**Hawaii Area 17 Inform the Delegate Assembly**

**Kihei, District 11**

**Saturday May** **20, 2023**

**Saturday Assembly Minutes**

**8:00 Registration and Breakfast**

**9:02 Call to Order**

* **Serenity Prayer**
* **Host DCM Announcements**
* **Reading: Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines: Area’s Fiduciary Responsibilities and Duties 7.4 D. 1-5**
* **Introduction of Past Delegates:** Colleen A. past delegate
* **AA Birthdays**

**9:15 Officer Reports:**

**\*Quorum 27, simple is 15, 18 unanimous**

* **Secretary** – Keleka

Motion made Kawika K. 2nd by Anastacia DCM 6

February Committee Meeting Minutes - Motion passed unanimously.

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 17, Panel 73. Mahalo Nui to Kihei District 11 for hosting the May Committee Meeting.

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 at G.S.O.

From our last committee meeting, I have continued to make sure that I accurately record each breakout group, DCM, Area Officer, and Subcommittee reports correctly as we get ready for our Inform the Delegate Assembly. Mahalo everyone for sending me your reports and helping me to meet the 10-day deadline. Remember to email all reports to [Secretary@area17aa.org](mailto:Secretary@area17aa.org) no later than the following Wednesday after each assembly and committee meeting.

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

Keleka K.

Area Secretary

* **Treasurer** – Sean C.

Motion made by Karen N. 2nd by Deborah S. Alt Del.

May 20th Treasurers Report – Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report May Committee Meeting, May 20th, 2023

Mahalo to my Home District 11 for hosting us today, nice to be walking distance from home today! A big thank you to all the groups and individuals who have contributed to Area 17.

As of May 12th, 2023, the Hawai`i Area Committee Finances are as follows:

Operating Funds $35,831.17

Reserve for Computer Equipment 423.25

Reserve for International Convention 2,529.89

Prudent Reserve 5,004.24

PRAASA 2026 Reserve Fund 9,471.89

Total Cash in Bank $53,260.44

Contributions $14,014.24

Expenses (27,462.63)

Net Income ($13,448.39)

Our 2023 expenses, by Priority of spending as of May 12th:

1) Delegate Expenses: $11,153.21

2) Area Assembles and Committee Meetings: $ 7,097.72

3) Area Standing Service Committees: $ 1,084.83

4) Area Operating Expenses: $3,290.94

5) Service Events (Delegate & Chair attendance at PRAASA, Trustee Visit at Orientation Assembly): $4,837.32.

The Finance Committee met at the Inform the Delegate assembly and discussed the excess funds we currently have. As per our 7th Tradition, we ought not to accumulate excess funds for no stated purpose. There were budget increases requested for $200 for Archives Standing Committee Chair, $250 for Mynah Bird and $450 for Treatment and Accessibilities that we approved as well as up to $1,000 to purchase two wireless microphones and a new wired microphone. We also decided to send $7,200 to the General Service Board for additional delegate funding. This, along with the $1,800 already sent, matches this year’s estimated average cost per delegate for the General Service Conference of at least $9,000 per delegate. The request letter for delegate funding from the General Service Board this year said any additional funding would be greatly appreciated, and supplemental support is included in our 1st priority of spending, so is the first item to look to when we have excess funds.

The Hawaiian Airlines Affiliate page has been offline for some time; I did contact support and was informed that the tech department is working on issue, so I do not have our current Hawaiian Miles balance. We will inform everyone once the program is available again.

Don’t forget that online contributions to Hawaii Area 17 can now be made on our website area17aa.org on the 7th Tradition page.

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 even for individual contribution (I don’t use the Group Number, that’s for the other Sean).

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve!

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

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, please include email address.

General Service Office (GSO) Contributions:

<https://contribution.aa.org>

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)

\*Please see Area 17 Website for Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual/7th Tradition Contribution by District reports.

* **Registrar** – Sean F.

Hawaii Area 17

Alcoholics Anonymous General Service

Date: 05/20/2023

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

In a continued effort to keep our Area updated, I have been working diligently to ensure the information received by GSO is up to date and current. I have been working thoroughly with Member Services to make necessary corrective actions regarding our district count. I met with the DCM’s May 7th to gain access and train on Fellowship Connection. This will ensure that DCM’s can see and help maintain groups in their district. We currently have 42 unknown groups in our Area, and we hope to have that count at Zero by our Budget Assembly in September. I will continue to work on improving our registration process for committee meetings and assemblies. To do this, I will keep working hand in hand with our Alt. Chair Deborah L. I also just wish to thank Deborah L. for all her continued support and leadership.

* **Alternate Delegate** – Deborah S.

# **Alternate Delegate Report**

Good morning - Area Chair Jeannie G., Hawaii Area Committee Members, Past Delegates, and guests. Serving as Alternate Delegate to Area 17 Hawaii, Panel 73, my name is Deborah S.

Thank you, Tracy Ann M. And District 11, Kihei, Maui for hosting our business meeting today.

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

1. Perform the delegate’s duties in his absence.

I currently attend OIG meetings in Tommy’s place because he resides on a neighboring island.

1. Maintain and update the GSR Orientation Handbook and the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous. The Handbook and S & G were updated. Thank you, Web servant, Kerwin N. for updating the Area Website with the Revised 73.0 copy. The Annual Hawaii Steering Committee will be submitting a revised Appendix C.
2. Conduct orientation sessions for GSRs and DCMs, as needed. We will have a GSR Orientation before the Budget Assembly.
3. Serve, either as a member or chairperson on ad-hoc committees, as deemed appropriate by the area chair.

1. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee. I will defer any report to the Steering Chair at area business meetings.
2. Act on actions accepted by the area assembly, at the request of the area body [assembly].
3. Appoint the area’s standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.

The new wireless mics and stand for the Area sound system were delivered to me. I will bring it with me to the Budget Assembly.

I am holding the AA Service Manuals. One manual purchased for Misfits Group GSR.

Submitted by Deborah S. Alt Delegate February 25, 2023

* **Alternate Chair** – Deborah L.

Deborah L.

Alternate Chair

Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73 Panel Committee Report

5-20-23

Aloha Hawaii Area 17,

Grateful recovered alcoholic may name is Deborah L, and my home group is Xfactah. It is an honor to humbly serve as your Alternate Chair, Area17, Panel 73. Thank you District 11 for hosting this May Committee Meeting and I am grateful to be here today.

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.

B. Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all Area Assemblies and Committee

Meetings.

C. Serve as member on the finance committee.

D. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii State Convention Steering Committee.

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.

Since our last committee meeting:

* On behalf of our Area Chair, I continue to attend and participate in the Oahu Intergroup business meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, along-side with our Alternate Delegate, Deborah S. and is being educated and informed of what they do how beneficial they are to the fellowship of A.A.
* As the Alternate Chair, at times, I find myself working on Rule 62, especially when it comes closer to our business meetings, ensuring that all is well and set for whatever it is that we as the Area need to take care of to the best of our ability. I appreciate any call back, text or email that I receive from you when it comes to keeping communication transparent and open. As you all noticed, on the agenda, our next Area Committee Meeting will be on 11-04-23. \*
* I will be getting with Jeannie, our Chair to go over the Hosting Tips that is available on the area17aa.org website under “service tools,” to ensure that it is precise and unintimidating.
* I attended the Finance Committee’s virtual meeting on 4-30 to discuss the Budget Proposal for 2024 w/ our Treasurer Sean C.
* I attended the AHC steering committee on April 8, 2023, and May 14, 2023. It is an honor to be on that committee and be a part of this event.
* Thank you, Kimo, for inviting me to attend your virtual Public Information committee meeting on 4-15-23.

Overall, my greatest take-away through this process thus far, is being able to “Trust the Process,” to “know that I am not in charge, Higher Power is in charge of orchestrating all that we do together to move mountains.” I thank you all for being in service. And I will close with this:

Page: 288 in A.A. Comes of Age: “we do these things because hard experience has told us that we must-if A.A. is to survive in the distraught world of today, we also give up rights and make sacrifices because we ought to, and better yet, because we want to. A.A. is a power greater than any of us; it must go on living or else uncounted thousands of our kind will surely die. This we know.”

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Deborah L./ Alternate Chair, Hawaii Area 17 P73

[altchair@area17aa.org](mailto:altchair@area17aa.org)

* **Chair** – Jeannie G.

Chair Report / Jeannie G

May Committee Meeting

Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 73

May 20, 2023

Aloha everyone, my name is Jeannie G. I am an alcoholic and am honored to serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Chair. Thank you to our Panel 73 officers for facilitating today, and thank you to Tracy, DCM for Kihei District 11, and your district members for hosting.

I think by now you are aware of my duties and responsibilities outlined in our Hawaii Area 17 Structures & Guidelines, so today, I would like to share what my service position has looked like in the last month and a half.

First, I believe that one of the most important aspects of my duty is to be available to our area body. I receive many calls, emails, and texts from our officers, as well as standing committee chairs, DCMs, GSRs, and home group members. It is truly “the bright spot” in my life. So please don’t hesitate to talk to me. I stand ready and willing and as always, if you have a question I can’t answer, I will ask someone who knows the answer.

On Mother’s Day, May 14th, I had a Plan the Plan virtual meeting where all area officers were present. In addition to discussing today's committee meeting, we made some decisions about our assemblies and committee meetings, including setting dates for the remainder of the year. We have also decided to hold the Optional October Committee Meeting which will actually be in November on the 4th.

After the meeting, Tommy, our Delegate, and I discussed his schedule in preparation for the General Service Conference on April 14-20th, 2024. Through our conversation we were able to determine when to hold the upcoming 2024 January Inventory Assembly, the February Committee Meeting and the Inform the Delegate Assembly. We have set all of these dates and they can be found on today’s agenda.

This summer I will be preparing the area inventory questions to be used at the 2024 Inventory Assembly in January. I know it seems like a long way away, but it’s not. I don’t know about you, but my life seems to be flying by! I also prepared the pre-inventory questions, which are a personal inventory of our service work and our service related to our specific positions. The pre-inventory is done on our own and is a spiritual process that prepares us all for our area inventory. The area inventory questions will be presented to the area body at the November Committee Meeting. The DCMs will distribute them to the GSRs as soon as possible and hopefully provide feedback at the Inventory Assembly. The reason we do the inventory midway through the two-year panel is so we can see where we may need to improve, and we have the rest of the panel to make the improvements. It is a good time for our districts and home groups to do the same.

I also set up virtual meetings on the area account for our DCMs’ district meetings and standing committee meetings and maintain a calendar to avoid scheduling conflicts. One thing I would like to do in the future to support our committee chairs is to attend their committee virtual meetings. So, I hope they will have me!

I regularly attend the West Hawaii Central Office monthly business meetings as a voting member and also attend the West Hawaii District 8 monthly business meetings as a resource. I am grateful to the long-time members and/or past delegates with experience at the district, intergroup, and area levels who show up and may not even carry a vote but are simply there to offer advice, share experience, and support when asked.

In conclusion, it has been a true blessing to have a service sponsor in my life. Cheryl N, as my service sponsor and dear friend, still answers my calls for nearly seven years and we talk regularly, sometimes daily. I have gained so much from her guidance and support that words cannot describe. If you don't have a service sponsor, I highly recommend getting one.

Thank you all for your service and thank you for the opportunity to serve. As always, I am extremely grateful to be such a small part of an even bigger whole.

Jeannie G

Area 17 Chair

**10:00 Delegate Report/General Service Conference Report:** Tommy G.

\*Please see Area Website for Delegate Report back.

**11:02 Break**

**11:17 Meeting called to order – Serenity Prayer**

**11:18 2024 Budget Proposal:** Sean C., Treasurer

\*Please see Area Website for proposed Budget for 2024

**12:02 Lunch**

**12:01 Meeting called to order – Serenity Prayer**

**12:52 DCM, Intergroup, & HICYPAA Reports:**

**DCM1** – Adriana G.

\*No report submitted

**DCM2** – Jason C.

Aloha family, we had 2 district meetings to inform the delegate assembly 4/13/2023 & 5/12/2023. We talked about the workshop /dinner/dance. We’re planning along with district 1& 4. We didn’t

get word from the principal of Ke’elikolani middle school until after our April district meeting but we have GSR in our district stepping up for kitchen chair, clean up chair, set up chair, &

decorations chair. We have decided we would do a potluck for our dinner. District 1 said they

would help with the food. Our kitchen chair has already started making a list for food.

Before our may district meeting, I got in contact with the principal of Ke’elikolani middle school. He said he has signed our application for the use of their cafeteria. So, it’s a go!!! This event will

be held on July 22,2023 at Ke’elikolani middle school at 3:00 pm till 10:00 pm. Hope to see you alll

there.

In love & service DCM district 2

Honolulu Jason C.

**DCM3** – Cynthia G.

Aloha Area 17! District 3 had a quiet month following the ITD assembly while we all recovered! Participation remains consistent, we are solvent, and we are slowly chipping away at some of the goals we set in the first quarter. Our first goal, participation, will be an ongoing effort. We continue to reach out to non-participating meetings in the district with caravans about twice per month. We are looking at dates and sites for Unity Day, which will likely occur in late July. Our District is open to supporting any local Founder’s Day activities, since IG will not be hosting. Please let me know if your district has activities scheduled for Founder’s Day.

Our next goal is better inclusion. We have met to discuss a concern brought by a non-voting district member regarding AA services for medical practitioners who might delay reaching out for fear of professional repercussions. We have identified two nearby meetings for this demographic and one closed professional meeting that has a wider demographic. We are looking to further coordinate with CPC on this matter. We are looking at inclusion for non-English speakers in the community. We are offering pamphlets in Spanish, Vietnamese, Marshallese, and Chinese to meetings in our District. I was surprised at how few Pacific Islander and Asian language pamphlets are available at this time. Our next step will be to identify foreign language speaking members that would be willing to translate at meetings if the need arises. We discussed supporting DUI Classes with speakers and are looking for more information.

Our District voted to move forward with a district inventory. We have not identified dates or locations, but two of our meetings have upcoming inventories and have invited us to observe as a district. We have obtained inventory questions from existing literature, and I anticipate district inventory coming in the fall.

I have threatened to schedule a Delegate Report back with other districts in Oahu but have not actioned it yet. More will be revealed…

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Cynthia Good DCM 3, Leeward

**DCM4** – Eric V.

Aloha Peeps,

Hope you all are having a great time in Maui. Sorry I was not able to attend but we are having our annual hang loose campout. The weather has been beautiful, and fellowship is great as always.

Since we last met at our assembly a lot has happened. Most recently all of the DCMs met with our registrar on the zoom to go over read only access of the fellowship connection. It went very well, and I am currently working on some of our unknown groups to find out their actual status.

We had our second district meeting in person and at that meeting we elected an Alt DCM. Larry will be backing me up.

through the term and is currently looking for a place for our holiday Alkathon. TYG has decided to split from their online group so from my understanding the online group will be seeking a group number etc. More to come on that. We also have a new group in Enchanted lakes that has started and their GSR has reached out to me. It is a Men's meeting.

I have gone to a few meetings in my district over the last month and actually ran into our Alt Delegate at Misfits where she was the speaker. Yay!!!

We are co-hosting a 7th tradition workshop with 1 and 2 in July and have been put in charge of the speakers for the panel. I am still seeking a past or current area treasurer for the panel so if anyone knows of someone let me know lol.

We are in the process of looking for a venue for the 2024 budget assembly and will keep you posted.

Aloha,

Eric

DCM 4

**DCM 5** – Neil I.

\*No report submitted

**DCM 6** – Anastacia A.

Aloha,

Hui Ohana is hosting a founders day event 6/10 at ligate. We had 7 reports given for groups at district in April. There were 4 GSRs present. We have a new corrections chair who is trying to make movement towards getting meetings back at the jail. Intergroup has a new hotline chair who’s been volunteering for many years.

I will be stepping down from DCM as I am moving back to Honolulu. Please try to voluntell anyone into the position that you know.

Love and service,

Anastasia A.

**DCM 7** – Mark

Aloha,

I was not able to attend the Committee Meeting due to a health issue, however, this is the report I would have given had I been there.

• As a member of the Finance Committee, I participated in a zoom meeting on Sunday 4/29/23 with the Area Treasurer, who presented a draft of the proposed Area Budget for 2024. We made some changes and recommendations, which will be incorporated and presented at the May Committee Meeting in Maui on 5/20/23.

• Our District 7 meeting was held on May 9, 2023. Our next meeting will be on Jun13, 2023. We meet in person on the second Tuesday of every month.

• I have been going to some meetings and reaching out to group members announcing our District Meeting on the second Tuesday of every month. Went to a Thursday afternoon meeting in Honoka’a. The secretary of another Honoka’a meeting (Saturday 7pm hybrid meeting) was there and we all exchanged phone numbers. I’m gathering a list of AAers who are willing to be contacts for their groups (those without a GSR).

• On 5/7/2023 there was a zoom DCM call with the Area Registrar to go over the “Fellowship Connection” AA website, which DCMs have “read only access”. I’ve started using this website (in addition to our District and Intergroup website meeting schedule) to review meetings that need to be visited and/or find out if they’re still active. On 5/12/2023 I sent an updated Fellowship Connection report to the Area 17 Registrar and requested feedback if I was on the right track for updating reports.

• On Sunday June 11, 2023, East Hawaii Intergroup (Including Districts 7 and 12) will be hosting a Founders Day and Area 17 Delegate Report Back event at Onehakaha Beach Park in Hilo. 10am - 4pm. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks provided, and potluck dishes encouraged. See our intergroup website easthawaiiaa.org for a flyer and more information.

• I’ll be contacting district 12 (Puna) DCM to plan workshops/meetings (either in person or virtually) to present the proposed 2024 Area 17 Budget to GSRs and groups.

Mahalo for all of the service each and every one of you do. I look forward to seeing you all in September at the Area Budget Assembly on Oahu.

Mark N.

DCM District 7 (Hilo/Hamakua Coast)

**DCM 8** – Ray B.

West Hawaii District 8 meetings have been well attended. Our district meeting in April had 23 people attend. We dicussed the planning of our annual Founder’s Day event where our delegate, Tommy will be giving us his report back from the General Service Conference. We are also planning to do a workshop in the beginning of August. Our Corrections committee are taking meetings into the local jail in both the women’s and men’s facilities. Our Treatment committee are bringing meetings in the hospital and some treatment centers. Our CPC committee has been providing literature and information to the probation department. Our CEC committee are providing literature in our local assisted living and retirement communites. Our central office is hosting a formal dance/ dinner on May 20th and on the 4th of July they are having a their annual fish fry/potluck event.

My new personal goal as DCM is to try my best to clean up our district. All us DCMs met with our Area Registrar Sean on zoom and received access to fellowship connection. Our district has a lot of work to do in finding out which meetings are still active or inactive, which meetings want to be a group and be apart of AA as a whole.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Ray B.

**DCM 9** – Autumn

“District 9 continues to hold its monthly meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm with GSRs representing 4 groups in the central/north shore area: Waimea Wahines, Imua, Cottages, and Mililani Women’s.  As of May 16, D9’s operating funds are 1332.97 with a prudent reserve of $1000.  In the interest of conserving funds to be able to host the February committee meeting, District 9 is looking to host a workshop on virtual platforms in the near future and will be brainstorming topics at the next monthly meeting.  Following this committee meeting, the district will be focusing on creating structures and guidelines for the district.  District members will also be visiting groups with unknown status to be able to update GSO.  District 9 DCM is recovering from surgery but ready to fully resume duties and soon as possible and is grateful to be of service to the area.  “

DCM 9,

Autumn

**DCM 10** – Francis

\*No report submitted

**DCM 11** – Tracy

\*No report submitted

**DCM 12** – Theresa (Terry)

Thank you for being of service and thank you district 11 for hosting this wonderful committee meeting in such a picturesque location. I am glad that my first experience in Maui is result of my service of sobriety. My district in Puna is thriving and newcomers are finding their way into the rooms. Our in-person meetings are seeing record numbers which is so exciting. Some meetings are still hybrid and a couple remain just zoom.

This might be my last time I see you as DCM of district 12. I have applied at the University of Manoa in a two-year Cohort teaching program. I am confident and hopeful to be accepted this August. This was all possible by the grace of my higher power. District 12 has already selected a new DCM starting in August and an alternate DCM is also in the works. I am glad that I had the privilege of being of service. I had so much fun in this position and look forward to the day I can continue service in a district level.

Mahalo

Terri M.

**DCM 13** – Matty M.

5/20/23  
  
Matty, DCM 13  
[mattymartino80@gmail.com](mailto:mattymartino80@gmail.com)

What D13 has done to carry the message of hope and recovery to the still suffering alcoholic….  
  
Meeting every 3rd Thursday  
  
-Working with GSRS to strengthen the individual home groups   
-6 Active groups  
-D13 meets every 3rd Thursday at the Alano Club of Lahaina  
-Attended Fellowship Connection zoom meeting…working on updating FC active meeting contacts & info  
-Add hock Traditions workshop committee….Gail…with a former Trustee   
-Crossing dates being considered for October…  
-H & I work being taken on to get a meeting back in the hospital   
-monthly panel discussion at Aloha House  
-Literature donation for Jails.

**DCM 17** – Kala’ana L.

\*No report submitted

**HICCYPAA** – Ray B.



**1:42 Standing Committee Reports:**

**Annual Hawaii Convention AHC –** Kawika K.

ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION 2023

Hawaii Area Committee Meeting

May 20th, 2023

Aloha my name is Kawika, the Malia Discussion is my home and I’m honored to serve as the Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Chair.

We have revised the AHC Structures & Guidelines and will be presenting that to the Area soon. Our Convention Chair Erin R. continues to work diligently building her committee. Some committees are still in need of chairs, co-chairs, and volunteers.

All our speakers have been confirmed and placed in the program’s listings.

The AHC committee meeting is held the last Tuesday of the month via virtual platform and will commence to physical, in person meetings beginning July 25th.

The convention dates are October 26th – 29th at the Waikiki Marriott Hotel. We have been blessed in approving the menus and costs of all meals, through literally a Spiritual Experience of the sharing of love and service.

The meal costs and ability to purchase have been placed on our website, so if you’d previously registered to attend, please do help us meet the hotel’s Food & Beverage commitment by purchasing meals through the webserver.

We are scheduling a Pre-Con meeting and will announce the set date and times to our committee.

The Treasurer’s report is as follows, as of April 30th, 2023, in the checking account balance of 41,413.64, savings 21,012.02. April expenses 1161.14, credits/income 8,066.53 for a profit of 41,414.64. Preliminary registration total to date is 377, approximately ¼ our hoped-for attendance.

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, Please, I invite you to join us!! [www.annualhawaiiconvention.com](http://www.annualhawaiiconvention.com)

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. 2023 AHC Steering Chair

**Archives –** Gina B.

**What did \_Archives\_ Committee do to carry the message:**

As usual, we are continuing our efforts to gather information for the Archives.

This past Tuesday, May 16, 2023, I paid a visit to the repository/ storage room and was overwhelmed by the number of documents stored. It gave me a better idea of what needs to be scanned for digital storage. Each District has boxes stored so if you, DCM’s, would like access to the storage to have a look, let me know and we can arrange something.

We are still working on a piece of how the pandemic affected alcoholics and the solutions we came up with specific to Area 17.

We originally didn’t have any plans to do a workshop but after being in the storage, it would be a shame not to share any of that information with the rest of the Area. So, stay tuned for “Kupuna Day”. around someone who has been around for 35 years or more, let me know so something can be arranged to have them attend and have a “Talk Story” session.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service and remember…. Archives is “Sexy”!

Gina B., SCC Archives

P.S. As much as I love you all and A.A., I will not be at the November Committee meeting. Opportunity has presented itself for me to be in Paris. I chose Paris. I’ll get a report later!

**Cooperation with the Professional Community CPC** – Lizzo

**What the CPC Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:**

1. Met with RYSE (Residential Youth Services & Empowerment) facility staff Thursday April 13, 2023. RYSE provides housing, behavioral health services, education and employment and medical clinic access to houseless youth ages 14 up to 25. Bringing in AA meetings to the facility supplements what they are doing to support their youth. The first meeting was held on Tuesday April 25.
   1. Ginger, Dist. 2 Secretary (shared her experience in AA)
   2. Adrianna, DCM Dist. 1 and Young People in AA representative and HICYPAA Advisory Committee
   3. Christi, Treatment and Accessibilities Provided books and pamphlets.
2. 2023 CPC Workshop planning
   1. Traditions as it relates to CPC.
   2. Tentative Date and Time: July 15 9am or 10am
   3. Virtual

**Corrections** – Mike L.

What the Corrections Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

We had virtual meetings monthly; coordinated with AA members who have been going into corrections facilities, have made contact with the facility staff members for Maui and Hawaii Island to communicate the dates for training for the Volunteers in Corrections and Public Safety trainings; there were two women and two men who attended the Maui training and were cleared to start going into Maui Community Correctional Center.

I have obtained some flyers for the Corrections Correspondence and Pre-release contact programs. One GSR and I attended the International Corrections Meeting online.

Thank you for letting me be of service,

- Mike L.

**Grapevine** – Karen

**What the Grapevine Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:**

We have not met as a committee since the Inform the Delegate Assembly; however, I have been sending members of the Grapevine Committee all communications that I have received and have asked them to share with their home groups.

I have been receiving information from GSO including the workbook for Grapevine Representatives. There is a new book – actually an updated version of a previously published book – The Homegroup, The Heartbeat of AA. It contains stories previously published in the Grapevine, including stories about online groups. The 2024 calendar is now available. For the second year in a row, here is a photo from a member from Area 17.

Another interesting piece of information is that there is an article in the June issue of the Grapevine about a group in Area 17. I think that pointing out to members here in Hawaii that we are “represented” in the Grapevine will encourage interest.

In addition to the Grapevine podcasts, there is a Grapevine YouTube channel – check it out!

https://www.youtube.com/aagrapevine

The Grapevine App is slated to be available in September. There will be a minimal charge for

this.

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Karen N.

Panel 73 Grapevine Standing Committee Chair

**Mynah Bird** – Mary

\*No report submitted

**Public Information PI** – Kimo

In the structure and guidelines for Area 17 General Service Panel 73.3.7.

P.I. Responsibilities for creating an understanding of the AA program through the public media, electronic media. Public Information meetings and speaking in community groups. I meet with my GSR on a monthly basis. We talked about how to get the information out to the suffering alcoholic. We talked about writing letters to schools or maybe doing presentations if the schools allow us to. We can put up pamphlets to talk about Alcoholics Anonymous without promoting it. Maybe taking part in a hotel event that we can get invited to. The Intergroup on Maui got an offered to write thing that Alcohol Anonymous is on Maui and how we can help on a radio station. We write what we want to say, and the DJ makes the announcement. The purpose of the Public Information committee is to get the message that Alcohol Anonymous is here and we can help the suffering alcoholic. I would like to thank the GSRs in my Public Information committee for their input and hard work. I would like to thank Deborah L. for coming to the zoom meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month. I would like to thank Area !7 officers for allowing me to serve the area. In closing just want to say the Public Information committee will get the message out that Alcoholic Anonymous is here to help.

Kimo N.

SCC Public Information

Love and Service

**Treatment & Accessibilities** – Christie

Aloha everyone,

Our treatment and accessibilities committee has been busy. We have distributed pamphlets to numerous facilities statewide. These include Kalihi Palama Health clinics on Oahu, Mental Health Kokua, Salvation Army ARC and Women's Way. We were also able to collaborate with CPC and assist the Ryse program with pamphlets and literature for a meeting that has been started at their facility on Tuesday nights. Myself and one of the GSR’s from my committee met this week with Queen’s Hospital trauma ward to bring in individuals on a one-on-one basis at the request of the individual and their doctor. We will also provide pamphlets for them.

On the outer islands I have Joe H. working on a bridging the gap program in Kona. Pamphlets were provided there as well. We are also working on bringing pamphlets and individuals into the psych ward In Maui.

We have also been able to assist a hard of hearing gentleman on the Big Island with meetings that are providing closed captioning for him, and I referred him to some mainland zoom meetings that have ALS interpreters and closed captioning provided. We have discovered the need for an online meeting for AA members that are currently caregiving a family member and they are having difficulties being able to go to in person meetings. This is in the works…

We are always looking for people to join us in service…there is a great need. My vision is to create a website for Accessibilities here in Hawaii. The need is large. I have been doing my homework and more shall be revealed.

Mahalo,

In love and service

Christi N.

**Website** – Kerwin

\*No report submitted

**Cooperation with the Elderly Community CEC** - Catherine

\*No report submitted

**2:08 Break**

**2:17 DCM, Standing Committee, Intergroup Roundtables:**

**Area Officers:**

* **Final Reports for next year – Agenda mock conferencing (Meet with your committees, Read the report, Recommendations, additional committee consideration or no action) floor action is between business. The General Service office and General Service Board is overworked.**
* **Updates on website – Updating info on the website in a timely fashion.**
* **Traditions and Concepts in the homegroup, (educating homegroup) – home groups with physical/virtual groups splitting up, having a GSR for both meetings, groups being misinformed, group autonomy. Acknowledging Concept 12 warranty 5, Area doesn’t get involved (every group is autonomous.**

**Standing Committee Chairs Round Table Report:**

Topics discussed:

1. How can all of the Committee Chairs work together to share information and get our information out to the Groups quicker?

A. We have an email group we can use to inform all the Standing Committee Chairs (SCCs):

[Area17Committees@area17aa.org](mailto:Area17Committees@area17aa.org) SCCs will send information to this group list.

B. SCCs can inform our Webmaster of any information each SCC would like to add to the Area 17 website page for that committee.

2. The Annual Hawaii Convention has only 1/4 of the hoped-for attendance so far. There does not appear to be as much enthusiasm now as in the past.

Some suggestions: Remember the excitement of attending the Convention as a newcomer and try to pass that on to current Newcomers. Let people know via closed Facebook Groups; set up a QR code, etc. Make a Major-level tab on the Area 17 Website for the Convention. Let people know that the Thursday Free Night is happening again. Suggest that Districts with excess funds use some money to provide a “Helping Hand”/ scholarship to help people attend. Announce that meals are available now to purchase on the Convention website, and it might help to let people know that the hotel is charging less than their usual minimum cost for the Convention meals. Newly-sober people have not experienced the kind of energy of a major convention with mainland speakers before – how to reach out to them to encourage participation. Ask Oahu Intergroup about posting information on their website – that is where people look for Hawaii AA information.

3. Consider how Intergroups and Area can best work together to link people who are looking for information with the Standing Committees.

We will try to come up with some proposals for Area to approach Intergroups. Most Neighbor Island Intergroups seem to have better information sharing with their districts.

4. Can we set up a separate website for Accessibilities, similar to what Public Information Chair did last panel?

Discussion led to the suggestion that it would be better to have 1 website with separate pages/tabs for each Standing Service Committee. This is where it was pointed out that each committee does have a tab on the area17aa.org website, and Webmaster can update each committee’s page if we give him the information.

What can we do to help GSR’s get more familiar with our area website?

5. Grapevine would like to hear from someone who has written a Grapevine article that was published. It would be nice if those people would be willing to share how they came up with their article to encourage new submissions.

**3:30 What’s on your mind?**

Insurance for your homegroup

**3:16 What to take back:**

What to Take Back - May Committee Meeting 5/20/2023

The 2023 February 25th Committee Meeting minutes were approved.

May 20th, 2023, Hawaii Area 17 Treasurer’s Report was passed.

Sean C, Area Treasurer, presented the 2024 Hawaii Area 17 Proposed Budget. DCMs will distribute the proposed budget to their districts and GSRs to take back to their home groups. In addition, a Finance Committee member from each island will be available to present the 2024 Proposed Budget if requested.

Please contact one of the finance committee members below:

● Sean C., Area Treasurer, Maui

● Deborah L., the Area Alternate Chair, Oahu

● Anastasia., DCM District 6 Kauai

● Arianna G., DCM District 1 Oahu

● Mark N., DCM District 7 Hilo/Hamakua

Remember, the proposed budget is approved as a whole, not by line item.

The proposed budget is a “wish list.” It is not written in stone.

Tommy is excited to share his Delegate Report Back, so please, invite him to your district If you haven’t already, let him know as soon as possible to schedule a date.

Please remind all members to go to the area website at area17aa.org. It is a wealth of information. Also, the area website now accepts 7th Tradition Contributions to Area 17 online.

Assemblies: please send in the registration slip with the fee to the hosting districts as soon as possible. All attendees must register online at area17aa.org. If you register before booking your flights, you must re-register and input your flight info. DCMs who have previously hosted an event can tell how important it is to do so. See you in September!

Jeannie G

Chair

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**2023 Budget Assembly** District #10 Waikiki, Oahu September 9 - 10, 2023 2023

**November Committee Meeting** District #17 Waianae, Oahu November 4, 2023

**2023 Optional November Assembly** District #13 Tri-Island, West Maui

**2024 Inventory Assembly** District #7 Hilo /Hamakua, Big Island January 20 & 21, 2024

**2024 Inform the Delegate** **Assembly** District #2 Honolulu, Oahu April 6 – 7, 2024

**2024 May Committee Meeting** District #5, Maui No Ka Oi

**2024 Budget Assembly (August)** District #4, Windward, Oahu

**2024 Optional October Committee Meeting** District #6, Kauai

**2024 Election Assembly** **(November)** District #1, Diamond Head, Oahu

**Other service or area events: 57TH Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA)** Hosted by Area 06 CNCA San Francisco, CA 2024 March 1 - 3, 2024

**74th General Service Conference** Theme: “Connecting with Love, Unity and Service” New York April 14 & 20, 2024

**International Convention 2025** Vancouver BC, Canada July 3 - 6, 2025 2024 February Committee Meeting District #9, Central North Shore, Oahu February 24, 2024

**3:27 Sean F. Motioned to closed Cynthia G. 2nd the motion.**

**Adjourn with Declaration of Unity**