

*****Approved Minutes for the ITD-ASSEMBLY 2022*****

**2022 Virtual Inform the Delegate Assembly
“A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service.”
April 9-10 | 2022 Host Diamond Head, District 1
*Agenda is subject to change***

Day ONE – (Thank You my fellow area officers for covering my service position on the first day-Deborah L./ secretary)

Panel V Area 17 Grapevine

VI. Literature

R. Discuss changes to the text of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions as directed by the 71st General Service Conference.

The committee discussed. No poll taken.

Viewpoints

Fear change to the literature would not stick to what Bill W intended.

Trustees request feedback on how the impact feel about the changes to the text of the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions.

The words Lust and rape were not understood as it is today.

The original text is judgmental. Partner is a better word than opposite sex.

Support Lustful enough to rape should be changed.

Supports the attachment of the twelve traditions at the end of each tradition.

If it helps people feel more inclusive change is good.

Panel VI Area 17 Mynah Bird

VII. Policy/Admissions

F. Consider request to restore a paragraph in the story “Freedom from Bondage” in the book Alcoholics Anonymous.

The committee recommended a request to restore a paragraph in the story “Freedom from Bondage” in the book

Alcoholics Anonymous. Polling supports at 67% (34 of 51) Poll does not support at 33% (17 to 51).

Viewpoints:

The paragraph was removed essentially to synchronize the page count between the 3rd and 4th edition, and the

committee did not think the reason warranted the paragraphs removal.

Of all the stories for some reason I connected with it.

There are other paragraphs from other stories strategically taken out to preserve the integrity of the story. No paragraph was randomly removed.

In favor, but the story selection for the fifth edition has not been done yet. It is possible Freedom from Bondage may not be chosen for the next edition.
Need for clarification on cost and online availability.
Clarification by Bob H. - With good ideas, cost is not considered when the merit of an idea is being discussed; financial prudence is left to the trustees. Bob reiterated Robs mention of an additional 7 blank pages would have been added per book and with that, costly.
Literature will be printed but is available online first. Currently, no agenda items about literature being available online only.
Footnotes added and paragraphs removed.
Let's consider the work load we are asking our staff and trustees on fixing the 4th Edition. Let's move forward with the 5th Edition and leave the 4th Edition alone.

XI. Trustees

G. Consider request to revise pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?" to include stories reflecting greater diversity.

The committee considered the request to revise pamphlet "Do You Think You're Different?" to include stories Reflecting greater diversity *but took no action*. No poll. Discussion only. Delegate has a sense of the body.

Viewpoints:

The committee felt the pamphlet was inclusive also explains all walks of life are welcome with open arms into the fellowship. Did not feel more stories should be added as there may likely be a group of people not specifically represented.

Is one of the most popular literature pamphlets in the treatment committee packet provided to the treatment centers and other related facilities.

Question to Delegate: How did this topic go from BC Area onto the GSC agenda?

Answer: Proposed agenda items (P.A.I) is reviewed and discussed by the trustee's agenda committee then the rest of the trustee body.

Last revision was in 2018 and is till recent.

Panel VII Area 17 Public Information

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

F. Consider request to revise the pamphlet "The A.A. Group" to reflect the importance of the group as a "spiritual entity" as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five.

The committee considered and recommended the change be carried out to revise the pamphlet “The A.A. Group” to

reflect the importance of the group as a “spiritual entity” as stated in the Long Form of Tradition Five. The poll supporting at 67 % (34 of 51). Not supporting is 33% (17 of 51)

Looking for conference committee feedback from GSC 71 on giving guidance to the fellowship on revision.
No

conference committee response reiterated or found.

Emphasize that A.A. is a spiritual group could prevent people from getting sober such as those who have problems with spirituality or the idea of a higher power.

The word spirituality could turn people away.

The way it’s written (sort of) infers that if your not a spiritual entity you’re not a group.

The word “ought” (to be a spiritual entity) could sound to be more a mandate than an expression of God’s love within

the group.

More background needed.

The proposal is (a little too) vague.

We should consider the traditions keeping them in the forefront of our minds when considering changes to our literature. The traditions were written so we don’t repeat the history and fall into the trap other movements have made.

The bigger message in how we will incorporate the traditions into proposed changes.

The word ought was chosen to describe the kind people (group) with this as their primary purpose.

III. Corrections

I. Consider requests to limit changes to the book Alcoholics

Anonymous.

The committee recommends considering requests to limit changes to the book Alcoholics Anonymous. Supporting poll is 78% (42 votes). Not supporting poll 22% (12 votes)

Viewpoints:

The 164 is the foundation and weight of our program.

There’s a historical significance.

These are Bills writings.

Keep the integrity and continuity in it.

Illustrated.” N. Discuss the existing version of the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions

Committee discussed topic. No poll taken.

Viewpoints:

Committee agrees the illustrations of the current version is dated, robotic, benign, and need to be updated. The current version is still informative on the twelve traditions.

Regarding the offensive language in the current version, the committee request clear and concise references on what text was deemed offensive; it is not stated in the background.

Why weren't the suggested changes submitted incorporated, and instead of creating an additional pamphlet?

Where is the singleness of purpose?

Why are we Spending money two pamphlets, when the original action was to update the current version?

Clarification on the topic; illustrations vs text

What is the purpose of the new pamphlet? is member feedback.

Confusion about the topic both committee and fellowship.

Response from the Delegate: New pamphlet developed is for reference. The existing pamphlet is up for refreshing.

We don't three pamphlets

Panel IX Area 17 Website

IX. Report and Charter

D. Consider request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet “G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole.”

The Committee recommended the request to include a G.S.R. preamble in the pamphlet “G.S.R.: Your Group's Link to A.A. as a Whole.” 72% (39 votes) in support of. 28% (15 votes) were not in support.

Preamble agreed on: The exact wording is: “We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as He may express Himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole.”

Not a useful addition.

The pamphlet is useful as-is.

What is the origin of the GSR preamble? Information was not provided in the background.

Bob H. "During the time that **Genevieve L. was the Panel 24 (1974-75) Delegate of California Mid-Southern Area 9**, someone came up with a Preamble to read at Area meetings which was quite a strong directive to GSRs making them the ultimate authority over Alcoholics Anonymous" from the internet.

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

Consider request to revise text in the chapter "Getting plenty of rest" in the booklet Living Sober.

The committee recommended request to revise text in the chapter "Getting plenty of rest" in the booklet Living Sober. In support is 62 % (34 of 55) and not in support is 38% (21 of 51)

"Nobody has ever died of lack of sleep" be removed because there is no science behind that statement. The statement is authoritative, brutal, and bossy.

For removal of statement. The statement has infiltrated into working with another AA one on one.

For keeping the statement. Found it helpful to hear "Nobody has ever died of lack of sleep" helped normalize the insomnia and through early times of sobriety.

People die because of lack of slip as identified on the internet Is a disorder that is heredity.

Decision should be based on the traditions.

We have no opinion on outside matters.

It's probably time for it to come out of the book

Tools for getting through early sobriety living sober

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DAY 2

8:15 Waiting Room Open

9:00 Call to Order | A Declaration of Unity read by – Rob

| Host DCM Announcements

| Introduction of Past Delegates

BOB H (CONFERENCE CHAIR)

Reading: A.A. Service Manual Pages 40 “Why Do We Need A Conference” – Rob

9:15 Secretary’s Report from the Inventory Assembly –Deborah L. – accepted

Treasurer’s Report – accepted

9:30 General Service Conference Process and Preparation –Sir chair , Bob. H , today a little less to do, 2 consideraion, rest to diss a review

9:45

Panel X Area 17 Annual Hawaii Convention Committee, Kawika K. Chair

IX. Report and Charter

- A. D. Consider requests that the chapter titled “The Doctor's Opinion” be returned to page one, as it was in the First Edition. (Pgs. 907 – 912)

Rob: GSR D8 Daily Reprieve- went over this topic- at some point, this chapter was moved from pag1- by the time members got to this chapter, they leave... also it is important to learn the physical aspects- committee <took no action>

XI. Trustees

- A. F. Consider revising text highlighting service roles at the group level in the pamphlet “The A.A. Group.” (Pgs. 984 – 985)

Comments: rob read the background information- committee is recommending that this motion be adapted

Discussion: Committee chose to not take action on the first item:

- *think it may be worth taking a look at*
- *against consideration, too minor and that it is much pressure on the newcomer to get a sponsor*
- *can see either side of it, can't figure out why it is separated is for leaving as is*
- *Question: why was it to be moved/ Kawika – response, no documented reason as to why bill moved it in the book. / Kunani- 100 percent sure that it was similar – none of the reasoning of why was in the background information/ no answer to this question*
- *some people 209 big book study, a lot of –people that people was exposed to the Dr's Opinion , don't see a reason to move back to where it was I the 1st edition*
- *wanted to get to the meat of the program, did not hear about the Dr's opinion till 20 days sober, is for moving-*
- *basically as what Jim said – 172 vs 162 pages*
- *don't see the –point in the change- the program is in the first pages, the Doctors Opinion is not of that, it is more description of the problem but it is not the program- against*
- *it said that moved from page 1,–people, skipping and don't read the preference*

- *Thanks for sponsorship, the historical context leading up to alcoholics anonymous- exploring information, AA build on rich history, the forward- to show people the growth of history –*
- *expressed her concern- remember when a person recommended where to start reading, but statistics show that if people don't have a sponsor, likely to not read the front part of the book.*
- *thank you for finding out the information-*
- *2001 talks about the 4th edition that refer to 1995 first 164 pages, conference tells us what the decisions were-*
- *looked up what preferences is about- give insight into maybe Bill did not expect people to skip over it*
- *back then when they were talking about this- big book had to be read by alcoholics (rita)*
- *for moving it – 164 pages, as newcomer, Doctors Opinion did not even come up.*
- *this discussion- spiritual experience use asterisk as a reference.*
- *if we look at our text- referring to the preference- our recovery program clearly states the first portion of this book describes the program*
- *it's amazing how opinion will change, mental physical disease, 2nd is the necessity- maybe it should be moved to the first page*
- *remain the same*
- *agrees with using asterisk –make reference –*
- *unwilling to work with a sponsor – flipped through the book to pick and choose what could relate for – saw we agnostics – do see the worth in changing this to the second edition.*

Launched a pole: 55% not support 44% support

2nd item:

- *read the proposed change-*
- *support the change*
- *did not understand what he was talking about-*
- *it is a proposal to change one sentence to something else*
- *reread the proposal*
- *it is on page 29 of group inventory*
- *seems confusing what we are considering to change- actual text change? Bob H- change the text to highlight the service roles*
- *brought more humility to that sentence changing from officers to service and servants*
- *kawika just covered it.*
- *alcoholic's resources could be better used somewhere else -over complicating it.*

Launched pole- support: 79% support not –support 11 %

10:15

Panel XI Area 17 DCM 1,3,5,7,9,11,& 17

VI. Literature

A. *L. Review progress report regarding requests to develop study guide workbooks for A.A. (Pgs. 370 – 424)*

TJ – presented the proposal- 1985- GSC found in not need for step study workbook, study guide is under consideration- some of committee wondered if anything is broken, workbook may be a replacement of the big book, some on the fence, no one on the committee felt that would need a workbook right now.

Comments:

- *odd DCM's not against the workbook, really feel not a lot of direction-*
- *concerned about sticking a workbook in there- purpose is to make the program accessible- we have no idea what higher power is going to point out see over time rigidity to part of the program, religiously working the program or wearing the the program like a loose garment.*
- *personal opinion – want to be able to attack- something like that would allow another ave*
- *thought all for the big book*
- *feel like there are so many ways- putting one seal of approval to get this done, may be a dis-service- possibility that maybe aa to review other avenues- reference to utilizing other resources to get that spiritual experience*
- *personally, would love a AA workbook to take sponsors through, it would be another option- currently utilizing other resources to help with her sponsors*
- *for the workbook, currently using guidance from somewhere else*
- *earlier program of recovery is contained in the first portion of aa- don't want to our program to be diluted by outside influence- hear in aa messages from drop the rock or treatment centers- one good reason to have our own workbook so that we would have a literature that is based on our language of recovery- home group only use conference aa approved literature*
- *this topic I a way important to me, I was not for this in the beginning- more was revealed- most of the clients was dealing with was born in 1991- we can direct of how the big book should be understood, a lot of times- language can be interpreted in the wrong way- think about how man newcomers could be reached- bridge the gap*
- *I am not sure if this is the same for the big book to be written in easy language, when first coming into program, terrified to ask for a sponsor- only concern is a new comer will think that they can do it on their own –the magic was when someone sat and explained this with me...*
- *am for that workbook, has been using google using other resources*
- *when we approached this a few years ago- was trying to help someone that did not know how to read, in the processes she lost that person, don't know if still alive, feel strongly that we need a workbook- only asked to write out thinks but not be another alternate for a sponsor.*
- *it would be fine if there were a conference approved workbook. Trusted the process working with a sponsor.*

- *to improve access to the big book, what kind of guide would help, incarceration system is difficult to reach inside- question- would we rather have members in the*

inside have limited access or have access for them to help understand the big book where meetings and sponsors are limited or not available. Lot of members don't have access. How could we do this best

- I would have to say that agree 100% need a workbook, I wanted to get sober, but did want help, I attended a AWOL group based on the Little Red Book- found it was understandable and encouraged to participate the group- 1-7 people functionally illiterate in corrections it's worse. Not so much how we do it but when we do it.*
- Grew up old school- sponsor interpreted the BB that way he did, does BB study today – regardless, feels a workbook would be a good idea more positive than a negative one- really want to understand the writer- studied up on what bill was trying to say- for the workbook*
- believe that one of our purpose is to carry the message and consider people who not able to be hear today and not able to have access support workbook – bill w turned over to the conference to develop more literature.*
- cross reference 12 by 12 also in addition to the big book.*

Launched a pole- support: 89 % not support 11%

11:00 Break

11:15 : Open with the Serenity Prayer -ALL

Panel XII Area 17 DCM 2,4,6,8,10,12 and Intergroup Chairs

VI. Literature

A. B. Review draft language regarding safety and A.A. to be included in Living Sober and the pamphlet “Questions and Answers on Sponsorship (Pgs. 261-272)

Presenting Item – Kerwin DCM 8

First introduced in 2018- some language were drafted and added to the literature, “Living Sober,” insert a paragraph

Addition to include safety at the group level –

Committee did accept that language and agreed to have more stronger language and being more specific on safety.

Comments:

- Was the note taker in that committee, allowed for her to sit and listen what was being shared, moved by the passion for the safety in aa, aa has a responsibility to keep the rooms safe.*
- this is the topic that she is passionate about, not only want to see it in the literatures but everywhere in Hawaii, it's okay for the literature, but it does not really say what is happening and what we can do for our community, would like more direction on what sponsors can do, groups can to do keep the safety in our community, possibly a security person in our groups.*

- *hot topic, also did not feel it was enough, read the safety card but that is different about safety in aa. Putting into format, posted in rooms, having workshops other than just the (2) literature, making references*
- *think about safety broadly and the language, it is going to be interpreted differently among our aa people, believes some of it addresses some issues, can it be more specific on the dos and don'ts*
- *just want to lend voice to this topic, we have had some local instances that were unpleasant and threatening, the response was everyone knows so and so is crazy and propose that those with sobriety speak up, suggest brings this up in autonomous groups discussing what can we do..*
- *the first thing that came to my mind is responsibility, I recall once I was going to ask a woman a question and this woman asked me where I was going and asked me if that was your sponsor then told me to go sit down.*

All Panel Discussion: Deborah S. Chair

V. Grapevine

D. Discuss the wide-ranging impact the Preamble change has had on our A.A. Fellowship. (Pgs 241 – 248)

****Has this had an impact on the groups in our area?*

Comments:

- *we had extensive conversations on this topic, were all in agreement, not affect in groups, all and all everyone was in favor with the change.*
- *strongly in favor for this change- immediately made the change, nobody balked or said any words about it.*
- *it went without a catch, except instead of people would have rather, have the work individuals*
- *no problem with the change, was part of a workshop with international members- some were not happy about it- a lot of the international members felt left out-*
- *some go back and forth- no impact on the group.*
- *think people is great, had people say keep it simple, we keep making it difficult, it's a fellowship of alcoholics, were did we have to reflect classification?*
- *everyone was pleased with the change, have not seen the second option- wonder if it would have been more accepted?*
- *read- comes with round up lgbt- consensus when first came this person was welcomed- we are all alcoholics*
- *did not see that second option*
- *just for some clarity- there were 3 floor actions regarding the preamble- it was to pick on or the other, and it was option A – all of the floor actions was forwarded to grapevine and they made the decision to change the preamble.*
- *been using fellowship of people, general neutral and all inclusive.*

12:00

Agenda Preparation & Discussion: Tommy G. Alt. Delegate

V. Literature

A. K. Review progress report regarding the translation of the book Alcoholics Anonymous (Fourth Edition) into plain and simple language

Tommy did agenda presentation and discussion

Comments:

- *this in addition to the big book itself, it's a translation, no a replacement of the big book*
- *likes the simple language-*
- *usually the book that is at a lower reading level is shorter not longer, it's a great first attempt.*
- *excited moving forward with this proposal-*
- *all for making things simple, who is qualified to make the text of aa simple, it scares me where this may go who is qualified to rewrite-*
- *they were picked by professional translator*
- *at first thought this was good but then realized it is English to English we got a big book are we going to call this the little book, I take this back to my homegroup, will asked what did we change, paraphrasing may take the risk of being misinterpretation- (tommy reiterated)*
- *the big book has been translated in 70 different languages- this is not to replace the big book –then quoted a saying from Bill W. written in 1952 before writing the 12x 12-*
- *when first started reading it, was twitching and irking, as went on started to see the beauty in it would open up to many people that may get frustrated. That just removes that obstacle.*
- *this is a great discussion on an issue of where I need to remind myself to be open.*
- *okay with new versions – who decided that it was going to be written at a 5th grade level?*
- *I just think personally- if this is something that is going to support our primary purpose- support it.*
- *for translation-*
- *happy that they are going to come up with this translation.*

back at 1:30

12:45 Lunch –return at 1:45

Delegate Report Back and Summary -Kunani D.- *Please refer to area17aa.org for our Delegate's Report Back power point presentation and a full summary of the Area 17 ITD Assembly.*

Alternate Delegate's Report– Tommy G. *Please refer to area17aa.org for our Alternate Delegate's Report Back power point presentation.*

Aloha Area 17 Trusted Servants,

Thank you, District 1 Diamond Head and the Tech team, for hosting Our 2022 Inform the Delegate Assembly.

It has been a service filled few weeks since our February Committee meeting, RIGHT!!! I have enjoyed helping and sharing with GSR's, sitting in on district meetings and attending a few

agenda item work meeting throughout the weeks. Great job Standing committee chairs and DCM's for working hard on helping our GSR's inform their groups and our delegate Kunani to take the Area's conscious to the 72nd General Service Conference.

My duties as alt. delegate in our structures and guidelines help guide me on this great path, we are all on. I am there to fill in our delegate in case he can't make an event or report and Kunani has guided and share with me all Happenings I need to know to help him.

Maintain GSR Handbook and Structures and Guidelines is the next duty in which our 71.1 version of the S&G's will be online for everyone to view, we probably won't be printing this version to be prudent, anyone who needs to reflect on the new finance changes can go to the area website just after this assembly.

My favorite duty is orienting our GSR's, while also helping the DCM's.

I will always be ready to act on actions of this body, and help our chair assign committee chairs.

I have to say I am excited we are phasing back to face to face Area meetings although virtually we have done pretty good, being present with our members of Hawaii Area 17 at our assemblies and committee meetings and the stories during after and the great meetings on other islands.

Mahalo,

In love and service,

Tommy G.

Alt. Delegate Area 17 Panel 71

Alternate Chair's Report - Jeannie G.

Inform The Delegate Assembly Report

Hawaii Area 17 Panel 71

4/10/2022

Aloha Trusted Servants,

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

I would like to thank our officers for facilitating our 2022 Inform The Delegate Assembly and TJ, DCM District 1 Diamond Head, and their Tech Team for hosting. You guys rock.

My duties as 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. I am thankful Deborah is here!

B. Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all area assemblies and committee meetings.

- Hawaii Area 17 had its first hybrid committee meeting on February 26th, hosted by District 7 Hilo/Hamakua. We had a little glitch in the beginning but we plowed forward in uncharted territory. We learned a lot, took suggestions, and hope that each time we get a bit better but for the most part, we accomplished the task at hand, conducting area business.

- I have been working with Karen O., DCM for District 9 Central North Shore Oahu, for the Hybrid Spring Committee meeting on May 21st. Registration is posted on the area website. We have another opportunity to improve before we attempt a hybrid assembly.
- As some of you may have heard, we are looking for a few districts to take on the task of hosting our first hybrid assembly, the Budget Assembly on August, 27th & 28th. Deborah, our Area Chair, has been working diligently in contacting the DCMs on Oahu and working with possible venues. Thank you to the districts that have expressed interest in working together to host not only the first hybrid assembly but the first assembly hosted by multiple districts. Anything can be accomplished as long as we leave room for our Higher Power.
- Lea, DCM for District 5 Maui No Ka Oi, please don't feel left out, I have an email already drafted ready to go out right after this assembly relating to the hosting of the Hybrid Fall Committee Meeting on October 15th.
- Gina, DCM for District 2 Honolulu is actively working towards securing a venue for the Hybrid Election Assembly on November 19th and 20th.
- Hawaii Area 17 will continue online registration throughout the rest of the year. All members need to register online whether attending in-person or virtually. We worked with Sean this past month to make it possible logistically to have two registrations online at the same time.
- As we move forward toward hybrid assemblies, toward in-person, we ask our DCMs to encourage our GSRs to register as soon as possible even before they have their flights. It is important to register early and send in the registration fee so those who provide homestay, transportation, and meals are better prepared for you. We will have a registration deadline for homestay requests. **If you register after the deadline there is no guarantee homestay can be provided.** I also ask DCMs to check their email daily, especially two weeks before the week of the assembly or committee meeting. The information sent out is important to forward to your GSRs in a timely manner.

C. Serve as a member of the finance committee.

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

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.

In my last report, I stated that I look forward to being more involved with the districts when we move toward in-person meetings. Well, there you have it!

On a personal note, I would like to take a few minutes to share a few things that have me thinking about service in Alcoholics Anonymous. This week I had the honor of spending several hours with Nikki, the Alt Chair for Area 5 in Southern California. I met her through the Area

Chair Roundtable at PRAASA and she asked for help in setting up online registration. It was great sharing our knowledge and talking about so many amazing things relating to our areas, the similarities and the differences in how we do things, all with the same result, carrying the message and being a link in the chain from the still suffering alcoholic to GSO.

We talked a lot about how we use the term “service work”, is it just work? I heard a statement at a past PRAASA that “service is survival”. For me, through self-sacrifice, service not only keeps me sober but it gives me opportunities to grow, a sense of duty and responsibility, and a chance to build relationships with members sharing a common purpose, which in turn fosters unity, and trust and always produces unexpected gifts.

Years ago at an AA meeting, I heard a gentleman pose a question, “do I only do service when it is convenient for me”? Then, after a long pause, he said he received some of his greatest gifts serving when it was most inconvenient. I have never forgotten that.

Getting back to my new friend, she was amazed at the awesome and unique opportunity we have here in Hawaii, to live in what is considered a “remote community”. She found it a beautiful thing that we have to fly to our area meetings, be picked up by someone we may or may not know, and stay in the home of someone we may or may not know. She said several times, “it’s just like the old days when Bill W and Lois would open up their homes to fellow suffering alcoholics”. Her view from the outside looking in at how our area functions put tears in my eyes at one point.

When our districts host in-person or hybrid assemblies and committee meetings, their home groups pull together to put on the event by providing meals, homestay, and transportation, which in turn fosters relationships, builds trust, and creates unity within the hosting district. When members attend in-person area meetings, eat together, take advantage of homestay and transportation, and serve side-by-side with fellow members, it fosters relationships, builds trust, and creates unity within the entire Hawaii area. Being a “remote community” opens up many more opportunities for service. I truly believe that the obstacles of being a “remote community” are a gift and the reason our area has been so strong in service.

In closing, our program is all about unity and the Declaration of Unity says our lives depend on it. I am so very grateful to be such a small part of an even greater whole, our wonderful Hawaii Area 17 and the incredible movement called Alcoholics Anonymous.

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

With love and service,

Jeannie G

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- As some of you may have heard, we are looking for a few districts to take on the task of hosting our first hybrid assembly, the Budget Assembly on August, 27th & 28th. Deborah, our Area Chair, has been working diligently in contacting the DCMs on Oahu and working with possible venues. Thank you to the districts that have expressed interest in working together to host not only the first hybrid assembly but the first assembly hosted by multiple districts. Anything can be accomplished as long as we leave room for our Higher Power.
- Lea, DCM for District 5 Maui No Ka Oi, please don't feel left out, I have an email already drafted ready to go out right after this assembly relating to the hosting of the Hybrid Fall Committee Meeting on October 15th.
- Gina, DCM for District 2 Honolulu is actively working towards securing a venue for the Hybrid Election Assembly on November 19th and 20th.
- Hawaii Area 17 will continue online registration throughout the rest of the year. All members need to register online whether attending in-person or virtually. We worked with Sean this past month to make it possible logistically to have two registrations online at the same time.
- As we move forward toward hybrid assemblies, toward in-person, we ask our DCMs to encourage our GSRs to register as soon as possible even before they have their flights. It is important to register early and send in the registration fee so those who provide homestay, transportation, and meals are better prepared for you. We will have a registration deadline for homestay requests. **If you register after the deadline there is no guarantee homestay can be provided.** I also ask DCMs to check their email daily, especially two weeks before the week of the assembly or committee meeting. The information sent out is important to forward to your GSRs in a timely manner.

C. Serve as a member of the finance committee.

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

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.

In my last report, I stated that I look forward to being more involved with the districts when we move toward in-person meetings. Well, there you have it!

On a personal note, I would like to take a few minutes to share a few things that have me thinking about service in Alcoholics Anonymous. This week I had the honor of spending several hours with Nikki, the Alt Chair for Area 5 in Southern California. I met her through the Area Chair Roundtable at PRAASA and she asked for help in setting up online registration. It was great sharing our knowledge and talking about so many amazing things relating to our areas, the similarities and the differences in how we do things, all with the same result, carrying the message and being a link in the chain from the still suffering alcoholic to GSO.

We talked a lot about how we use the term "service work", is it just work? I heard a statement at a past PRAASA that "service is survival". For me, through self-sacrifice, service not only keeps me sober but it gives me opportunities to grow, a sense of duty and responsibility, and a chance to build relationships with members sharing a common purpose, which in turn fosters unity, and trust and always produces unexpected gifts.

Years ago at an AA meeting, I heard a gentleman pose a question, "do I only do service when it is convenient for me"? Then, after a long pause, he said he received some of his greatest gifts serving when it was most inconvenient. I have never forgotten that.

Getting back to my new friend, she was amazed at the awesome and unique opportunity we have here in Hawaii, to live in what is considered a "remote community". She found it a beautiful thing that we have to fly to our area meetings, be picked up by someone we may or may not know, and stay in the home of someone we may or may not know. She said several times, "it's just like the old days when Bill W and Lois would open up their homes to fellow suffering alcoholics". Her view from the outside looking in at how our area functions put tears in my eyes at one point.

When our districts host in-person or hybrid assemblies and committee meetings, their home groups pull together to put on the event by providing meals, homestay, and transportation, which in turn fosters relationships, builds trust, and creates unity within the hosting district. When members attend in-person area meetings, eat together, take advantage of homestay and transportation, and serve side-by-side with fellow members, it fosters relationships, builds trust, and creates unity within the entire Hawaii area. Being a "remote community" opens up many more opportunities for service. I truly believe that the obstacles of being a "remote community" are a gift and the reason our area has been so strong in service.

In closing, our program is all about unity and the Declaration of Unity says our lives depend on it. I am so very grateful to be such a small part of an even greater whole, our wonderful Hawaii Area 17 and the incredible movement called Alcoholics Anonymous.

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

With love and service,

Jeannie G

Chair's Report –Deborah S.

(Please refer to Area 17's website @ area17aa.org for Area17's Panel 71 Chair's report for the ITD Assembly April 9-10, 2022)

Registrar's Report- Eric *(Please refer to the Area 17's website-area17aa.org for Area17 Panel 71 Registrar's report for the ITD Assembly April 9-10, 2022)*

Opened with reading his responsibility in accordance to the Hawaii Guidelines and Structure. A committee meeting on the Big Island was done in Hybrid and is looking forward to being back to in-person Area Committee /Assembly meetings. Attended PRAASA and is almost completed with the confidential contact list that will be resending out to ensure that all GSR's has their correct committee meetings.

2:30 Break

2:45 Area Committee Reports from IG Chairs, District Committee Chairs,

Intergroup Chair (Kauai) /David

Good afternoon, David alcoholic, Kauai intergroup chair- thanked the area for inviting intergroup chair-sponsor made it clear that intergroup chairs to participate - commend people that are still here, not easy to stick around at a 2- day assembly, still virtual on Kauai for intergroup- personally wants to go back physical, nothing in comparison to being physical, issues is whether to combine- intergroup with district- some of the suggestions came up from members not in the area – currently tabling this issue- struggle with unity, don't get a lot of participation with every group, has a core of participation that continue to answers all the calls, certain members are there to respond all the time, will ask intergroup to send him to the budget assembly. With that will keep coming back.

Intergroup /Cindy (Oahu)

Aloha Cindy, Central Office Chair, there is a new secretary, Cheryl and a new activities chair, Heather. Having their first physical event- movie night, most of meetings have gone to in – person meetings, central office is fully staffed, the 24-hours hotline is 7 days per week.

Maui Intergroup/ Mike L.

Maui Intergroup is having their first physical event- Founder's Day.

Area 17 Panel 71 District Committee Reports

DCM 1 –TJ

Things in the district is going well, may be some transitions, continued to watch a lot of re-opening of meetings as well as new meetings, lot of meetings on Tuesday between 7-8, getting with districts 2 and 10 about the assembly in August. Always in honor to be in service

DCM 2- Gina B.

District 2 continues to sparkle as our groups push forward with carrying the message of Alcoholic Anonymous. Whether in-person, hybrid or online, you can always find a meeting willing to be of service on each day of the week.

We have a group planning a workshop on the area structure and how it works. As well as our own hybrid workshop still in the planning stages.

We have come up with a Structures & Guidelines and a budget for the district.

We've started planning for the elections assembly happening in November and are very excited to welcome all of you.

A new meeting has started on Wednesday's at noon at the International Friendship Tree, Magic Island. All are welcome.

Another meeting which has taken off is the Ala Moana Bonfire meeting which meets every Saturday night at 8pm. Look for the bonfire at the ewa end of the park. This meeting is in desperate need of people to get into service. So if you have sponsees or know of someone that needs a service commitment, this is the place to send them.

We thank you for your continued support and service!

DCM 3/ Cliff

Aloha family, I'm an alcoholic and my name is Cliff. I represent District 3, Leeward Oahu. Ours groups are still in various states of activity. About a third are meeting in person with a little over a third meeting virtually. The rest are dormant for now but looking forward to opening back up to in person meetings. We have begun looking for venues to host the next Inform the Delegate assembly here on Oahu.

Mahalo

DCM 4/ Kaleka (presented by Alyson)

Aloha Area Trusted Servants,

Since our last assembly we had our district meeting. We had a total of 6 attendees 4 being GSR's. Each GSR has reported that home group attendance has been well and that some homegroups were in discussion of going back to a in person meeting. Hangloose announced that they will be having first campout since the beginning of the pandemic which will be held on May 6th-8th Tickets are \$25 which pays for camping and the 3 Saturday meals. They will also be having Saturday day passes if you want to get the 3 meals. We worked on making sure that each GSR had their agenda item and understood of what the purpose of each agenda is and how it applies to importance of AA as a whole. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Mahalo,
Keleka-DCM

DCM 5/ Lea

My name is Lea, and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 5. We have filled the District Archives position at our last meeting. Our Treatment and Hospital Literature Chairs continue to find ways to reach out in their positions, or help in the positions that are not filled as well or where there

is need in our community. Aloha House has decided to allow us to come back and have a Panel Meeting again. The first one was last Sunday and I was told it was great and they were happy to have us again. We have had a few more GSRs elected and have attended our District meeting. I believe we currently have 6 GSRs. Our business meeting is in person and we also had the virtual login for anyone who was not comfortable meeting in person or could not make the in person District Meeting. We are currently looking at our options on how to spend our money that we feel is extra right now. It has been great to see our District grow with new GSRs and members willing to be of service. District is sent me to PRAASA (virtually) and I was in service and gave a presentation at PRAASA as well. We meet in person and virtually on the second Tuesday of every month, from 530-7pm.

Thank you to District 1 (Diamond Head) and everyone who helped put this hybrid committee meeting together. I look forward to continue serving with all of you.

District 6- Kalei not present

DCM 7/ Len

Please refer to the Area 17's website for District 7's report for the ITD Assembly 2022 @ area17aa.org

DCM 8/Kirwin

Aloha, I also attended PRAASA and enjoyed the event. All of the meetings are back physical. Our delegate report back will be in person, district 8 will be doing the orientation assembly in-person on the big island, moved to go back to in person/hybrid district meetings- district did improve a budget line item for this.

That's it for what is going on in our district –Aloha

DCM 9/ Karen

Hi. I'm Karen and I'm an alcoholic, representing District 9 North Shore and Central Oahu. We are slowly healing from the effects of the pandemic. Meetings are getting back into their meeting places which had been shut down. Members are coming back to face to face meetings. We still have some online meetings also. We are looking forward to hosting the Spring Area Committee Meeting. Please register in advance. Thank you to District 1 and the area officers for putting this assembly together. I look forward to when we can have our assemblies using the hybrid format so those who want to can attend in person. I also attended PRASSA and learned a lot there.

In service,

Karen O.

DCM 9

DCM10/ Teresa

Please refer to the Area 17's website for District 10's report for the ITD Assembly 2022 @ area17aa.org

DCM 11/ Marilyn Not present

DCM12/ Andi

Thank you to district 1 for hosting our assembly today. We appreciate your service and tech expertise.

D12 is helping groups find new places to hold live meetings. More groups are returning to in-person meetings and seeing their numbers grow. We are seeing newcomers find their way into the rooms of Puna.

We are collaborating with D7 to host a Report Back from the Delegate in June.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Andi C.
DCM D12

DCM 13/ Julie

District 13 includes West Maui, Molokai, and Lanai.

D13 has grown we have a full committee, have added 1 new GSRs , now have 6.

Our district committee mtg is well attended and input and participation is strong.

I've been pleased to see the enthusiasm and level of involvement of the GSR's from groups to districts to assemblies

District 17 Bridgette –not present

Area Standing Committee Chairs

Standing Committee Chair: Archives/ Ernest

Aloha my name is Ernest and I'm an alcoholic. I serve as archives chair for Area 17 Panel 71. I'd like to thank the Diamond Head District 1 and their tech team for hosting our virtual inform the delegate assembly as well as our area officers for co-hosting our virtual inform the delegate assembly as well as our area officers for co-hosting. As it states in the structures and guidelines: Archives serves as a permanent repository of materials pertaining repository of materials pertaining to Hawaii AA. It's Districts and it's group's histories. Therefore, I'll be archiving material from our area assemblies, committee meetings, workshops hosted by districts and or group involving area officer's, standing committee chairs and members of area 17.

I've sent the documents to the webmaster from our committee meeting to be posted the area website. At the committee meeting I received the agenda item topic for the Archives Committee. Our committee scheduled to meet virtually on April 1 using the Area's virtual account, thank you to our Chair Deborah for access to the account. Our committee met again at this Assembly with all GSR's coming to a group's consensus. I want to thank my committee for doing an awesome job. And lastly, when submitting your reports to the Secretary, please CC archives as well. That's all I have and thank you for allowing me to serve.

Ernest S. (Archives)

Annual Hawaii Convention Steering- Kawika

(Please refer the Annual Hawaii Convention: annualhawaiiConvention.com for latest updates)

The Annual Hawaii Convention is now accepting resumes for the 2023 Convention Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer positions- registration is still open for AHC 2022 October 20-30, 2022.

Standing Committee Chair/Cooperation with the Elder Community- Mary N.

Grateful for our committee members: Karen B/Kona, Ann Marie E/ Iao Congressional Church, Sharon J/A Spiritual Awakening, Connie S/ Na Wahine Ku Pono, Derek D/Mens West Side Stag, Julie C/ Ho'omaikai'I, Eric C/ KKAA, Lucy B/Kihei Morning Serenity and chair Mary N/12 Coconuts Waikiki Online

In Recent meetings, those of the committee that could attend shared their activities and supported conversations about tasks we can consider moving forward with this important initiative.

The chair had promised to research and distribution on those websites (with links) to assist each member with the compiling of the potential contacts, that had not previously been sought out, for introduction That list will be available to other committees on the last page of my report. These websites / Links were discussed yesterday.

Follows are the notes of the meeting:

Mary mentioned that Bob H had offered we are not really allowed to distribute pdf versions of a newcomer packet (as one example). Mary's home group(s) are both online and she had developed a visual newcomer packet/.pdf with links. (sample below)

Mary explained her suggestion that this could easily be turned into a tabletop easel-back display with a QR code that could be placed in facilities visited by Seniors, or relatives of Seniors.

The CEC agrees to see this application ... Suggested we develop a QR CODE
Committee members will SEND their additional opinions on what to include to Mary (such as: Preamble and Each island's phone IG hotlines)

Once the list is compiled, introductions and email communications could be used via the CEC Gmail

Will send out a draft Questionnaire for consideration when capturing information from organizations

Next meeting: Tuesday 5/10 at 4pm

Standing Committee Chair Cooperation with the Professional Community –Kimo N.

The CPC committee we have printed 500 cards to give to professional like doctors, lawyers, nurses, counselors, social workers, Behavioral Health workers. The card says Alcoholic Anonymous is a fellowship of people who come together to solve their drinking problems. It doesn't cost anything to attend meeting, AA is not affiliated with any business or religious organization. Membership is open to anyone who wants to stop drinking and staying sober. This is on Maui Mare, Karen, and Ann. My committee the GSR on my committee in area were awesome helping Matt, Ray, Valerie answering the assigned question on consider printing another pamphlet to reach as many doctors as possible, Consider, any changes to the 12 steps and 12 traditions be put in footnotes, Matt the GSR is moving to Germany. So, I am losing a GSR, Things are opening up here on Maui so the CPC committee will try to do some presentation on Maui. Thank you for letting me serve as the CPC chair.

Committee Chair Corrections –Jubee B.

Aloha family

Greatful to serve as your Corrections Chair. Mahalo Dist 1 for hosting this Assembly.

I come to you with great news. Facilities that are now open for our voluncors to go in to share their experience, strength and hope in carrying the message of AA.

1. MCCC
2. OCCC
3. WCF
4. HCF
5. WCCC
6. NAVY BRIG

Since we last met, I had received 2 requests for 10 big books each. The 1st coming from Chaplin Barbara on Oahu for the facility she is affiliated with. The 2nd from Kevin a Voluncor at MCCC for 10 big books Both requests were met.

Mahalo for allowing me to be of Service

Jubee B.

CSCC

Grapevine Christi N.

(Please refer to the Hawaii Area 17 website for Committee Chair for Grapevine's , Christi N's report for the ITD 2022)

Standing Committee Chair/Mynah Bird –Karen

The Mynah Bird is the Hawaii Area newsletter. The purpose of the Mynah Bird is to reflect the diverse community of Alcoholics Anonymous in Area 17. Flyers for upcoming events in Area 17 and Alcoholics Anonymous as whole are also published in the Mynah Bird.

It was wonderful to meet in person in February and to actually have some copies of the the Mynah Bird to distribute. I will have copies again for the May Committee meeting.

Since our last Committee Meeting, I sent out requests for articles for the current issue and as usual made suggestions for articles. I received several as well as the presentations that our Area 17 members made at PRAASA. I was also able to get some flyers for upcoming events in our Area and in AA as a whole. I was fortunate to be able to facillitate the Newsletter round table at PRAASA. It

was interesting to hear of the challenges that many of the Areas experience in distributing and publishing area newsletters – one Area actually produces two editions, a Spanish and an English edition.

This past week some members of the Mynah Bird Committee met to discuss the topics and procedures for the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

The next edition of the Mynah Bird will be published just prior to the May Committee meeting – expect to receive an email requesting articles and information about upcoming events.

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Karen N.

Standing Committee Chair/Public Information –Bill M.

PI Committee met with Area 17th Intergroups throughout the state and retrieve input from our previous efforts.

March 9th, 2022 we conducted a presentation to Rotary Club of Waikiki much success. A lot of questions were asked with answers provided. Thank you, Adina for the referral

Plans to possibly do a PI workshop this upcoming summer

We are available to conduct online or in-person presentation

A lot of great ideas were discussed and presented during our committee meeting (flyers, workshops, visit intergroups, fair presentations, etc.)

We plan to meet again in upcoming months to discuss plans for the remaining 2022

Working closely with GSC Sarah D. Intellectual Property Administrator and Patrick C. Public Information about how to properly use IP for online campaigns.

Trusted servant,

Bill M.

PI-SCC

Standing Committee Chair /Treatment: Sean F.

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

Our committee has been engaged! We completed our third Workshop and it was fantastic. All islands were represented and present. Big mahalo to our committee and to our officers in attendance (thank you for acting on our inventory we appreciate you). We hope to work in collaboration with other standing committees for a 4th workshop, should be fun.

Now for the meat of what we do! As is our goal of bridging the gap and carrying the message, we have been digging in and grinding through it! As always I want to commend the committee for their hard work and balance of their commitments. It's amazing what they continue to accomplish with this panel. Special kudos to Molly O. who has been integral to our outer island success with Bridgehouse and Hawaiian Island Recovery. We were able to send Big books and 12 and 12's to Bridgehouse to get them started. We also want to thank Lynda L. and her group Waikiki Sunday Breakfast Group for starting the dialogue with Woman's Way here on Oahu and we look forward to them taking a meeting into that facility. I also want to recognize Ryan S. from TYG for taking a closed meeting into Hina Mauka in Kaneohe, and Bill M. for his constant contact and support of our committee. We also sent Big books and 12 and 12's to both Woman's

Way and Hina Mauka. Thanks to Oahu Intergroup for putting us in touch with Tripler Hospital who is also requesting a meeting for our Veterans, more to come soon on that. So for YTD we have spent \$612 in our goal of carrying the message to our facilities and institutions. We are dedicated to working with any and all and hope that our work as a committee continues to inspire as there is so much more we can do!

Standing Committee Chair/Website- Sean C.

(Please refer to the Hawaii Area's Website @ area17aa.com for the SSC-Websites report by Sean C.)

3:50

Proposal presentation- By Standing Committee Chair Treatment Sean F. SCC

(Please refer to the Hawaii Area's Website @ area17aa.org for the Proposal and Background History)

To be taken back to your Home groups by General Service Representatives and will be voted on at the upcoming Budget Assembly

Proposal to change the title:

“Standing Committee Chair Treatment” to “Standing Committee Chair Treatment and Accessibilities” that would make the area in line with General Service Office.

Following Sean F's presentation, there was a brief discussion that included questions on overlapping on committees, boundaries, what does accessibilities include. Inclusive mentioned were clean and sober houses, the impaired, the physically limited, remote area that cannot get to a meeting or have no access to internet, etc. Mentioned was perhaps the Standing Committee Chairs having meeting on the side to discuss crossovers. Overall, it was mentioned that it might be time to look at the entire area structure with everything evolving, and we are all working together for the same purpose of helping the alcoholic that may not easily be able to connect.

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PRAASA Attendees Sharing Experience Session:

Corrina- went to praasa it was good, liked they interacted with the elderly people- ever seen anything like that to have the elderly people come and share their experience, strength and hope.

Eric- it was awesome, was sad it not able to do it in person- raised I Oregon- nice to go to the registrar round table- nice to see people still sober- looking forward to the next praasa

Len- got to go to praasa, well structured- well organized, and the interpereters- did download the documents- real easy to follow

Lea- being at service is praasa, was asked by delegate if wanting to be in service- went oh well okay for those of you who know me- getting into research- had to as for help it was the beauty of the growth – when I was finished, my phone blew up, everyone called me , thank you all for the love and support

Amanda – this was only my second praasa- took all these notes, the main speaker shared try share experience of being there. Strong need-hoping that something happens for those who need with disabilities

Bob H. – it was a little bittersweet, praasa in Portland was my first praasa- wanted to give a big shout out for people who got to go and especially for everyone that participate. We out numbered areas that could drive there. Sat in the past delegate round table.

Catherine- first praasa, it was just amazing to me, it was so transformative. There were some things I wrote down that was someone who was sharing, i.e. listen to each other so that you can

hear the collective God, and lastly who is not here and why and how we treat each other is most important that not what we get done.

Gina – it was so freaken awesome experience, the chair who for processor – she was also the speaker for the workshop on safety- Kunani put my name in as a presenter, spent 10 minutes to try and get out of it, but had to step out of it and be my own cheer leader- my service made me to the research on safety, the reason why I get to do this is because I get to be a servant leader

Mary- I was one of those people to be the chair of the Saturday night round table- very well done. There were some people who did not know about CEC but more so of Seniors in sobriety. I sent out the minutes to praasa and if anyone is interested, be more than happy to send it.

Kunani- they reach out to the area to ask for people that would be interested in getting into service. Could not walk around with a clip board to ask, thank people who said yes. Encouraged if going in the future, when the delegate asks- looking for people to get into service, just say Yes. We will be hosting praasa in the year 2026.

Sean F- praasa was awesome – lea, trouble- you did a great job, if you like see something funny being an observer and seeing gina go through the process with the guidance of her service sponsor.

Deborah S. – we were lucky and be able to watch into an assembly and we could hear the presentations, may be looking forward to playing your presentation at the budget assembly

Deborah L- Greatful for being able to attend the secretary round table- and one of the was when they played YMCA and my husband and I got to enjoy when they played YMCA

Deborah S. also attend Praasa, so greatful that alternate chair was able to attend also...always able to share what we do and how we do things here from this area.

What to take back:

- **We have done the order of business for the ITD –DID A MOCK CONFERENCE – WITH THE HELP OF BOB H. WE achieved the informed the delegate assembly with information for our delegate to take to the GSC.**
- **New business proposal that was submitted presented y Sean F to be brought back to the groups and brought back to the upcoming budget assembly on their take on**
- **Preamble change- the area had a discussion**
- **Budget assembly august 28th -29th north shore – will be hybrid and in- person**

Len motion to adjourn

Lea –second

Close with serenity prayer @ 4:45 (We Version)