

Minutes submitted by: Deborah L. Secretary

**Hawaii Area 17 Orientation Assembly January 9-10, 2021  
Co-Hosted with Kihei Maui District 11**

Saturday, January 09, 2021

Waiting room opened @ 0815 and call to order began at 0900 by Deborah S., Area 17 Chair, followed by everyone participating as wished with the Serenity Prayer.

Deborah S. opened with welcoming our Invited Guest, Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathi F, and Area 17's Past Delegates, Bob H. Panel 67, Coleen A. Panel 69, Cheryl N, Panel 65, Ken K. Panel 63, Elizabeth M. Panel 57, and Linda McD Panel 61.

Reading: A.A.'s Legacy of Service (Service Manual) read by: Dolly Home Group-Upcountry Sunrise

Introduction of Officers: Delegate: Kunani, Alt. Delegate: Tommy, Chair: Deborah S., Alt. Chair: Jeannie, Treasurer: Mike, Registrar, Deborah L., Secretary

Introduction & Confirmation of Standing Committee Chairs | Introduction of Intergroup Chairs

Pacific Regional Trustee Kathi F.

Kathi opened with welcoming Area 17 Panel 7 and talked about the beauty of how "Communication Through the Structure" functions in Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole, followed by a her Trustee's report that will be available at the next the virtual Inform the Delegate Assembly, March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Orientation Break Out Sessions (Report backs were not required)

General Service Representative Work session: Tommy Alternate Delegate

District Committees Chair Work session: Jeannie /Alternate Chair

Report for the Intergroup Chairs Work session: / Mike Treasurer / Bob H. Past Delegate P67  
All of the Hawaii Intergroup Chairs attended, along with the Central Office managers for West Hawaii and Oahu and interested persons from West Hawaii and Kauai. Possibly only the first time all of the Hawaii Intergroups were all at the Assembly. The attendees were very happy to be able to meet together, and thanked Hawaii Area Committee for the chance to be here.

The topics for discussion were:

- 1) What activities does the Intergroup participate in?
- 2) How solid is the treasury? Money, contributions, banking, etc.
- 3) Ways to increase participation / traditions /Unity; and
- 4) Outreach to help people find meetings now that there are fewer in-person meetings.

Discussion: Kauai and East Hawaii Intergroups don't have physical offices. Activities include Alkathons, Founders Day, Unity Day, Halloween party, dinners and dances. Kauai Intergroup has Structures and Guidelines that say Intergroup pays the rent for events, etc, and has a process

where a Group can ask Intergroup for money to host an event. Sometimes Intergroup and District pool their money. Oahu has a workshop monthly and a Town Hall every Quarter. Group contributions have decreased this year, and individual contributions have picked up enough for Oahu to replace money that was taken out of their Prudent Reserve. Increase participation through events and going to meetings that don't have IG Rep; some GSRs also attend Intergroup. Maui has a Maui Intergroup/Central Office flyer saying who we are and what we do. Reach out to people who are unsheltered by giving out Grapevine magazines. The Intergroups might like to be able to work together where possible – maybe discounts on Big Books if ordering 200 or more at a time. Oahu CO Manger let people know there is a meeting for Special Workers, and also the Intergroup/Central Office Seminar held yearly. Again, the Intergroups wanted to thank the Area for inviting Intergroup participation.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Report for the Standing Committee Chair work session: Colleen Past Delegate P 69 /  
Deborah L/ Secretary

We had approximately 14 members in this breakout room and Colleen opened with asking everyone to share their experience with the following topic.

**Topic:** What worked as a past Standing Committee Chair?

- Reaching out to past Area Committee Chairs for their experiences and support.
- Collaborating with Panel 71 Area Standing Committee Chairs
- Make use of Media platform for information, i.e. aa.org
- Reading the literature in the packet that GSO sends to all the SCC, lots of information on how to do your service, that include examples of letters to use when reaching out to the community and it's professionals. packets for every SCC.
- Creating group emails with GSR's assigned to your committee.
- Refer to the AA.org, very informative.
- Reaching out finding out to the fellowship statewide on who is actually doing the ground work, may find individual members in service in addition to GSR's in your committee, creating separate rosters/group emails, utilizing the google drive that is available for them to refer to and edit.
- Keep an eye out on the newspaper for opportunities to reach out to the community
- Attending PRAASA/ Pacific Regional Forum, it's good place for networking with other SCC.
- Communicating with the DCM's, via email/phone
- We experienced changes in GSR participation for various reasons, if recognizing any discouragement, it's not a sign that the service is not getting down, know that the message is being put out the best we can, it' okay to reach out to Area Officers, DCM's, Past Delegates, and other Standing Committee Chairs. This is not a sign of doing the responsibility, Roundtables as assemblies is good place to reach out for help, ideas, suggestions or even talk about it.
- Contacting the Chair for your Committee Chair with GSO is helpful too, someone is there to talk to.
- Refer to the Area Structure and Guideline and the Service Manual
- Attend District workshops.

**Other questions:**

**Q-**How to utilize the Budget for SCC?

**Responses:** Know your budget, find out the needs of the community, may utilize ask the Districts if they are willing to contribute, in the home groups, may make announcements in home groups if need help with literatures, if their stock is down.

**Q- Can we collaborate with other SCC?**

**Response:** Yes, reaching out with other SCC is recommended, as necessary.

2:30 Break

2:45 Guidelines for Discussion - Deborah S.

3:15 Ask it Basket | Wrap-up Comments

4:00 Adjourn with the Responsibility Statement **Hawaii Area 17 Orientation Assembly  
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**Lunch**

**Finance Committee Meeting: DCM2, DCM 4, DCM 6, Treasurer**

Panel Presentation Past Delegates (Visit Area 17 Website @ [area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org) for presentations)

- Concept I /Ultimate Responsibility for A /Bob H.. Delegate Panel 67
- Concept II/ AA Groups Have Delegated Complete Administrative and Operational Authority to Their Conference and Its Service Arms / Colleen A. Delegate Panel 69
- Concept III/ The “Right of Decision” Makes Effective Leadership Possible/Cheryl N. Delegate Panel 65
- Concept IV/ “Participation” is the Key to Harmony / Ken K. Delegate Panel 63
- Concept V/ “ The Rights of “Appeal” and “Petition” Project Minorities and Insures That They Be Heard / Elizabeth M. Delegate Panel 57
- Step 12, Tradition 12, and Concept XII/ The Spirit of Step 12 ,Tradition Twelve, and Concept XII /Linda Mc D Delegate Panel 61

Guidelines for Discussion: Deborah S. Chair

(Visit our Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service Panel 71 2021-2022 and/or [www.area17aa.org](http://www.area17aa.org) page 9, 10. “Guidelines for Discussion” that was presented by Deborah S. Area Chair Panel 7.

Break

Ask it basket:

Q-(Brandon) Due to small group participation, breakdown in community, has there been any research on how to get more participation?

Responses:

(Kathi) Pacific Regional Trustee- Nothing prevents delegates from reaching out, going to meetings, getting someone to share voice, visiting Box 459 on the aa.org website for current updates.

(Elizabeth M) Delegate Panel 57- Although group participation is not at its optimum, delegate participation is 100% present attracting people rather than promoting. Can learn a lot from attending PRAASA and the Pacific Regional Forum.

(Linda Mc D) Delegate Panel 61- This discussion is constantly being brought up, there are 114 participants in this virtual assembly today, with all the groups in the state of Hawaii, there should be at least 500 participants, providing that every group has a GSR (General Service Representative) along with the Area and the Intergroups, we just keep trying, with carrying the message.

(Bob H)-Taking a different approach, don't think there is something wrong, we are the ones that need to get out and talk to the groups, there are lots of groups that is not in service, groups that begins to do something outside of the group, seems to be active in service.

Q- How do we instill positive attitude about service in all levels in AA?

Response

(Colleen) Delegate Panel 69

Changing the way we do things could be a GSR agenda item regarding participation. Colleen made reference to page 10 in the AA Service Manual Concept 10. Colleen also mentioned using the inventory questions available in the aa.org service material, i.e. check list on Steps, Traditions, and Concepts.

Connie: Sharing experience, having a service sponsor

Lyda: There is a core group of people, only certain types of personalities will do the work, need to reach out to groups, it's about one person talking to another person.

Q- How do you get a service sponsor?

Response:

Deborah S./ Chair- Goes through the Concepts/Traditions with her sponsee's, uses the inventory checklists and also has a service sponsor.

Tommy /Alt Chair- Highly recommends, good to have a service sponsor to guide through service, no reason to power through indecisions, here is where you can ask for help.

Kathi/ Pacific Regional Trustee- valuable to have however also having sponsor with experience in all (3) legacies is helpful.

Jeannie Alternate Chair- Shared her experience on sponsorship where she had a sponsor and when Jeannie became a DCM, her sponsor became a GSR and Jeannie at the time as a DCM was able to help her sponsor through her journey as a GSR /sponsor /sponsorship, worked out well.

Q- There are live groups, some groups choose not to have online, what can a group do to get involved?

Response:

Kathi , Pacific Regional Trustee

This is an agenda item on meetings, how to connect groups will be discussed at the General Service Conference.

Q- How do I get other GSRs for District 7?

Response:

Contact DCM or GSO who has a list.

Q- Do we have 2 youtube channels?

Response:

Kathi Pacific Regional Trustee- There is aa grapevine channel that consists of personal stories and aaws you tube channel that consists of public service announcements only.

Wrap-up comments-

Linda Mc D Delegate Panel 61 –What a challenge creating unity is going to be during this panel, for first timers, they may think it’s going to be hard, there will be no physical contact, no personal side conversations, how do we keep people interested, we stay diligent, show up and stay.

Deborah S. /Chair – Tomorrow we will have sobriety birthdays, officers reports, Treasurer, panel 69 final treasurer report (Rachel), remember to sign in and we will be using “yes” and “no” for the voting process.

Adjourned with the Responsibility Statement

(Sorry, I (Deborah L./Secretary) did not get who motioned to adjourn and who 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion)

## **Sunday, January 10**

8:15 Waiting Room Opens

9:00 Call to Order

Serenity Prayer

Welcome Past Delegates and Invited Guest

Sobriety Birthdays

Area Officers Reports:

Panel 69 Secretary, Eric V., Elections Assembly Minutes (Refer to area17aa.org for Eric’s minutes)

Motion to accept: Jubee/2<sup>nd</sup> by Abe: Passed.

Panel 69 Treasurer, Rachel S., final report (Refer to area17aa.org for Rachel’s final report)

Motioned to accept: Mike/ 2<sup>nd</sup>: Len :Passed

Secretary: Deborah L.

Grateful to be in service, kind of nervous and my palms are sweaty. I spoke with the past secretary Eric for panel 69 concerning the forms available on the area 17 web under service materials and noticed when completing these forms for the DCM and SCC reports it asks for names, phone numbers and email addresses, it was clarified, no need phone numbers and email addresses in addition to writing first names and first initials of last name is all that is required for the purpose of anonymity and safety. In speaking with Deborah S. Chair, she is going to update the forms, it will be edited and available today. I will also do my best to send out an annotated minutes after each committee and assembly within 48 hours prior to the final minutes that is due no later than ten (10) days. My duties are as written in the Area Structure and Guidelines 2.11 Recording Secretaries Duties

A. Read and adhere to the secretary’s duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual.

B. Record the minutes of all area meetings.

- C. Distribute the minutes no later than ten (10) days after each meeting to all D.C.M.s, standing committee and intergroup chairs, and area officers.
  - D. Assist the area chair to publish agenda thirty (30) days before each assembly or committee meeting.
  - E. Keep available all current area records.
  - F. Perform such other duties deemed necessary by the area assembly.
  - G. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with their area officers.
  - H. Send copies of approved area minutes to the Conference Coordinator at G.S.O.
- Thank You,  
Secretary-Deborah L.

Treasurer: Mike L. (Visit Area 17 web ([area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org)) for treasurers report under Orientation Assembly.

Registrar: Eric C.  
Aloha Area 17,

Thanks for electing me to the registrar position. As many of you may know the GSO has launched their new database called "Fellowship Connection". I went to a training a couple of weeks back and in the next month I will start updating all of our area contact information. Karen has been super helpful in my transition.

My biggest duty at this assembly is getting our GSRs their committee assignments. In getting this worked out I have been given a crash course in excel. I took an excel class years ago so it is coming back to me slowly lol.

I also am working on our confidential contact list to update all the positions and info that goes with it. A lot of it I can just move around but as an extremely challenged typer it may take a week or so. Just know I'm on it. We also may put the info on a google sheet so all the parties involved can fill out the info themselves which would give us a huge head start. Then I could finish if people are not able to fill it out themselves.

At our assembly this weekend there were 121 people registered total. There were 121 people in attendance at the peak of attendance so it seems like our online registration process is working well. Good job peeps!!!

I look forward to getting to know all of you over the next two years and I will keep you all in the loop as I get info updated and available.

Aloha,  
Eric  
Registrar

Alternate Delegate: Tommy G.

Aloha Area 17 Panel 71 Trusted Servants, I would like to thank the Kihei district volunteers and our virtual platform helpers, and our area chair for hosting a wonderful assembly.

I am excited and grateful to serve panel 71 as the alternate delegate to help support our Delegate Kunane D. And serve the body in any way needed.

My duties as Alt. Delegate as written in Area 17 S and G is –

A. Perform the Delegates duties in his absence, which I hope will not happen but over the years I have worked with Kunane closely and be ready to support and be ready to do anything to carry the message.

B. Maintain and update the GSR Orientation Handbook and the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous. We have sent out hard copies to all districts so our new GSR's can check with your DCM's for your copies.

C. Conduct orientation sessions for GSR's and DCM's as needed. I feel yesterday's orientation session went well and appreciate all the attention from new GSR's. We will continue to orientate new GSR's in coming assemblies.

D. Serve, either as a member or chairperson on ad-hoc committees, as deemed appropriate by the area chair. With all the great communication with panel officers and suggestions from our last panel, there is a good chance I will be doing this duty.

E. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee. I am excited to work with the AHC to help the steering committee to have a great convention. We have already met this past Thursday and you will hear all about it from our convention standing committee chair.

F. Act on actions accepted by the Area Assembly, at the request of the area assembly. Such as, if there is any policy or structure change, I will help revise S & G and/or any literature we have, to help our area.

G. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers and with that I would like to thank the body for confirming all of Panel 71's standing committee chairs. I look forward to working with all of the trusting servants through Panel 71 on helping Area 17 as we help the suffering alcoholic through this pandemic and beyond. Thank you for letting me serve and please stay safe.

Mahalo, Tommy G.

Chair: Deborah S.

Welcome All. Thank you co-host, District 11, Kihei for your support and providing virtual platform champion-users and spiritual bouncers.

My responsibilities as your chairperson according to the Hawaii structure & Guidelines are as follows from 2.8 Area Chair's Duties.

**A. Read and adhere to the area chair's duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual**

On page S49 "The chairperson is responsible for the running of area assemblies, consulting with the committee before setting the date and time, making sure that all groups are notified, consulting with officers and committee members on the program, and chairing the assembly meetings. The chairperson, more than any other officer, keeps the delegate informed about what is going on in the area, and makes sure that committee members are aware of what goes on in world services.

With respect to “making sure that all groups are notified” I do this by emailing the agenda to the DCMs, whom in turn, communicates the information to the GSRs in - whom in-turn would communicate this information to the group members. In tandem, I request the webmaster post the agenda on the area website.

**B. Conduct all committee meetings.**

During (the) years 2021 through 2022 identified as Panel 71 I will conduct 6 assemblies and 4 Committee meetings. I will chair 2 additional “optional” assemblies and 2 additional “optional” committee meetings, typically held in the months of October or November, if the area committee deems them necessary.

**C. Publish and present an agenda thirty (30) days before each committee meeting and assembly.**

The Orientation Assembly agenda was published 28 days before today’s assembly.

**D. Appoint the area’s standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.**

On November 29th panel 71 area officers held a selection meeting. The chosen candidates were notified and asked if they were willing to accept the appointment. The assembly (voting) body confirmed their appointments by simple majority at yesterday’s (Day 1) Assembly.

**E. Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup, when invited.**

I will attend the Oahu Intergroup monthly meetings slated for the 2nd Wednesday of each month from Jan - Nov.

I attended the OIG Meeting Orientation this past Wednesday, January 6th. Panel 71 Chair and Executive officer of the Oahu Intergroup of Hawaii Inc., Michele D. and Adina M. Oahu Central Office Manager, thank you for inviting the Area. I thought the orientation was most informative. It had a positive impact on the group thus fostering the local area they serve.

In closing, let Communication and Responsibility fortify our journey as we serve in Panel 71.

Alternate Chair : Jeannie G.

Aloha - 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 Orientation Assembly and also thank Kihei District 11 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:

A. Perform the duties of the area chair in their absence. Thank you Deborah for meeting with me after the elections to walk me through my responsibilities as an Alt Chair. I trust she will not let



go of the baton until I have a firm grasp. My duty to her is to support and help her carry out her duties.

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. I attended my first meeting yesterday during lunch and will meet with them on a regular basis. I will pass the reporting on the finance committee to the Area Treasurer, chair of the Finance Committee.

D. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee – I have attended two virtual steering committee meetings so far. The Steering Chair will report on the Annual Hawaii Convention.

E. Serve as temporary group registrar, recording secretary, or treasurer if any of these officers are absent. It has only been 10 days in the position so I have not needed to serve in that capacity.

F. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers. I was invited to attend discussion meetings held last December for the appointment of Standing Committee Chairs.

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. I am excited to see what the next two years bring.

Chair: Deborah S.

Area Delegate Report: Kunane D. (Refer to [area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org) for Kunani's report)

DCM, Intergroup, and GSR Standing Committee Work sessions

Overview of Area Website - Sean C. Area Website chair & Webmaster

Lunch/Finance Committee Meeting (Visit Area 17 Web @ [area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org) for Website's full report)

Finance Committee Meeting

PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) Delegate Kunane D (Visit Area 17 Web / [area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org) for full report on our Delegate's presentation.

Circles of Love and Service - Bob H. Delegate Panel 67 (Visit Area17 web/ [area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org) for Bob's full presentation)

Overview Area Finance –Mike L Area Treasurer

### **Finance Committee Meeting, Saturday 1/09/21 12:15 – 12:45 PM**

Present: Alt Chair, DCM2, DCM4, DCM6, Treasurer.

Introductions, discussed role of the finance committee – to ensure that Hawaii Area has sufficient funds to carry out the Area business by preparing an annual budget and monitoring spending; and informing committee on how contributions are being used to carry the message. Scheduled a Finance committee meeting on virtual platform for Saturday 1/23/21.

### **Finance Committee Meeting, Sunday 1/10/21 12:10 – 12:35 PM**

Present: Panel 61 Past Delegate, Alt Chair, DCM2, DCM4, DCM6, Treasurer.

Discussed the timeframe for planning the 2022 Budget in time to inform the Districts and Groups about the Area's priority of spending, comparisons to prior years, and proposed amounts for each of the budget categories, so that the Area would be able to make an informed decision to pass the budget in its entirety at the Budget Assembly in August. The finance committee members were selected from across the state so there would be someone to present the information to all of the Districts and Groups who would like to be informed. We want to 2022 proposed budget to provide enough money for Hawaii Area Committee to be able to resume in-person Assemblies and Committee meetings when they are again feasible, and to be able to adequately fund the work done by all off the Standing Service Committees.

The finance committee needs to make sure Hawaii Area Committee maintains its tax-exempt status. Our past Delegate does the tax preparation each year, and is a great help for the Treasurer. Our immediate past Treasurer and finance committee did a great job on setting up a smooth transition. The past Treasurer contributed a lot of her time and efforts to clear up the legal name of the Area and to transfer our Prudent Reserve/savings account and Operating funds + accruals / checking account to another bank that would allow online access and increased number of free transactions before incurring additional bank fee charges. The past finance committee also did research into the possible choices of how to accept online contributions from AA Members on the Area website.

Our committee plans to follow through, with the assistance of our Webmaster/ Web committee to have this become a reality.

Our Past Delegate was able to answer a question the Treasurer asked to explain why we in AA service use the word "Contribution" instead of donation. "Contribution" has a spiritual connection. When you donate an object or money, you give it away and have no more action with it. When you are contributing, you have no expectations, but you have a connection and your contribution helps to carry the message.

### **Overview of Area Finance                      Treasurer 1:25 – 140 PM**

The Treasurer gave an overview of Area Finance as listed in the Area Structures and Guidelines, explained the Area's Priority of spending, budgeting procedures, and talked about the difference between donations and contributions.

Break

DCM Reports:

Gina B. DCM District 2

So far, we are just making announcements to any and all meetings, step studies, check-ins and anyone who will listen to attend the District meetings. The first battle is to yes yes people interested and attend. We haven't had our first district meeting yet so I have no idea what the district 2 is working with. All positions have been filled and we are all eager and excited for the upcoming panel.

In december, I sent a mass e-mail to all known active groups in our district with information of the assembly and future monthly meetings with only 4 responses. I delivered the S&G and the GSR Handbook to those who responded and did my best to encourage involvement.

No workshops or events have been scheduled as of yet but I'm eager to see what our district comes up with. Fortunately I have an alternate who is just as hyped to get the message out and who is eager and willing to serve Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

Cliff W. DCM/ District 3

Greetings to my fellow trusted servants. This is my first experience at the DCM level of service in Alcoholics Anonymous. I served as a GSR in my 2nd and 3rd years of sobriety in 1990/91 for my first home group, I found It when the Leard district was very large and active. It was all a blur as I was young in sobriety.

I spent the last two years as GSR for my current home group (since I found it closed in the late 90s) here in district 3 at 5th Chapter Speaker Discussion. My start here is a little slow and bumpy but I will try my best toget plugged in.

The Assembly has been an inspiring experience for me. I understand the afternoon agenda on Saturday was relatively rare (according to a friend of mine). I was very impressed with the the former delgates presentation of some of the Concepts of Service and their experiences at that level of service. I have read the manual a few times but hearing some of the material in this venue has been insight and, I mention again, inspiring.

Even at 32 years of sobriety I want to be teachable and able to grow in service . I look forward to my next two years here for Area 17 Panel 71.

Respectfully Submitted

10 January 2021

Keleka DCM/ District 4

Aloha Hawaii Area Trusted Servants,

As the new Panel 71 DCM for District 4, I am please to inform you of the progress that the district has been doing since our last assembly. Since the pandemic all homegroups and meetings have either went into hibernation or stepped into a virtual program. Our district from the previous Panel 69

unanimously voted to purchase 2 virtual platforms so that we could continue to carry the message to the alcoholic and to continue to run our monthly district meeting. We have opened the virtual platform to any windward district meeting or homegroup that was interested especially to the groups that were unable to afford a virtual platform. Our message to the homegroups and meetings is the district is here for them.

We had our first virtual Alkathons for Christmas and New years which was a great success. Also I want to inform you that the windward district has a brand new Alano Club located in Kailua at Kailua beach. The Kailua Alano collaborated with the district during our holiday alkathons as a hybrid in person drop in for those who had nowhere to go for the holidays, some who didn't have access to a virtual platform or just wanted to fellowship.

Our first District meeting was held on January 7, 2021 right before our Orientation Assembly and so we wanted to get to know our new incoming GSRs and get them prepared for the upcoming assembly. We have 6 new GSRs coming into this Panel 71. We decided to table our budget for 2021 discussion until our January 28, 2021 meeting, that way our new GSRs could discuss with their homegroups and get feedback. As for our District positions, we have filled every service position except for the Treasurers position. We currently have a temporary Treasurer until we can fill the position.

Last but not least, we as District 4 will be planning an upcoming workshop on the 12 concepts which we just got confirmation from our presenter so stay tuned it will be TBD. Also we will start the planning process for the assembly that we will be hosting in August. Thank you for allowing me to be a trusted servant.

Lea V. DCM District 5

My name is Lea and I am an alcoholic and the DCM for District 5. I have 3 GSRs (Dolly, Kimo, and Craig) in attendance this weekend and we will have our first District meeting on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Deborah and Area 17 for setting up the virtual meeting for us for the year. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month, from 5:30-7pm. We have the Secretary and Treasurer positions at District and are still looking for an Alternate DCM.

We have 5 in person meetings and 4 virtual meetings, and we open positions for standing committee chairs.

Thank you to Kihei and everyone who helped put this virtual assembly together. I look forward to serving with all of you.

Kalei K. DCM District 6

Aloha Mai Kakou,

My name is Kalei K, Dcm 6 for Kaua'i, I wanted to thank Kihei Maui District 11, for hosting the Orientation Assembly. Thank All the past delegates, PR trustee Kathi F. , and all the New Area Officers, Dcm's, SC chairs, Gsr's & all others.

Hau'oli Makahiki Hou! I was voted in, in December after no one wanted to be our Dcm. God has blessed me with a great opportunity to serve A.A. I'm looking forward to a great year ahead of us, with all of you. And keeping an open mind and to learn about my new position and Hawaii Area 17. We had nine people from Kauai, six Gsr's, Intergroup Chair, Sec Archives, and Myself. Ann, Connie, Aaron, Moises, Kelsey, Sean, David, Mathea and Kalei. God bless Zoom and all of us, as we venture in this panel 71. Mahalo's again from all of Kauai and district 6! Great job Hawai'i Area 17 panel 71 officers!

Kerwin DCM District 8

What District 8 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

- PI Radio spots to promote successful Alcathons for Christmas and New Years.
- I attended the Western Regional forum.
- I have been attending concepts and traditions meetings and workshops to better equip me for the service position.
- The district currently has active 16 GSR's and Alternates in place.
- All standing committee chairs for district 8 have been appointed and will be confirmed at our next district business meeting.
- We held a successful Virtual Hosting Workshop for Training for Hosts and Co-Hosts.
- District 8 has purchased a virtual platform account to allow groups to utilize the account for virtual meetings.

Goals:

- Hybrid District Meetings
- Monthly or Bi-Monthly Virtual Platform Workshops
- Inform current virtual and physical groups about the benefits of General Service.

Our next district meeting will be held on Friday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

Karen O. DCM District 9

“District nine had two GSRs in attendance and one member as an observer who may be considering being a GSR. Thank you Reed, Autumn and Mike for attending. We got all our district positions filled at our district election. I am looking forward to serving this panel. Thank you to everyone who put this assembly together and attended as participants.”

Teresa D., DCM Waikiki District 10

Aloha!

My name is Teresa and I'm an alcoholic. I am the newly elected DCM for the Waikiki District 10,

and I am super excited to serve the District for Panel 71.

District 10 continues to meet online the first Tuesday of each month. We have filled all officer positions as of this month, and we currently have 10 homegroups who have named GSR's for their group. We have asked Oahu Intergroup for a current list of all meetings for District 10 as the group list has changed recently. We have a few new online only meetings in the district and several groups are not meeting at all.

The District 10 Annual Thankathon held online in November was a big success. It was our first online marathon meeting and there were no technical issues or problems.

District 10 is in the black. The 2021 budget was approved in which we budgeted for “normal” operations, even though we will likely continue meeting online for sometime. Will vote to make another split contribution in 2021 should we not have expenses.

More and more groups within the District are creating online meetings; only a handful are meeting in person and these groups are meeting outside and staying in small groups. A couple of the groups have split into in-person and online only. The online only groups have sent in forms to GSO, get a group service number.

Plan to start online caravans to reach out to groups in the district who do not currently have a GSR to encourage them to fill the position and attend meetings online. It's easier than ever to participate at the district and area level with online meetings. It's a great opportunity for groups to participate that have not participated before.

We have a lot of opportunities to create new service positions and be in service as we continue to adapt to pandemic conditions. District 10 is ready and able to be of service to the members of our district community and the alcoholic community on our island.

Thank you for letting me be in service.

Teresa D.

Marilyn Y. DCM/ Dayna M. Alt DCM District 11

Happy New Year!

- Logistics
  - Kihei District 11 currently has 19 meetings that meet 54 times per week.
  - For the new year we have 0 returning GSR's and 4 new GSR's. Down from the 8 GSRs we had in 2019/20.
  - 3 meetings have discontinued meeting and we have 3 brand new in-person meetings.
  - We have 6 meetings on Zoom and 12 In-person meetings

### What has changed

- There is a Divide between those that feel comfortable meeting in person versus those that will only attend Zoom Meetings. In general I would say the older members prefer Zoom and the younger members want in-person meetings.
- Members who were formally active in General Service have either left the island or have moved on to different meetings. One meeting that had a GSR has closed completely.
- Challenges
  - Getting people involved in General Service is difficult especially when we are somewhat disconnected because of Covid. Trying to convince a new GSR of the importance of attending a two day Zoom assembly is difficult.
  - Covid restrictions are not over, the new year faces more rules and regulations. Things may get worse before they get better.
- Opportunities
  - We are seeing more completely new members, people possibly that have increased their drinking due to Covid, unemployment, stress, family issues. Its important to provide support by pulling those people into group service, helping them with sponsorship, and explaining how the program works.

### Andi C. DCM District 12

District 12 is currently working with bare bones crew and participation. The new GSR are excited and willing to get into service. Many are attending the assembly this weekend! Part of our work for the beginning of this panel will be updating our budget and reaching out to groups. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

### District 13

I have been in touch with Lana'I and Moloka'I to go to their zoom mtgs & try to encouraging zoom participation in our district meetings. We are encouraging the islands to take lead in the rep of their groups but for now we have local gsr stand-ins as well as island contacts. I have been promoting online workshops throughout my service as alt dcm the last year, and have not had any interest on West Maui. (Note: Other topics included Covid Meeting updates for the island of Maui, Lanai, and Molokai)

Susan S. DCM, District 13

### Bridgette K. DCM District 17

I heard lots of great ideas on how to engage our groups better and other news. Such as

1. Virtual Caravans to each group to introduce them to district.
2. Fun Virtual Workshops that engage the members and teach them about AA values and steps.

3. There is a new Alano Club in Kailua
4. Many groups have folded or gone into hibernation during the pandemic.
5. If your group is meeting virtually there is no need to register as a virtual group, you just update your group meeting time and place to reflect what virtual platform information so folks can find your meeting.
6. Praasa is going to be virtual so everyone can go. It will be a \$15 registration fee.
7. Kunane is looking for people to be in service at Praasa, text him if interested.
8. CEC is reaching out to elder community through doctors and professionals. They are also doing buddy system for older members to do well checks on each other.
9. All the other committees introduced what they do.
10. All the DCM's gave reports.
11. Area hasn't been collecting contributions since pandemic due to not having a Venmo or PayPal account.
12. All GSR's were assigned committees
13. There was about 120 people at assembly
14. Puna is hosting next committee meeting February 27, 2021
15. We are not hosting anything this year yay!

Groups should vote on:

1. Should we set up a Paypal or Venmo account so that virtual and physical groups can do "contactless" contributions?
2. Ideas for topics that they would like their first workshop to be?
3. Would they like their first workshop in February or March?

I will email you the TAKE BACK TO YOUR GROUPS from area as well

Mahalo for letting me serve,

Bridgette

### **Standing Committee Chair**

Sean C. SCC/ Website

*Website: Serves as webmaster and administrator of the Hawaii Area 17 website (and any ancillary services, such as email) ensuring that information following current guidelines is available in a timely fashion and technical services and training are provided as needed.*

Aloha Fellow Trusted Servants,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Hawaii Area 17 Panel 71 as our Webmaster, I look forward to working together with all of you as we continue forward in these changing and challenging times.

I have redone the design of our website in preparation for the assembly and consulted the with Area Officers to determine the best navigation layout to start the panel with. I hope the redesign



offers easy and quick access to all the tools you need, and we will make improvements as we determine what they should be.

I am coordinating the transitions of Area email accounts to new panel and most are done. I have also created email accounts for past delegates that have requested one and have created a Past Delegates email group available in your contacts. I am available for any questions regarding email or other Google products such as Google Drive or Google Meet that are available in your accounts.

I have run into some issues in working with the website as it has gone through a few iterations over time and will be working to do a thorough housecleaning and updating to enhance the performance and ensure the security of our site. This may lead to the site being offline for a couple days, so I will be accomplishing this in the days to come so it is finished and ready for our needs with the upcoming Committee Meeting and the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Due to this needed overhaul, I will do the posting of today's assembly reports after maintenance is complete. Your patience is greatly appreciated.

I am tasked with forming a Website Committee by our Website Guidelines listed at the end of our Structure & Guidelines of at least four members including myself, and most specifically need an Alternate Webmaster that will be approved by the Chair and Area Committee. This position requires someone with the basic skills to perform my duties if necessary. Anyone interested in being on the committee, please contact me at [webmaster@area17aa.org](mailto:webmaster@area17aa.org).

The website is always a work in progress and a welcome any input and suggestions as we look for improvements that can help to keep it a tool that serves us well. One upcoming project will be working with Archivist and Officers to organize our digital archives for best use.

Sean C., Area 17 Website Standing Committee Chair

Karen N. SCC/Mynah Bird

Since I have not been formally confirmed, I do not have a formal report. I have received information from the Panel 69 Mynah Bird Chair and I am sure if I have any questions, Ernest will be available to answer them.

I am looking forward to the Orientation Assembly and meeting those GSR's who will be assigned to this committee. My hope is that they will go back to their home districts and groups and will solicit articles for future issues.

Other topics:

I enjoyed serving as Registrar for Panel 69. Although it was a very frustrating during the last year of the panel – I was not able to quickly enter data in the GSO system (due to transitioning to a new system which was complicated by COVID) and not being able to meet and greet everyone as they signed into assemblies and committee meetings (COVID again), the year ended on a high note. The new Fellowship Connection is mostly operational, and most changes can now be entered by Area Registrars. I attended an online training session in December and was able to update all changes that I had received before December 31, 2020.

I updated records and sent documents to our Panel 71 Registrar Eric.

Mahalo for letting me be of service to Panel 69.

Karen N. Registrar Panel 69

**Sean F. SCC/Treatment**

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

Together, through singleness of purpose, we, the committee, will work towards creating 3 workshops a year (topics to be determined), create temporary contact cards to help with “Bridging the Gap” in treatment facilities, clean and sober houses, ect., and meet once a month as a committee to discuss all things relating. Also by opening the lines of communication with the Treatment S.C.C. both at GSO as well as other Areas.

**Other Topics:**

We also hope to work in conjunction with C.P.C, Corrections, and P.I. to bring together our committees in order to provide support to our MEMBERS AND GROUPS on how we can support them in carrying the message. I have committed to reaching out to all DCM’s in Area17 to find out who is on their Treatment committee for their District to begin an open dialogue.

**Ernest S. SCC/Archives**

GSR’s and Archives Roundtable:

Present: Ernest S. Chair, Joshua M. (GSR 12 coconuts-Oahu), Jason C. (GSR Malia Discussion-Oahu), Steve E. (GSR Mana Round Table-Big Island) Danielle S. (GSR Alano Club-Lahaina, Maui), Adrian C. (GSR Ewe Kahi-Oahu), Lawren Love ( GSR Sick and Twisted-Oahu)

Michael C. (GSR Malia Discussion-Oahu) and Lisa B. (Area Archivist-Oahu).

This being the orientation assembly, we introduced ourselves giving name, sobriety time, homegroup and any service experience. Was then opened for questions which the GSR’s participated in opening up and asking multiple questions, such as their responsibility to the archives and their homegroup. They were briefed along with committee meetings and the area assemblies. Their duty to their group for the informed the delegate assembly as well as the budget assembly. They were also informed of the inventory and election assembly. We just talked, asked and answered questions to familiarize each other with our newly assigned position.

Then got pulled back into the main virtual session about an hour after.

Billy CEC = Cooperation with the Elder Community

RESOURCES for GSRs:

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

CEC chair: Billy S from the island of Hawaii currently works in the geriatric field. Mentioned that the last panel did a wonderful brochure and focused on nutritional routes. In his experience the director of the facility would be able to assist us with clear-cut direction. Perhaps set up a FaceTime or zoom. Necessary to capture information on the various capabilities of an individual

facility on how we could reach the suffering alcoholic. Director of facility might introduce us to the Activity's Director. We also discussed the need to educate staff, where there is no understanding about seniors in with alcoholic problems. How do we educate staff? Flyers ... one on ones? Ask the facilities what they need! How can we assist them? Many care homes now provide tablets. Work with other committee chairs to develop PSAs that could encompass several topics for radio station use? Tailor a plan to the community. And what their capabilities are. If they have a communal library where people sign up, do they have a computer, could we add a zoom link to the top of that computer screen? Should we set up a 24 hour a day seniors in Sobriety zoom meeting, or just one already exist?

There is a seniors in Sobriety website...

But it seems to be a bit outdated.

Grassroots effort in our home group and provide outreach. What members are in our old home group, (when we met in person) that of senior age? Set up a buddy system to check in with them help them get online and general outreach... "I am responsible"! New residents who are diagnosed may not have any ability to find us. Suggestion to do PSA through church bulletins. Elder housing also have bulletin boards and newsletters, potentially. Inquire if they have a private channel on an internal TV station where we could provide access to a zoom meeting. Or perhaps a YouTube grapevine talk. If that is impossible perhaps that allow for a posting on the internal television station offering phone number. Ask if there are phone calls allowed to residents.... or letters to individuals who might be in need. After discussion with former delegate, we would not be able to ask for donations of used equipment, but perhaps the resident could speak to their family members who have just recently upgraded equipment, then we could teach them how to use it. Mentioned Oahu intergroup is putting together a training for seniors – will research status. Pass this information onto GSR's in the "what to take back" and suggest a buddy system! Phone list of active service commitments, reach out to the seniors, a wellness check, an offer to hook them up with a zoom meeting and carry the message. District 8 started the CEC standing committee and has a Seniors in Sobriety group, Eric will research what they're currently doing. Past delegate mentioned at the lower income senior housing all live meetings have been shut down. How can we assist? A new service position? One Alcoholic meeting the needs of another Alcoholic! GSR's can go to the area 17 website click on area committee click on area standing committee click on CEC. A wealth of information!

Ways to carry the CEC message:

~ Identify facilities for Seniors and send the information to the Area Committee CEC Chair.

Name of Facility:

Address:

City, State, Zip code:

Phone:

**Brandon L. SCC / CPC=Cooperation with the Professional in the Community**

I went to aa.org and got e-copies of all of the documents included in their CPC packet. There is a lot included so I have more to review there. I also attended an online CPC workshop January 4<sup>th</sup> hosted by Area 50, West New York. The CPC chair for Area 50 started with a power point presentation that is included in the materials mentioned prior from GSO. After she presented there were 2 other presenters:

- Dr. Al Mooney, a long time professional in the field of addiction and a recent Class "A" Trustee  
- Tim C., who I believe moderates the CPC North America Google Group and seems to have much experience around CPC work. It was great to get know Al a little more(He also presented in the recent Western Forum) but I really appreciated the information provided by Tim. He made references to several resources(more for me to study...) and also spoke extensively about tailoring AA websites to make it easier for people in need of help find us. I think it would be good for us to take a look at our website if we want to help potential alcoholics find us (I assume we want this). A couple of major points are the key words associated with the website. If someone is seeking help we want to be easily found. I searched "Hawaii Alcoholics Anonymous" in google and the Area 17 website came up on page 2 of the search. That is not bad but I also searched "drinking problem Hawaii" and did not find the Area website listed in the first 15 pages of links and gave up. The other major point that I would like to work with the Website committee on is creating a link on our website for professionals that will take them to a landing page that can provide information about what we do, don't do, and how I can be contacted for more help. I have more to research on this also. If any districts have CPC chairs I am eager to connect with them. I will email DCM's requesting contacts.

In our CPC breakout today we did a meet and greet and we have a great group! There were about 6 in attendance. I was grateful to have Ken present as a past Delegate and past Area 17 CPC chair to describe his experience and understanding of GSR's standing committee's as opposed to service committee's. We briefly discussed the CPC info on AA.org, the National Alliance of Mental Illness, the Aloha House on Maui, and feelings around continuing this online platform for AA service after COVID. I want to say thank you for this opportunity to serve. I am grateful and looking forward to the experience. Mahalo!

Bill M. SCC/Public Information

I want to thank the Area Officers for selecting me into the PI SCC position. I look forward to serving at this capacity.

I was able to take some time to discuss previous efforts with the last PI chair and the previous Area Chair to include reviewing the information AA makes available for this position and Hawaii Area S&G which I also recommended each member of our committee review thoroughly

The orientation assembly provided an opportunity to meet the assigned GSRs to brainstorm ideas on how we can best serve the PI committee. Notes below;

1. PSA during holidays helped encourage discussion about personal anonymity and other opinions. Meaning members are listening to PSAs. Not sure if the public has responded to the PSAs.
2. Visitors on Big Island use resources made available for AA/meeting schedules (website OIG?, meeting app?, aa.org?, area? Not sure)
3. % of Maui seem to lack a clear/accurate understanding of AA as a whole or the whole scope of AA structure. MH could use a better understanding of AA. Meaning public/private presentations, available resources
4. Add preamble to a card to make available to the public with local contact info.
5. Literature disbursement in private/public offices (collaborating with CPC, CEC, Literature) ex: cards with 12X12, you tube videos

6. We could use representation from Kauai on this committee.
7. Literature availability in public offices. Cooperate/collaborate with other committees

We also discussed meeting schedule and times to discuss progress, challenges and remedies.

And finally, we are reminded of our efforts and its alignment to our primary purpose.

Trusted servant,  
Bill M  
PI-SCC

Karen N. SCC/Mynah Bird

(This is the report from the round table)

I introduced myself and gave a brief history of my involvement with the Mynah Bird and gave a brief explanation of what the Mynah Bird is. We went around the “room” and told a little bit about ourselves. I explained that the GSR’s are a conduit from Area to District and Homegroups. I said that I would send copies to the GSR’s so that they could see what the Mynah Bird looks like so they could see what the content of the newsletter looks like.

I explained that this committee would be given a topic for the Inform the Delegate Assembly and that I would be asking them to bring articles from their homegroups and districts.

We ended the meeting by “talking story” for a while and learned more about each other. We are looking forward to being able to meet in person in the future.

Sean SCC/Treatment

Treatment - 9 members

- Sean Treatment Chair Oahu
- Ansen GSR Oahu
- Autumn GSR Oahu
- Jamie Co-host Maui
- Jen GSR Hawaii
- Lyde GSR Oahu
- Lynda GSR Oahu
- Mike GSR Maui
- Pete GSR Maui

Topics/notes:

- Sean reviews what Treatment Committee does
- Purpose as chair for Treatments Committee is to bridge the gap and support accessibilities.
- Purpose of the Area Treatment Committee is to let Chair know what is needed from him for our district.
- Sean asked where do we stand on islands other than Oahu as far as treatment centers?
- Asked each island how many treatment centers and what they need.
- Many islands need to take it as a takeaway and provide confirmation later.
- Not just treatment centers but also halfway houses etc. ...
- How do we get our information into Treatments centers.

- Reference Service Manual page S27 and ask Home Group to have a district Treatment Committee member.
- Since not meeting in person can we use those funds to get more pamphlets into the treatment centers? Etc. ...
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#### Alberta: Convention

Alberta introduced herself as past convention chair, now on steering committee.

Present: Paula- Waianae Coast Women, Rob- Daily Reprieve, Ted-Ho'ohana, Keli'i- Kane Ali'i, Elizabeth- Dawn Patrol

Clarified our job as being to attend meetings and report back to our district. Alberta will send us minutes from her meetings.

Alberta informed that the 59<sup>th</sup> convention chair stepped down. Convention committee has zoom meeting tomorrow 1/11/21.

At present, planning is moving forward for an in person event, 10/28 – 31/2021, at Waikiki Marriot. She is meeting with hotel liason tomorrow (1/11/21) to discuss how many the hotel will accommodate.

In service,  
Paula Q.

#### Jubee B. SCC/Corrections

I attended Sean C. last virtual meeting and got to meet most of the Corrections Dist Chairs from the Big Island and Oahu. I was able to get all of their contact numbers so I can be in contact with them to see how I can be of service to them.

Currently the only facility that is allowing meeting to go in is MCCC on Maui. All others are currently closed.

I will continue to do what Sean has started and spread the word to meetings for anyone who is interested in being of service in the area of Correction, to possibly take part in going into these facilities or being a part of Bridging the Gap or a correspondent.

Mahalo for allowing me to be of service.

Jubee B  
Correction SCC

Intergroup Chair District 6 David J. (Kauai)

Fellow members of area 17 AA, we thank you for inviting Kauai Intergroup to participate at the assembly.

Kauai intergroup is alive and well. We have an active treasurer and bank account. Our telephone line 808-245-6677, literature inventory, and committee are in order. Of the groups on Kauai less than 30% participate at any given juncture. Our goal, of course, is to provide the groups a forum to join. Most meetings are currently virtual. We have pockets of in-person meetings. All meetings are listed on our website [kauaiaa.org](http://kauaiaa.org). We are currently acquiring committee alts. to maintain a working order as well as grooming for the future. Inquiries are welcome. We look forward to the Inform the Delegate assembly. There is nothing further at this time. Sincerely,  
David M. Johnson D6 IG chair

January 8, 2021

East Hawai'i Intergroup

Aloha and Happy 2021 Everyone!! Thank you to Area 17 for a great Assembly. Thank you District 11 for your hospitality and great co-hosts!

We just had our elections in December, so I am very new to the position and will try my best. . .

At the election, all officer positions were filled: Co-Chair is Nivan A., Recording Secretary is Patty, Corresponding Secretary is Glenda, and Treasurer is Erika G. Jane B. continues as Literature Chair and maintains a healthy stock of AA literature and a bit of Grapevine, as well as doing a great job of personally delivering orders. Kirk G. is continuing as Hotline Chairpersons keeping the line answered 24/7 by awesome volunteers and the 12<sup>th</sup> Step Call List is maintained by him as well. Our Webmaster will remain Jim M. while Erika G. will keep the online meeting schedule updated.

At this time, we will continue to meet virtually on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Group contributions and literature sales are down while many of the groups are not meeting face-to-face. We will be investigating alternative contribution processes.

We're looking forward to holding more virtual events this coming year. The next planned event is the 'Delegate Report Back'.

We're also encouraging groups to provide virtual ID #'s & passwords for the meeting schedule. I'm looking forward to reaching out to groups to get them involved in IG meetings & activities. Loved the idea of "Virtual Caravans" to meetings!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Roxanne Z.  
East Hawai'i Intergroup Chairperson

Finance Committee Report

**Finance Committee Meeting, Saturday 1/09/21 12:15 – 12:45 PM**

Present: Alt Chair, DCM2, DCM4, DCM6, Treasurer.

Introductions, discussed role of the finance committee – to ensure that Hawaii Area has sufficient funds to carry out the Area business by preparing an annual budget and monitoring spending; and informing committee on how contributions are being used to carry the message. Scheduled a Finance committee meeting on virtual platform for Saturday 1/23/21.

**Finance Committee Meeting, Sunday 1/10/21 12:10 – 12:35 PM**

Present: Panel 61 Past Delegate, Alt Chair, DCM2, DCM4, DCM6, Treasurer.

Discussed the timeframe for planning the 2022 Budget in time to inform the Districts and Groups about the Area's priority of spending, comparisons to prior years, and proposed amounts for each of the budget categories, so that the Area would be able to make an informed decision to pass the budget in its entirety at the Budget Assembly in August. The finance committee members were selected from across the state so there would be someone to present the information to all of the Districts and Groups who would like to be informed. We want to 2022 proposed budget to provide enough money for Hawaii Area Committee to be able to resume in-person Assemblies and Committee meetings when they are again feasible, and to be able to adequately fund the work done by all off the Standing Service Committees.

The finance committee needs to make sure Hawaii Area Committee maintains its tax-exempt status. Our past Delegate does the tax preparation each year, and is a great help for the Treasurer. Our immediate past Treasurer and finance committee did a great job on setting up a smooth transition. The past Treasurer contributed a lot of her time and efforts to clear up the legal name of the Area and to transfer our Prudent Reserve/savings account and Operating funds + accruals / checking account to another bank that would allow online access and increased number of free transactions before incurring additional bank fee charges. The past finance committee also did research into the possible choices of how to accept online contributions from AA Members on the Area website.

Our committee plans to follow through, with the assistance of our Webmaster/ Web committee to have this become a reality.

Our Past Delegate was able to answer a question the Treasurer asked to explain why we in AA service use the word "Contribution" instead of donation. "Contribution" has a spiritual connection. When you donate an object or money, you give it away and have no more action with it. When you are contributing, you have no expectations, but you have a connection and your contribution helps to carry the message.



What to Take Back

**Hawaii Area 17 Orientation Assembly January 9-10, 2021 Co-Hosted with Kihei Maui District 11 What to Take Back**

Submitted by Deborah S, Area Chair Panel 71

**Registration & Attendance**

Saturday 121 registered and 114 in attendance.

Sunday 128 registered and 111 in attendance.

**Kathi F. Pacific Regional Trustee** addressed the incoming trusted servants for Panel 71. Points shared: Service and Communication Through our Structure. Highlights from her Trustee report that will help us in our upcoming service.

**Area Committee:**

**Area Officers:** Delegate Kunane D., Alt. Delegate Tommy G., Chair Deborah S., Alt Chair Jeannie G., Treasurer Mike L., Secretary Deborah L., Registrar Eric V.

**District Committee Members (DCM):** D1 T.J. F., D2 Gina B., D3 Clifton W., D4 Keleka K., D5 Lea V., D6 Kalei K., D7 Len F-W., D8 Kerwin N., D9 Karen O., D10 Teresa D., D11 Marilyn Y., D12 Andrea C., D13 Julie S., D17 Bridgette K.

**Confirmation of Standing Committee Chairs except for Convention Steering per Structures & Guidelines.**

Annual Hawaii Convention Steering: Alberta S. Oahu

Archives: Ernest S. Oahu

Cooperation with the Elder Community: Billy S. East Hawaii

Cooperation with the Professional Community: Brandon L. Maui

Corrections: Jubee B. West Maui

Finance Committee: Mike L. Maui, Area Treasurer

Grapevine: Christi N. Oahu

Mynah Bird Chair: Karen N. Maui

Public Information Chair: Bill M. Oahu

Treatment Chair: Sean F. Oahu

Website Chair/ Webmaster: Sean C. Maui

**Intergroup Chairs:** Hilo/Hamakua Roxanne Z., Kauai David J., Maui Dave S., Oahu Michele D., West Hawaii Cindy C.

**Elections Assembly Minutes:** presented by Panel 69 Recording Secretary Eric V – Accepted as amended

**Panel 69 Final Treasurer's Report:** presented by Panel 69 Treasurer Rachel S. – Accepted

**GSR Standing Committee Appointments:** pulled from the Hat virtually by Jen V. (member) with Eric V. Registrar. Final list sent to the body in the chat.

**Website:** Overview by Webmaster

**Contributions to Area 17:**

Make checks out to "HAWAII AREA COMMITTEE"

P O BOX 1413

HONOLULU HI 96806

**PRAASA 2021:** (Virtual Platform): March 5-7 Hosted by Area 93, Register at PRAASA.org

**PRAASA Service:** If you are interested in being in service for PRAASA please email Delegate at [delegate@area17aa.org](mailto:delegate@area17aa.org)

**Orientation Minutes:** will be posted within 10-days from the Assembly. Please submit your reports to secretary@area17aa.org

**Upcoming Meetings:**

Committee Meeting Sunday, February 21st

Inform the Delegate Assembly – Saturday & Sunday, March 27th – 28th

What's on your mind

Wrap up comments

Motion to Adjourn-

Len DCM motioned to adjourn the meeting

Mike GSR seconded the motion –passed

Close with A Declaration of Unity

Grateful to be at your service,

Deborah L. / Secretary