**Hawaii Area 17 Inform the Delegate Assembly**

**April 6, 2024**

**Hosted by Honolulu District 2**

**Saturday Assembly Minutes**

**8:00 Registration and Breakfast**

**9:03 Call to Order:**

* Call to Order
* Serenity Prayer
* Reading: The Annual General Service Conference: General Warranties of the conference Concept XII, Twelve Concepts for World Service (New Service Manual pages 39)
* Introduction of Past Delegates – Bob Panel 67, Kunane Panel 71.
* A.A. Birthday’s
* Host Announcements
* Establish a Quorum Sean F.

**Simple Majority – 46, Quorum - 45, 2/3 - 58**

**9:15 Area Officers Reports:**

* **Secretary:** Keleka K.

Recording Secretary

Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73 Panel Summary Report:

Aloha Hawaii Area 17,

My name is Keleka K., and I am a recovering Alcoholic, Hang loose is my home group, and it is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Recording Secretary for Hawaii Area 7, Panel 73. Mahalo Nui to Honolulu District #2 for hosting the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

My Duties in accordance with 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.

As your Area Secretary my goal is to continue to make sure that I record each breakout group, DCM, Area Officer, Intergroup and Subcommittee report accurately and clearly. Therefore, I have combined everyone’s reports and the minutes from our Inventory Assembly in hopes that nothing was missed. Please if there are any corrections that need to be made, please let me know. I continue to ask for your support and ask that each report is typed out, in black and white, and emailed to [Secretary@area17aa.org](mailto:Secretary@area17aa.org) no later than the following Wednesday after each assembly and committee meeting in order to complete and meet the 10-day deadline. The informed the delegate assembly minutes do take a little longer to compile so please bear with me as I try to complete them as soon as possible.

Again, Mahalo Nui Loa for understanding and allowing me to be of service,

Keleka K.

Area Secretary

**Catherine W. motioned, Eric V. 2nd, 85 votes the motion passes.**

* **Treasurer:** Sean C.

**Treasurer’s Report Inform the Delegate Assembly April 6-7, 2024**

Big Mahalo to District 2 Honolulu for hosting us this weekend! Great job getting everything together so we can have a great delegate weekend experience!

**As of March 23rd, 2024, the Hawai`i Area Committee Finances are as follows:**

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| Operating Funds | $26,666.43 |
| Reserve for Computer Equipment | 1,173.25 |
| Reserve for International Convention | 2,629.89 |
| Prudent Reserve | 10,342.80 |
| Interest | 0.99 |
| PRAASA 2026 Reserve Fund (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) | 20,337.01 |
| **Total Cash in Bank** | **$61,150.37** |

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| Contributions | $7,995.37 |
| Sales of Service Materials | 0.00 |
| Interest Income | .99 |
| Expenses | (23,953.34) |
| **Net Income** | **($15,956.98)** |

**Our 2024 expenses, by Priority of spending as of March 23rd, 2024:**

1) Delegate Expenses: $9,717.11

2) Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings: $ 6,999.18

3) Area Standing Service Committees: $ 530.15

4) Area Operating Expenses: $2,541.08

5) Service Events: $4,165.82

I am working with the PRAASA 2026 Committee to set up a bank account under our main account as this seems to be the best way based on past PRAASA committee experience.

*And a reminder that when mailing in a contribution the three most important things to include on check or money order are:*

1. *Make check or money order payable to Hawaii Area Committee.*
2. *Include Group Name or anonymous if individual contribution.*
3. *Include District Number, not Group Number even for individual contribution and please include this information with online contributions as well.*

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve!

In Gratitude, Sean C, Treasurer, Hawai`i Area 17 Panel 73

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| **Hawai`i Area 17 7th Tradition Contributions**  Make check or money order  payable to **Hawaii Area Committee** and mail to:  **Hawaii Area Committee**  **PO Box 1413**  **Honolulu, HI 96806**  Please include your  **Group Name** and **District Number.**  Email receipts available by request  **make online payments at**  [https://area17aa.org/7th-tradition](about:blank) | **General Service Office**  (GSO) Contributions: [https://contribution.aa.org](about:blank)  or make check payable to the  **General Service Board** and mail to  **General Service Office**  **PO Box 2407**  **James A Farley Station**  **New York, NY 10116-2407**  (Please write your group number on check) |

**\*Julie Motioned, Debra S. 2nd, 87 votes the motion passes.**

**9:36 General Service Conference- Process and Preparation:** Tommy G., Delegate

Please see the handout

* Plan for the panel topic presentations:
* 1 hour & 25 minutes to meet and finalize reports.
* Standing Committee Chairs – lead the discussion and write the report.
* Select panel note taker.
* Review flow chart.
* Panel to report to the assembly: Submit a report.
* Panel Report presented by the Standing Committee Chair

* Committee Recommendation.
* Additional Consideration.
* Delegate summary: 5 minutes after each panel.
* Theme & Workshop Topics

**9:55 Break**

**10:10 Assembly Resumes**

**10:15 Panel Discussion 1break-out Sessions** (1 hour & 25 minutes):

● Panel 1: Archive ● Panel V1: Grapevine ● Panel XI: DCMs Even

● Panel 11: CEC ● Panel VII: Mynah Bird ● Panel XII: DCMs Odd & IG

● Panel 111: Conventions ● Panel VIII: Public Information ● Panel XIII: Finance

● Panel 1V: CPC ● Panel IX: Treatment & Access ● Panel XIV: Area Officers

● Panel V: Corrections ● Panel X: Website ● Panel XV: Alt Delegate

**11:45 Past Delegate:** Bob H.

**11:50 Area 17 Panel I: Archives Committee**

**III. Corrections**

E. Review progress report on updating A.A, Service Material to better carry the message to alcoholics with intellectual or information processing challenges, communication challenges and diverse neurological abilities. \*(pp.15-17)

\*General Discussion – Non-Voting item, sending back for more information.

**VI. Literature**

K. Consider a request that the words” Donation” and “Contribution be swapped under Warranty One in the “Twelve Concepts Illustrated” pamphlet. (pp. 49-54)

**The Committee recommends the words be swapped under Warranty One in the “Twelve Concepts Illustrated."**

\*General Discussion – Area Voted, Motion has passed 89 to 3.

**12:25 Lunch** (Finance Committee Meets)

* Host Announcement’s
* Budget Assembly Announcement’s Eric. V
* Homestay and Transportation Announcements

**1:27 Assembly Resumes**

**1:34 Area 17 Panell II: Cooperation with The Elderly Community**

**VIII. Public Information**

B. Public Service Announcements (PSA’s); (pp. 36-47)

1. Review the 2023 report on the “Relevance and usefulness of video PSAs.”

**Feedback from groups was that people like the PSA’s overall and find them relevant and useful but no one here in Hawaii has actually seen any of them on TV. Could be the time difference or that we aren’t awake when they are played.**

**An additional consideration for the PSA “When Drinking is No Longer a Party” a relevant update would be to edit the ending transition to show an online AA meeting.**

**Committee agreed with the advisory action to retire the 15 sec version of “We Know How You Feel”. The abstract people made everyone who saw it uncomfortable.**

1. Discuss progress report on paid placement of PSA videos on streaming platforms.

**Discussion of the upcoming report on using 7th tradition for paid streaming services brought up questions that we hope the report will answer. Is the paid version comparable to the free PSAs? If reaching out to still suffering alcoholics is our purpose, then this should be high on our priority of spending.**

1. Review progress report on the Mesmerize Point PSA distribution channel.

**Committee reviewed the progress report and looks forward to more information from Mesmerize.**

\*Group Discussion

N. Review results of A.A. Membership survey convenience sample pilot. (pp. 107-111)

**The committee reviewed the results but was confused by the goal of the sampling with no comparison data to the 2022 traditional survey. Previously, the survey reported that post-COVID there is a higher number of older members who may not be represented in the electronic sampling. The committee would like to see the survey given out through GSR’s.**

\*No Group Discussion

**1:54 Area 17 Panel III: Convention**

**XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums**

D. Discuss options for closing the Big Meeting at the International Convention. (pp. 12-41)

**We were able to have some long discussion and recommend that the committee take no action. Meaning we would like it to be the secretary’s choice of the lord’s prayer, the serenity prayer or the responsibility statement.**

\*Recommends that the committee takes no action. Area Voted - no unanimity. Recommendation will remain.

E. Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums. (pp. 42-73)

**Additional considerations:**

**GSO to announce dates in grapevine, and Box 459. The area should be responsible for providing more information to GSR and area as none of the GSR presents here even knew what the reginal forum was. Have sponsors strongly suggest service. Make sure people understand the upside-down triangle of our service structure and how it works. GSR to make service and announcement exciting to help get people involved. An email, service list of people to encourage participation with some kind of incentive of individuals or home groups.**

**3:01 Break**

**3:10 Assembly Resumed**

**3:14 Area 17 Panel IV: Cooperation with the Professional Community**

**II Cooperation with Professional Community**

B.Review progress report on outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals. (pp. 7-9)

**The** **committee reviewed the progress report on the development of an outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals and supports the process of moving forward with a pamphlet for the mental health professional.**

\*Supports the outward facing pamphlet for mental health professionals.

D. Discuss effectiveness and relevance of CPC videos currently on aa.org. (pp.11-12)

**The committee discussed the relevance of CPC videos currently on aa.org and recommend that the videos should be updated with current music, images and footage.**

\*Recommendation to update the CPC videos to be more current/update. Area Voted – the motion carries. 76 to 6

E. Consider a request to develop a pamphlet on the unhoused alcoholic in A.A.\* (pp. 13-16)

**The committee recommends developing a pamphlet on the unhoused alcoholic in A.A.**

\*Recommendation to create a pamphlet on the Unhoused Alcoholic. Area Voted - substantial unanimity motion passes.

**3:47 Area 17 Panel V: Corrections**

**III Corrections**

1. Consider updated Singleness of Purpose text to replace the existing paragraph in the pamphlet “A Message to Correction Professionals”.

**The committee did not agree to make the suggested change which currently reads:**

**“Some professionals refer to alcoholism and drug addiction as “substance abuse” or “chemical dependency.” Non-alcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and be revised to read: “Some professionals refer to alcoholics and drug addicts using the same professional terminology. Non-alcoholics are, therefore, sometimes introduced to A.A. and encouraged to attend A.A. meetings. Non-alcoholics may attend open A.A. meetings as observers, but only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings.”**

**The committee strongly urges that the Trustees Committee change other text from:**

**“But only those with a drinking problem may attend closed meetings.”**

**To: “But only those with a desire to stop drinking may attend closed meetings.”**

\*Group Discussion – considered to change it.

C. Review the video “Carrying the Message Behind These Walls” for effectiveness, relevance, and intended audiences. (p. 6)

**The committee requests that the Trustees Committee replace the video to address the following issues:**

**a) Relevance: The committee found the video to be very outdated. There is a lack of diversity, especially Asian, Latina, and Women. Remove the ashtrays on the tables.**

**b) Effectiveness: The video does give a message of hope and is effective to increase Outside A.A. members’ interest in doing Corrections service work.**

**The video is too long,**

**c) Intended Audiences: could have separate shorter videos or separate chapters for each intended audience and look at other media or platforms to make it more widely available, while protecting anonymity. Please obtain feedback from judges, police, corrections personnel as to the effectiveness with professionals.**

\*Group Discussion – considered to change it.

**4:01 Area 17 Panel VI: Grapevine**

**V Grapevine**

B. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2025 or after. (pp. 5-10)

C. Discuss the cost effectiveness and sustainability of continuing to print La Vina. (pp. 11-16)

D. Explore the service provided by A.A. Grapevine and how they should be funded. (pp. 42-48)

\*Group Discussion for all 3 topics – No Recommendations

**\*No report submitted for Grapevine agenda items.**

**4:21 Area 17 Panel VII: Mynah Bird**

**VI. Literature**

J. Review progress report on revisions to the pamphlet “Questions and answers on Sponsorship.” (pp. 42-48)

\*Group Discussion – offered considerations

**VII. Policy/Admissions**

D. Review report of the GSB Ad-Hoc Committee on Participation of Online Groups in the U.S./Canada Service Structure. (pp. 60-77) If we finish early, we will add in What’s on your mind.

\*Group Discussion -committee offered suggestions.

**\*No report submitted for Mynah Bird agenda items.**

**4:45 Host DCM Announcements**

**4:50 Open Mic Session**

**Johnna P. Motioned to close Kelii 2nd the motion. Motion passed.**

**5:02 Meeting Adjourn with the Responsibility Statement followed by dinner.**

**Hawaii Area 17 Inform the Delegate Assembly**

**April 7, 2024**

**Hosted by Honolulu District 2**

**Sunday Assembly Minutes**

**8:00 Registration and Breakfast**

**9:04 Call to Order**

* Serenity Prayer
* Reading: The Delegate: Duties & Responsibilities: (New Service Manual pages 32)
* Service Sponsors
* Host Announcements
* Introduction of Past Delegates – Bob Panel 67, Kunane Panel 71.
* PRAASA 2026 Chair announcements

**9:22 General Service Conference – Brief Review Process and Preparation:** Tommy G., Delegate

* Establish a Quorum Sean F.

**Simple Majority - 43, 2/3- 56, Quorum – 42**

* **Past Delegate:** Bob H.

**9:40 Area 17 Panel VIII: Public Information**

**VIIII: Public Information**

M. Discuss Public Information pamphlets/materials: (pp. 100-106)

1. Review progress report and draft on revision to the flier “A.A. at a Glance.”

**We support the committee’s efforts to keep most of the content while modernizing the look and language of the flyer. We feel this will help keep AA attractive toward a younger and current demographic.**

**We also had several additional considerations:**

**1. We suggest leaving the words “hopeless drunks” in the flyer instead of removing it. The context of the words was meant to describe How AA started and not offend anyone.**

**2. The flyer mentions we are self-supporting through our own contributions with a member contribution limit of $5000. Broadly speaking, this may be useful information and should and should be left in the flyer.**

**3. The conference body may want to consider changer the pronouns in the first sentence of the flyer from “fellowship of men and women “to “fellowship of people” to stay in line with our Preamble.**

2. Review draft of the revised pamphlet “Speaker at Meetings Outside of A.A.”

**We are in support of moving forward with the revised draft of the pamphlet with a new working title:**

**Speaking at Meetings Outside of AA”.**

3. Review progress report on revision to the flier “A Message to Teenagers.”

**We agree with the Ad Hoc committee’s original suggestions & ideas to update the pamphlet “A Message to Teenagers”.**

**Some of the changes include:**

**A revision to the 12 questions in the pamphlet**

**New images or graphics**

**Artwork that is age relatable and engaging to multiple demographics**

**Illustrating images and texts to convey messages.**

**Creating gifts or memes to cross-post messages to different media channels**

**As an addition consideration: We would like to see the use of QR codes as another means to cross-link to digital formats.**

\*Group Discussion for all 3 items

X. Treatment

F. Review report on what resources are currently available from the General Service Office and the AA Grapevine to meet Accessibility-related challenges and how those resources are communicated to the Fellowship. (pp. 20-26)

**After reviewing the inventory of resources available we are glad our Trustees and Committees are having this discussion to raise awareness about accessibilities challenges within our Fellowship and the communities we serve.**

**We know with our Responsibility Statement members have and will continue to jump into action once aware of the resources available to them for both the suffering and recovering alcoholics which have accessibility challenges.**

**For these members or would-be members, their alcoholism left untreated can be more disabling than their actual disability!**

\*No Group Discussion

**9:56 Area 17 Panel IX: Treatment & Accessibilities**

**IX Treatment and Accessibilities**

D. Review progress report on update to the pamphlet “Bridging the Gap”. (pp. 8-9)

**The committee has reviewed the progress report on updates to the pamphlet "Bridging the Gap”. The committee felt that it would be helpful to see the draft for the pamphlet. That information is not available to us.**

G. Review P-27 “A.A. in Treatment Settings” for effective and relevance. (p.27)

**The committee considered the items in the pamphlet P-27 "AA in Treatment Settings " They felt that more work by the trustees is necessary.**

**We urge them to consider changing the wording in sentence three, on item number 4, page 9 from "he" or "she, to they. The committee also urges them to remove the sentence. "We are not in the business of educating non alcoholics, about alcoholism, religion, medicine or anything else.**

H. Review F-4 “Where do I go from here?” flyer for effectiveness and relevance. (p.28)

**The committee considered the item and took no action.**

\*Group Discussion for all 3 items

**10:10 Area 17 Panel X: Website**

**IV. Finance**

D. Review video “Hope” for effectiveness and relevance. \*(pp.18-19)

\*Recommendation – to produce a new updated video relevant for today’s membership.

\*Group Discussion

\*78 voted yes, 7 voted no = 85 votes, motion carries.

**VIII. Public Information**

G. Review report on GSO’s A.A. website. (pp. 74-79)

\*Group Discussion

\***No report submitted for Website agenda items.**

**10:51 Break**

**11:07 Assembly Resumed**

**11:08 Area 17 Panel XI: Area 17 DCMs 2, 4, 8, 10, 12**

**VI. Literature**

B. Review progress report regarding revisions to the pamphlet “The Twelve Steps Illustrated.” (pp. 17-18)

H. Review progress report on the video animation of the pamphlet “The twelve Concepts Illustrated”. (pp. 34-38)

\*Group Discussion for all 2 items

**\*No report submitted for DCMs 2, 4, 8, 10, 12 agenda items.**

**11:13 Panel XII: Area 17** **DCMs 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 17 & Intergroup/Central Office Chairs**

**VIII. Public Information**

F. Review report on Metting Guide app. (pp. 69-73)

\*Group Discussion

**X. Treatment and Accessibilities**

I. Review resource list for Remote Communities and Cooperation with the Elder Community. (pp. 29-34)

\*Group Discussion

**\*No report submitted for DCMs 3, 5, 9, 11, 13, 17 & Intergroup/Central Office Chairs agenda items.**

**11:33 Panel XIII: Area 17 Finance Committee (Treasure, Alt Chair, DCMs 1, 6, & 7)**

**IV. Finance**

A. Consider a request that the General Service Board develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual and evolving cost of various services by the GSB. (pp. 9-11)

**The committee considered the request that the GSB develop supplemental reporting focused on the actual evolving costs of various services by the GSB and decided to take no action.**

**However, we have an additional consideration for the trustees. The committee would like to see the trustees develop a line item report for actual and evolving costs of various services.**

Consideration for the trustees to come up with an online report on actual and evolving costs of various services.

\*Group Discussion

B. Review Self-Support Packet. (pp.9-11)

**The committee reviewed the self-support packet and strongly suggests that all specific electronic payment services wording such as “PayPal and Venmo” is non-specific to our current vendors.**

**Such wording can be found in The AA Group Treasurer (F-96) and A.A. Guidelines on Finance (MG-15).**

\*Group Discussion

**11:44 Panel XIV: Area Officers**

**I. Agenda**

F. Review feedback from Delegate Chairs on quarterly communications. (pp. 59-66)

**Suggestive Consideration: We reviewed the report, and the committee suggests that additional follow-up and or support could be offered by GSO to conference committee chairs to complete conference duties/roles.**

\*Group Discussion

G. Review Conference Inventory plan for the 2025 General Service Conference. (pp. 67-75)

**The committee consideration: The committee acknowledges the extensive work regarding the Conference Inventory Plan. The committee asks if there is a more economical solution regarding the costs of printing the General conference report.**

\*Group Discussion

**12:05 Host DCM Announcements**

**DCM 4 Budget Assembly Announcements**

**Lunch**

**1:10 Assembly Resumed**

**1:17 Panel XV: Agenda Presentation & Discussion: Deborah S., Alt Delegate**

**IV. Finance**

C. Review progress report reflecting shared experience from the Fellowship on possible future changes to literature written by A.A.’s Founders. (pp. 12-17)

**The PURPOSE of this topic: A call for shared experience from the fellowship. Is In response to a Committee Consideration from the 73rd General Service Conference suggesting that the trustees’ Literature Committee seek input from the Fellowship (including but not limited to Area delegate feedback) regarding any possible future changes to literature written by A.A.’s Founders, the trustees’ Literature Committee agreed it would be beneficial to gather shared experience from the Fellowship regarding this topic.**

**The conference committee on Finance support the request for thoughtful sharing and discussion, from the top of the triangle regarding any possible future changes to literature written by A.A.’s Founders, with an additional consideration the viewpoints be shared with the fellowship in addition to total responses by regions as provided in the background.**

**In response to our committee’s shared thoughts, we found a reading that supports, in most part, a common viewpoint.**

**An Excerpt from The Language of the Heart, Bill W.**

**“Since this collection is by its nature an historical document, several characteristics should be mentioned. First, repetition: The articles appeared originally in a periodical publication, and Bill could never be sure that any reader had seen a previous one. Thus, he often repeated ideas or illustrations, and those repetitions have been retained to assure the integrity of Bill’s work. Second, some material has become outdated; for example, a few ideas that were articulated in very early articles about the Traditions proved unworkable in the light of later experience, but for the sake of his “historical accuracy, earlier versions have not been edited. And last, Bill was a man of his times, and some readers may find unfamiliar idioms and terminology, or may be taken aback by phraseology that would be considered inappropriate today. Once again, the original language (with a few changes that necessitated no rewriting) has been retained, because any tampering with phraseology might also have tampered with the meaning.**

**Bill W.’s most-quoted description of Grapevine appears in AA Comes of Age: “Grapevine is the mirror of AA thought and action, worldwide. It is a sort of magic carpet on which all of us can travel from one distant AA outpost to another, and it has become a wonderful exchange medium of our current thought and experience.” It is the hope of Grapevine editors that Bill W.’s timeless insights, written in the 1940s, ‘50s, and ‘60s, will serve as a mirror for AA members in the 1980s and beyond, reminding us of what it used to be like, documenting what happened and why it happened, and illuminating the present with the wisdom of AA’s experience in its first thirty years.”**

**Thank you for listening. Concept II, the conference listens, then speaks.**

\*The committee supports ongoing discussion by the shared experiences to the fellowship on the reflective writings from our A.A. founders.

\*Group Discussion

2:01 **Floor Action: (2 Minutes)**

**The CEC committee would like to bring a floor action based on the Agenda Item presented by Panel XII. Item VIII Public Information.**

**I. Treatment and Accessibilities**

1. Review resource list for remote communities and cooperation with the Elderly Community (pp. 29-34)

**We would like to recommend GSO and the body of Area 17 to add as an additional resource to the existing list, the current Hawaii revised CEC workbook from Area 17 CEC committee.**

\*Group Discussion

\*78 voted yes & 4 voted no= 82

Susie motion to reconsider Gina 2nd the motion.

17 voted no & 53 said yes. The motion to reconsider failed so the previous motion passes.

**2:30 Break**

**2:45 Assembly Resumes**

**2:47 Delegate Report:** Tommy G.: (20 Minutes)

**\*Please see area17aa.org for Delegate Report**

**2:50 Officer Reports:**

* **Registrar – Sean F.**

Hawaii Area 17

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service

Date: 04/7/2024

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

At this point of our Panel, since we last met, it has been all about Informing our Delegate. I have been working behind the scenes with our fellow officers to prepare for this assembly. Regarding my work as the registrar, I have been working diligently to move from “The Unknown Groups Project” to the “Data Integrity Project”. As always, these assigned projects from GSO have kept me involved and in touch with our Area. I will be starting our one-on- one meetings with each of our DCM’s right after the May Committee meeting. Thank you all for allowing me to be of service.

* **Alternate Delegate – Deborah S.**

Aloha 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 Inform the Delegate Assembly.

Thank you to Jason C, DCM 2 and Honolulu District volunteers for hosting our assembly, providing transportation, and opening your homes enabling us to conduct area business on Oahu Island, most importantly fostering unity in your district.

The duties and responsibilities for Alternate Delegate can be found in the S&Gs page 2, section 2.7.

Since we last met, it’s with gratitude I have the ongoing opportunity to attend Oahu Intergroup and Hawaii convention monthly meetings.

Thank you Mike G. our new webmaster for working to update the website with the current GSR handbook and Version 73.1 Structure and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous. I would like to thank Mike L. for catching missing information in the S&G page 5. The correction has been made.

I serve among three circles of service directly in conjunction with serving as Alternate Delegate. It is my experience that we speak the same language and stand on the foundation of the three legacies declaring our responsibility to A.A.’s primary purpose.

In Love & Service,

Deborah S

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Alternate Delegate

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"To be vital, faith must be accompanied by self-sacrifice and unselfish, constructive action."

* **Alternate Chair – Deborah L.**

Deborah L.

Alternate Chair

Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73 Panel Committee Report

4-06-24

Aloha Everyone,

My name is Deborah L, currently serve as your Alternate Chair for Hawaii Area 17 Panel 73 and we are close to the halfway into the 2nd year of this 2-year commitment. Mahalo to Jason, DCM for District 2, all the hosting chairs and those that stepped up to get into service for this Area Inform the Delegate Assembly, 2024, you are all greatly appreciated. To sum it up, my responsibility to be of service to the area to ensure that arrangements for all area business meetings are achieved, i.e. committee and assembly meetings, serve where it is needed to our area officers if any is not able to attend, and to serve our area chair as needed. For more information, please refer to the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines 73.1 for details.

Since our last assembly, I have attended the Intergroup Committee meeting here on Oahu on behalf of our Chair, Jeannie, attended the Annual Hawaii Convention steering committee meeting held every 2nd Saturday of the month, attended and served in the District 3’s workshop on Traditions at White Plains Beach in February 17, 2024, and got to attend and participate in the public information’s committee meeting virtually that consisted of going over there topics for this ITD, I thank you Kimo, for inviting me, I enjoyed being there. I have been in contact with the hosting districts for the upcoming May committee meeting to be hosted by district 5, on May 18, 2024, and the upcoming Budget Assembly to be hosted by District 4, on September 7 & 8, here on Oahu. If any of you Area Officers, District Committee Members or Standing Committee Chairs have not done so yet please register online for the committee meeting and follow the directions provided that will include, flight info, transportation request and special dietary needs.

Just a reminder to everyone, when registering for Area Assemblies, we understand that we get busy with doing life, please remember to register and provide the hosting district with all info required information necessary to accommodate you, especially those flying on from our neighboring island. For the remaining of this panel, Assemblies are scheduled to be here on Oahu. Also, please as much as possible plan everything before the deadline of the homestay cut-off, it just gives the hosting district time to do all the coordinating that they need to do to accommodate those that are coming in from our neighboring islands. Lastly, don’t hesitate to call me if need to, if I don’t have an answer, I will get one and get back to you. This is a “we program” and together, we “plan, manage, and execute.”

In love and service,

Deborah L./ Alternate Chair, Hawaii Area 17 P73, altchair@area17aa.org,

* **Chair – Jeannie G.**

Chair Report / Jeannie G

Inform The Delegate Assembly

Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 73

April 6 & 7, 2024

Aloha Everyone,

My name is Jeannie G., and I am an alcoholic, and I am honored to serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Chair. Thank you to our Panel 73 officers for facilitating today, and thank you, Jason, DCM for Honolulu District 2 and his district members for hosting today.

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

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. Ensure members of the area assembly are notified about the dates and times of assemblies. Consult with of icers and committee members on the program/agenda. Keep the delegate informed about what is going on in the area. Make sure that committee members know what goes on in world services.

B. Conduct all committee meetings: In 2023-2024, Panel 73, I am to chair seven assemblies and four committee meetings, plus one additional optional assembly 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. The agenda for today was published exactly 30 days before today. It's not always an easy task, especially since I have rocrastination down to an art form, but I suffered the consequence of losing sleep on this one. Sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly.

D. Appoint the area’s standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers. The committee chairs were appointed and confirmed at the beginning of the panel. We have a website chair that we will confirm this morning.

E. Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup when invited. Deborah L, our area Alt Chair, attends in my place since I live here on the Big Island. I serve as a voting member of the West Hawaii Central Of ice and attend West Hawaii District 8 business meetings as a resource.

A couple actions relating to our past inventory:

We are now including introductions of service sponsors in our assembly agendas.

Deborah L., our Alt Chair, and I will be working to revamp the Hosting Tips document.

I would also like to move forward in forming an ad hoc committee to create a DCM Handbook.

I attended PRAASA 2024 in San Francisco and it was amazing. I have a separate report for that.

I don’t know about you, but this was the busiest time of year in my personal life and in our area service work and life keeps happening and if it didn't, well, then I probably wouldn’t be here to talk about it. Balance is what I am always striving to achieve, and I'm not sure it is ever actually attainable but indeed something to strive toward. What I do know is that if we do the best we can to serve our fellows, our Higher Power will give us the tools and the strength to move forward no matter what life throws our way.

I am truly blessed to serve with all of you! Thank you for the opportunity. Love you all.

Jeannie G

Area17 Chair

**3:06 AHC 2023 closing report** (Erin R.)

**\*Please see area17aa.org for AHC 2023 closing power point report.**

**\*Standing committee, DCM, Intergroup/Central Office Reports emailed to Area Secretary**

**3:09 PRAASA Reports:** Delegate (15 min.) & Chair (15 min.)

**\*Please see area17aa.org website for Area Delegate PRAASA Report.**

PRAASA Report

Jeannie G., Chair

Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 73

March 1 - 3, 2024

Hello everyone, my name is Jeannie, and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as the

Chair for Hawaii Area 17. One of my responsibilities as Chair is to attend the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) and report back to the area body.

I attended PRAASA for the seventh time, thanks to the funding provided by my home group, district, or area. As a part of my service position, I am accountable to be fully present and report back. Therefore, I take a lot of notes using my favorite digital notepad, which allows me to write faster than I can type. So, let me share my notes with you.

I typically like to arrive a day earlier, self-funded, and be well-rested. PRAASA can be grueling schedule, but this year, I had a better idea.

We've all heard the saying, "I forgot what it used to be like?" Well, this year, I decided to take a red-eye flight, just like I used to when I was a younger traveler, but when I booked my flight to arrive at 6 AM, I never considered that my room at the Marriott might not be ready until 3 PM. I don't know what I was thinking! Also, the last time I took a red-eye, I vowed never to do it again, but I forgot that too.

Fortunately, my friend Deborah S had to arrive on Wednesday at the last minute and booked a room across the street for two nights. She kindly let me nap in her room before checking in at the Marriott. The next day, she joined me for the rest of the event. Thank you, Deborah! As for me, I've learned my lesson - red-eye flights are definitely not for me!

All right then, I was taught to share what I saw, what felt, and what I heard, so here goes:

**What I saw:** 1830 members came together with a common goal, to discuss their opinions and concerns. I saw many people serving the fellowship. Observing all this, I knew that this is what we can expect in 2026. I will explain the reason behind this later.

**What I felt:** I feel fortunate to be a part of Alcoholics Anonymous. Sharing experiences and laughter with fellow members over coffee is invaluable.

In the past, I shared an experience about meeting an elderly gentleman at my first PRAASA. He advised me to make it a point to sit with someone I don't know at events. Ever since then, I have made it a habit to do so. While waiting in a long line to enter the banquet hall for dinner on Saturday night, my friends Ray, Marianne, and I talked with those around us. We decided that once we got inside, it was game on; we would go our separate ways to find a table and fellowship with members we didn't know. It turned out to be an excellent experience for all of us!

**What I heard:**

**Young people in AA:**

● We need to increase the number of young people in AA; we are not retaining them.

● There is a need to carry the message into middle schools, high schools, and colleges.

● What do newcomers find when they do come in? Are we welcoming?

● Show them the Meeting App and the Grapevine App. Subscription for $2.99/month?

● It's time to acknowledge that young people are not just the future but the current members of AA.

**Our Co-Founders' writings — Sacred text or...?**

● A survey was conducted in 2023 to gather opinions on editing the founders' writings.

○ Individuals mainly submitted the survey.

○ There will likely be two conference-sharing sessions at GSC.

● Some comments from the survey:

○ Make no changes but develop more pamphlets.

○ Saying “sacred” can be controversial; it’s religious.

○ "Sacred" means something holy, devoted to a religious ceremony, or worthy of awe and respect. For instance, Jerusalem is considered sacred to many religions, just as Fenway Park is sacred to Red Sox fans.

**“Plain Language” Big Book:**

● In 2024 a progress report is scheduled to be presented at the Conference in 2024. The delegates will have access to

the first six chapters for reading.

● The plain-language Big Book is not a replacement for the 5th edition but a companion piece that brings it to life.

● We will see the plain language edition as a victory in the future.

**Our (non-alcoholic) Class A Trustees:**

● Class A (Non-alcoholic) Trustees express profound faith in Alcoholics Anonymous.

● They can appear in public without anonymity.

● Invitations have been sent to twenty Class A Trustees to attend the International Convention.

● They serve two consecutive 3-year terms and possibly one more 3-year term.

● They do not get paid.

● A survey of Class A Trustees found:

○ They spend 15-20 hours a week on AA business and 20-30 days a year away from home, and the Trustees’ Chair is even more time-consuming.

○ They get reimbursed for their travel, meals, and hotel stays.

● Past Class A Trustees say our literature and pamphlets were a valuable resource.

● Bill W suggested we bring in some of our non-alcoholic friends and invite hostile critics because they frequently tell the truth.

**A.A. Accessibility: Are we communicating effectively?**

● We don't always listen to the needs of our members.

● The release of Navaho Audio Big Book is impressive.

● The Braille Big Book looks lovely. I had the opportunity to touch it at PRAASA and had to fight back tears as we talked about it.

● We need ASL presenters as well as Spanish presenters.

● ASL Big Book is the abridged version, no stories.

● Over 7000 languages are spoken worldwide, but most digital translation tools fail to provide accurate translations.

As a result, a more scientific approach to translation, called linguistic translation, has become necessary, although it is the most difficult to convey.

**Punitive Damages:**

● A.A.com appears at the top of the search results when searching for AA.org. We lost out on a $10,000 opportunity to purchase the domain “AA.com.” We considered taking legal action but decided against it to avoid public controversy.

● Lawsuits may be good but not beneficial for AA as a whole.

**Responsibility in Service:**

● Triangle? What shape is your triangle?

● Do we depend on only two sides?

● Are we doing enough on the service side?

● Is my step work more important or less important than the other two sides of my triangle?

● The goal is to keep the triangle balanced.

**Alt Chair/Chair Round Tables:** I attended two 2-hour Chair Round Tables. Here are some of the topics discussed:

● Use excess funds to pay registration fees for DCMs to attend assemblies and improve or purchase sound or hybrid equipment.

● Hybrid and tech issues.

● Committee chairs that are not willing to do hybrid.

● Registration/agenda/software

● Some areas had not conducted an inventory in over a decade, while some panels conducted it regularly, every panel.

● Do we have Structures & Guidelines?

● How do we handle agenda changes and proposals?

● We discussed the importance of obtaining DNO insurance to cover officers against personal lawsuits. Sean C, our area treasurer, will investigate this.

**More things I heard:**

● Workbooks and kits are now available.

● We can send Grapevine subscriptions to the incarcerated if we have excess funds.

● The Meeting App should be on aa.org, Area, District, and IG websites.

● The business we get done here is never as important as how we treat each other here.

● Members say, “General Service is politics,” and lobbying on some of our issues makes this true.

● If I stay on my side of the street and not throw gas on the fire, things will blow over.

● GSB’s financial setback due to COVID-19 will take the rest of this decade to recover. Financial people said we need 17-18 million for a reserve.

● Do I send GSO a yearly birthday contribution of one dollar for every year of sober?

● 7th Tradition Contributions are in record numbers but supplies cost surpassed contributions.

● We don't need a code of conduct; we have the steps, traditions & concepts.

● If AA collapses, we could bring it back.

● There are no second-class or first-class citizens.

● Check my motive: “Am I trying to be the most popular girl in the mental hospital?

● Outsiders say that even though we say we are inclusive, saying “Amen” and announcing bible study says differently. The judicial system has a hard time sending people to AA (a religious program).

● Speaking at an AA function is a privilege.

● Leaders are made, not necessarily born.

● DCMs have a unique position to get groups to get GSRs.

● Never say “no” to an AA request unless you have a compelling reason not to.

● If nobody is doing it, you should.

● Am I being the best possible trusted servant?

● Individuals in our home groups are the bosses of AA.

● Am I a giver or a taker?

On a personal note, I get annoyed when people in meetings say, "All I need to start another meeting is a resentment and a coffee pot." It was good to hear a long-time member share the same thought and remind us of the long form of Tradition 4, which states: But when its plans concern the welfare of neighboring groups also, those groups ought to be consulted. She added, “It seems our landlords are the only people getting healthy by this attitude.” Many of us agreed with her, including Sean F., our area Registrar, who stated in his presentation. “It seems a lot of coffee pots went walking out...” I always heard, “Too many meetings, not enough groups.” This topic is something to consider.

After the PRAASA event ended, I attended a wrap-up meeting to hear reports from the committees that organized the event. I listened carefully and took notes because, in case you missed it, we will be hosting PRAASA 2026 in Hawaii! As I heard the reports, it became apparent that it takes a collective effort from all members of all our islands to put on an event like PRAASA, but the good news is that we have done it before! Our higher power will put our members in place and equip them to do the job! Hosting PRAASA 2026 will provide an excellent opportunity to foster unity among our islands. I eagerly look forward to it and hope you are, too.

Next year, Area 2 will host PRAASA 2025 from March 7th to 9th in sunny Anchorage, Alaska. I said “sunny” because we will have nearly 12 hours of daily sunlight! That is 33⁄4 hours longer than March in Hawaii. Also, during March, the average temperature in Anchorage reaches into the 30s; therefore, if you plan to attend the event, start shopping now for a long winter coat, as they are hard to come by in Hawaii.

Anyway, I always tell my husband that I blame AA for causing my life to fly by way too fast. I live and prepare for one AA event after the other, nearly four to six months ahead, but I wouldn’t have it any other way. I am grateful to be living a life with a great purpose.

I heard a gem at PRAASA 2024, and I'm stealing it: “Service has been the backbone of my sobriety!”

It has been an honor and privilege to serve by your side throughout this panel, Panel 73!

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

In love and service,

Jeannie G

Hawaii Area 17 Chair

**3:31 All DCM & Standing Committee Reports to be emailed to secretary@area17aa.org**

**3:32 What’s on your mind| Open MIC for PRAASA attendees.** (2 minutes)

\*Group Discussion

**4:14** Gina B. motion to close Erin R. 2nd the motion – meeting adjourned.

**4:30 Motion to Adjourn| Close with Declaration of Unity**

**\*All DCM & Standing Committee reports were sent to Area Secretary via email at: secretay@area17aa.org.**

**DCM Reports:**

**DCM 1: No Report Submitted**

**DCM 2: No Report Submitted**

**DCM 3: No Report Submitted**

**DCM 4: No Report Submitted**

**DCM 5: Neil I.**

DCM report:

Our district has 8 GSR’s who are present and active, the most we’ve had all year.  We have some members willing to stand for ALT-DCM/DCM which will help keep everything running smoothly through the end of the year.

We held a special meeting for all GSR’s who’ve started their commitments since the last inform the delegate happened to give them a quick rundown on what the General Service Conference is about and one way that works to run group consciences so that everyone’s voice is heard, and the group has time to be informed before giving their conscience.

We have some structure and documentation from our hospitals and literature standing chair on which facilities are currently receiving pamphlets and monthly re-stocking.  The documentation will allow for informed pass it on next panel and give the outside organizations an experience that Alcoholics Anonymous on Maui is a cohesive organization to work with to help get the message out to those who need it.

We are still looking for people to step into helping do CPC and PI work and the AA Maui community as a whole to keep their eye on how we can change our 12th step work to include segments of the population that need but don’t have the AA message being delivered, specifically in ways that they can digest and use because of cultural, language or other barriers.

Thank you everyone in District 5 who is here and not here for contributing to keep the lifesaving love in action flowing and to everyone from Area for the same.

In Service,

Neil

**DCM 6: No Report Submitted**

**DCM 7: No Report Submitted**

**DCM 8: No Report Submitted**

**DCM 9: Autumn Z.**

District Report

Date: 2/24/24

District: 9

Person reporting and position: Autumn DCM

Email: dcm9@area17aa.org

My name is Autumn and I’m an alcoholic. I am the DCM for district 9 Central North Shore

Oahu. We currently meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Waialua Community Center.

Not much to report on since the last committee meeting. Still getting great contributions from groups in our district, which is helping us stay in the black, and we all have been super grateful with all of the support our District Birthday meeting has been getting every month.

The GSRs got their agenda items and brought them back to their home groups for discussions.

At this month’s district meeting, we will be discussing workshop ideas and figure out the details on when we would like to hold one.

That’s all for now!

I want to thank District 2 for hosting this assembly, and as always, I am grateful to be serving with all of you on Panel 73.

In love and service,

Autumn

**DCM 10:** **No Report Submitted**

**DCM 11: No Report Submitted**

**DCM 12: No Report Submitted**

**DCM 13: No Report Submitted**

**DCM 17: No Report Submitted**

**Standing Committees Reports:**

**Archives: Gina B.**

Archives Report

Inform the Delegate Assembly

Sunday, April 7, 2024

The Archives Committee has been meeting every two weeks to discuss and update the Kupuna Day Workshop. If you haven’t already, get some flyers on the back table and take them to your home groups. Help us get the word out. Things are falling into place, and we are ready to go. If you're from the islands of Kauai, Kailua-Kona, Maui or Oahu, please be sure to show up and support them. This will also be a hybrid event, so if for some reason, you can't make it in person, join us on-line. I want to tell you the Archives Committee has worked and continues to work hard at gathering information for the archives. If you got a chance to watch the video in the back, it has been updated and revised. The audio is the same as the old one, just a little clearer. And the video has a combination of old and new photos and videos. Also in the back is a picture of a very clear picture of an original share which was sold in order to raise money for the big book to be published.

Thank you to my wonderful and amazing committee and thank you for allowing me to be of service.

And as always, remember…… ARCHIVES IS SEXXY!!!!

Gina B.

Area 17 Hawaii, Archives Chair

**Annual Hawaii Convention (AHC): Erin R.**

Aloha my name is Erin, and I am a alcoholic. I am the incoming convention steering committee chair. We have completed the final report to the area for 2023 convention and are happy to report that convention is solvent. We are happy to let the area know that we are actively looking into hosting the convention on a neighboring Island. Currently, we do not have a confirmed place for the 2025 annual Hawaii convention. We are still working will hotels on all Islands to get a proposal that fits our needs. I do have the current information from hotels if anyone would like to see that information. Once we have the final proposals and can decide on where the 2025 convention will be we will let the body know. As for the 61st annual Hawaii convention Setting the way toward the future. At the Waikiki beach Marriott October 24-27, 2024. You can register, buy meals, and register for activities online at [www.annualhawaiiconvention.com](http://www.annualhawaiiconvention.com). Gary has all his committee chairs positions filled. There are still co-chair positions that are available if you are looking to get into service. You do need to be registered to attend and to be in service. Currently, we are looking for and accepting resumes for the 2025 convention chair. Resumes are due by April 30th, 2024, anyone on any Island can put in for convention chair. If you have any experience with convention work, please consider putting it in your resume. I did not want to be chair as I wanted to wait, however when I say no God says go. By being last year’s convention chair I got to bring my newly sober dad to be my guest at the convention, what a spiritual experience. I hope you remain open-minded about turning in a resume so as not miss you own spiritual experience. We are also taking resumes for the secretary position which is a special paid position with the convention. If you would like more information as to what the secretary’s duties are, I or the current secretary are available for questions. Resumes can be emailed to secretary@annualhawaiiconveniton.com.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Erin R.

**Cooperation With the Elderly Community (CEC): Catherine W.**

Aloha Family,

I’m an Alcoholic named Catherine, honored to serve as Area 17, Cooperation with the Elder Community Chair. Thank you to District 2 and all the trusted servants for hosting this Assembly. The CEC has been very busy. We held a Workshop for Dist. 7 and 12 on March 23rd. It was very successful. I want to thank Julie and Mark DCM’s and Marianne F. for doing a presentation on the history of the CEC. Also, Deborah S. for taking time to fly over and be a part of the workshop. There were approx. 20 GSRs from both districts, they participated in a needs inventory for their individual districts and then I was able to present what the CEC is and what resources are available to Districts to support the suffering elder alcoholic. We were able to get a volunteer from each District to be their District CEC Chair. They were each presented with a CEC workbook. The Big Island now has 3 District CEC Chairs.

An interesting question came out of the workshop. A member wanted to try to equip first responders with the pamphlet “AA for the Older Alcoholic”. That pamphlet has been updated to a large print book which may not be easy for a first responder to carry. I have made an inquiry with GSO if the pamphlet form is still available and Rainer a GSO staff member is checking with the Publishing Department.

This weekend we received information about an assisted living facility in District 4 that is reaching out for help and information for their residents. I promised to reach out to them and then coincidentally a member from Dist. 4 came up to me and said they might be interested in getting involved with CEC work. Is it odd or is it God? I know what I’m going with. God’s perfect orchestration of events never ceases to amaze me. Thank you for letting me be of service.

**Cooperation With the Professional Community (CPC):**

March 13, 2024: Leeward Community College Nursing Program

• 3 AA members spoke with LCC nursing program students.

• Although SCC participated via Zoom, students appeared to be engaged and the session went well.

April 2 and 25 Schofield Barracks Alcohol Awareness Month: for military personnel and their families

• April 2, 2024: 1 CPC committee member and another AA member set up a table with pamphlets. Turnout was low.

• April 25, 2024: 1 CPC committee member and another AA member have committed to sitting at the table. Looking for anyone who is willing and able to sit with them to answer questions and provide pamphlets. Contact LiZz

Workshop Plan: TBD – sometime during the summer

**Corrections: No Report Submitted**

**Grapevine: Karen N.**

Mahalo to District 2 for hosting this Inform the Delegate Assembly.

Since our February Committee meeting, I attended PRAASA and while there attended the Grapevine roundtable. I got a lot of information that I hope to be able to share with Area 17. I come away from these functions enthusiastic and hope to increase the participation and support of the AA Grapevine and La Viña.

I met with some of the Grapevine Standing Committee members via Zoom to discuss our Inform the Delegate Assembly agenda topics.

I am still hoping to have a Grapevine writing workshop – hopefully this summer. My thought is to ask a few members from Hawaii to share about their experiences in writing a story for the Grapevine. There are great guidelines given by AA Grapevine for writing workshops.

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Karen N.

Chair Grapevine Standing Committee

**Mynah Bird: No Report Submitted**

**Public Information (PI): Kimo N.**

The structure and guidelines for Area 17 General Service Panel 74. In the structure and guidelines 3.7 the duties of feasible Public Information Chair is to be responsible for creating understanding of the A.A. program through the Public media, electronic media, PI meeting, and speaking in community groups. February 4, 2024, I had the honor to speak to some church members on Maui in Wailuku for 10 minutes. I talked about the A.A. program like the they felt some in their family had a drinking problem. I suggest they contact the Central Office in Wailuku also if they have a drinking problem and want a way out, maybe A.A. was a suggestion they could use. The third Saturday of each month I have a PI zoom meeting with the GSRs in my PI committee. We review the pamphlets AA at a glance. Speaker at meeting outside of A.A. A message to teenagers, what resources are available to with challenges.

Kimo N.

Public Information Chair

**Treatment: No Report Submitted**

**Website: No Report Submitted**

**Intergroups & Central Office Reports:**

**Kauai Intergroup: Matea A.**

Kauai Intergroup meets the first Saturday of each month in Lihue at the Lutheran Church Annex. Our phone Hotline is 808-245-6677.

Meetings and Schedules: We have 50 face to face meetings per week and 30 virtual meetings. All are on our website, “kauaiaa.org”. Only face to face meetings are on the Meeting Guide App and are on our printed schedules. Each Schedule is about three times a year and is distributed at IG monthly meeting.

Newsletter: We have our excellent “Garden Island Sobriety”, produced by its editor, Linda, and which is printed monthly. It is distributed both by email and by paper. The Newsletter contains Island AA news, events, treasury reports of District and Intergroup, anniversaries, archives, picture of Kauai meeting places and more.

Literature: Our literature is distributed by request at the Intergroup meeting and extra orders are stored in our rented shed. We are looking for a new literature person at this time.

Treasury: Our treasurer is Tom R. who produces a written report plus review of the bank statement each month and pay bills. Our present balance is $2,919.49 including $1,300.00 reserve.

Events: Our one commitment is the yearly Thank-A-Thon which is in its 19th year. Our events chair is Mike T., other group-based events are supported on request.

Website: Our website responsibility is shared with the district and is now chaired again by Charlie S. The Website has meetings, events, flyers, minutes of both Intergroup and District copies of the current and previous newsletters, archives and more.

Mathea A. Alternate Intergroup Chair, Kauai