consider request to add a subtitle to the booklet Living Sober. (pgs. 509-510)

R. Consider request to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet “The AA Group”. (pgs, 511-517)

S. Consider request to revise text related to the self-support in the pamphlet “Frequently Asked questions About AA.” (pgs. 518-520)

VI. Literature			
Q. Consider request to add a subtitle to the booklet Living Sober. (pgs. 509 – 510)			
Poll Results:	Support:	21%	Do Not Support: 79%
Notes from the Mic:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The suggested title is a big promise for “not taking” a drink. • Groups that use the literature can make any announcements they want since they are autonomous. 			
R. Consider requests to revise text related to open meetings in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.” (pgs. 511 – 517)			
Poll Results:	Support:	35%	Do Not Support: 65%
Notes from the Mic:			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups should be notified in a non-alcoholic is attending the meeting. • Against removing – this wording is in multiple pamphlets. This wording was added 10 years ago to ensure that non-aa members could attend meetings as observers and not as participants. 			
S. Consider request to revise text related to self-support in the pamphlet “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.” (pgs. 518 – 520)			
Poll Results:	Support:	61%	Do Not Support:
			39%
Notes from the Mic:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the costs to updating pamphlets? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not a huge cost to making changes to pamphlets. 			

1:05pm Panel VII. Public Information-Deborah L. Chair

VIII. Public Information

- G. Review a draft plan to create video shorts based on A.A. pamphlets. (pgs. 817-826)
- J. Consider a request for a plan to create an AA podcast. (pgs, 845-846)

VI. Literature

- O. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic” (pgs. 488-501)

<u>VIII. Public Information</u>			
G. Review a draft plan to create video shorts based on A.A. pamphlets. (pgs. 817 – 826)			
Poll Results:	Support:	87%	Do Not Support:
			13%
Notes from the Mic:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 			
J. Consider a request to develop a plan to create an A.A. podcast. (pgs. 845 – 846)			
Poll Results:	Support:	93%	Do Not Support:
			7%
Notes from the Mic:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would be used for educational and historical purposes. Not speakers. Would love to have this available to learn more about A.A. 			

O. Consider updating the pamphlet “A.A. for the Black and African-American Alcoholic.” (pgs. 488 – 501)				
Poll Results:	Support:	87%	Do Not Support:	13%
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Racism is an inside issue not an outside issue. • Racism can block 12 step work. 				

1:30pm Panel VIII. Treatment- Bryan A. Chair

VI. Literature

- L. Consider request to revise the book Alcoholics Anonymous. (pgs. 439-448)
 1. Add pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet “ The AA Group” as an appendix in the next printing.
 2. Revise the first 164 pages.

- N. Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the Big Book Alcoholicos Anoimos. (pgs. 478-487)

<u>VI. Literature</u>				
L. Consider requests to revise the book Alcoholics Anonymous. (pgs. 439 – 448)				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add pages 3 through 41 of the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” as an appendix in the next printing. 2. Revise the first 164 pages. 				
Poll Results:	Support:	56%	Do Not Support:	44%
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adding the pamphlet as an appendix means it will be in the back. • No change means no growth. Rigidity will kill us. • Messaging is very dated. Think about if it was written in the context of women... would that be ok? • Can we change the word “God” to “higher power” • We need to keep an open mind. Just because something doesn’t apply to us or isn’t an issue for us like gender neutral pronouns, language, the 1950s language, we should keep an open mind to what impact it has on others. We don’t walk in here with the mindset of the steps will save our lives and change our thinking. We walk in here looking for help. 				

Consider development of a draft Fourth Edition of the book Alcohólicos Anónimos. (478 – 487)				
Poll Results:	Support:	92%	Do Not Support:	8%
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current version isn't translated well • Needs to have language that conveys the spirit of the message 				

2:10pm Panel IX. Website- Francesca Chair

VI. Literature

- C. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies. (pgs. 266-270)
- D. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Too Young" (pgs. 271-280)
- E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Young People and A.A.?" (pgs. 281-283)

VI. Literature				
C. Review progress report regarding the development of the pamphlet on A.A.'s Three Legacies. (pgs. 266 – 270)				
Poll Results:	Support:	96%	Do Not Support:	4%
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 				
D. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Too Young?" (pgs. 271 – 280)				
Poll Results:	Support:	99%	Do Not Support:	1%
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pamphlet is out dated for sure. • Most popular pamphlet at hospital on Kauai. 				
E. Review progress report regarding the pamphlet "Young People and A.A." (pgs. 281 – 283)				
Poll Results:	Support:	100%	Do Not Support:	0
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 				

2:35pm Panel X. Area 17 Annual Hawaii Convention Committee- Alberta S. Chair

VI. Literature

A. Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous. (pg. 449-477)

1. Develop a Fifth Edition.
2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V.
3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous at the time it is published.

VI. Literature

M. Consider proposals related to possible Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous: (pgs. 449 – 477)

1. Develop a Fifth Edition.
2. Develop a Fifth Edition of the book Alcoholics Anonymous with updated stories and revisions to Appendices III and V.
3. Add a proposed addendum to a Fifth Edition foreword of the book Alcoholics Anonymous at the time it is published.

Poll Results:	Support:	59%	Do Not Support:	41%
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Notes from the Mic:

- Does not support: Nothing on content in the background information. Just should we think about it. We already have a lot currently working on. Do need to add to it.
- Lots of updated stories and content on YouTube, Grapevine, etc. Keep the 4th edition.
- Our energy as A.A. as a whole would be better served somewhere else. Such as updating the correct translation of the Spanish big book.
- A 5th edition would not change the first 164 pages of the big book.
- Addendum: directed to gender terms, book written by mostly men,

3:00pm Panel XI. Area 17 All DCM's and Intergroup Chairs

VI. Literature

- K. Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the Big Book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution (pgs. 364-438)

VI. Literature				
K. Consider if proposed agenda items for plain language, simplified language, accessible translations and large print versions of the book Alcoholics Anonymous, as well as workbooks to help study the program of Alcoholics Anonymous, can be addressed with a common solution. (pgs. 364 – 438)				
Poll Results:	Support:	87%	Do Not Support:	13%
Notes from the Mic:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Too many topics for one common solution.• How do we be more inclusive?• Would like conference approved workbooks that support A.A. readings.				

3:25pm Delegate Reflection- Coleen Went over results and said she felt good about what we had accomplished.

3:45pm Adjourn with Responsibility Statement

**TREASURER'S REPORT
HAWAII AREA 17
Inform the Delegate - May 2, 2020**

Aloha Panel 69 trusted servants,

As of February 15, 2020 the Hawaii Area funds are as follows:

Operating Funds	\$30,340.86
Prudent Reserve	\$5,011.44
Reserve for Computer Equipment	\$1,350.45
Reserve for International Convention	\$2,229.89
Total Cash in Bank	\$38,932.64
Total Contributions and Income	\$11,882.59
-Total Expenditures	-\$14,550.74
Net Income/Loss	-2,668.15

**Mailing Address for
7th Tradition Contributions:
Hawaii Area Committee
PO Box 1413
Honolulu, HI 96806**

****Please make check payable to
"Hawaii Area Committee" and
also include Group Name, District,
and Group Service Number!**

Aloha Panel 69 of Hawaii Area 17!

As demonstrated by the numbers above, the Area expenses for 2020 are still ahead of the 7th Tradition contributions. Expenses for the year will be cut down considerably as both the International Convention and the Pacific Regional Forum have been cancelled, as well as the Hawaii Area Committee switching to a virtual platform for current assemblies and committee meetings. That being said, Hawaii Area 17 does still have monthly business expenses that need to be met. We encourage Groups and AA members to consider contributing to all levels of General Service in these strange times. Attached to this report, you will find our Budget v Actual Expenditures for 2020 so far.

Happenings:

- Federal tax preparation for the Hawaii Area is currently under way and will be submitted by the May 15 deadline.
- The Area is currently unable to accept online contributions. Please make all checks and money orders payable to Hawaii Area Committee and post to the address above.
- The 2021 proposed Budget will be presented at the May 30th Committee meeting and will be based on doing business as usual (i.e. meeting face to face).
- Budget presentations will be done following the ongoing county and state pandemic guidelines. The Finance Committee will be working with the DCM's to get those done.

Regarding 7th Tradition contributions, Mahalo Nui Loa to all the groups that have contributed, small and large, to our General Service Structure. Thank you to the Aloha Roundup for their contribution of \$105.80. Please remember to checks and money orders payable to "Hawaii Area Committee" (NOT "Area 17") and include your Group name, District, and Group Service Number on your Contributions. If you would like a receipt, please include a request for a receipt and a return address with your contribution. The **correct** Area mailing address is included at the top of this report.

Again, we would encourage Groups and AA members to consider contributing to all levels of General Service in this time of virtual meetings as no baskets are being passed. May you and your ohana stay safe and healthy in these strange times.

Should you require support, have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to contact me through the Area email at treasurer@area17aa.org.

In Love & Service, Rachel S., Area Treasurer, Panel 69

Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through December 2020

	Jan - Dec 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions Income			
District 01 Diamond Head	426.00		
District 02 Honolulu	364.87		
District 03 Leeward	135.81		
District 04 Windward Oahu	1,329.46		
District 05 No Ka Oi	738.47		
District 06 Kauai	676.59		
District 07 East Hawaii	222.20		
District 08 West Hawaii	2,091.12		
District 09 Central North Shore	374.47		
District 10 Waikiki	2,325.40		
District 11 Kihei	1,716.38		
District 12 Puna	249.78		
District 13 Tri-island	569.66		
District 17 Waianae	446.00		
Contributions Income - Other	0.00	43,038.50	-43,038.50
Total Contributions Income	11,666.21	43,038.50	-31,372.29
Other Contributions			
Aloha Roundup	105.80		
PRAASA Host Committee	110.00		
Total Other Contributions	215.80		
Other Income			
Interest Income	0.58		
Total Other Income	0.58		
Total Income	11,882.59	43,038.50	-31,155.91
Expense			
Delegate Expense-GSC			
Hotel	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Meals	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Other Misc Expense	0.00	100.00	-100.00
Report Backs to Districts	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Required GSC Support	1,800.00	1,800.00	0.00
Total Delegate Expense-GSC	1,800.00	3,250.00	-1,450.00
Haw Area Assemblies & Meetings			
Interisland Airfare			
Assistance to Districts	0.00	375.00	-375.00
Officers & Standing Comm Chairs	2,544.23	13,400.00	-10,855.77
Total Interisland Airfare	2,544.23	13,775.00	-11,230.77
Printing			
Chair & Alt Chair	11.78	300.00	-288.22
Delegate & Alt Delegate	15.97	400.00	-384.03
Registrar	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Secretary	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Treasurer	18.06	100.00	-81.94
Total Printing	45.81	1,150.00	-1,104.19
Registration			
Assemblies	1,275.00	1,700.00	-425.00
Committee Meeting Fees	1,275.00	1,700.00	-425.00
Total Registration	2,550.00	3,400.00	-850.00
Total Haw Area Assemblies & Meetings	5,140.04	18,325.00	-13,184.96
Hawaii Area Standing Committees			
Archives	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Archives - Non Rotating	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Coop w/ Elder Community			
Printing & Copying	164.32		
Coop w/ Elder Community - Other	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total Coop w/ Elder Community	164.32	300.00	-135.68
Cooperation w/ Pro Community	0.00	500.00	-500.00

Hawaii Area Committee
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
 January through December 2020

	Jan - Dec 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Corrections			
Literature	172.50		
Corrections - Other	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Total Corrections	172.50	800.00	-627.50
Finance			
Postage	17.65		
Finance - Other	0.00	150.00	-150.00
Total Finance	17.65	150.00	-132.35
Grapevine			
Literature	216.00		
Grapevine - Other	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total Grapevine	216.00	300.00	-84.00
Hawaii Annual Convention			
Alternate Chair AHC			
AHC Banquets & Brunch	0.00	180.00	-180.00
Registration Alt. Chair	60.00	70.00	-10.00
Meals Alt. Chair	0.00	140.00	-140.00
Hotel Alt. Chair	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Total Alternate Chair AHC	60.00	1,190.00	-1,130.00
Alternate Delegate AHC			
AHC Banquets & Brunch	0.00	180.00	-180.00
Registration Alt. Delegate	60.00	70.00	-10.00
Meals Alt. Delegate	0.00	140.00	-140.00
Hotel Alt. Delegate	0.00	800.00	-800.00
Total Alternate Delegate AHC	60.00	1,190.00	-1,130.00
Total Hawaii Annual Convention	120.00	2,380.00	-2,260.00
Mynah Bird			
Printing	268.32		
Mynah Bird - Other	0.00	450.00	-450.00
Total Mynah Bird	268.32	450.00	-181.68
Public Information			
Printing	110.65		
Public Information - Other	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Total Public Information	110.65	500.00	-389.35
Treatment Facilities	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Website Committee			
Website Fees	162.90		
Website Committee - Other	0.00	600.00	-600.00
Total Website Committee	162.90	600.00	-437.10
Total Hawaii Area Standing Committees	1,232.34	7,230.00	-5,997.66
Hawaii Area Supplemental/Oper			
Bank Service Charges	10.00	50.00	-40.00
Computers & Software	250.00	250.00	0.00
Dept. of Consumer Affairs	0.00	3.50	-3.50
Information Technology			
Zoom Business License	60.00		
Total Information Technology	60.00		
Insurance	475.00	550.00	-75.00
Office Supplies			
Chair & Alt Chair	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Delegate & Alt Delegate	4.50	200.00	-195.50
Registrar	10.41	20.00	-9.59
Secretary	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Treasurer	0.00	20.00	-20.00
Office Supplies - Other	50.00		
Total Office Supplies	64.91	310.00	-245.09

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	Jan - Dec 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Postage			
Chair & Alt Chair	0.00	10.00	-10.00
Delegate & Alt Delegate	11.00	10.00	1.00
Mail Box Service	0.00	225.00	-225.00
Registrar	0.00	10.00	-10.00
Secretary	0.00	10.00	-10.00
Treasurer	0.00	10.00	-10.00
Total Postage	11.00	275.00	-264.00
Storage of Permanent Archive	1,158.05	2,700.00	-1,541.95
Tax Preparation	100.00	100.00	0.00
International Conv Accrual	400.00	400.00	0.00
Total Hawaii Area Supplemental/Oper	2,528.96	4,638.50	-2,109.54
Total Expense	10,701.34	33,443.50	-22,742.16
Net Ordinary Income	1,181.25	9,595.00	-8,413.75
Other Income/Expense			
Other Expense			
International Convention - Del			
Airfare	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00
Hotel	0.00	900.00	-900.00
Meals	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Registration	115.00	115.00	0.00
Transportation	0.00	30.00	-30.00
Other Misc	15.62		
Pacific Region Hosp Suite	200.00		
Total International Convention - Del	330.62	2,445.00	-2,114.38
Area Delegate - PRAASA			
Airfare	531.39	900.00	-368.61
Banquet	100.00	45.00	55.00
Delegate Lunch	35.00	35.00	0.00
Hotel	874.00	700.00	174.00
Meals	63.41	160.00	-96.59
Registration	25.00	35.00	-10.00
Transportation	40.00	30.00	10.00
PRAASA Host Comm Scholarship	100.00		
Total Area Delegate - PRAASA	1,768.80	1,905.00	-136.20
Area Delegate - Regional Forum			
Airfare	11.20	750.00	-738.80
Hotel	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Meals	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Transportation	0.00	30.00	-30.00
Total Area Delegate - Regional Forum	11.20	1,680.00	-1,668.80
PRAASA - Area Chair			
Airfare	588.61	900.00	-311.39
Banquet	100.00	45.00	55.00
Hotel	1,003.97	700.00	303.97
Meals - Other	10.00	175.00	-165.00
Registration	25.00	35.00	-10.00
Transportation	0.00	30.00	-30.00
Total PRAASA - Area Chair	1,727.58	1,885.00	-157.42
Regional Forum - Area Chair			
Airfare	11.20	750.00	-738.80
Hotel	0.00	700.00	-700.00
Meals	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Transportation	0.00	30.00	-30.00
Total Regional Forum - Area Chair	11.20	1,680.00	-1,668.80
Total Other Expense	3,849.40	9,595.00	-5,745.60
Net Other Income	-3,849.40	-9,595.00	5,745.60
Net Income	-2,668.15	0.00	-2,668.15

Hawaii Area Committee
7th Tradition Contributions by District
 January through April 2020

Type	Date	Name	Amount
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Contributions Income			
District 01 Diamond Head			
Deposit	01/02/20	A Spiritual Awakening	52.21
Deposit	01/14/20	Living Sober Group	55.00
Deposit	02/06/20	A Spiritual Awakening	85.36
Deposit	02/09/20	Knuckleheads	44.78
Deposit	02/26/20	A Spiritual Awakening	31.45
Deposit	03/24/20	Knuckleheads	22.65
Deposit	04/20/20	Knuckleheads	9.55
Deposit	04/20/20	A Spiritual Awakening	125.00
Total District 01 Diamond Head			426.00
District 02 Honolulu			
Deposit	01/02/20	Hawaawaa Group	10.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Anonymous	10.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Architects of Adversity	28.20
Deposit	01/14/20	Kalihi Sobriety	35.00
Deposit	02/09/20	Step Sisters	21.90
Deposit	03/24/20	Malia Group Discussion	44.31
Deposit	04/20/20	Architects of Adversity	22.70
Deposit	04/20/20	Kalihi Sobriety	10.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Black Experience	182.76
Total District 02 Honolulu			364.87
District 03 Leeward			
Deposit	01/02/20	Hickam Steps & Traditions	48.55
Deposit	01/14/20	Sobriety Buzz	20.00
Deposit	02/09/20	Eatin Meetin	67.26
Total District 03 Leeward			135.81
District 04 Windward Oahu			
Deposit	01/02/20	Kailua Men's Stag	60.00
Deposit	01/02/20	TYG Kailua	64.40
Deposit	01/02/20	Gripers	60.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Search for Serenity	48.00
Deposit	01/14/20	No Laurel Resting Group	13.00
Deposit	01/14/20	grow up group	15.50
Deposit	01/14/20	NaWahine O Koolau	21.25
Deposit	01/14/20	Burning Desires Group	133.00
Deposit	02/06/20	TYG Kailua	88.91
Deposit	02/15/20	Hang Loose	53.92
Deposit	02/15/20	Hang Loose	55.59
Deposit	02/15/20	Hang Loose	28.55
Deposit	02/15/20	Monday Night Madness	160.00
Deposit	02/26/20	TYG Kailua	33.80
Deposit	02/26/20	Kaneohe Discussion Group	50.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Kailua Men's Stag	80.00
Deposit	04/20/20	TYG Kailua	151.54

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Type	Date	Name	Amount
Deposit	04/20/20	TYG Kailua	162.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Kaaawa Fri Night Step Study	50.00
Total District 04 Windward Oahu			1,329.46
District 05 No Ka Oi			
Deposit	01/02/20	Anonymous	140.00
Deposit	01/02/20	Paniolo Group	90.00
Deposit	01/02/20	11th Step Meeting Monkeypod M...	27.40
Deposit	01/14/20	High in the Sky	150.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Upcountry Sunrise	80.00
Deposit	02/06/20	Paniolo Group	13.22
Deposit	02/09/20	Sober & Crazy	46.00
Deposit	02/15/20	Back to Basics Upcountry	11.25
Deposit	02/15/20	Food for Thought	40.00
Deposit	02/26/20	Upcountry Sunrise	40.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Wailuku Group	20.00
Deposit	03/24/20	11th Step Meeting Monkeypod M...	20.60
Deposit	04/20/20	Back to Basics Upcountry	10.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Over the Rainbow	40.00
Deposit	04/30/20	Back to Basics Upcountry	10.00
Total District 05 No Ka Oi			738.47
District 06 Kauai			
Deposit	01/14/20	Happy Hour Kauai	52.50
Deposit	01/14/20	Poipu Beach Sunrise Sobriety Gr...	50.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Step Sisters on Kauai	44.84
Deposit	01/14/20	Turn it Over	33.00
Deposit	01/14/20	BYOBB	109.00
Deposit	02/09/20	Koloa Aloha Group	25.00
Deposit	02/26/20	Princeville/Hanalei Group	30.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Anonymous	25.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Hui Ohana	150.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Whiskey & Milk Meeting	50.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Na Wahine Ku Pono	30.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Kauai Recovery Group	30.00
Deposit	04/30/20	Step Sisters on Kauai	47.25
Total District 06 Kauai			676.59
District 07 East Hawaii			
Deposit	01/14/20	Attitude Adjustment	40.00
Deposit	02/06/20	Alternatives to Insanity	4.50
Deposit	02/06/20	Hilo Nooners	18.45
Deposit	02/06/20	Hilo Nooners	24.00
Deposit	02/15/20	Honomu As Yet Unnamed	50.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Hilo Nooners	8.55
Deposit	04/20/20	Attitude Adjustment	65.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Hilo Nooners	11.70
Total District 07 East Hawaii			222.20

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Type	Date	Name	Amount
District 08 West Hawaii			
Deposit	01/02/20	Aloha Mana	120.00
Deposit	01/02/20	Kalaoa Group	40.00
Deposit	01/02/20	Waimea Winners	28.45
Deposit	01/02/20	Seniors in Sobriety	38.80
Deposit	01/02/20	Aloha Mana	100.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Wonderful Women of Waimea	30.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Monday Miracles	75.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Kalaoa Group	20.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Waikoloa Women's	12.83
Deposit	02/06/20	Seniors in Sobriety	51.58
Deposit	02/09/20	One Primary Purpose Group	20.00
Deposit	02/15/20	Waimea Winners	46.77
Deposit	02/15/20	Daily Reprieve	270.00
Deposit	02/26/20	Men of Maluhia	33.88
Deposit	02/26/20	Strictly Solutions Men's Stag	25.00
Deposit	02/26/20	Dawn Patrol	20.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Waimea Winners	40.30
Deposit	03/24/20	Waikoloa Women's	9.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Nooners Group	200.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Kailua-Kona Group	385.02
Deposit	03/24/20	Rebellion Dogs Group	49.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Waimea Winners	13.39
Deposit	04/20/20	Mana of the Round Table	250.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Wonderful Women of Waimea	10.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Hapuna Sunset Beachcombers	32.10
Deposit	04/20/20	Strictly Solutions Men's Stag	50.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Aloha Mana	120.00
Total District 08 West Hawaii			2,091.12
District 09 Central North Shore			
Deposit	01/14/20	Waimea Nooners	23.36
Deposit	01/14/20	Mililani Women's Steps & Traditi...	9.75
Deposit	01/14/20	Out & About Group	21.80
Deposit	02/06/20	Mililani Mon Night Men's Stag	40.40
Deposit	02/09/20	New Hope Group	86.00
Deposit	02/26/20	Waimea Wahines Speaker Group	40.00
Deposit	02/26/20	Ten at Ten Group	50.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Waimea Nooners	23.86
Deposit	03/24/20	Cottage 2	22.40
Deposit	03/24/20	Imua Waimea	25.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Mililani Mon Night Men's Stag	31.90
Total District 09 Central North Shore			374.47

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Type	Date	Name	Amount
District 10 Waikiki			
Deposit	01/02/20	Solutions	100.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Serene Sunday	152.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Saturday Night Live	200.00
Deposit	01/14/20	12 Coconuts	754.00
Deposit	02/06/20	Serene Sunday	160.40
Deposit	02/26/20	Happy Hour Group	100.00
Deposit	02/26/20	Just For Today	150.00
Deposit	04/20/20	12 Coconuts	522.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Solutions	100.00
Deposit	04/30/20	New Freedom	37.00
Deposit	04/30/20	Kaiser Steps and Traditions	50.00
Total District 10 Waikiki			2,325.40
District 11 Kihei			
Deposit	01/02/20	Maui Sunset Group	17.50
Deposit	01/02/20	Saturday Morning Meditation Me...	40.00
Deposit	01/02/20	Anonymous	100.00
Deposit	01/14/20	To Thine Own Self Be True	67.08
Deposit	01/14/20	Kihei Morning Serenity	4.32
Deposit	01/14/20	Sunday Sunset Feelings	16.50
Deposit	01/14/20	Seniors in Sobriety	20.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Anonymous	100.00
Deposit	02/06/20	Kalama Park Happy Hour	77.20
Deposit	02/06/20	Kalama Park Happy Hour	67.60
Deposit	02/09/20	Kihei Morning Serenity	40.76
Deposit	02/09/20	To Thine Own Self Be True	82.73
Deposit	02/15/20	Anonymous	100.00
Deposit	02/26/20	Friday Night Young People	55.00
Deposit	02/26/20	Sunday Sunset Feelings	21.20
Deposit	02/26/20	Kalama Park Happy Hour	76.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Kihei Morning Serenity	43.06
Deposit	03/24/20	To Thine Own Self Be True	60.28
Deposit	03/24/20	Step Sisters	37.05
Deposit	03/24/20	Maui Sunset Group	43.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Anonymous	100.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Kalama Park Happy Hour	21.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Friday Night Young People	110.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Can Do Maui Men's Stag	50.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Kihei Morning Serenity	23.20
Deposit	04/20/20	To Thine Own Self Be True	61.00
Deposit	04/20/20	Kalama Park Happy Hour	95.20
Deposit	04/20/20	Kalama Park Happy Hour	71.20
Deposit	04/20/20	Maui Sunset Group	15.50
Deposit	04/20/20	Anonymous	100.00
Total District 11 Kihei			1,716.38

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Type	Date	Name	Amount
District 12 Puna			
Deposit	01/02/20	Red Road Recovery	20.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Serenity 101	40.00
Deposit	01/14/20	Promises Group	15.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Fourth Dimension	44.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Promises Group	31.98
Deposit	03/24/20	Red Road Recovery	69.42
Deposit	04/20/20	Hoomaikai	29.38
Total District 12 Puna			249.78
District 13 Tri-island			
Deposit	01/14/20	Ladie's Night	32.25
Deposit	01/14/20	Can Do Maui Men's Stag - Lahai...	8.41
Deposit	01/14/20	No Ka Oi Group	40.00
Deposit	02/06/20	Lahaina Whalers Group	11.00
Deposit	02/06/20	Ohana Group	80.00
Deposit	02/15/20	Kapalua Spinners	50.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Alana Ohana	233.00
Deposit	03/24/20	Ohana Group	80.00
Deposit	04/30/20	Ohana Group	35.00
Total District 13 Tri-island			569.66
District 17 Waianae			
Deposit	02/06/20	Waianae Men's Stag	15.00
Deposit	02/06/20	Makakilo Hill Climbers	25.00
Deposit	02/06/20	X Factah	25.00
Deposit	02/06/20	Sobriety 101	225.00
Deposit	02/09/20	X Factah	25.00
Deposit	02/15/20	Waianae Coast Women's	56.00
Deposit	02/26/20	X Factah	25.00
Deposit	03/24/20	X Factah	25.00
Deposit	04/20/20	X Factah	25.00
Total District 17 Waianae			446.00
Total Contributions Income			11,666.21
Other Contributions			
Aloha Roundup			
Deposit	04/20/20	Aloha Roundup	105.80
Total Aloha Roundup			105.80
Total Other Contributions			105.80
Total Income			11,772.01
Net Ordinary Income			11,772.01
Net Income			11,772.01

Grapevine Report, Julie G.

The Grapevine Committee had it's first Zoom meeting 4/30 to review the questions for the ITD assembly. The meeting went very well with lots of participation from the 5 of us who attended. Going forward, I will reach out to the committee to see if they'd like to have future Zoom meetings on a more regular basis.

Oregon Area 58 invited all area GV chairs, and any other interested people, to their Zoom workshop 5/3 entitled "Tools For Carrying the AA Message." Senior GV editor Jon W. will be presenting on how stories, drawings, and photos are selected. Vera Area GV Chair will present on using the magazines in service work. If there is interest by Area 17, I will be happy to help organize a GV workshop via Zoom. Some ideas were a writing workshop with Mynah Bird with catchy titles like "Stuck at Home and Sober" or "Quarantini...A Yet."

Join the 2020 Carry the Message Project by giving a GV or LV to an alcoholic in need at aagrapevine.org/carry-the-message. District 11 is purchasing a Grapevine subscription to give away, and district 8 had a drawing (give away) for 2 subscriptions at their Home Group Workshop in February.

Please visit the redesigned Grapevine website which includes free access to all 2020 GV/LV articles and more in print and audio format at aagrapevine.org/we-are-here-to-help, which was instituted to make GV tools more accessible during the pandemic. Make sure to visit the GV YouTube channel to listen audio stories and see GV videos at

YouTube.com/aagrapevine. There is a resource for Grapevine Reps (GVRs)

at aagrapevine.org/get-involved/GVR-resources with downloadable complimentary materials.

Try listening to a story in Spanish at aalavina.org.

The May GV issue spotlights stories about getting into General Service including "Crazy About the Concepts" and "True Love at the Assembly."

Please submit stories about Remote Communities and Sober Holidays (due 6/15/20), Old-Timers (due 7/15/20), and about upcoming topics including Sponsorship, Amends, and Fun in Sobriety. Always looking for photos and illustrations as well as stories.

District 5 No Ka Oi May 2020 ITD Assembly DCM Report

Aloha All,

District 5 has about 5 active GSRs out of around 28 groups. We have all of the officer positions filled and about half of our standing committee chairs currently filled. I don't have knowledge of all current meeting statuses but I do know a few of our meetings have moved to Zoom, a few are still meeting in person, and many are not formally meeting as group at this time.

At the last assembly I shared that we had lost our physical meeting place for the district meeting due to insurance requirements. We had our March district meeting in person at a church that holds a couple of AA meetings and our April was done on Zoom. Both went well and we are still not sure where we will meet in person when the time comes but until then will likely use Zoom.

We were supposed to host this assembly in April. We were able to cancel the venue at no cost and sent refunds to all registrants. If you paid registration and did not receive a refund please let me know so that we can correct that.

Mahalo for all of your service,

Brandon L.

Registrars Report for Inform the Delegate Assembly

Since our February Committee Meeting, I have done the following:

1. I sent group updates to GSO. The process is slow as the Net Suite data base is not yet totally functional. Please continue to send me group changes and I will send them to GSO. That way, I can ensure that our records are up to date.
2. I attended PRAASA and networked with the Registrars from other Areas. We are all frustrated about the delay in the implementation of the new system.
3. I sent an email to GSO asking if a more efficient mailing method could be considered for service kits that are sent to Hawaii. I received a favorable response – moving forward the kits (GSR, DCM etc.) will be sent via FedEx ground which should take about 7 days. I have not had a chance to ask new GSR's if that has been implemented.
4. GSO had initially hoped that the Net Suite system would be ready for full deployment by the end of March 2020. When I asked when the system would be available for registrars to enter data, the following is the response that I got from the Records Department: "I wish that I could answer you question about registrar access with certainty but I cannot. We have gone back to the drawing board and are working with a new NetSuite team. We are concentrating on our internal processes right now because they are just too much. Once we get the internal processes out of the way additional work will be done on the Portal."
5. I have been trying to keep the Area committee assignments up to date – sometimes not a small task as new GRS's are often coming board and others are leaving. Mahalo to DCM's who keep me up to date with any changes.

Karen N.

Registrar, Panel 69, Area 17