

**Hawaii Area 17 Panel 71  
Spring Committee Meeting  
May 15, 2021  
Co-Hosted with District 3, Leeward, Oahu  
What to Take Back**

**Registration / Attendance**

42 Registered  
36 Attendees  
27 Voting Members  
Quorum 15

**February Committee Meeting Minutes:** Accepted

**Area Treasurer's Report:** Accepted

**Proposed Budget for 2022:** The Finance Committee Presented the **Proposed Budget for 2022**. The proposed budget will be posted on the Area Website. The proposed budget will be presented to the districts by the Area Finance Committee. In turn the GSRs will present the budget to their groups. The proposed budget will be voted-on at the Budget Assembly.

**Proposal Discussion:** The Area Committee agreed to forward the *Proposal To amend 7.5.D\* Priority of Spending* and the *Proposal To amend Section 7* to the GSRs at the Budget Assembly to take back to the groups. The Proposals will be voted-on at the November 20<sup>th</sup> Virtual Assembly. Proposal Submitted by Rachel S., Panel 69 Treasurer Area 17

**Newly elected Trustee at Large** – Marita R. – Area 42 (Nevada).

**The 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference Report-Back to the Area:**

Kunane D., Area Delegate's written report will be posted on the area17aa.org website. The Power Point Presentation will not be posted on the area website.

**Delegate GSC Report Backs** will kick-off on **June 12<sup>th</sup>** with an All-Island Founders Day Event for the Island of Hawai'i.

**July** Date: TBA

**August** Date: TBA

**\*\*\*\*[Summary of what I heard] from the Delegate's 71<sup>st</sup> General Service Conference Report Back is at the bottom of this What to Take Back Report.**

**(A CALL For SERVANT-LEADER) 2022 Annual Hawaii Convention Chair:** The Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee is accepting Resumes for the 2022 Convention Chair. Submit resumes on or before July 1<sup>st</sup>. Anyone submitting a resume from a neighbor island must attach a location bid proposal with their resume.

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Email (your) resumes to:

[secretary@annualhawaiiconvention.com](mailto:secretary@annualhawaiiconvention.com)

[treasurer@annualhawaiiconvention.com](mailto:treasurer@annualhawaiiconvention.com)

All applicants will be notified by a steering committee member of an interview time. Interviews will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> during the AHC Steering Committee Meeting.

If you have more questions about neighbor island submissions email your concerns to: [secretary@annualhawaiiconvention.com](mailto:secretary@annualhawaiiconvention.com)

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**Ad Hoc Committee - HYBRID *Area Meetings What Will It Look Like?*** : Area Alt. Delegate Tommy G. will lead this Ad Hoc committee. If you are interested in sitting on the committee contact Tommy G. at [altdelegate@area17aa.org](mailto:altdelegate@area17aa.org).

Area Committee **VACANCY**. Cooperation with the Elder Community Chair Position is **still VACANT**. We hope to appoint a new chair at the Budget Assembly.

2021 Area **Meeting Dates for 2021** beyond the Spring Committee Meeting May 15th

1. Budget Assembly August 28 & 29<sup>th</sup> | Host District #4
2. Committee Meeting October 9<sup>th</sup> | Host District #8
3. "Optional" Autumn Assembly | November 20 | 9:00 am to Noon

2022 **Inventory Assembly: January 22 & 23** | Host District 17, Waianae

**Minutes** will be posted within 10-days from the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Please submit your WORD Document reports to [secretary@area17aa.org](mailto:secretary@area17aa.org).

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**CPC – Pamphlet directed to mental health professionals | PASSED 112/19 | ITD took no action:** The Committee recommended that the trustees' Committee on Cooperation with the Professional Community/Treatment and Accessibilities develop a pamphlet directed to mental health professionals.

**12x12 – Remove the phrase “opposite sex” | PASSED 112/19:** The committee recommended a revision to page 117 in the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, replacing the phrase “opposite sex” with the work “partner” as follows, and that a footnote be added to provide context to the change as it relates to inclusivity:

“Nearly every sound human being experience, at some time in life, a compelling desire to find a partner with whom the fullest possible union can be made – spiritual, mental emotional and physical. This might urge is the root of great human accomplishments, a creative energy that deeply influences our lives, God fashioned us that way” ITD – 80% supported.

**12x12 – Remove the phrase “Lustful enough to rape” | PASSED 88/41:** The committee recommended that the sentence which includes the phrase “lustful enough to rape” in paragraph one on page 66 in the chapter “Step Six” of the book, Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, be revised to refer to the Seven Deadly Sins without specific mention of examples that are server in nature as follow, and that a footnote be added to provide context as to the basis for the change: “No one wants to commit the deadly sins of anger, lust or gluttony.”

**Corrections | GSC PASSED 99/31 | ITD – took No Action.** The committee recommended revisions to A.A.W.S. literature directed to members behind the walls and to replace the terms “inmate” and “offender” with “person in custody.

**Public Information | GSC PASSED 127/3 | ITD – 89% support:** The committee recommended that podcast providing sharing within the Fellowship and information about A.A. to the public be produced and distributed by G.S.O. in cooperation with the Grapevine office support Discuss Public Information pamphlets.

**Policy/Admissions – Equitable Distribution | PASSED 110/18:** The committee recommended that the Equitable Distribution of Workload Process, as detailed in the Report from the 2020 trustees' General Service Conference Committee, be implemented for the 72<sup>nd</sup> General Service Conference on a three-year trial basis, with a progress report to be brought to the Conference Committee on Policy and Admissions after each year of the trial.

**Policy/Admissions – Online Groups PASSED 107/22:** The committee recommended that the U.S. /Canada General Service Structure recognize online groups and encourage their participation, listing those groups who ask to be listed within the group's preferred district and area, with the default option being the location of the group's primary contact. This supersedes the 1997 Advisory Action that designated online groups as “International Correspondence Meeting's.

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“The committee recommended that the General Service Board form a committee to explore the possibilities for the participation of online groups in the U.S./Canada General Service Structure.” | PASSED 125/5

**Frequently Asked Questions about A.A. – CAKES | PASSED 121/8:** The committee recommended that the pamphlet, “Frequently Asked Questions About A.A.” be revised on by omitting the text on page 17” ...including coffee, sandwiches, cakes or whatever else may be served,” as follow:

**The line on page 17 currently reads:**

“...to defray the cost of renting a meeting place and other meeting expenses, including coffee, sandwiches, cakes or whatever else may be served.”

**Be revised to read:**

“...to defray the cost of renting a meeting place and other meeting expenses. “

**Big Book - 164 Pages No Action | ITD took No Action:** The committee recommended that the first 164 pages of Alcoholics Anonymous should remain unchanged.

**Big Book – Develop 5<sup>th</sup> Edition | PASSED 121/9 | ITD 64/7:** The committee recommended that the Fifth Edition of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, be developed, including an update of stories to better reflect current membership, keeping in mind the 1995 Advisory Actin that: “The first 164 pages of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous, the Preface, the Forewards, “the ‘Doctor’s Opinion’, ‘Dr. Bob’s Nightmare’, and the Appendices remain as is,” and that a progress report be brought back to the 2022 Conference Committee on Literature.

**Big Book –5<sup>th</sup> Edition | PASSED 121/5:** The committee recommended that, pending its development, the draft Fifth Edition of the Big Book would include a new foreward, an updated preface and updates to expand on existing ideas in Appendices III and V.