

Budget Assembly
Hosted by Windward District #4
August 28 & 29, 2021

Saturday 8-28-2021

9:00am: Call to order with the Declaration of Unity, followed by host announcements. We had the honor of having past delegates present and they were, Cheryl P65, Bob H. P67, Linda F. P61, and Ken P6. Jona GSR for Search for Serenity District 4 did our reading on P60 – Reporting to the Membership.

9:15am: Area Officer's Reports (5 minutes)

Secretary: Deborah L.

Opened with reading 2.11 Recording Secretary's Duties from the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service Panel 71 2021-2022. Thank you to all the Area 17 Officers, DCM's Standing Committee Chairs and Intergroup Chairs for submitting all your reports using Word Doc, if I do receive and reports in PDF, I will make it work. There really is nothing for me to report at this time, it's been 90 days since we last met and I am grateful to be here and in service for this weekend.

Approved minutes for Inform the Delegate Assembly (March 27 & 28 , 2021)

Thank you,
Deborah L. Secretary

Treasurer: Mike L.

PLEASE SEE “**Budget vs Actual**” and “**Group Contributions**” posted on the Area17 website. We will be voting on the proposed 2022 Budget at this Area Assembly. Please let me know by Area email if you would like a copy of the Proposed Budget either by email or a printed copy by mail.

Hawai'i Area 17 is still in good shape financially. Contributions received so far this year are \$14,200 and expenses are: \$7,841.

Mahalo to all the Groups that continue to contribute to the Hawaii Area. Your contributions are helping to carry the AA message of recovery.

The proposed budget for January 1 through December 31,2022 is \$42,394. There were two updates after the Committee Meeting of May 15. I had included some travel costs that Area does not pay for, and I missed an expense that Area does pay for. The July 7, 2021 version is what we are voting to approve this Assembly.

The proposed budget was based on several assumptions:

- We will spend money based on the Priority of Spending as spelled out in the Area 17 Structures and Guidelines to make sure Hawaii Area is well-informed and our voice is heard at the General Assembly, and AA continues be available for the still-suffering alcoholics.
- We will continue to have the support of the AA Groups and receive their monetary and personal contributions;
- We want to be able to fund Area Assemblies and Committee meetings, whether they are going to be held in-person, virtually, or some form of hybrid meetings.

I want to let all of the Area's Standing Service Committees know that funds are available, and I would love to see the committees spend ALL of the money budgeted, and even more if there is a need!

Hawaii Area has 146,362 Hawaiian Miles available for award travel.

Thank you for supporting Hawai'i Area and the General Service Office.

Hawaii Area 7th Tradition Contribution: Make Check Payable to and mail to Hawaii Area Committee PO Box 1413 Honolulu, Hawaii 96806. (Please include your Group Name and District Name or Group Number. Receipts available up request.)

For General Service Office Contributions: <https://contribution.aa.org> or Make checks payable to the General Service Board and mail to General Service Office Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, N.Y. 10163 (Please write your Group Number on check)

Thank you for letting me be of service.

- Mike L., Treasurer

Hawai'i Area 17 Panel 71

Registrar: Eric V.

Aloha all,

Hope all you peeps had a great summer. It seems like 10 years since we last met. So much has happened in my personal life since I last saw you all. My Father passed away peacefully and my brother and I have been busy trying to sort all of those loose ends. Lot's of traveling and lawyers. Ugg.

As for my job, it has been fairly quiet. I have been trying to keep up with new members and updating the data base. I have been invited to a monthly registrar meeting for the pacific area which I am excited about. I have assigned new gsr's committees as needed this morning. Any questions please, email or text me at 8087784153.

Aloha,

Eric

Alternate Delegate: Tommy G.

Visit the Hawaii Area 17 websites home page and click on "Area Committee" then "Reports" for Tommy's report. (area17aa.org)

Alternate Chair: Jeannie

My name is Jeannie and I am an alcoholic and I currently serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair.

I would like to thank our officers for facilitating our virtual Budget Assembly and also thank Windward District 4 for their awesome job serving as our co-hosts.

Welcome to all of you here today. I hope you find what I have found, the gifts of being a small part of this body who work diligently to keep our members informed and strive to reach the suffering alcoholic who has not yet found the rooms of A.A.

My duties outlined in 2.9 of the Structure and Guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 General Service are as follows:

A. Perform the duties of the area chair in their absence. Well, I must admit I have had some fear that I would actually have to do so, but if that should happen I would surely ask for help from

our members. I am grateful that Deborah keeps me in the loop to help me be better prepared if I should ever need to step in.

B. Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all Area assemblies and committee meetings. I look forward to being more involved with the districts when we move to in-person meetings.

C. Serve as a member of the finance committee. We meet during lunch at assemblies. Each of us is assigned an island and available to present the proposed budget to districts or groups if requested and I have had the opportunity to do just that. It has been a pleasure working with Mike, our area treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee, and I will pass the reporting on to him.

D. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee. We meet twice a month and I will pass the reporting on to the Steering Chair to report on the Annual Hawaii Convention.

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

F. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers, which we completed at the start of Panel 71.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or any other members of the Area Committee. We are all available to you and will do our best to help in any way possible.

Thank you for all your service, and thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Jeannie

Chair Deborah S.: *Visit the Hawaii Area 17 websites home page and click on "Area Committee" then "Reports" for Deborah S.'s report. (area17aa.org)*

Delegate: Kunani D.

Please visit our Area 17 website i.e. area17aa.org and on the home page click "Area Committee" then "Reports", there you will find under "Delegate" Kunani's power point for this Budget Assembly.

(It was refreshing to have been able to see the GSC's Banner with Kunani's signature on it. Kunani talked more of what he has done since the GSC, providing his Delegate Report back to Hawaii and mentioned the Final Report may be found digital on aa.org and will keep the area posted when the hard copies of the Final Report of 2021 GSC is available.

Break @ 1015am (15 min.)

10:30: Sean S. Treatment Standing Committee Chair read the Guidelines for Discussion and Voting.

10:45am Mike L. presented Area 17's Budget Proposal for 2022

The Budget Proposal was presented by Mike L. Please refer to the Area 17 website for information on the Budget Proposal area17aa.org. Corrina GSR/Makakilo Hill Climbers motioned to accept the proposal, and Bill M. PI Chair second. The Budget Proposal passed for 2022 by 11:00 am. 96% / 4 %

11:15: The area body was in consensus with amend the agenda, i.e. to move Pacific Regional Trustee Nominee to 1:15 and Proposals to amend Section 7 and Priority of Spending Section 7.5D.4 by Rachel S. Panel 69 Treasurer. Sean made a motion to do Standing Committee reports earlier and Tommy declined. Vote was taken for the original motion and it passed.

Please refer to the Area 17 website for Rachel's Proposals to amend the Financial section in the Hawaii Structure and Guidelines.

Rachel proceeded to present her proposal asking for this information to be brought back to the Home Groups. Rachel provided background history for reasons of her proposal to amend the financial section in the Hawaii Area Structure and Guidelines, i.e. during her time of serving Treasurer for Panel 69 she would go the bank with a lot of checks that were written to Hawaii Area Committee or Hawaii Area 17, until there came a time when the banks were rejecting the checks, however, Rachel was able to cash these checks anyway. This opened a can of worms and it took a year to fix. Through this process, Rachel discovered that Area 17 was doing business under (5) different names and this is not the standard way. Through many years, information has been passed along verbally since 1999. This proposal is to do it the right way not the alcoholic way. Rachel has spent a whole year with a lawyer working on correcting this. In a nut shell, these proposals are to revamp Finances on the Hawaii Structure and Guidelines-the right way to avoid future problems. There were a few concerns that confirmed by Rachel that the responsibilities of area officers listed have always been a part of as required by the Hawaii Department of Commerce and that this does not affect person(s) listed their personal financial matters. Once again, these proposals are to be brought back to the home groups.

1215: Lunch/ Finance Committee Meets

1:15: Pacific Regional Trustee- Our Pacific Regional Trustee is rotating out. The "Third Legacy Procedure read by Kimo GSR District 5, nominee qualifications from the Hawaii Area 17 past Delegates: Ken K. Panel 63, Bob H. panel 67, and Scott C. panel 49.

Gina B. DCM, read the qualifications and each nominee qualified themselves.

Ken H. P63: GSR for his home group, DCM for District 10, Standing Committee Chair for Cooperation with the Professional Community, Alternate Delegate, and Past Delegate for panel 63. Ken is available and willing if elected.

Bob H. P67: Sober since 4-28-'04, a member of the online On Awakening Group, GSR, Alternate Chair, Chair, Alternate Delegate, and Delegate. Few of many services involved in was the Pacific Regional Forum, PRASSA and currently actively involved with the Oahu Intergroup. Bob mentioned being involved in out-of-state on several committees with AA. Bob's employer is supportive, if elected.

Scott C. P49: Sober since 3-31-86. Service started for him at the home group level that included longtime involvement with the Oahu Intergroup. Other services were GSR, Standing Committee Chair for Treatment and Hospitals, has a history of bringing AA meetings into the Federal

Detention Center till present, pending this Pandemic and gets the most out of helping people that he doesn't even know he helped.

The Third Legacy Procedure voting process took place extending to the "HAT" and the nominee of Area 17 is Bob H. past delegate for P67 who will be extending his resume that will be submitted to GSO by Kunani.

2:00: Roundtable: Area Standing Committee Chairs, DCMs, Inter Group, GSR's and the Hybrid Ad-Hoc Committee

3:00: Break

3:15: Reports Area Standing Committee Chairs

Cooperation w/Professional Community/ Brandon L.

Presenting the report was Lea V. DCM 5 The Area CPC committee has been meeting virtually on the 2nd Sunday of every month at 4pm since April with an average attendance of 5 people. All are welcome. Our last focus was Child Welfare Services. Joe R in District 8 was able to give a virtual presentation to staff of West Hawaii Child Welfare Services. This Monday 8/30/21 we have a presentation scheduled with Maui County Child Welfare Services which is supposed to include staff on Molokai & Lanai also. Aaron R on Maui has been instrumental in making this connection. Aaron R, Cathy B, and our own Deborah S are scheduled to virtually present to them Monday morning.

Our current focus is all things around the legal system to include probation, parole, DUI classes, lawyers, judges, etc, etc. Deborah S has been filling racks in the Honolulu courthouse and reached out to probation over there as well. More to come on this.

I have given CPC presentations to District's 1, 4, 5, 10, & 11 to encourage CPC participation within the districts. I was scheduled to visit District 2's meeting but, unfortunately, I have recently had health issues which made that meeting difficult. Sorry Gina and District 2! I hope to be able to make more district meetings soon.

I am currently aware of two District CPC Chairs in Hawaii: Joe R in District 8 and Mo L in District 6. DCM's if your district has a CPC chair not mentioned please connect them with me so we may work together.

The first ever North America CPC & PI Conference is scheduled to be held virtually February 12th & 13th, 2022. Mahalo, Brandon L.

Annual Hawaii Convention Chair/ Tayshea

The Annual Hawaii Convention Committee has been monitoring the current COVID-19 situation and with the increase in COVID cases, the 59th Annual Hawaii Convention is canceled for the dates

of October 29-31, 2021. For information check the Annual Hawaii Website. AHC is looking for a Steering Committee Chair-may send resume to treasurer@annualhawaiiiconvention.com .

Grapevine/Chris: Please visit the Hawaii Area 17 Website's Home page and under "AREA COMMITTEE" click on "Reports" for SCC Grapevines report.

Treatment/Sean F.

According to the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines, Treatment Standing Committee Coordinates the service work of AA groups and individual A.A. members who carry the message to alcoholics and medical treatment settings. Sets up means of “Bridging the Gap” from treatment to A.A. can and cannot do, within the 12 Traditions, to help alcoholics in medical and treatment settings.

At this stage of Panel 71, treatment centers have been in constant contact with me to continue the ongoing replenishment of AA literature. It has been a great way for us to grow then relationship AA and the facilities. Our most recent facility addition was last month adding BISAC (Big Island Substance Abuse Counsel) to our list. I was also invited to District 5’s meeting to discuss with their GSR’s a little about what the treatment committee has been doing, what is planned for the rest of the year, and what they can do to engage and participate. Big Mahalo to Lea V. and District 5 for the invite and their support. Next step, for the committee and I, is to meet in September to start the planning for our next workshop...Traditions and Treatment: What’s the Connection?

Other topics: At our first workshop, Bridging the Gap, we elaborated on the importance of the Contact program and how we can utilize it to introduce a transition packet to the facilities. The transition packet would allow us to give the clients, who would be transitioning from the facilities, an opportunity to leave with contacts and information to enable them to stay plugged into the program, no matter what island they return to or stay on. I currently have 4 Contacts from Maui, 15 from Kauai, 2 from Big Island, 8 from Oahu, and 3 from outside of Hawaii. If anyone is interested in being involved in this initiative please email me treatment@area17aa.org.

At this point, we have spent \$503.25 YTD. I would like to thank the Area and Finance Committee for the support in allowing us to continue to carry the message to our Treatment facilities and the clean and sober houses.

Corrections/ Jubee B.

Aloha family

Hope all is well, sending prayers to families and friends who have been struck by this Covid-19. Since we last met, in June of 2021 MCCC re-opened its doors for our members to go in and carry the message. As of August, 2021 MCCC has closed its doors due to another outbreak. Mahalo to our members who gave their time and effort in carrying the message.

Recently we purchased 10 big books which Dave F. Ordered to take into MCCC.

Adina from Oahu requested for 5 soft copies of the big book to take into facilities on Oahu through a Chaplan. This was also purchased.

As of now all facilities are shut down.

Dist. 13 Tri Isle contributed some Grapevine subscriptions to be taken into MCCC.

That's all I have, Mahalo for allowing me to be of service.

Trusted servant

Jubee B.

Corrections SCC

Archives SSC/ Ernest S.

Howz’it everybody my name is Ernest and I’m an alcoholic. I serve as Archives Chair for Area 17 Panel 71. I’d like to thank windward district 4 for hosting our area budget assembly and also our area officers for co-hosting. As it states in the structures and guidelines: Archives serves as a permanent repository of materials pertaining to Hawaii A.A., Area 17, It’s Districts and the history

of the group. Therefore, I will be archiving material from our Area Assemblies our committee meeting's, workshops hosted by districts and or home groups involving Hawaii Area 17, it's officer's and committee members. I have sent the flyers and a summary of the workshops that was hosted by districts and standing committees to the webmaster to be posted on the area's website. I also sent the material from our recently held Inform the Delegate Assembly. Once again, when sending your reports to the secretary, please CC archives@area17aa.org. I did receive a couple of them "Group History" forms that I sent out a couple months ago and I forwarded it to our Area Archivist. Thank you to the groups that took the time to get that done. Our Area Archivist only has information of groups that was sent to our area archives or Archivist by a member the group. The Archives and the Archivist has yet to meet up with the area webmaster to sort out the archives and to define a friendlier search mode. I did receive an e-mail from the webmaster Sean who stated he posted the area 17 material on the website already and that we can sort it out from there. That's all I got for now and thank you for allowing me to be of service. Ernest S. /Archives Chair Area 17, Panel 71

Webmaster/ Sean C

We have formed an Area Website Committee with T.J. who is also standing for Alternate Webmaster, Nancy B, Francesca and myself met for the first time on June 7th and discussed digital archives on Area Website for Island AA and Area business meetings. The purpose of the website was discussed and what may and may not be the responsibility of the Website Committee. We decided to reach out Area Officers to see if there was any feedback on what they would like to see. I know have loading all of past Area items into the Area Business directory by year and panel. Items can be searched in each subdirectory by typing CTRL +F key combo to bring up the finder box. All of the Island AA items will be uploaded over time to the Island AA folder as they are organized by the Archives Chair and/or Archivist. We can add more member to the Website Committee should anyone else wish to join, please email me.

I also attended the Ad-Hoc Committee On Hybrid Area Meetings.

Love & Service, Sean C.

NOTE: Reported by secretary, on this date Sean C. announced to the Area body that our new Alternate Webmaster is T.J.

Public Information SCC/Bill M.

1. Commence correspondence with local broadcasting agencies and distributed request for scholarship electronic PSAs. In some cases, PSAs announcements have become a part of the rotation, and in other cases a second effort to correspond has been made. Ongoing efforts to communicate will continue monthly.
2. Online piloting efforts continue. PI Facebook page and associated-cost effective ads provide access to those online who may be a part of our fellowship and those who still suffer. The data provides important information about who we are engaging that helps shape future online efforts to keep the public informed. Currently, links from the ad lead to Oahu Central Office. Though the data tells us how many clicks have been made to OCO link, OCO is not able to provide data about
3. The PI Committee has launched there pilot-website (pi@area17.org) as a way to support its purpose and provide alternative ways to reaching the public-at-large. Online piloting will continue to collect data on how effective online PI efforts are or can be.

4. The PI Committee was invited this month to participate at a fair by providing a informational booth. However, due to the COVID impact on our community the event was cancelled.
5. Current times truly makes it difficult to conduct physical efforts with keeping the public at large informed. Our committee is dedicated to finding alternatives and hope to still use traditional PI efforts to carrying the message. **For more information on our strategic plan for 2021 please visit our PI page on Area 17 website.**

Trusted servant,
Bill M.
PI-SCC

Minah Byrd: Karen

The Mynah Bird is the newsletter of Area 17. It contains articles that focus on AA topics and reflects the vibrant and diverse A.A. community in Area 17.

Because there were several events – Founder’s Day, Delegate Report backs, Workshops – before the Budget Assembly, I decided to publish a special edition with flyers and announcements of upcoming events. I sent that out on June 1.

As I have been doing, I sent out a request for articles for the Budget Assembly edition of the Mynah Bird about four weeks ahead of time. I sent out requests to Area officers, Area committee chairs, Intergroup chairs and the GSR’s who are on the Mynah Bird Committee. Mahalo to those who wrote articles and mahalo to members who send contributions. Because our assemblies are not face to face, I encourage people to share the Mynah Bird with members. I am encouraging GSR’s on the committee to make copies to distribute – normally these would be distributed at assemblies.

I welcome articles from anyone – topics could be “step or tradition of the month”, an interview with a member, “how is your group encouraging service when you are not meeting face to face”, if your group is meeting face to face, how do you deal with restrictions imposed the government or meeting place,” heard at a meeting” – one liners, and any other stories of interest to the fellowship.

Mahalo for letting me be of service,
Karen N.
Panel 71 Mynah Bird Chair

Finance Committee/Mike L. The Finance Committee met during the lunch break today and discussed moving forward with accepting contributions to Area online; not starting a separate banking account to limit possible losses in the event of some type of hack; and we will use the same method to prepare the 2023 Budget Proposal. Thanks to the members of the Finance Committee for doing the Budget presentations on all of the islands so we were able to inform the Groups about our budget. Mahalo to Gina, Kaleka, Kalei, Jeannie, and Past Delegate Linda McD for participating in the Finance Committee. Note: added by Deborah L/secretary- discussion included having a Cash App for online contributions for the Hawaii Area 17. Thank you for the chance to be of service – Mike L.

Ad-Hoc Committee: Tommy L.

Aloha Area 17 trusted servants. At our May 2021 committee meeting, our chair asked for an ad-hoc committee to look at when we go back to face to face meetings – do we make it hybrid?

One of my duties as Alternate Delegate is to serve as a member or chairperson on ad-hoc committees as deemed appropriate by the Area Chair. Right after the committee meeting, I received a few emails from members volunteering.

Our ad-hoc committee met via virtual platform this past week. Thank you to Gina B., Karen N., Sean C., Chris N., and Eric V. for being a part of this process.

We first looked at logistics, equipment, equipment cost, venues and most important, having enough Wi-Fi bandwidth to support our hybrid functions.

A few of us attended some hybrid meeting workshops. One of them was from SENY Area 49 in the Northeast Region.

I learned a lot and got some important information. The equipment needed would be a laptop with HDMI ports, web cams, external monitor, USB and HDMI cables and possibly external microphones. I think our area PA system can be used for audio and microphone use. The most important is the hotspot with large bandwidth – lots of conversation on this.

A few things we had to consider:

- Location
 - Does it have 5G or cellular service for a hotspot?
 - Does facility have internet service?
 - All districts hosting assemblies would have to research this when choosing a location.
- Computer and large external monitor
 - The monitor would be for face-to-face attendees to see our hybrid attendees.
 - This equipment could be rented or borrowed.
 - The area would need to have members working the hybrid function of this hybrid assembly.
- Cost
 - The approved 2022 budget has a line item of \$1,200.00 for hybrid equipment, so we can purchase all equipment needed for hybrid assemblies and our committee meetings.

The recommendation of the ad-hoc committee is when Area 17 does go back to face-to-face assemblies and committee meetings, that it be hybrid.

17 months into this unprecedented pandemic, we still don't know what the future holds. We need to have a safe environment at our assemblies and a way to have A.A. members join the assemblies and committee meetings if they are not able to attend face to face.

We plan, prepare, and adjust. We trust our trusted servants. God through our group conscious will keep us unified and safe.

4:00 Virtual Ask it Basket (problems, ideas, and suggestions)

Q- Freddy: What is the procedure to bringing forward to the Area a motion.

A-Tommy: Website has a proposal form that is available to fill, talk to a past delegates or assistance and submit to the Area Chair that will be brought up at a Committee Meeting.

Q- [This one has to do with the SCC budget and with current circumstances, is there other ways of being able to spend the budget for like AA that may be in need]

A-[it is okay to have moneys and to not spent it, unless SCC need more]

*** Discussion continued on what can we do to have more participation from GSR's. There were a lot of comments. Linda, past delegate commented on air travel assistance for GSR's from the Area and don't feel the unity as she would have at a physical assembly. Eric talked encouraging members at regular meetings about area assemblies and committee meetings. Also talked about someone helping him with making a motion and shared that someone was against the motion but then again it, it did not matter, every member of AA may voice their concern. Kunani commented on GSR's not present, and perhaps we can help that by making announcements at meetings prior to, and Bob talked about addressing air fare expenses for GSR's that need help, the experience in its entirety is what happens in-between these business meetings and believes assisting GSR's could improve our experience.

4:20: Wrap up and closing comments

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Freddy, Second the motion: Bill W.

Closed with the "we" version of the Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Unapproved Minutes
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Sunday 8-29-21

9:00 am: Call to order with the Serenity Prayer

Sobriety Birthdays since our last assembly: Congratulations to the following ---

Linda on 7-18, 34 years/ Ernest S. on 7-22, 21 years/ Russell on 7-20, 29 years/ Sean on 7-25, 5 years/ Brandon on 7-01, 7 years/ Autumn on 7-23, 12 years/ Eric on 7-28, 23 years/ Heather on 5-19, 4 years/ Cheryl on 7-23, 25 years/ Pete on 7-12, 2 years/ Cliff on 8-21, 33 years/ Corrina on 7-31, 28 years/ Liz on 7-20, 10 years/ Ann on 8-20, 41 years/ Jeannie on 7-21, 12 years, Chris on 5-7, 7 years/ and Jason on 7-22, 5 years. Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday to all of you.....HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YA'LL !!!!!

Past Delegates present: Ken P63, Bob H. P67, Linda P61, and Cheryl P65

Kalei K, Kauai DCM 6 –did the reading on "Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need."

9:15: Roundtable Report Backs from Saturday's Roundtable session. (Note: included in the minutes are as received via email to the area secretary)

Standing Committee Roundtable presented by Sean F./ Treatment

We had a general check-in about how our respective committees are doing:

T. Convention Committee-reported on challenges leading to the decision to cancel State Convention and preparation are beginning for the next year's convention such as looking for Convention Chair.

Bill PI- working on alternative methods to get information to the public such as online during these challenging times and trying to track how effective different efforts are. Have distributed some PSA's and doing follow up on their distribution, overall efforts are down right now, have created website area17pi.org

Chris Grapevine-attended Hybrid Ad-hoc committee. Talked more about the exciting addition of Grapevine/La Vina Instagram account and great content available there. Reminded us of that aa.org has everything for Grapevine's Group Reps need.

Karen Mynah Bird sees attendance in regular and service meeting declining as members get tired of Zoom

Jubee Corrections MCCC shut down August 1st, all facilities now closed to AA meetings, but some literature is still being able to get into some of the facilities. Agreed that keeping people involved via Zoom is challenging.

Ernest Archives- missed Ad-hoc meeting but likes the idea of offering Hybrid Area meetings.

Sean C. Website – talked about changes to the online archives to make access and management easy.

Sean F. Treatment- Has been challenged with accepting more responsibility in his business with owner becoming ill but has been doing a great job participating in local workshops and event and has been able to keep communication open with facilities and literature flowing in.

Kunane Delegate- talked about some of the changes in committee literature, PI is working on podcasts. Talked about how GSO archives members adjusted to working from home in different ways and share information globally. Shared about interaction with Trustee at large and the scope of work and service her position entails. He also reminded us that use of the new preamble by groups is not mandatory, but up to group conscience.

GSR Standing Committee Report back Roundtable –received from Mary N. CEC= Cooperation with the Elderly Community.

RESOURCES for GSRs:

<https://area17aa.org/area-committees/cooperation-with-the-elder-community-cec/>

Opened the meeting and wanted to get to know the participants and where this committee has gone:

Get to know our Participants:

- Eric / GSR Disct 8 Kailua Kona
- Home group: KKAA
- On CEC since Jan/no activity since then
- Ideas were presented in January.

- SD: 1/25/19
- First time GSR
- Seniors in Sobriety / resource
- District (8) meeting: 3rd Friday each month

- Lucy / GSR Disct 11.
- Kihei Morning Serenity
- Same as Eric Said
- SD: 3/14/12
- Needed leadership for this committee
- District (11) meeting: 3rd Tuesday each month

- Mike Treasurer Lahaina/ filling in today for chair
- HG: Lahaina Whalers Group
- Job is to relay information between are to those folks going into institutions.
- More of a job of conduit of information
- SD: 2/10/84
- District 13: 3rd Thursday.

- Mary N / Acting GSR for 12 Coconuts Waikiki Online ... also Treasurer for District 10
- HG: 12 Coconuts Waikiki Online + Sunday Breakfast
- SD: 3/14/91
- Former GSR and DCM
- Have volunteered to be Chair of this committee

Discussion

- Start w/data collection from Senior communities, facilities?
- Sample questionnaire? Mary to send out sample
- All members of this committee to provide Mary with their contact information.
- Good idea to have Flyer posted on Sr Center Bulletin Boards

Suggested ideas on how to research senior facilities.

- How can we support what the district with CEC?
- How can we get seniors on ZOOM meeting? Availability of
- Send GRAPVINE SUBSCRIPTIONS into those facilities!
- Jail experience – can only receive directly through mail
- Nursing homes, retirement facilities ... does mailing need to come from company or private address? (ADD to survey?)

What about those seniors who can't / won't get onto zoom?

- One on one contact is one solution and make assignments for check in.

- District 8 ran Senior Workshop on virtual meetings. Mary to reach out to Kerwin/DCM for district 8.

This group has additional challenges for the tech and the lockdown!

Mary to reach out to other chairs of CEC groups around the country and collect what is working for them.

Website Round table /Sean C.

We had a great roundtable which started with the topic of making your meeting hybrid and the challenges of doing so such as good bandwidth and format that provides equal participation then the conversation moved into how the needs of online members can differ face-to face person members especially if online members are from a different state or country. Lena provided some wonderful input from her long-time experience with the Russian speaking community and Past Delegate Bob also has some great experience and ideas to share.

In Love & Service, Sean C. Website Committee Chair

Standing Committee round table; Group 2 meeting minutes submitted by Lena

Facilitator –Ken K. past delegate. Facilitator

Opened with a moment of silence and a serenity prayer, 9 participants present: Ken, Lena, Mary N, Kimo, Conrad, Cori, Pete, Jason, and Jim.

Discussed and considered the following questions:

Mary N:

1. How can we maximize use of zoom to facilitate learning? Specifically, training GSR's during virtual assemblies projecting information necessary to understand background of an issue, be reminded of guidelines, protocols, etc.
2. How can we involve more seniors for online participation?
3. What are our collective experiences with online meetings?

Discussion:

Cori: I like to be seen at the meetings; various ways that groups transition from virtual into life or hybrid formats; uncertainty.

Mary N. shared some experience about innovative ways of conducting virtual meetings to make them educational, user engaged, leaving participant tools for recovery (electronic newcomer's packet that enables downloads of important information)

Suggestion: facilitate sharing of experience by the groups that accumulated tools and use online features to their fullest –to preserve and enhance online mode of recovery for new alcoholics.

OIG should take lead I helping elderly A members acquire technological literacy and participate in online recovery.

Also briefly discuss the future of the status of online groups with GSR: presently listing with GSO is available but participation in group consciousness at the level of AA structure is not Main question that we all will be answering: the role of online experience that we accumulated during Covid for the future AA fellowship

Closed with a minute of silence and serenity prayer.

DCM round table discussion submitted by Cliff.

Our group discussed two significant subjects at length. The first being the health and status of different groups in our AA community from the perspective of the DCMs and members opinions and views of the participants on budget spending priorities. This report only provides a few of the ideas and information provided by our participants.

The first subject took the majority of our time and we had in excess of 10 people giving insight and wisdom on the current state of meetings in our districts in light of the current surge in covid-19 cases.

Len DCM7 started the discussion that with the rise of covid a lot of groups that had returned to person to person meetings are expressing opinions that moving back to virtual meeting using zoom.

Bridgette DCM17 echoed that experience concerning the re-emergence of person to person meeting, but expressed the idea that people were less likely to revert to virtual meetings. Freddy reported that a lot of groups went back to p to p meeting but were going back to a rise in cases.

Julie of District 13 reported that a meeting on Lanai with people taking the ferry and enjoying the fellowship was a significant subject of discussion within her district. The surge in covid was making the decision difficult for them.

Keleka DCM4 indicated that some groups were leaving the type of meetings up to groups, some groups were turning to hybrid meetings.

Gina of district 2 mentioned that the Kalihi Sobriety group has cancelled their upcoming retreat. Alikea DCM19 shared that Waikiki Breakfast meeting has decided to be virtual. Some the meetings are person to person, some are adapting and growing into hybrid meeting because of very positive experiences.

Ana DCM12 reported that there are few active meetings and due to low attendance and few locations for meeting they are all person to person.

At this time Freddy suggested that the group take up the subject of amendments for the budget. Considering splitting line items and the subject of priority of funding.

DCM17 expressed the opinion that the top priority is to carry the message.

Eric, our registrar noted that individual voices are of high importance and asked for open minds during our discussion.

Len of district 7 opined that the #1 priority of Area is to ensure the delegate be funded for attendance at GSO and then subsequent service expenses.

Keleka DCM4 expressed that the primary purposes of Hawaii Area AA is to carry the message and support the Delegate. The information provided to the assembly concerning current processes for the establishment of Hawaii AAs corporation structure were very timely and greatly appreciated.

Our last contributor to the discussion Freddy of District 1 restated his opinion that the prioritizing of our budget should be re-visited.

Mahalo for allowing me to be of service.

Cliff W DCM3

Group 3 Roundtable report back presented by Josh

Opened with serenity prayer

Josh M- Brought topic “Anyone getting flack from HPD for CDC Guidelines”?

Rozell-Discussed hybrid meetings. When the meeting gets to big, they break off some to the online meeting. Because of COVID, meetings can be dangerous.

Bill O- TYG has two meetings not hybrid. They had some issues with unity. They ended up keeping two different meetings as a whole. The online platform was beneficial and is still very strong. People want to go back to in-person a little too early and might effect lots of people.

Lynne B- Two meetings as well for broomriders. One online and one in person. Thinks this is a huge issue for all meetings.

Deborah- Last year, we attempted to have both physical and online meeting at the same time, with 2 secretaries and the group did their homework on what we needed to do to ensure that we are following CDC guidelines and for that brief time, HPD did not stop the meeting.

Deborah- Have we every had a homegroup member that is serving in another district?

Bill-GSO process says that all voting members get one vote. They should attend other meetings but not vote for a separate district.

Mark P-All meetings are live where he is and no enforcement of the law as of yet.

Deborah-“What is it like to be a GSR during all of this?”

Josh-I discussed that it’s an honor to be a part of this transition. However, the energy and feeling we get from being around people isn’t reproduced just yet though online.

Bill-Thinks it’s even more difficult for the new GSR’s to handle these responsibilities.

Deborah-Missing the face to face, meeting before the meeting, meeting after the meeting, and all the connections we make are being missed when it’s not in person. But we will adapt.

Rozell-Really enjoys the fact that she has met people from all over the world. Turns out that the stories are all the same but different. The conventions used to be the way we got to have this interaction but now we get it every day.

Deborah- Talked about service and how we need to keep people in service, but also we need to keep up the spirit of rotation. Does anyone have any issues finding people for service?

Robert S.- It’s sometimes tough to get people into service because people are in comfortable environments at home and rather not get into service. He thinks small in-person meetings can be beneficial.

Josh- Asked if anyone in the group has been vountentold into service.

Rozell- Was given a sponsor, given service, step study and it all worked well because she was willing. She was in 12 coconuts and was part of grapevine. Secretary, GSR, and almost a DCM. She can ask for help these days.

Bill- It really doesn't matter about the name. It matters that there is a place for alcoholics to go. Singleness of purpose is to carry the message. Wonders how new people online are getting sober. He talked about how we shouldn't isolate but due to COVID we need to. Doesn't mean things are bad or wrong, just difficult.

Josh- Asked "Does anyone sponsor online?"

Deborah-She had tried with someone in NY but timing was wrong. She talked about willingness. Also that some of the older people think we should be closer for it. It will still keep the sponsor sober.

Mark-Grateful for the internet and all the technology. He brought up the fact that if we were going though this without tech we would be at a big disadvantage.

Liz-We should have it in the online meetings that announce the people that are willing to be sponsors.

Deborah-thanked everyone for their service.

10:00am Break

Intergroup Roundtable report back submitted by Michelle D. OIG-Chair

ALL ISLAND SPEAKER MEETING

We discussed our July All Island Speaker meeting, thank you who attended!!

- We are so lucky that we had the unique opportunity to get to hear from speakers from all islands – even Molokai and Lanai.
- It gave us a chance to hear our unique experiences of love and service on their respective areas.
- We also brainstormed way we were successful and how we could make improvements for meetings going forward to improve the flow
- Our Next All island Speaker Meeting will be held on Dec 4th and
 - 1) the theme will be the 3 legacies of service.
 - 2)Just a heads up we recruiting some of you from Area Service to share your stories of service with us.
 - 3) Please join us! Information is currently on will be on the Oahu Central Office website.

LITERATURE

Still working on attempts for literature bulk orders with AAWS

GSO PROPOSAL

Working on Proposal to be considered at the General Service Conference.

DCM roundtable report back

1015: DCM Reports

Freddy P. DCM1

Aloha Friends,

District 1, beautiful Diamond Head, is going through a lot of the same challenges as other districts. Among our 26 groups are a handful of groups who participate most regularly in general service. We continue to try to build communication across all the groups of the district, but participation from those active groups is really heartening.

One of our groups had done a phenomenal job of re-opening its meetings with safeguards in place, but the rise in cases caused them to move back to on-line only. Another group re-opened and their meeting place is outside, so they are remaining open with safeguards in place. With the situation changing so much day-to-day this is the most up-to-date information we have.

We are very pleased to announce the election of an Alternate DCM, Freddy P., who is reading you this report right now while I am at a wedding in Cincinnati. We also have all service chairs and co-chairs assigned for the Inform the Delegate Assembly in 2022. We are considering good sites for multi-platform engagement (online and in person) and we've already been in touch with Alternate Delegate Tommy about some of those planning details.

We are also very excited to be in the planning stages of a Thanksgiving Alcahthon. We are waiting to see if in-person will work at all. And if not we will remain open to inspiration and creativity as always.

Our district meets by Zoom on the first Thursday of every month at 5:30 pm. We always welcome visitors and guests. We had a presentation this month by Gina B., DMC for District 2 and member of the Finance Committee. We all had a great time. Gina is awesome.

Submitted in service, T. J. F., DCM, District 1

Read Freddy P., Alternate DCM, District 1

Gina B. DCM2

Not much to report for District 2. All events such as retreats, BBQ's, etc. have been cancelled due to Covid-19. We have great participation within the district.

We had a safety seminar in June with 38 attendants. We are not planning another workshop at this time.

Cliff DCM3

Aloha AA family, my name is Cliff W. and I am an alcoholic. Leeward Oahu District 3 service is hanging in there with a core of dedicated members. Attendance is low but not nil.

Generally, we still have a mix of in person meetings, on-line meetings and some dormant meetings.

The Head Start group has moved to Monday nights in person at Joy of Christ church in Pearl City. Other person to person meeting include Ka Hui Mo'olelo is person to person at Blaisdell Park daily at 5pm. The men's stag No Reading Meeting is meeting Tuesday at Radford Terrace community center at 7pm.

The meeting known previously as Hickam Traditions is now HUGS (Helping Us Get Sober) and is meeting on-line on Wednesdays as well at the Eating Meeting on Saturday mornings.

Fifth Chapter and Anela Hulu meetings are currently dormant waiting for Oahu Veteran Center to open up.

I have no other significant news to report for Leeward Oahu.

Mahalo for allowing me to be of service.

Kaleka K. DCM 4

Aloha Area 17 Officers, Committee Officers and Trusted Servants,

Since our last committee assembly our districts GSR's continue to report that their homegroups are doing well and have continue to have great attendance. In the past four months our district meetings have been extremely busy as well as informative. For example in May Keleka who is our DCM as well as the member of the Budget committee was able to go over The Area 17 Proposed Budget for 2022 and answer any questions that our officers may have had. In June our very own Area Delegate Kunane D. came and presented his Delegate report back to our district officers. Also Hauula Discussion which is Hybrid meeting started back up on Mondays at 7:30pm please visit our OIG for the meeting schedule or meeting app for details. In July our area chair Debra S. came to share about our upcoming Budget Assembly and helped us to plan for it. In our August meeting we had 5 GSRs attended and continued to report that during this Covid pandemic meeting attendance continue to do well, We have 3 live meetings Pathfinders, Hauula Discussion (which is also hybrid), and TYG which they are also having a parallel meeting at the same time as their live meeting. As for the remaing homegroups they will continue stay virtual for the time being. Last but not least night we had our Tech team training/meeting to prepare for todays meeting.

Mahalo for letting me be of service,

Keleka-DCM4

Lea DCM5

My name is Lea and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 5. We have filled the District Treatment Chair position, and all the rest of our committee chair positions are available. I have found it difficult to find members for those positions, but will continue to announce them at meetings. We have continued to attend virtual and in person meetings to share what District is about and how District can help the groups/meetings, both virtual and in person, and how we can be of service to them to help reach alcoholics. We invited the area Treatment chair to share at our last District meeting and found it very helpful and informative. We also had our Area Treasurer give a presentation of the budget in June. Our Area Corrections Chair will be attending our next business meeting and hope to continue to invite the Area Committee while we are still meeting virtually. We had several of our groups open back up to in person meetings, only to have the church close them down again with the recent surge in cases. I also wanted to thank our alternate DCM Craig for running the last meeting as I was on vacation. We meet virtually on the second Tuesday of every month, from 530-7pm.

Thank you to District 04 (Windward District) and everyone who helped put this virtual assembly together. I look forward to continue serving with all of you.

Karen O. DCM 9

I hope this is you. It shows up as Eric V on my account. Let me know if you get this. Here is my report.

I'm Karen and I'm an alcoholic. I'm the DCM for District Nine which is North Shore and Central Oahu. Thank you to all the area officers and District Four for putting on this assembly. We had a presentation on the 2022 budget at our July meeting given by Keleka and Gina. Thank you for that. We decided to go back to live district meetings in June so our first live meeting was in July. At that meeting we had nine people so we were almost at our limit of ten which was requested by the facility. I don't know if we will have to go back to Zoom meetings. This is the biggest issue we are facing right now. Some groups don't know if their facility will let them back in. So now is not the best time to work on this. We have some groups that have gone to meeting in a park and are trying to get back into their facility but are having trouble with that. Thank you for letting me be of service.

In Service,
Karen O

Teresa D. DCM 10

Date: August 29 2021

District: Waikiki District 10

Person reporting and position: Teresa D., DCM District 10

What District 10 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

Aloha!

My name is Teresa and I'm an alcoholic and the DCM for Waikiki District 10. Big mahalo to Alika, our Alternate DCM, for representing District 10 yesterday as the assembly.

We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM and our online link is posted on the Area website. All are welcome to attend.

Currently, we have a mix of online and in-person meetings with most of the in-person meetings being held outdoors. Some of the groups planning to re-open continue to evaluate pending the ever-changing Covid situation. 12 Coconuts Online, which meets every day at 7 AM, is looking for a new GSR. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please reach out to Mary N. We hosted an online workshop in May - Angels, Saints & Sinners: Pioneering Women in Early Days of AA featuring Kathleen from Dallas, Texas as our speaker. Our district continues to work on ideas for workshops that we can host online.

The district created a literature distribution standing committee chair position, a new position at the district level, to help us identify ways in which the district can help carry the message to District 10 using literature. This position will be responsible for reaching out to institutions and groups in District 10 to physically distribute literature to these organizations and directing the district on what resources to purchase. We are currently looking for someone to fill the position. Our Alternate DCM, Alika, is this year's Thankathon chair and is working on a plan for our November Thankathon November 24-25, which will likely be virtual again this year.

We formed a committee to look at our current S&Gs and propose updates and revisions to better align with Area's and AA as a whole.

District 10 continues to look for ways to help the next suffering alcoholic and be in service.

Thank you for letting me be in service.

Teresa D.

DCM District 10

Dayna Alt DCM 11

Kihei district is alive and well with all meetings in-person and zoom having good attendance.

We were hopeful to have more in-person meetings, but the Covid variant had different ideas.

The Churches are requiring restrictions that prevent a large meeting from happening so those on Zoom stayed on Zoom and those open-air in-person meetings thrived outdoors. The district lost three GSR's but gained five. That is a plus in that more groups are getting back into normal activity with the importance of general service being emphasized. No other district activity has been planned, we started discussions on workshop ideas, but recent covid restrictions are still a large deterrent.

Andi DCM 12

Thank you D4 for hosting this assembly

District 12 continues with about a dozen home groups. About a quarter of our groups are meeting in person. Due to group conscience and regulations, most groups remain on a virtual platform.

District meetings are attended by about half of all home group GSRs. We are currently working on a 2022 budget for our district and looking into online 7th tradition contribution methods. We are grateful for Nancy taking over as our new treasurer.

We continue to allow the group conscience to guide how we plan events and meet. We are therefore going to remain meeting on a virtual platform.

Our district is happy to be service and provide whatever we can to the groups we serve.

Andi C.

Julie DCM 13

District 13 includes West Maui, Molokai and Lanai. Molokai has maintained 4 meetings a week, zoom and is well attended, and participation from off island is welcomed. Lanai has one meeting zoom only on Wed 6pm time and is well attended, and participation from off island is welcomed. Lanai has one meeting zoom only on Wed 6PM time and has regular attendance from Maui, Lanai and now Molokai; they also welcome off island guests. District 13 continues to support ferry fix for those who would but couldn't otherwise attend in person. We aren't sure if the ferry and county covid proclamation is going to effect that in the near future.

Dist 13 has 2.5 new GSR's, Vida A. from Sober Wahines, Jimmy H. from Whalers, and Dickie from Molokai is going to start Sept. We also have a new secretary, Melody K., committee meetings are well attended.

We are also sponsoring 3 subscriptions to the GV and one for LV to the MCCC (Maui jail), and they are very pleased and it has been a rewarding relationship. We are planning a GV Writing workshop for Oct. and we are using the serenity prayer in Hawaiian to close our District meeting and some other regular meetings- it's been fun for everyone. If anyone has any interest in a document with the phonetic version of the serenity prayer in Olelo Hawaii, please email me.

In other topics, Julie included a detailed explanation of their districts finances and updated meeting list for Maui, Molokai, and Lanai (visit Hawaii area17.org for more information-under DCM reports).

Michelle D. Oahu Intergroup Report

- We now have **93 In-person meetings** and **147 On-line meetings**
Due to recent updates with the pandemic, if any OAHU groups need to make changes to your meetings please see the add change form on the front of the Oahu Central office website.
- Our All Island Speaker meeting held in July was WONDERFUL. Thank you all who attended to show their support. ~ next one December 4th
- We ended **July in the black \$1,316.44** but in the **Red -\$2,191.05 YTD** and we have seen an increase group contributions and literature orders so thank you for your continued support of Intergroup so we best serve Oahu!
- We just held our **monthly Intergroup workshop last weekend. We had 8th Step Bingo Workshop** as well as **speakers to discuss their experience with the 8th step.** Thank you for your support and attendance!

- Renewed the Central Office lease for the same **rate \$1,256.40 per month.**
- May be changing the literature prices to cover increased literature costs from AAWS.
- 2nd QTR **newsletter** posted on website
- Oahu steering committee registered to attend the **36th Annual Intergroup/Central Office Seminar** at the end of September. The theme will be “In A Time Of Change.”
- Please consider making yourself available to the next suffering alcoholic by **volunteering** to be in service with Oahu Central Office. We still need:
 - **In the Office Volunteers**
 - **HelpChat volunteers**
 - **After-hours Phone Angels**
 - **Temporary Sponsors**
 - **12 step call list volunteers**
- **OIG September meeting** will be held on September 8th.

11: 45 Presentation of Final Conference Report Followed By Q & A. by Kunani:

Kunani went over highlights on the Final Conference Report for 2021, i.e. pages to look for that Kunani was a part of at the GSO, i.e. highlights that he submitted from Hawaii, Area 17, pictures of the Delegates, page 130, 2021 conference members that consist of area delegates, non-voting members, audit done by outside agency, interesting report capturing everything in one place. Kunani encouraged to download the Final Conference Report and will be sending out emails hard copies when available. Encouraged to read on the updates topics and agenda items that was discussed at the GSC. Distributors when available will be Tommy for the island of Hawaii, Kalei for the island of Kauai, Mike for the island of Maui, and Kunani/Deborah S. for the island of Oahu. In addition to, copies will be available at the Oahu Central Offices.

Deborah S. discussed Area 17’s Inventory Assembly for 2022 in January hosted by District 17 and it’s purpose, i.e. to review what we’ve done since Panel 69, asked the area /gsr’s to ask their homegroups to come up with questions for the next Inventory Assembly, reiterating the importance of having area/district inventories focusing on how we can best serve, what are we doing and what can we do better, through an inventory, we can get to the place of serving AA as best as we can.

There was question by a GSR more clarity of on what is an inventory and where can questions of the inventory be found? A- on the area website –archives has all the notes an for the upcoming assembly, will be communicating with all the homegroups. Also the literature on “Homegroup: where it all begins” the inventory questions can be found. A question was asked on “why on that date (January 2022) an inventory?” A- That weekend was selected because following that weekend, our delegate may be in New York or online with trustees since he is on the literature committee and don’t want to interrupt with the holidays.

12:30 lunch and the Finance Committee met.

Breakout sessions: DCM's & Area Officers on Hosting, GSR committee groups, Intergroup:

GSR committee groups presented by Autumn Z.

Breakout Sunday Aug 29th, 2021

7 attendees

6 are committee members

1 observer

We opened the meeting with introductions of all of the attendees. We have 2 new members to the committee since the last time we met, and that's exciting! We recapped what the last workshop was about to get them up to date.

Some members were asking how they can get their home groups more involved or how they can go about contacting certain treatment facilities. The quick answer to that is, just do it. Contact them directly, or reach out to Sean on how to go about that. We need to be the ones to initiate the relationship with them. We all can be involved in the footwork.

Sean reported that even though we haven't been meeting as frequently as we have been wanting to, he has still been in contact with all the treatment facilities, and has been doing what needs to be done to stay in front of them to let them know we are here to help. We have racks in almost all of the treatment facilities throughout all of the islands that have treatment facilities on them.

Our last workshop was about bridging the gap between the treatment facilities and AA when the person attending the facility is out. We have temporary contact cards that are apart of the packets that we are giving the treatment facilities. We need more men in the program willing to give their info for the temporary contact cards for the packets that we are making and handing out to the treatment facilities. We had a great turnout from our last workshop and got a lot of names willing to be contacts, but we are still needing more because of the amount of facilities on all the islands vs how many names we got.

We are asking everyone to please ask their home groups or meetings they attend, if anyone is willing to be a temporary contact for someone leaving treatment. You can pass this information on to our chair Sean.

We talked about what our next workshop will be about, and its going to be called: Treatment & Traditions: What's the Connection. We are meeting as a committee in Sept to brainstorm more ideas about this topic. We are super excited about the new workshop and can't wait to start meeting again and brainstorming all of our ideas!

Thank you for letting me be of service!

Autumn Z.

GSR breakout group presented by Ken K.

Area 17 Budget Assembly August 28-29,2021

Hosted by: Windward District 4

Sunday CPC Breakout Session Minutes

Attendees:

Kimo-GSR Maui

Ray-GSR Big Island

Lyons-GSR Big Island

Facilitator – Ken K.

No Topic.

Sharing discussions on past and present experiences in CPC Service

General sharing on “Speaking at a non-AA meeting” what AA does and does not do.

Presentations and panel presentations

Recommended to review the CPC workbook and materials available on the aa.org website.

In Love and Service,

Ken K.

Breakout –Mynah Bird by Karen

There were six of us – including myself. There was one new member of the committee who was unfamiliar with the Mynah Bird. I read paragraph from the Structures and Guidelines describing the Mynah Bird.

The first question that was asked was “how long should an article be?” Answer – could be as short as a paragraph (I have been asking for one liners – “heard at a meeting”) or up to a page or two.

The next question that was asked was “How do we get articles?”. Although committee members are free to submit articles that they have written, it is not the responsibility of Mynah Bird committee members to write articles for the newsletter. I shared my experience that asking people one on one to write an article yielded the best results. I always make some suggestions for topics for articles – although the suggestions are not a comprehensive list.

We also talked about distribution – I suggested that each committee member make a few copies of the Mynah Bird and send receipt to our treasurer for reimbursement.

I asked committee members to send me any flyers of upcoming events in their districts – I would rather get four flyers for an event than to miss something that might be of interest to the fellowship.

I told my committee members that the next Mynah Bird would be published just before the October Committee meeting and that I would be sending out announcements a few weeks before the committee meeting.

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Karen N. Mynah Bird Chair

Archives breakout reported by Joshua:

Archives Breakout Room-

Ernest S-Archives Chair

Josh M. – GSR

Jason C. – GSR Malia Discussion

Jona- GSR D4 KWS

Linda- PD61

Mathea- GSR D6 and Archives Chair

Synopsys- What about contact tracing and proof of vaccinations for meetings? We want to stay safe, but we don't want to get political. Is there a way for us to do contact tracing and proof of vaccinations? General opinion of the group was that COVID is an outside issue and as members of AA we should do what's best for AA as a whole and in order to do that, maintaining ourselves, the ones we can control is the best way to address the safety issue. The question was asked how do we handle meetings when they get to large outdoors? We talked about having an emergency group conscious to shut down the meeting and go back online. We talked about online sponsorship and how or if that is working in an online platform and how do we get information on what works and what doesn't? We had one member that attends many online meetings and lives in two places and said that although the online can do in a pinch, the real magic is when two alcoholics are around each other often. Much is missed when you can only meet virtually. We discussed the difficulty of time zones on the sponsor sponsee relationship. We then discussed how AA started by mail and that in some cases that worked so it's already been done. We finally discussed the use of zoom versus virtual in our language. It was considered that it might be affiliation if we use the word zoom when describing meetings. It was discussed that maybe zoom will become a slang term like Kleenex so it will be fine when used in speech but should not be used when written as in the minutes.

Open with serenity prayer-

Topic 1 - Ernest-What about proof of vaccination for the meeting?

Ernest-We want to stay safe. We don't want to get political. Some people are and some people aren't. Maybe we could have a vaccine card proof and contact tracing to keep everyone safe.

Jona-COVID is an outside issue as far as AA goes. Keep what you have in your own circle.

When was ask others to do things in order to get into the meeting, it might cause people to get angry.

Mathea-COVID is an outside issue. As individuals, we should handle things ourselves. If we are worried about the bug, stay online. If discriminate, then you single people out.

Josh - Brought up that at the group level we are autonomous so at the group level, we can decide that as a group.

Linda - Contact tracing has anonymity issues. Also, we can make decisions at the group level as long as they don't affect AA as a whole. We are held to a higher standard than checking everyone. We need to protect the name of AA.

Jason – This is AA not the government. We can't make anyone get vaccinated. Told a story about an inside meeting of 40 people with only 4 wearing masks. This is unacceptable.

Jona – We are taught to follow direction and man’s law or god’s law. We are supposed to be masked indoors and not outdoors. What do we do when we are no longer following the rules? How do we turn people away from meetings?

Josh-Great question and I answered that we have the plan that if we have numbers exceeding guidelines for an extended period of time, we will call an emergency group conscious and vote to shut down the meeting.

Topic 2 - Online sponsorship?

Mathea – She goes to about 12 online meetings a week. She lives in London and Kauai. She talked about how important it is to be around the person on a regular basis in order to be really effective. She talked about how she talks to her sponsor online and it works well but they both have had sobriety.

Jona-Suggestion that she has heard about. Sponsorship online through video conference has been successful. She talked about how it is difficult to know if what is said is what is done.

Linda- Talked about the difficult part of distance and time changes. It’s not fair to either side. Working with another alcoholic in person is very important. She meets with her sponsee face to face still.

Ernest – he doesn’t have any experience in this issue. But he does think we are going to pioneer this way.

Linda- There have been lots of meetings with online that email.

Mathea- Had an online group that would go online with Navy people on boats. Prison people, people in mental wards, and people deployed have been doing this for a long time. Maybe they have some info. Talked about meetings that have 25% of the people are not from where the meeting is from.

Jason – Mail used to be the way you got the big book. It worked before so it’s not a new concept. We just need to get back to how they were doing it then.

Mathea- Told on herself, she just doesn’t want to do it. But if someone really needs it, she would do it.

Topic 3 – Should we be saying virtual instead of zoom?

Mathea- Zoom would be the slang word. If you are putting it in print or in a professional setting we should use virtual. But she will probably use Zoom because it’s one syllable instead of three.

Linda- As long as we don’t claim affiliation or promote it it’s fine. But amongst ourselves we will still use slang.

Ernest- if it’s going in the minutes we should not use zoom.

Linda- There was an article about this in summer 2020 issue of box 459 about opening or not opening meetings.

Josh- I like to remember rule 62, zoom, virtual, I have other things to worry about.

Topic 4 – How do we enforce a mask wearing?

Mathea- I stay away from the meetings that don’t follow rules. If I go into a store and it says put a mask on....I put a mask on.

Jona- Her group conscious says that if someone shows up to the meeting that doesn't want to wear a mask they are not allowed to stay.

Linda-Enforcement of guidelines.

Break out: DCM's & Area Officers on Hosting

Main topic was on hosting; working with the hosting districts for 2022, expectations on the districts working with Jeannie, her responsibility working with the DCMs on assembly and committee meetings. Jeannie mentioned it is the DCM's responsibilities to host the face to face meetings, referred to the Hawaii Area Structure and Guidelines on the Alt. Chair's responsibility that is to work with the district, making sure a venue is set up, tips on hosting committee/assembly meetings is available on the area website under "service tools/forums," i.e. titled "Tips on Hosting Assemblies and Committee Meetings." 5-6 members did have experience with hosting face to face committee/assembly meetings. This "go-to" document was lost for a little while, however Sean is putting this information back on the website. For now, alternate chair, Jeannie, sends out a check list to the DCM's of what to do when hosting an assembly/committee meeting. Len asked if there was a virtual guideline for hosting i.e. protocol tips on procedures for virtual committee/assembly meetings- A- No for now, however it is in the process of having a guideline available on the area website. For now, if hosting a meeting, the area puts together a team that consists of virtual hosts, co-hosts, timers, etc. As members are registering, they are automatically dropped onto a spreadsheet. Through out the day, screen is being monitored, 1 person per screen, watching the backgrounds, the timer helps to monitor and ensure that we keep up with the agenda. It takes 10 persons to be on a virtual team and Deborah S. has a list and uses color coding for scheduling. We are learning as we go. Kunani assisted Jeannie with learning and using the Google Forms regarding the spreadsheet, it limits access to spreadsheet for confidentiality. Confirmed that resource on tips for hosting virtual committee/assembly meetings is in the process of being developed. Gina questioned if the hosts for the virtual meetings need to be from the hosting district? A- No, most important is to have a place to conduct the meetings. For the committee and assembly meetings there is a seed amount of moneys provided to the DCM's from the area to start off with. Eric reiterated for assistance from DCMs to register for assembly meetings in advance rather than on the day of. Freddy had a question on airfare for DCM's to participate in the physical meetings. A- Area covers airfare for the Area Officers and the Standing Committee Chairs and the Districts covers the DCM's airfare and registration fees for both committee meetings (1-day) and assembly meetings (2-days). Next the group discussed making virtual meetings more fun. Evan suggested of someone could be available during breaks for live music, Bob suggested making breakout rooms so that people can go to during the breaks and fellowship and have conversations, and Julie suggested having skits played out.

1:30 Sharing Sessions: Bob on Concept 9 Vision and Leadership, Deborah S. on The Group Conscience, and Cheryl on Service Sponsorship.

Bob: Concept 9 Vision and Leadership

Concept IX – Vision and Leadership

“Good service leaders, together with sound and appropriate methods of choosing them, are at all levels indispensable for our future functioning and safety. The primary world service leadership once exercised by the founders of A.A. must necessarily be assumed by the Trustees of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.”

I'd like to thank our Panel 71 Chair for asking me to say a few words on Concept IX. I feel at a loss because, in truth, the best thing I could do is simply read the full essay on this Concept found in *The Twelve Concepts for World Service*. We've already heard a good bit of it today when we heard excerpts from “Leadership in A.A.: Ever a Vital Need.” I beg you to read the whole Concept; it's a gem.

The topic I was given for this share is “Vision and Leadership,” so naturally, I'm going to take it in reverse order.

Why do we even need leaders? To me, the answer is simple:

“Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.”

A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. That's a pretty good reason to make sure we choose our leaders wisely.

Now let me define just who I think is a leader in A.A.

It's you. And it is not just you. It is everyone in A.A. who steps up to the plate and acts for the good of A.A. Bill even says this at the end of the complete article:

While this article was first thought of in connection with our world service leadership, it is possible that some of its suggestions can be useful to anyone who takes an active part in our Society.

This is true particularly in the area of Twelfth Step work, in which nearly all of us are actively engaged. Every sponsor is necessarily a leader. The stakes are about as big as they could be. A human life and usually the happiness of a whole family hang in the balance. What the sponsor does and says, how well he estimates the reactions of his prospects, how well he times and makes his presentation, how well he handles criticisms, and how well he leads his

prospect on by personal spiritual example — these qualities of leadership can make all the difference, often the difference between life and death.

But we are usually focusing on the General Service Board and Conference process when we discuss this Concept. But remember, the Conference process involves more than just our delegates and trustees.

“First, let’s remember that the base for our service structure rests on the dedication and ability of several thousand General Service Representatives (G.S.R.’s), several hundred area Committee Members, and nearly a hundred Delegates. These are the direct agents of the A.A. groups; these are the indispensable linkage between our Fellowship and its world service; these are the primary representatives of A.A.’s group conscience. Without their support and activity, we could not operate permanently at all.”

That’s you. That’s all of us. Okay, but what attributes do I need to do this?

A good leader:

1. Can personally put principles, plans, and policies into such dedicated and effective action that the rest of us want to back them up.
2. Does not power-drive.
3. Exercises judgment.
4. Consults widely.
5. Remembers that a good idea can come from anywhere and discard their own plans for a better one.
6. Never passes the buck.
7. Can stand against a storm when it is crucial.
8. Realizes that even angry people can be right.
9. Can give and take and compromise.
10. Can face long-term criticism.

What an order, I can’t go through with it. Do not be discouraged. No one among us has been able to maintain anything like perfect adherence to these principles. And for that, I am really grateful.

Finally, the most crucial attribute Bill mentions is vision.

What the heck is vision? I started with the best dictionary definition I could find:

“the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom.”

I can't do better than quote Bill on this all-important idea:

“Vision is, I think, the ability to make good estimates, both for the immediate and for the more distant future. Some might feel this sort of striving to be a sort of heresy because we A.A.'s are constantly telling ourselves, “One day at a time.” But that valuable principle really refers to our mental and emotional lives. It means chiefly that we are not foolishly to repine over the past nor wishfully to day-dream about the future...

... vision is therefore the very essence of prudence, an essential virtue if ever there was one. Of course we shall often miscalculate the future in whole or in part, but that is better than to refuse to think at all.”

I really like Bill's vision of vision. In this context, it isn't a grand plan of where we should go so much as it is the desire to leave A.A. better than we found it. Could A.A. be better? Absolutely. Okay, just how do we accomplish that? We have examples all around us.

We've seen it just this weekend in various ways. When we heard our Past Treasurer's proposals for modifying our Structures and Guidelines, we listened to her vision for a better Area Assembly. When our Delegate shares agenda items with us and looks for our feedback we hear about and participate in our collective vision for a better, more inclusive, more united Alcoholics Anonymous.

So when we chose our leaders, I don't think we are looking for folks with epic plans for remaking A.A. We are looking for people with the ability to evaluate where we are, where we can improve, and who are willing to work hard to bring about the changes our collective group conscience has decided upon. Our collective vision for A.A. and our future.

In the end, I think this Concept reminds us that we are all leaders. We first call upon ourselves to step up and act for our common good. Then, as we progress, we learn, grow, and begin to discern what authentic leadership means by seeing it in others. It calls on us to use prudence when choosing leaders for our groups, our districts, our assembly, our Conference, and our General Service Board. It reminds us of the need to be careful we aren't turning our elections into popularity contests or voting based simply on friendships and favors owed. It reminds us to be discerning about those we choose to lead us at any position, from home group greeter to trustee.

We must remember Tradition One:

“Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward.”

When we chose our leaders, we need to keep in mind this overriding idea, “our common welfare comes first.” Let us always choose our leaders with an eye to what is best for A.A., today, tomorrow, and beyond.

“This we owe to A.A.’s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our Fellowship united. For on A.A. Unity depends our lives, and the lives of those to come.”

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Bob H. Area 17 Panel 67 Past Delegate

Deborah S. The Group Conscience

Deborah read information from literature on The Homegroup: Where it all Begins. Talked about the informed group being a collective conscience. Hope is knowing the importance of our voice, the opinions viewed at the group, district and conference. Our part of being able to come up to the mike at area assemblies and speaking. GSR’s (Group Service Representative) is the voice for the group that can bring the groups conscience/voice to the assemblies, their voices is important and the most authority is coming from the groups.

Cheryl Service Sponsorship

Cheryl referred to the pamphlet and talked about the alcoholic’s experience in recovery. Service is helping someone who is new. The service sponsor can translate the 12 Traditions, the 12 Concepts, and traditions and other services in A.A. through our literatures. Service sponsors can introduce to the various levels of service in the home groups, district level and area level. Overall sharing responsibilities, learn more about committee /assembly meetings. We are a diversity of groups but all hear for the same purpose, stay sober and help others. Service Sponsors stresses the importance of learning the 3 Legacies- Unity, Recovery, and Service and to continue on. Service sponsorship allows us to pass it on.

Floor opened for comments and questions:

Tommy C- mentioned that service sponsorship is not about going through the steps with a newcomer, but helps with understanding the traditions and concepts and strongly suggests to get a service sponsor.

Sean-talked about area assemblies voting process being based on Roberts Rules of Order- questioned about floor actions, motions for floor actions and having the opportunity at the assemblies.

Bob commented: Floor actions in a GSC based on his experience, is highly discouraged, reasons being that background history is already done. Floor action is moving too fast, recalls it had nothing to do with the agenda at the GSC.

Cheryl: Mentioned that we do have a few places in the assembly agenda where people can bring up new ideas in the “Ask It Basket” for discussion. And also may talk to someone on the side, like talking to past delegates/dcm’s, elder states people, etc.

Kunani: talked about his experience where someone brought to the floor a matter, and the body allowed for this person to voice the matter, it was discussed and voted on. When things are brought ahead of time, able to research and have an informed discussion. At a past budget assembly, someone brought up a floor action, presented the area body with the background history ad it was discussed. The Area Chair will make the decision on whether or not it is appropriate at the time.

Eric shared his experience: based on his experience in the Oregon that does allow for Floor Actions to be discussed at the assemblies, they allow time for that, usually if it gets shut down, the allow for someone to bring up a motion to discuss and he can see how this process can be time consuming.

Linda commented: not sure what a floor action is, has to be submitted to one of the conferences and go through the whole process. There may be an agenda topic, thinks for us, with the way we do things, it may be too time consuming.

Deborah S.: Shared her experience as a GSR where at a district meeting she decided to add an issue at New Business, shared the issue and the background history, followed by a discussion of the issue. Love the term “Point of order” that helped the meeting flow.

2:30 Tommy provided the Ad-hoc committee report:

Ad-hoc recommendations: when going back to physical assemblies, considering combining both physical and hybrid virtual meeting at the same time. Logistics involved is having the equipment and it’s cost. Equipment such as, laptops, HDMI ports, web, microphones, most important band and hotspots, or locations with hot spots, computer with an external monitor, projector, projector screen to view and see attendees. Equipment could be borrowed or purchased or rented which the area can afford. Still don’t know what the future holds. There is planning, preparing, and adjusting to keep everyone safe during this pandemic times.

Comments regarding Ad-hoc committee report:

- Area will need to purchase a hot spot, hot spot will not work if there is no cell phone service.
- Will this create new positions? A- has a tech team, need 2 members, maybe not, may look for volunteers within the hosting district.
- Mary- Did not communicate contributions, contributions was not discussed. A- TV screens can be rented, could be budgeting into the budget, still talking about this, the assistance that the area provides is for the venue and food. Ad-hoc committee is not done talking about this.
- Evan-Did the communittee consider new tech towers, may be more functional. Evan will be getting with Sean for more discussion on this.

- Kunani- has a fancy owl camera that is able to follow the speaker, captures the entire room, to help multiple views instead of one view.
- Sean –asked about how are we going to handle an 80” TV, perhaps each island has its own projector and screen, there is places that can rent these equipment.
- Gina: commented that she did look into an Owl camera and the cheapest was \$1200, being on the finance committee, \$1200 is the Ad-Hoc budget. If the building does not have Wi-Fi set up, Wi-Fi 6 is not going to work.
- Freddy- commented his home group held and hybrid meeting, there was 30 to 50 online, all was ran off a phone wi-fi hotspot. It can be done @ a low budget and can be done with low band width.
- Bob- commented concurs that projectors is not the best idea, lots of assemblies are done in open areas, may not be able to handle the light output, in a closed room, it would work fine, a systems mike to be set aside to limit noises.

***Deborah S. Area Chair did a poll of the area’s feedback on the area meeting in person for assemblies and committee meetings starting in 2022 and the final outcome was that 85 % was for re-assessing after the 1st quarter of the year and 15 % was against reassessing after the 1st quarter of the year. There was a lot of sharing on reasons for going back to physical and a lot of reasons as to why we should not for now.

What to take back (Deborah S)

- 1) 2022 Budget Proposal –passed
- 2) (2) proposals to amend presented by Rachel past treasurer P69, moved and voted @ 11/2020 assembly that was hosted by the tri-island
- 3) Class B Pacific Regional Nominee- Bob H.
- 4) Recommendations were made by the Ad-hoc committee regarding hybrid committee/assembly meetings.

Ask it Basket

Linda: made announcement of a new addition to AA family, i.e. Oldypa , 2021 virtual retreat Sept. 24 to 26, 2021. Registration online if free –oldypa.org

Freddy : asked if can bring a motion to the body in the next assembly and it was suggested to hold off on the motion for the Inventory Assembly at this time.

Bill asked for clarity regarding Deborah S.s poll on feedback regarding physical assemblies and at this time the idea of going back to physical assemblies will be revisited quarterly.

Nirlepa: questioned when going back to face to face assemblies will hybrid be at the same time- hybrid will be benefit groups with GSRs that cannot make the physical assembly.

Motion to adjourn the meeting Josh and second the motion to adjourn was Bill @ 4:45pm

Closed with the Serenity Prayer in Hawaiian

