

Standing Committee Roundtable 10/9/21 / Review of Inventory Assembly Questions

1. What is the basic purpose of the Area? Area Committee? ~~Area Annual Hawaii~~ Convention? Area Assemblies? Are we fulfilling these purposes?

-The purpose is defined in the S&G Preamble ((PREAMBLE The primary purpose of Hawaii Area Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous is service. Service, as defined in the A.A. Service Manual, is "...anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer—ranging all the way from the Twelfth Step itself...to A.A.'s General Service Office for national and international action." (page S1 The Hawaii Area Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous should encourage all of Hawaii's A.A. Groups to participate in the business of the Area and its efforts to support A.A. General Service Office (G.S.O.) and A.A. World Services (A.A.W.S.). The Hawaii Area Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous is a service body that adheres to the principles of the 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts of A.A.) and that this idea is repeated, and answers better defined in following questions.

2. How well have the Area ~~Officers~~ *Committee Members* been available to answer questions pertaining to ~~(standing committee)~~ *Standing Committees* work in Area 17?

-We felt the question was confusing as written and should have proposed edits

3. ~~How are our area committee communications practices? What can we do to~~ can the Area Committee be more effective in communicating with ~~DCMs~~ *GSRs*? Intergroups? Members?

-We thought the question made more sense by striking some of it and replacing DCMs who are Area Committee members to GSRs.

4. What more can we do to efficiently utilize our financial resources to carry the message and educate the membership of Area 17 on General Service?

-We liked as written.

5. ~~Has enough effort been made to explain the need and value of unity (12 Traditions) and service (12 Concepts)? If not, what can be done to achieve this end?~~

Has enough effort been made to express the importance of the 12 Traditions and the 12 Concepts? What can be done to achieve this?

-We propose the above edit to this question.

6. Is adequate opportunity given to all members to speak and participate in District/Area activities and arrive at an effective group conscience for our whole Area?

-We liked as written.

7. ~~How can the democratic selection of our area leadership be enhanced so that GSRs have a well-informed understanding before voting?~~

-We discussed and liked this question but feel it should be removed from the Inventory Assembly list and given as a survey question at the conclusion of the Election Assembly after the GSRs have gotten to experience the selection of leadership process.

8. ~~Have we defined well the scope of authority and service responsibility of our Area Committee, DCM's, standing committee chairs, Intergroup chairs, and officers, by specific job descriptions or guidelines?~~

Do our Structures & Guidelines define well the scope of authority and service responsibility of our Area Committee by specific job descriptions or guidelines?

-We discussed that the Area does not define the scope of service responsibility for Intergroup Chairs and Officers and suggest this change to the question.

9. Are the area assemblies informative and worthwhile? Are the issues brought to the Area meetings made clear, so all know what they are voting for or against?

-We liked as written.

10. Are our Area Standing Committee's doing their best to fulfill their ~~charge~~ *responsibilities*? If not, what are the ~~impediment~~ *challenges* and the strategies for addressing this issue?

-We propose the two word substitutions.

11. What additional activities can the Area engage in to help you in your service positions?

~~How is what Area does different from what Intergroup does? What more can the Area do to carry the message?~~

-We discussed this one and agreed that the Area should not be defining what Intergroup does nor comparing.

~~12. How can the area officers better help you and your district in your service?~~

-We felt this question is redundant and should be removed.

13. What steps (actions) can the area committee take to increase involvement of all GSRs and strengthen the communication and decision link between the area committee and its leaders with GSRs and Groups in all geographic parts of Area 17?

-We felt this was wordy and needed to be simplified but ran out of time.