

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE AFFILIATION BETWEEN THE HAWAII AREA COMMITTEE AND THE ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION.

In the belief that guidance from the Hawaii Area Committee is no longer considered necessary for the success of the Annual Hawaii State Convention, this proposal is to end the Area's required participation in the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee and likewise end the required participation of the Steering Committee Chair on the Hawaii Area Committee. The affiliation no longer serves any effective purpose, and the Convention Steering Committee is extremely capable and should be autonomous in all its processes. Any changes resulting from this action would take effect on January 1, 2025.

The proposed change does not represent a spiritual separation but rather a practical partition of two separate groups that share the primary purpose of carrying the A.A. message to the alcoholic who still suffers (Tradition Five). As stated in Tradition Four, "Each group should be autonomous except in matters affecting other groups or A.A. as a whole" ...Autonomy means simply that every A.A. group can manage its affairs exactly as it pleases, except when A.A. as a whole is threatened."

BACKGROUND: 1961 and 1962 were years of AA coming of age in Hawaii. Our first Area Delegate served on Panel 11 during that time. On November 10-11, 1962, the first Annual Hawaii State Convention was held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. The Area Delegate, who came up with the idea for the conference, chaired the event. This may have been the beginning of the spirit of cooperation between Area 17 and the Annual State Convention, an association that formalized in the mid-70s by having the Area Alternate Delegate and the Area Alternate Chair serve on the Convention Steering Committee. Both entities have since become separately incorporated as 501(C)(3) organizations and now operate with only a loose association with one another.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

The fiscal implications of this proposal are minimal and were not factors during the consideration of the proposal. The items listed below are for your information.

- Hawaii Area Committee would eliminate from its budget costs related to participation at the Hawaii Annual Convention for the Alternate Delegate and the Alternate Chair.
- Hawaii Area Committee would no longer budget amounts to send the Convention Steering Committee Chair to the Area Committee Meetings and Area Assemblies.

The changes to the Structures and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service are listed below:

1. That the words Appendix C (Hawaii Annual Convention Steering Committee C-1) in the Table of Contents be deleted.
2. That Item 2.7.E (Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee.) on page 2 under Alternate Delegate's Duties be deleted.
3. That Item 2.9.D (Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee.) on page 2 under Alternate Chair's Duties be deleted.

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4. That Item 3.1 the words “The area chair appoints the standing committee chairs, with the exception of the Convention Steering Committee in conjunction with the other area officers.” be changed to read. The area chair appoints the standing committee chairs, in conjunction with other area officers. (Page 3)
5. That Item 3.2 the words “The assembly must confirm all standing committee chairs, except the Convention Steering Chair” be changed to read, The assembly must confirm all standing committee chairs. (Page 3)
6. That Item 3.7.B on page 4 Convention Steering: Oversees all matters concerning the Hawaii Annual State Convention. (See Appendix C for complete and detailed information about this committee.) be deleted.
7. Appendix C: Convention Steering Committee Guidelines (pages C-1 through C-8) be deleted.
8. Change Appendix D (Website Committee) to C in the Table of Contents and Appendix D to Appendix C in the website section.