

**Hawaii Area 17 Orientation Assembly
January 21 & 22, 2023
West Hawai'i District 08
Saturday, January 21, 2023
Assembly Minutes**

8:00 Registration and Breakfast

9:06 Call to Order with Serenity Prayer: Jeannie G. Chair

Welcome Past Delegates and Invited Guest

Reading: "Why Do We Need a Conference" – (New Service Manual – pg. 40 | Previous Manual- pg. S20

Introduction of Officers

Introduction & Confirmation of Standing Committee Chairs- Entertain a motion to confirm standing committee, Matea D6 Intergroup made motion, Julie C. 2nd the motion. 79 voted. none opposed motion, standing committee is confirmed.

Introduction of Intergroup Chairs

9:25 Pacific Regional Trustee: Reilly K.- Brief introduction of herself and what is a Trustee? Duties and Responsibilities. Sitting on 6 committees with 8 Regional Trustees (discussing agenda items, pacific regional forum, podcasts, literature committee, etc.) Friendly Quote from our Trustee "Our Literature is our Backbone."

10:32 Trustee Q & A

10:38 Announcements from the registration chair Sean F. - check-in, GSR registration, registration for Orientation Assembly, assignment of standing committee, questions and answers.

10:47 Break

11:07 Host DCM8 announcements-regarding homestays, transportation and registration.

Area Delegate Tommy G.- shared GSO Conference 2022 final report. *GSO Conference is available on Area website and GSO website.

11:11 Orientation Breakout Sessions

1. General Service Representatives (GSRs)
2. District Committee Members (DCMs)
3. Standing Committee Chairs (SCC)
4. Inter (IG) Central Office Chairs (CO)

12:23 Blessing of the food by Delegate Tommy G. & Lunch/Finance Committee meeting.

1:18 Roberts Rules of Order Introduction: Cheryl Past Delegate Panel 65

1:43 Accept Panel 71 Election's Assembly Minutes: Deborah L. Panel 71 past Area Secretary.
*Refer to Panel 71 Election Assembly Minutes on the area17aa.org website.

Eric V. made a motion to accept Election Assembly Minutes, Gina B. 2nd the motion.
Establishing Quorum total 77 amount of voters Quorum is 50 + 1= 40 to establish unanimity.
Minutes to accept the Elections Assembly Minutes passed at 70 votes. Meets the 2/3 vote.

Accept the Final Financial Report for Panel 71: Mike L. Panel 71 Past Treasurer
*Refer to Treasurer's report FY 2022 Budget Summary on the area17aa.org website.

Motion made by Matea Intergroup D6 to accept the Treasurers report from 2022 Neil DCM D5
2nd.
vote to pass which is 51 votes to meet 2/3. 2022 Treasurers report passed with 76 votes.

2:10 Panel Presentations (15 minutes each)

Concept 1: (Jeanette F. Past Delegate, panel 51) The final responsibility and the ultimate authority for A.A. world services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship.

Concept 2: (Deborah S. Alt Delegate) The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole Society in its world affairs.

Concept 3: (Colleen A. Past Delegate, Panel 69) To ensure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A. -" the conference", the general service board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives -with a traditional "right of decision".

Concept 4: (Karen N., SCC) At all responsible levels, we ought to maintain a traditional "Right of Participation," allowing a voting representation in reasonable proportion to the responsibility that each must discharge.

Concept 5: (Mary N., SCC) Throughout our structure, a traditional "Right of Appeal" ought to prevail, so that minority opinion will be heard, and personal grievances receive careful consideration.

AHC Update for 2023: Kawika K. "We are in the black".

ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION 2023 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT ORIENTATION ASSEMBLY
JANUARY 21-22, 2023.

Aloha Alcoholics my name is Kawika, Malia Discussion is home and I serve as the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Chair. We are excited to inform you that our Convention Chair Erin R is working diligently creating her committee (she still has some open positions), the theme this year is "Without Help it is too much for us", and we have already scheduled the meetings for Steering and committees. We have not secured a venue and the dates haven't been confirmed yet we are very close to announcing the date and location of the Annual Hawaii Convention soon. We are waiting to confirm the desired date and we will let everyone know. You can however register with the "Early Bird Registration" for a limited time. Registration is \$85. Please visit our website: www.annualhawaiiConvention.com We have also hired a new Secretary and Treasurer. We held our first steering committee meeting on January 14th. Here is our report: At the close of the 59th Annual Hawaii Convention WE WERE IN THE BLACK!!! • We had

\$127,069.45 in income from all facets (this also includes our prudent) • \$14,623.06 is held over for 2023 convention year + we have 2023 preregistration

- Our convention expenses were \$70,772.30
- We have a net income of \$56,297.15
- As of 12.4.22, we have a reconciled balance of \$30,470.61

Thank you everyone for supporting the Annual Hawaii Convention.

Please keep checking the website for updates and if you aren't already registered for 2023, get ready!! If you have any questions or want to get into service please contact me at (808) 478-7803 or call Erin at (808) 386-8940.

Mahalo, Kawika K.
AHC Steering Chair 2023

2:57 Break

3:17 Introduction to Area 17 Finance: Sean C. Area Treasurer

3:30 Overview of area 17 Website: Kerwin N. Area Webmaster
Kerwin answered various questions and answers regarding accessing the area website and the different functions and features.

4:11 Service Sponsorship: Cheryl N., Past Delegate, Panel 65.
In Conclusion, Cheryl asked if there is anyone who is willing to be a service sponsor?

4:30 Area Officer Reports (2 min)

Area Recording Secretary: Keleka K.

Aloha Hawaii Area 17,

My name is Keleka K., and I am a recovering Alcoholic, Hang loose is my home group, and it is a honor and a privilege to serve as your recording secretary for Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73. Mahalo Nui to West Hawaii District 8 for hosting the Orientation Assembly.

My Duties in accordance to the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service are:

2.11 Recording Secretary's Duties The recording secretary should:

- 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 area meeting to all D.C.M.s, standing committee and intergroup chairs, and area officers.

- D. Assist the area chair to publish an 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 other area officers.
- H. Send copies of approved area minutes to the Conference Coordinator at G.S.O.

My goal for this panel is to allow my higher power to stretch me and to keep me out of my comfort zone by continuing to be of maximum service in Hawaii Area Service. I may not be the best note taker, but everyone needs to start somewhere. For God knows what he's doing and all I have to do is trust the process.

Again, Mahalo Nui for allowing me to be of service,

Keleka K.

Area Treasurer: Sean C.

As Mike has already presented the Financial Report, this is an informal report on activities to start this panel.

Treasurer's Duties

A. Read and adhere to the treasurer's responsibilities outlined in the A.A. Service Manual and Ch. 7: Finances in the Structures & Guidelines.

Service Manual page 28

The duties of the treasurer vary by the needs and conscience of the area; these may include:

- *Keeping financial records for the area*
- *Reporting regularly to the assembly*
- *Receiving and managing the area's Seventh Tradition funds*
- *Encouraging contribution support for area and G.S.O. services*
- *Staying abreast of any tax or legal considerations*

B. Update bank signature cards. The area treasurer and two (2) other area officers' signatures are required on the bank signature cards.

C. Accept 7th Tradition contributions from A.A. groups and other A.A. approved sources and maintain a record of monies received.

D. Deposit all contributions into the area operating funds account.

E. Disburse, by check, funds for purposes determined by the current approved area.

budget and maintain a record of all transactions. All checks written for \$500.00 or more require two (2) signatures.

F. Maintain a second bank account for a prudent reserve as specified by the budget. Two (2) signatures are required to transfer any funds from this account.

G. Provide written reports of all area's receipts, disbursements, and balances of each budgeted category to date and distribute the report at each area assembly and committee meeting.

H. Serve as the chairperson on the area's Finance Committee.

I. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.

I have performed all the tasks necessary for the panel transition, updating bank signature cards, issuing new debit cards, updating debit card and contact info with appropriate services, updated DOCCA form, and am familiarizing myself with our QuickBooks account structure and procedure to maintain books and prepare for the Finance Committee budget preparation process. I also needed to find a new liability insurance policy as our former one was no longer available to us, and set up an even more reasonable policy with a company that was suggested in existing email conversation history from last panel, which made that task easy.

One final note – please do not send your assembly registration check to the Hawaii Area, send it to the address on the website or flyer for registration. If I do receive checks for registration for

Grateful to be able to be of Service, Sean C,
Hawaii Area Committee DBA Hawaii Area 17 Treasurer

4:50 Host DCM8 Announcements

5:00 Motion to Adjourn | Declaration of Unity | Dinner to follow.

Motion to Adjourn Julie GSR motion to adjourn Cheryl panel 65 2nd. Motion passed.

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**Reading: "A.A.'s Legacy of Service"- (new Service Manual – pg. 1 | Previous Manual – pg. S1)
Sobriety Birthdays**

9:12 Area Officers Reports Cont.: (2 min.)

Area Registrar: Sean F.

Hawaii Area 17

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service

Date: 01/21/2023

Person reporting and position: Sean Fox, Registrar

Duties:

The duties of the registrar have evolved with the implementation of Fellowship Connection. Registrars often are a crucial first point of contact for A.A. groups and trusted servant's data. Although the registrar's duties will vary by area, the need for accurate information and clear communication is the foundation of this role. Other duties may include:

- Develops and maintains records of all groups in the area, including group name, meeting location, and GSR or group contact
- Works with trusted servants to maintain accurate and up-to-date names, addresses, email, addresses, and phone numbers of the GSRs, DCMs, district and area officers, and area committee members
- Works locally with delegates and DCMs on verifying the accuracy of the data submitted and wherever necessary following up communication for corrections
- Works with the G.S.O. Operations department in keeping area information up to date
- Notify area committee members of upcoming area meetings
- Register all voting members at area assemblies and determine a quorum
- When voting, determine whether a motion is accepted or defeated
- Perform such other duties as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary by the area assembly.
- Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers

For this panel I will be dedicated to not only accomplishing my duties as listed above, but to also work diligently towards getting Area 17's roster updated. I will also work to get all host DCMs trained and informed on our spreadsheets. Also, I will work with all DCMs on questions and training on Fellowship Connection.

Alternate Delegate: Deborah S.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT Good morning - Area Chair Jeannie G., Hawaii Area Committee Members, GSRs, Area 17 Past Delegates, and guests. Serving as Alternate Delegate to Area 17

Hawaii, Panel 73, my name is Deborah S., and it is an honor and privilege to be with you at our first area business meeting of the panel, the Orientation Assembly.

Mahalo to Ray B. West Hawaii DCM, Immediate Past West Hawaii DCM & current Website Chair, Kerwin N., and volunteers of West Hawaii for hosting our assembly, providing transportation, and opening your homes enabling us to conduct area business on Hawaii Island.

According to the S & G for Area 17 General Service, it is my duty as Alternate Delegate to:

A. Perform the delegate's duties in his absence. I attended the January Oahu Intergroup Orientation (OIG) Meeting. Business meetings are held monthly from January to November on the 2nd Wednesday at 6:00 pm. The meetings take place in person at the Palama Settlement on the second floor. Currently, the steering committee is looking for another space to hold business meetings, and preferably closer to the new Oahu Central Office located at 1110 University Ave suite 310, Honolulu, HI 96826. A new volunteer coordinator was elected, Marc O. from District 4, homegroup Kaneohe Discussion. OIG Treasurer position is open. OIG Chair, Donny K. is hoping to appoint a Webmaster soon; until then an interim webmaster is in place. Because our area delegate Tommy G. resides on the Island of Hawaii, I will attend OIG meetings through 2024.

B. Maintain and update the GSR Orientation Handbook and the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous. We updated the G.S.R. Orientation Handbook and S & G for Area 17 General Service. Updates were to align the content to the current A.A. Service Manual 2021-2023 Edition. The Convention Steering Committee plans to review the current charter as mentioned in our last steering committee meeting.

C. Conduct orientation sessions for GSRs and DCMs, as needed. Ongoing group orientation sessions for both GSRs and DCMs will be available either online or in person. New GSRs and DCMs onboarding beyond this weekend will be invited to an online orientation before the February committee meeting.

D. Serve, either as a member or chairperson on ad-hoc committees, as deemed appropriate by the area chair. I am willing and able to accept a task.

E. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee. The 60th Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee convened for our first meeting last Saturday. I look forward to serving alongside (our) Area Alternate Chair Deborah L. and the members of the Convention Steering for the duration of this Panel.

F. Act on actions accepted by the area assembly, at the request of the area body [assembly]. I am willing and able to accept a task.

G. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.
Completed

Alternate Chair: Deborah L.

Deborah L.
Alternate Chair

Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73 Panel Summary Report:

Aloha Hawaii Area 17,

My name is Deborah L. and I am a recovered Alcoholic, Xfactah, is my home group and it is an honor and to serve as your Alternate Chair for Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73! Much Mahalo to West Hawaii, District 8 for Hosting this Orientation Assembly and for opening us up for this next 2 years. Mahalo to Jeannie G. P73 Area Chair, and Sean F., P73 Area Registrar for taking the time to help me with learning the things that I need to know to best serve you. I want to thank my service sponsor, Elizabeth M. for sharing her wisdom, experience, and support that will need during this panel.

My Duties in accordance with the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service are:

7. 2.9

A. Perform the duties of the area chair in their absence. (I attended the Oahu Intergroup Orientation/Business Meeting on 1/11/20 on behalf of our Chair/ Jeannie)

B. Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings. (I have been working with the hosting DCMs Ray B, for this Orientation Assembly, Theresa, DCM for the upcoming Committee Meeting on Feb. 25, 2023 in Puna and Cynthia DCM and Cliff the Alt. Chair for the Inform the Delegate Assembly on Oahu, April 1-2, 2023.

C. Serve as member on the finance committee.

D. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii State Convention Steering Committee. (I attended my first AHC steering committee meeting on 1/14/23)

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 closing, to do my duties, I am learning that I will need a lot of interaction with all of you, especially the District Committee Members and Area Officers, this is a "we" program not a "me" program. I am learning a lot from all of you on the importance of collaboration, communication, participation, and partnership. There is a lot to do from "A-Z", so if you get a call, a text, or an email from me, your response affords us the opportunity to move forward. Lastly, I am looking forward to being with you all at PRAASA! In love and service,

Deborah L./ Alternate Chair, Hawaii Area 17 P73

altchair@area17aa.org

Recovery, Unity and Service

Chair: Jeannie G.

Chair Report / Jeannie G
Orientation Assembly
Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 73
January 22, 2023

Aloha Everyone,

My name is Jeannie G, and I am an alcoholic and honored to serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Chair. Thank you to Panel 71 Officers, Delegate & Alt. Delegate for guiding us through unprecedented times. It is an incredible achievement, given the circumstances. Thank you to our Panel 73 officers for facilitating today, and thank you, Ray, DCM, for West Hawaii District 8, for hosting our first gathering in Panel 73.

My duties, as outlined in the Structure and Guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 General Service, section 2.8 are as follows:

Area Chair's Duties: The area chair should:

- A. Read and adhere to the area chair's duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual: *Consult with the area committee before setting the date and time of assemblies. Make sure members of the area assembly are notified about the dates and times of assemblies. Consult with officers and committee members on the program/agenda. Keep the delegate informed about what is going on in the area. Make sure that committee members are aware of what goes on in world services.*
- B. Conduct all committee meetings: *In 2023-2024, Panel 73, I am to chair six assemblies and four committee meetings, plus two additional optional assemblies and two additional optional committee meetings, usually held in October or November when the area committee deems it necessary.*
- C. Publish and present an agenda thirty (30) days before each committee meeting and assembly. *For example, the 2023 Orientation Assembly agenda was published 24 days before this assembly. I am currently working on the agenda for the February Committee Meeting.*
- D. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers. *Our Panel 73 officers reviewed member submissions and attended a selections meeting on November 26. The selected candidates were notified and asked if they would accept the appointment. Yesterday the Assembly (Voting) Body confirmed their appointment by a simple majority.*
- E. Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup when invited. *Deborah L, our area Alt Chair will be attending in my place since I live here on the Big Island.*

Finally, I'm so excited to see everyone this weekend. We strengthened our relationships by serving together and sharing rides, meals, homestays, ideas, and laughter with fellow alcoholics while also doing business. This builds relationships that, in turn, build upon our unity here at the area level, within the host districts and home groups. It couldn't have come at a better time.

Thank you all for your service and thank you for the opportunity to serve. I am very grateful to be such a small part of an even greater whole.

Jeannie G
Area17 Chair

Area Webmaster: Kerwin N.

2 hidden ways to get more from your Gmail address.

Here are some little-known ways to use your Gmail address that can give you greater control over your inbox and save you some time and headache. When you choose a Gmail address, you get more than just "yourusername@gmail.com." or "yourusername@area17aa.org". Here are two different ways you can modify your Gmail/Area17aa.org address and still get your mail:

- Append a plus ("+") sign and any combination of words or numbers after your email address. For example, if your name was username@area17aa.org, you could send mail to username+friends@gmail.com or **username+mailinglists@area17aa.org**.
- Insert one or several dots (".") anywhere in your email address. Gmail doesn't recognize periods as characters in addresses -- we just ignore them. For example, you could tell people your address was username@area17aa.org, user.name@area17aa.org or us.er.na.me@area17aa.org. (We understand that there has been some confusion about this in the past, but to settle it once and for all, you can indeed receive mail at all the variations with dots.)

For me, the real value in being able to manipulate your email address is that it makes it really easy to filter on those variants. For example, you could use **username+bank@area17aa.org** when you sign up for online banking and then set up a filter to automatically star, archive or label emails addressed to **username+bank**. You can also use this when you register for a service and think they might share your information. For example, I added "+donation" when I gave money to a political organization once, and now when I see emails from other groups to that address, I know how they got it. Solution: filtered to auto-delete.

9:43 Establish a quorum: 79 voter's total.

$(50+1) 79 - 39+1=41$

$(2/3) 79 - 2/3 =53$

9:48 Area Delegate Report: Tommy G.

*See Area Delegate Report on Area17aa.org website.

Q & A answered by Tommy G. regarding delegate report.

10:27 Break

10:45 Literature presentation: Deborah S., Alt. Delegate

10:58 Officer, DCM & Intergroup Round Table, and GSR Standing Committee Meet & Greet/Work Session.

12:03 Circles of Love and Service: Coleen A., Past Delegate Panel 69

12:24 Blessing of the food by Archivist Gina B. & Lunch/Finance Committee meeting.

1:19 PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly): Tommy G. Delegate.

PRAASA'S PURPOSE

The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. The Assembly and the PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of AA.

What Happens at PRAASA

The Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly is a mix of panel presentations, roundtable discussions, open mic sharing, and speakers. Many attendees also come for the great fellowship and bonding that takes place with others from the same service Area and with new friends made from other Areas. Topics for the presentations and sharing are focused on general service. PRAASA is held prior to the General Service Conference and includes topics that will be discussed at the upcoming conference along with issues that are of interest to members involved in general service. Roundtables provide an opportunity for members to discuss topics with people who have the same service position, like the Corrections and DCM roundtables, or who are interested in a particular topic, like YPAA or technology. Come join over 1000 excited AA members from all over the Pacific Region and be part of this unforgettable event!

Who Attends PRAASA

Anyone can attend! Those who are involved in general service at the district or Area levels are generally the most interested in the topics that are discussed at PRAASA, but it's also a great way to get inspired into doing general service, so all A.A. members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Where is PRAASA Held

PRAASA is an annual conference hosted by one of the 15 areas in the Pacific Region of Alcoholics Anonymous on a rotating basis. This means that each area has the opportunity to host PRAASA roughly every 15 years. This year, the conference is being held in Los Angeles, California and hosted by Southern California Area 05.

1:30 Report Backs: Area Officers, DCM & Intergroup Chair (IG) Round Table Reports Standing Committee Groups Meet & Greet Report Back

Area Officer Round Table:

- Registration Fees: Discuss with districts for recommendation of \$35 starting at the budget assembly, Finance committee to discuss to proposal for this year's budget

assembly and next year's budget. The area should be self-supporting, so it doesn't affect the district. Current seed money is \$425 Proposed is \$595 with the raise of \$35 registration fee based on the finance committee's recommendation.

- Registration physical: At Assembly setup Area Registration table first and then to the District Table.
- Budget Assembly Sept 9th and 10th Waikiki District 10.
- May/June committee meeting: May 20th Kihei District 11.
- Online /expense form: Will be available on the website, tentatively available by the February committee.

DCM Round Table:

- What do service assemblies DCM need to attend? Figure it out.
- When do we decide if we have the optional assembly? We don't decide, area officers decide and that depends on it there's business to discuss.
- Do other districts have structures and guidelines? Yes, District 6 has structures and guidelines kuaiaaa.org and is available to everyone.
- How do we encourage participation? Go to groups, find out about GC and go to group conscience. Realize the difference between group and meeting- some meetings don't want to be a part of. Reluctance to participate is a part of the denial of alcoholism, people are afraid to fully grasp step 1 and let it extend. Solution: Carry the message of service. Attraction rather than promotion. Show up and be a servant. Personally, going to people and inviting them to district meetings to be of service or asking if they ever thought about being a GSR and giving information on what we do. Deliver information and do not try to promote or persuade people to participate.
- Workshops? Attract with a dance after. Cooperation with other districts and area involved in the workshops. Accessibility for the online platform is important. A.A.org has a list of information on workshops. Having fun at workshops is really helpful (jeopardy and games).

Archives Round Tables:

- Reviewed process of generating agenda items-Future meeting after February 25th meeting.
- Introduced Archivist Lisa B. in Honolulu.
- Tour of Area website to access archives.
- Discussed Grapevine/La Vina connection.
- Discussed possible agenda items coming up -Language/Literature-Items for discussion & dissemination to groups.

Communication with the Elderly Community (CEC):

- My job is to see if have CEC in our district.
- Communicate within our community and to elderly communities.
- DCM appoints committee head after committees meet back in February.
- We take our discussions from CEC committee share to homegroups. Bring back feedback to the Inform the Delegate Assembly in April.
- We have boomers aging and increasing elderly.
- Many Kupuna with untreated alcoholism and addiction.

- We are winging it and faking it till we make it. Willing to learn and remain teachable.
- It's our Kuleana.

Conventions Round Table:

Topic Suggestions:

- More locations to other islands- Fiscally not possible, logistics would have to include additional costs.
- Bringing back Thursday's "Free Night" – Depends on location selected, AHC is trying to get the "Free Night" back.
- Fundraising – Bylaws & IRS for proper business criteria.
- Cap Circuit Speakers Time (Friday Night, Saturday Night and Sunday Moring) – Cap Circuit Speaker to 45 minutes, depends on the contract made with the speaker, usually breaches their contract agreement, decision is made by the chair with the input from the steering committee.

In conclusion, the Annual Hawaii Convention (AHC) budget is available to everyone.

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):

- CPC will assign items which GSR brings.
- Put on workshops, find contacts in the professional world to bring presentations to them.
- Inform professionals of what AA does and does not do.
- Contact tracker to make notes on who professional world wants to be/not be a contact.
- Workshop of previous CPC committees went out in public. (AKA) Give us a mock presentation -Local Style-.
- Workshop-History of CPC-PI, how 12 Traditions play into it (Traditions Workshop).
- 2 workshops per year.
 - Revamp cards with intergroup, easier access for the suffering alcoholic, professionals helping alcoholics.
 - Workshop resources- AA.org.

Corrections Round Table:

We are a conduit of communication between our Districts and Area 17. Our job is to find out what our districts need in terms of Correctional Facilities and to report that information to Area 17. We are going to concentrate on 2 things right now *Corrections *The upcoming conference.

- Corrections- at the next District meeting find out what our district needs. Is the A.A. going into the jails in our district currently? What do we need to do to help the incarcerated alcoholic. This is the information we will give Mike L. to report at the Area level.
- Upcoming Conference- In the next couple of months the agenda topics will be discussed. By late February we will be given our agenda topics to be discussed with our home groups. We will hold sharing sessions to discuss this item or items, Then April 1st at the inform the Delegate Assembly we will report our group conscience to the Delegate.

Other things we talked about- Bridging the Gap, do we have a program to help newly released inmates to find A.A. meetings on the outside? The A.A. app, this is a great app that has so much A.A. literature and info.

Grapevine Round Table:

- What is Grapevine and what is La Vina? Both are self-supporting by subscriptions.
- Advantages- Grapevine books don't go through the general service conference, so it more immediate like months instead of 2 years for publication.
- Grapevine Archives- How did Tradition 4 come about?
- Topics that the Delegate assigns- Grapevine standing members will take to home groups and discuss agenda topics given by the Delegate.
- How to submit stories to Grapevine? Information in each Grapevine and online.
- Our Job- This standing committee group is to know how Grapevine works and to carry the message to our groups. Not to sell Grapevines but to make announcements.
- What's in Grapevine? Stories, calendar events of USA and Canada, topic of the month, subscription form.
- How to get a Grapevine Kit? Send registration as a Grapevine Rep or Interested person by Grapevine.org.
- Carry the message project- Information on website. Send Grapevine to those that request a subscription like prisoners, etc.
- Do we still need paper, Grapevine? A.A. Grapevine will not abandon those who cannot or are not allowed to use electronic devices and the population will still be large.

Mynah Bird Round Table Meeting:

In attendance: Kurt/Disc #4, Debbi/Disct#8, Holly/Dist.#, Cullen/Dist. #2, Anita A. / Dist. 8, Mary /Dist. #10 and SCC chair

Discussed roles and expectations of participation on committee for the next 2 years. Discussed this issue of Mynah Bird that the chair put together to assist the learning curve at the Orientation Assembly.

QR code will always point to the latest issue ... SHARE it in lieu of printed copies at your home group, District meeting, etc.

PREVIOUS issues are always available at: ...area17aa.org-> Area Committee-> Area Standing Committees-> Mynah Bird

OR ...area17aa.org->Service Tools->Mynah Bird

The Chair would like to discuss an issue at the February Committee Meeting – topic was decided to be **the process** after the distribution of Topics that are chosen to “Inform the Delegate”.

IDEAS for future topics:

What is Mynah Bird (and why you should care)

Help close the gap between Newcomer, Long Timer and those in between ... what do THEY NEED?

Where can Newcomers go for help... How to find AA and how we can be more welcoming? What about the homeless, how do we reach them?

There is also a QR code that points to newcomer library that was developed during the last panel. Go to

...area17aa.org-> Area Committee-> Area Standing Committees->CEC you can pick up the Newcomer document or the QR code to share when you meet Newcomers.

Links inside the newsletter for online resources

Section on -What Bill Said

Section on -Acronyms A to Z

Section on -Ideas from Archives

Public Information (PI) Round Table:

- Public Information over the radio.
- Pamphlets at fairs/ county fairs.
- Connection with Intergroup.
- Libraries, pharmacies with area approved literature.
- High School/Jr. High School awareness for help with alcoholism.

Treatment and Accessibility Round Table:

Christie is SCC

Summary:

Purpose: Is Treatment and Accessibility (Bridging the Gap)

Objective: To focus on Accessibility while maintaining the strong foundations set already for the Treatment side.

Due Outs:

Zoom Meetings will be on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at 2 pm HST. All members and any volunteers are welcome.

Read the two workbooks prior to the meeting.

Come to the meeting with ideas to address accessibility in our Area.

Come to the meeting with ideas to get others involved.

Meeting Notes:

Member Introductions, gathering names and contact information.

Describing what the working group responsibilities are. Reading from the AA Treatment Community Workbook and the AA Accessibility Community Workbook. Instructed us to read them both.

- Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Blind, Medically, Mentally, or Physically disabled, Remote Communities
- Bridging the Gap program

- May work with Cooperation with the Elderly and Cooperation with Professional Communities Groups (Both of these are part of the Bridging the Gap program)
- Work with Oahu Intergroup and hotline for Accessibility

Christie has contacted many treatment centers already and has ordered a large number of pamphlets for those centers. She can also do zoom or in-person training for groups or district meetings.

Christie referenced the Serving all Alcoholics Pamphlet and possible workshop on this in the future as well as a possible future Traditions study group.

Tri-district Group GSR discussed getting a shared folder for zoom links for the remote islands.

Group members' experiences include taking meetings to remote islands, Salvation Army, Long-Term Medical Care, Military, IT, and prior work with Corrections and emergency shelters.

Discussed making sure to utilize homegroups and districts to help with the work for this committee, let others help with service, and be specific about asking for what you would like people to volunteer to do.

The butterfly is adopted as the group Mascot.

Website Round Table:

- Purpose- inform the Delegate, SCC, Website Chair. Communicate to the District and Area functions.
- Report: report back as GSR's to Groups. 1) Stay organized 2) Get business done virtual/online 3) Inform fellowship on the website.
- Discussion- Keep it Simple! The solution is that there's no time limit to get things done.
- Provide Website- Meeting guide, A.A. org, read literature/pamphlets, keep repeating "Informed "group conscience, see report from webmaster/updates.

2:07 Announcement from Deborah S. Alt. Delegate with DCMs for the Area Equipment (Speakers, Signs and Electrical Cords).

HICYPAA Announcement: Presented by Adrianna DCM

2:15 Break

2:34 Ask it basket I What's on your mind?

Q & A with Area Officers, GSRs, DCMs, Standing Committees, IG Group discussion.

3:05 What to Take Back -2023 Orientation Assembly Take Backs

Aloha Everyone! What a great turnout for the Orientation Assembly! Thank you to all who attended and all who helped make it possible! Here are a few items from the Orientation Assembly to take back to your home groups:

- Reilly K. our Pacific Regional Trustee gave us an update on the happenings at the General Service Office and a talk on “Communication Through the Service Structure.”

- The Hawaii Area 17 voting body confirmed the Area Standing Committee Chairs; they are as follows:

- Archives: Gina B.
- Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): Catherine W.
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Liz.
- Corrections: Mike L.
- Grapevine: Karen N. ○ Mynah Bird: Mary N.
- Public Information: James N. (Kimo)
- Treatment & Accessibilities: Christi N.
- Website: Kerwin N.

- Introductions of Panel 73 Officers:

- Delegate: Tommy G
- Alt Delegate: Deborah S ○ Chair: Jeannie G
- Alt Chair: Deborah L
- Treasurer: Sean C
- Secretary: Keleka K
- Registrar: Sean F

- Introductions of Intergroup/Central Office Chairs:

- Kauai Intergroup: Matea

- The Area Finance Committee was established: The committee consists of 5 members. Under the Hawaii Area 17 Structures & Guideline, Sean C, Area Treasurer, is to serve on the committee along with Deborah L, the Area Alternate Chair. Jim D., DCM District 6 Kauai, Arianna G., DCM District 1 Oahu, and Mark N., DCM District 7 Hilo/Hamakua volunteered to serve as the remaining three members needed to fill the committee.

Mark Your Calendars:

- *February Committee Meeting: February 25, 2023: ○ Puna D12 on the Big Island. Registration is posted on the website at area17aa.org.

- PRAASA 2023: March 3-5, 2023: ○ 56th Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, hosted by Area 5 Southern California, at the LAX Marriott. Register at PRAASA@org.

- *Inform The Delegate Assembly: April 1-2, 2023:

- Leeward District 3 on Oahu: Registration is posted on the website at area17aa.org.

- Tommy, our delegate, was randomly assigned the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee for the General Service Conference.

- He received his agenda items for the conference, which will be disbursed to the DCMs. Standing Committee Chairs and IG/Central Office Chairs at the February 25th committee meeting.

- DCMs to send the agenda items to the GSRs as soon as possible to give them time to gather feedback from their home groups. We have a short window of opportunity to make this happen as the Inform the Delegate Assembly is just right around the corner on April 1-2

o On April 23-27, Tommy will carry Hawaii Area 17's voice to the General Service Conference

- 73rd General Service Conference: April 23-29, 2023: 2023 CONFERENCE THEME: "A.A.'s "Three Legacies – Our Common Solution", Brooklyn, New York

- *May Committee Meeting: May 20, 2023: Kihei District 11 on Maui.

- International Convention: July 3 - 6, 2025: Vancouver BC, Canada

- *Budget Assembly: September 9-10: District #10 Waikiki, Oahu.

*A few things to remember about attending area assemblies and committee meetings:

When attending assemblies, please register as soon as possible. It is difficult to accommodate homestay and transportation with late registrations. After the homestay deadline, it is on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are no guarantees homestay can be provided.

We ask that members please fly in early Saturday morning. Homestay on Friday night is only offered if you are traveling from an island where you can not arrive at the assembly on time, usually due to having to fly to Oahu first, traveling from neighbor island to neighbor island.

Registration for assemblies and committee meetings: If you register before knowing your flights, please register again to input your flight information.

Who attends Assemblies: Voting members at Area Assemblies are GSRs, DCMs, IG/CO Chairs, Area Standing Committee Chairs, and Area Officers. (Alt GSRs & Alt DCMs have a vote only if your GSR or DCM is not present.). All others are welcome to attend as Observers.

Who attends Committee Meetings: Area Committee Meetings are attended by DCMs, (Alt DCMs if your DCM is not present), IG/CO Chairs, Area Standing Committee Chairs, and Area Officers.

- All others are welcome to attend as Observers. (If physically attending as an Observer, please be prepared to bring your lunch.) GSRs are not required to attend; if they do so, they attend as Observers.

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Jeannie G
Area Chair

3:11 Host DCM Announcements

3:15 Motion to Adjourn I Declaration of Unity
2nd. Motion passed.

Motion to Adjourn by Kawika K. and Neil DCM5

