

**Hawaii Area 17 February Committee Meeting  
Puna District 12  
Saturday, February 25, 2023  
Committee Meeting Minutes**

**8:00 Registration and Breakfast**

**9:03 Meeting called to order.**

**Serenity Prayer I Reading: "Sources of Agenda Items"** – (New Service Manual – pg. 42 | Previous Manual - pg. S57)

**Introduction of Past Delegates:** Kunane D. Past Delegate Panel 71

**A.A. Birthdays**

**Host DCM Announcements**

**Quorum:** 17 Majority, 22 for 2/3, Total members 32.

**9:15 Area Officer 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 17, Panel 73. Mahalo Nui to

East Hawaii Puna District 12 for hosting the February 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 Coordinator at G.S.O.

From our recent Orientation Assembly, I took some suggestions from our trusted servants and decided to bullet point the area round table notes from each group. I have learned from this experience that when I'm transferring the group notes onto the minutes that sometimes I am unable to clearly read each group's notes. As your Area Secretary my goal is to make sure that I accurately record each breakout group, DCM, Area Officer, Intergroup and Subcommittee reports correctly. Therefore, I humbly ask for your support and ask that each report is typed out 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 meet the 10-day deadline.

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

Keleka K.  
Area Secretary

**Eric V. motioned to accept the minutes Kawika K. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2022 Fall Committee Minutes Accepted**

**Treasurer: Sean C.**

**Treasurer's Report Committee Meeting February 25th, 2023,**

Mahalo Puna District 12 for hosting the first Area Committee Meeting of Panel 73, I am grateful to be part of this panel and look forward to the journey of the next two years with all of you. Much gratitude to all the groups and individuals who have made contributions to our area so we may continue our service.

As of February 11th, 2023, the Hawai'i Area Committee Finances are as follows:

Operating Funds \$ 48,008.54  
Reserve for Computer Equipment \$ 423.25  
Reserve for International Convention \$ 2,529.89  
Prudent Reserve \$ 5,003.33  
PRAASA 2026 Reserve Fund \$ 9,471.89  
**Total Cash in Bank \$ 65,436.90**

Contributions \$ 4570.48  
Interest \$ .25  
Expenses (\$10,047.28)  
**Net Income (\$5,476.55)**

**Our 2023 expenses, by Priority of spending as of February 11th:**

- 1) Delegate Expenses: none
- 2) Area Assembles and Committee Meetings: \$ 5,141.58
- 3) Area Standing Service Committees: \$ 225.00
- 4) Area Operating Expenses: \$1,416.64

5) Service Events (Delegate & Chair attendance at PRAASA, Trustee Visit at Orientation Assembly): \$3,264.06.

The Trustee expenses were overbudget as hotel costs have gone up substantially and the Officers agreed to pay for one more day (Sunday) than budgeted at total hotel cost of \$1,633.37 against a budget of \$600.00. The trustee airfare and meal expenses have not been received as of this report and will be reported at the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

The Finance Committee discussed the rising costs of hosting assemblies and committee meetings and recommends hosts districts raise registration fee to \$35 beginning with August Assembly and will increase the seed money for both committee meetings and assemblies from \$425 to \$595 beginning with the May Committee Meeting to reflect this recommendation.

I am investigating rates and services for online contributions and will discuss this with the Finance Committee and hope to have it available on the website soon. I am also seeing if I can get BillPay going with our checking account but have been unable to activate in online and am waiting to hear from bank representative – I hope to eliminate most of the mailing of checks which is an insecure means of sending funds which we experienced last panel, causing us to close one checking account and open another after a check was intercepted in the mail.

Officers and Standing Committee Chairs, please book your flights at least 4 weeks in advance, they go up substantially in price after that, thank you.

We have 155,622 Hawaiian Airlines Miles, please be sure to use our affiliate program to book your flights, there is an Air Travel Information link on our homepage with all the info. You can use this for any flights you book with Hawaiian Airlines, and you will save 5% on flight to the mainland! You will still be able to use your Hawaiian Miles Number and get credited as well.

I have created a Contribution Form that we have some copies of and it is available on Forms page on website that you can include with contributions so that I can record them more easily and ensure that they are credited to the correct district, please take a few to pass out to your groups, mahalo.

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 payable to 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 website for Hawaii Area Committee Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
(From January 1<sup>st</sup> through February 13, 2023)

**Kawika K. motioned to accept minutes Catherine 2<sup>nd</sup> – Treasure Report Passed**

**Registrar: Sean F.**

**Hawaii Area 17**  
*Alcoholics Anonymous General Service*  
Date: 02/25/2023

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

So, with our first assembly behind us we are making progress in the Area 17 clean up isle. However, we still have a long way to go in order to get our area updated with GSO. Changes to your Districts must come to me as soon as you are aware. Thank you to those who have been diligent in this process thus far. DCMs please be aware that out of our 14 districts, 8 have filled out the physical change form. This must be done for our area record keeping. Once I have all 14 DCM's physical copy of the change form, I will inform member services that they can issue read only access to our fellowship connection. One last note.... I still have 48 Unknown groups listed on fellowship connection, which means I'm still looking for Active or inactive group updates and if they are active, I need a contact person for the group in question. Mahalo to you all for your Service and support, it is so greatly appreciated!

**Alt. 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, Theresa, M. And District 12 Puna, Hawaii for hosting our business meeting today.

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

- A.** Perform the delegate's duties in his absence.  
I will attend OIG meetings in Tommy's place because he resides on a neighbor island. However, I did not attend the February OIG meeting due to my husband's back surgery. I informed Chair Donny K. and submitted a report to OIG Secretary Patti H.
- B.** 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. However, an error was found in Appendix C-1. "The Hawaii Area Assembly Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous accepted the following revised guidelines for the Convention Steering Committee on August 18, 2012." But in fact, the Hawaii Area Assembly Committee of Alcoholics Anonymous accepted the revised guidelines in August 2018. I was on the steering committee when the committee reviewed the guidelines. Currently, the Convention Steering Committee is reviewing Appendix C making revisions. When the revisions are accepted by the Area Assembly body, I will reprint the S & G and will update the online copy on the Area Website. Until then please write in the correct date, August 2018.
- C.** Conduct orientation sessions for GSRs and DCMs, as needed. Ongoing group orientation sessions for both GSRs and DCMs will be available either online or in person. Before orientation sessions begin, I requested clarification on GSR appointments to standing committees. I hope to reiterate that their participation is vital to the health AA in Hawaii. In addition, help them

come to believe they link their home group with the whole of AA, thus developing the attitude that A.A. service is anything whatever that helps us to reach a fellow sufferer.

- D. Serve, either as a member or chairperson on ad-hoc committees, as deemed appropriate by the area chair.
- E. 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,
- F. Act on actions accepted by the area assembly, at the request of the area body [assembly].
- G. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.

Submitted by Deborah S. Alt Delegate February 25, 2023

**Alt. Chair: Deborah L.**

Deborah L.  
Alternate Chair  
Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73 Panel Committee Report

2-25-23

Aloha Hawaii Area 17,

My name is Deborah L., and I am a recovered Alcoholic, Xfactah, and grateful to serve as the Alternate Chair for Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73. Thank you, East Hawaii Island, Puna, District 12 for hosting our first Committee Meeting for this Panel 73.

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

7. 2.9

- A. Perform the duties of the area chair in their absence.
  - *(I attended the Oahu Intergroup Orientation/Business Meeting on 2/08/20 on behalf of our Chair/ Jeannie and am learning of how the Oahu Intergroup functions. We continue to go through the Orientation process.)*
- B. Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings.
  - *(I have been keeping in contact with, Theresa, DCM for this Committee, District 3, Cynthia DCM and Cliff the Alt. DCM for the Inform the Delegate Assembly on Oahu, April 1-2, 2023, and District 11 DCM, Tracy. Thank you all for either picking up or returning my call.*
- C. Serve as member on the finance committee.

- *(I met with the finance committee for the first time at the Orientation Assembly and looking forward to being in service for this committee)*
- D. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii State Convention Steering Committee.
  - *(I attended the t AHC steering committee meeting on 2/04/23 virtually due to the weather on that Saturday)*
- E. Serve as temporary group registrar, recording secretary, or treasurer if any of these officers are absent.
- F. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.

In closing, this service position is giving me the opportunity to really learn and see what goes on behind the scenes and is grooming me to be more mindful of the districts in our area and it's trusted servants involved with the action that is required to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to the Hawaii Area. I will be attending PRAASA and have been able to complete my presentation on the topic "Seniors in Sobriety." I am working on building my confidence with the deliverance of the topic that I have been assigned to do. Your support is greatly well needed and appreciated. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Deborah L./ Alternate Chair, Hawaii Area 17 P73

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Recovery, Unity and Service

**Chair: Jeannie G.**

Chair Report / Jeannie G  
 February Committee Meeting  
 Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 73  
 February 25, 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, Theresa, DCM District 12, for hosting today.

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

Area Chair's Duties: The area chair should:

- A. Read and adhere to the area chair's duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual: *Consult with the area committee before setting the date and time of assemblies. Make sure members of the area assembly are notified about the dates and times of assemblies. Consult with officers and committee members on the program/agenda. Keep the delegate informed about what is going on in the area. Make sure that committee members are aware of what goes on in world services.*

- B. Conduct all committee meetings: *In 2023-2024, Panel 73, I am to chair six assemblies and four committee meetings additional optional committee meetings, usually held in October or November when the area committee deems it necessary, plus two additional optional assemblies and two.*
  
- C. Publish and present an agenda thirty (30) days before each committee meeting and assembly. The agenda for today's meeting was published 29 days before this assembly. I will be working with Tommy in preparing the agenda for the Inform the Delegate Assembly. The inform the delegate agenda will run to 4:00 PM so please do not book your flights until after 5:40 PM to allow time to get to the airport. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers. We confirmed those appointments at the Orientation Assembly.
  
- D. Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup when invited. *Deborah L, our area Alt Chair will be attending in my place as I live here on the Big Island. I attend monthly and carry a vote at the West Hawaii District 8 Central Office Business Meeting.*

A lot has happened since the panel change. Communication, communication, communication up and down in our inverted triangle. We all have a big role to play in this, not just our GSRs who are, as we say, the link in the chain. We all have a great responsibility to reach out to our members to keep them informed.

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

PRAASA allows us to participate in discussions and also get a glimpse of the General Service Conference agenda items that we received today. One of my favorite parts of PRAASA is the nightly roundtable discussions on specific service positions, where we share our struggles and successes within our service commitments. We never serve alone.

For those who are attending PRAASA for the first time, you are expected to report back, especially if your home group, district, or area has paid your way. I was advised to include in my report what I saw, what I heard, and what I felt. I was also advised to get out of my comfort zone and sit down at a table and share a meal with members I didn't know. I've done just that, and it's been a lovely experience every time.

It's an incredible feeling to be in a room with nearly 2000 other members, all on the same path as me, the path that will ensure AA will be there for generations to come. I hope to see your smiling face in Los Angeles and spend a moment with you to get to know you better! 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

**9:45 Delegate Report:** Refer to Area Website for Delegate Report.

**10:50 Break**

**11:15 RoundTable Discussions:** Area Standing Committee, DCM, IG/CO & Officers.

**12:00 Lunch**

**1:00 Roundtable Report Back:**

**Round Table Discussion:**

- Time slots to use the Area zoom account- Debra will create a list of time slots to use the Area zoom account.
- DCM Evens will schedule a meeting on WhatsApp.
- Who do the GSRs contact for Agenda questions- Contact Standing committee officer first.
- GSR has a question about an outside topic outside of the workshops- Try to tackle it first if not contact Area Delegate.
- How do area officers participate in the Agenda Topics – Area officers are not assigned but are encouraged to join in with the standing committee topics.
- When I have new GSRs how do I get them assigned to a subcommittee – Have the GSRs register with registration and the chair will assign them to the committee. DCM 2 will be having a potluck picnic to have for the GSRs to discuss the agenda topics and to eat. Debra past DCM 4 had a spaghetti dinner with different stations with the agenda topics. Sean F. suggested that district meetings be held longer than an hour during the agenda topics in order to discuss each topic.
- Discussion on places to hold the international convention.
- Can you change a topic be changed from a review to a consider- to be considered it must go through the process.
- CEC does not have a group in GSO, only Hawaii and California have CEC. CEC will sit on other committee agenda topics.
- Hot Topic Agenda items- Plain language on the 4<sup>th</sup> edition and the 4<sup>th</sup> edition in Spanish. Reversing the Pre-Amble, Changing the words from the 12 & 12., Discussion on the pamphlets on the 3 legacies.

**1:05 Standing Committee, DCM, IG/CO Report Backs:**

**Webmaster: Kerwin**

Duties per SandG's: The Webmaster must have sufficient qualifications to design and implement a website suited to the needs of the Area. Skills include knowledge of Internet markup languages

(HTML, XHTML, etc.), Content Management systems (like WordPress used currently), DNS and Domain Registrars and Hosting System. In short, the Webmaster must be able to run the current website and have the skills to adapt to meet our changing needs.

Aloha Fellow Trusted Servants,

The website and it is running smoothly and quickly. No major site changes will be made to avoid any service disruptions. The website is being backed up regularly. 2FA has been implemented and the recovery codes have been saved to the webmasters Google Drive in case anything should happen to me.

All GSC Panel 73 Agenda items have been posted, please see me for the password for access to this web page. The page can be accessed from the home page of [area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org)

Kerwin  
Webmaster

### **Annual Hawaii Convention (AHC): Kawika K.**

ANNUAL HAWAII CONVENTION 2023  
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT  
February 25, 2023

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

We are excited to inform you that our Convention Chair Erin R is working diligently creating her committee (she still has some open positions), the theme this year is "Without Help it is too much for us", and we have already scheduled the meetings for Steering and committees.

We have not secured a venue and the dates haven't been confirmed yet we are very close to announcing the date and location of the Annual Hawaii Convention soon. We are waiting to confirm the desired date and we will let everyone know.

You can however register with the "Early Bird Registration" for a limited time. Registration is \$85. Please visit our website: [www.annualhawaiiConvention.com](http://www.annualhawaiiConvention.com)

We have also hired a new Secretary and Treasurer.

We held our first steering committee meeting on January 14th. Here is our report:

At the close of the 59th Annual Hawaii Convention WE WERE IN THE BLACK!!!

- We had \$127,069.45 in income from all facets (this also includes our prudent)
- Our convention expenses were \$70,772.30.
- We have a net income of \$56,297.15.
- As of 1.4.23, we have a reconciled working balance of \$30,599.72.
- \$21,010.98 is our Prudent + we have 183 Early Pre-Reg for AHC 2023. Thank you everyone for supporting the Annual Hawaii Convention. Please keep checking the website for updates and if you aren't already registered for 2023, get ready!!

If you have any questions or want to get into service, please contact me at (808) 478-7803 or call Erin at (808) 386-8940.

Mahalo,  
Kawika K AHC Steering Chair 2023

**Treatment & Accessibility: Christie N.**

Aloha all...I am Christi your incoming treatment and accessibilities chair. I look forward to being of service to Hawaii Area 17 with all of you over the next 2 years. I have begun reaching out to all of the treatment centers and other facilities that fall under the umbrella of accessibility and I have ordered pamphlets for them. I will be putting together a monthly meeting for people who would like to be in service to assist with bridging the gap, keeping facilities stocked and with assisting in the different areas of service that treatment and accessibility covers.

I am available to the districts to do a presentation in person on Oahu or by zoom if you are on another island, to discuss what my committees cover and to get others involved in service. This is absolutely a WE thing. I look forward to connecting with all of the intergroup chairs to set up a system for people that may be having accessibility issues due to health issues or hospitalization. Mental health facilities, shelters, clean and sober living and regular health related issues all fall under accessibility.

My goal is to have a few workshops over the next 2 years on Accessibilities and Bridging the Gap and more...

If anyone would like to get involved or has any questions or suggestions, you can email me at [treatment@area17aa.org](mailto:treatment@area17aa.org) or call me at (808) 384-8227.

In love and service,  
Christi N.  
Standing committee chair Treatment and Accessibilities

**Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC): Catherine**

CEC Committee report:

Aloha, I am an alcoholic named Catherine W. I am honored to serve as CEC Chair. The duties of the CEC Chair as outlined in the Structures and Guidelines is to oversee and coordinate all activities with regard to carrying our message to the older alcoholic. When I reviewed the minutes for our orientation assembly. I realized that the report of our roundtable at the orientation assembly was not turned in. Lesson learned. There was lively discussion around how the Area committee assignments work but in the end the members of the committee are willing and able to carry out our service in order to serve the seniors in our communities and carry out our duties in regard to the "Inform the delegate" assembly.

In the past month I have had several conversations around the importance of our CEC committee in an age when people are living longer and more active lives as seniors. I and my committee are

hoping to be of service to this wide range of folks and addressing their needs in regard to alcoholism. I have become familiar with all the information on the drive that our past Chair so generously provided. I'm excited to have meaningful conversations on zoom with my committee as we move toward the next assembly and into the meat of panel 73. In love and service.

Catherine W. CEC Chair

**Grapevine: Karen**

Suggestions: Start with how your committee is carrying the message through such things as workshops, events attended, committee goals carried out, etc. Your report will be limited to 2 minutes. Please provide a copy via email or hard copy to our area secretary.

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

I have created an email list so that I can easily send out information to all members of the Committee.

I have sent Grapevine information to the members of the Grapevine committee and have asked them to share with District and Homegroup Grapevine representatives.

I attended an online "Meet and Greet" workshop put on by Janet Bryan who is the Director of Operations for the Grapevine. It was very informative – I learned a lot about the resources that are available on the Grapevine website. The Grapevine is so much more than just a magazine. I asked if there was any way that we (here in Hawaii) could get materials in a timelier manner – Media rate is VERY slow. I am waiting for an answer.

We were also given a contact list for all the other Grapevine Chairs.

I'm looking forward to receiving topics for the Inform the Delegate Assembly and sharing them with my committee.

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

Karen N. Panel 73 Grapevine Standing Committee Chair

**Public Information (P.I.): Kimo**

The structures and guidelines state P.I. chair is responsible for creating an understanding and preventing misunderstanding of the AA program through the public media, electronic media, P.I. meeting and speaking in community groups. I plan to write a letter to all High School and Middle School to give information about Alcoholics Anonymous. I am planning to ask the Area committee for a zoom account to meet with the P.I. GSR's to meet once a month and always remember attraction not promotion. Thank you, district 12 Theresa, for hosting the committee meeting today for hosting the committee meeting today, also get information through workshop and make presentation.

Kimo - P.I. Chair

**Mynah Bird: Mary**

## MYNAH BIRD COMMITTEE

Report given by Mary N / SCC Chair February 25, 2023

At our February monthly meeting we had an enthusiastic attendance.

We have developed, with the help of our awesome Webmaster/Kerwin, a QR code that will always point to the latest issue of MB. We kindly request that all trusted servants SHARE it in lieu of printed copies at your home group, District meeting, etc.

PREVIOUS issues are always available at:

...area17aa.org-> Area Committee-> Area Standing Committees-> Mynah Bird

OR

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

The issue being distributed at the February Committee Meeting assists with the important topic of who/what/how the "Inform the Delegate" works and expectations to bring back the group conscious on assigned topics.

IDEAS for future topics:

1. What is Mynah Bird (and why you should care)
2. Help close the gap between Newcomer, Long Timer and those in between ... what do THEY NEED?
3. Where can Newcomers go for help... How to find AA and how we can be more welcoming? What about the homeless, how do we reach them? FYI / There is also a QR code that points to newcomer library that was developed during the last panel. Go to ...area17aa.org-> Area Committee-> Area Standing Committees->CEC you can pick up the Newcomer document or the QR code to share when you meet Newcomers.
4. Links inside the newsletter for online resources
5. Section on -What Bill Said
6. Section on -Acronyms A to Z
7. Section on -Ideas from Archives
8. Section on -District Events Info
9. Section on -Resources available at IG offices/how to reach them.
10. Section on -Holiday issue with meetings available on all islands
11. KISS – Ask people you hear in meetings to write a submission KISS! Not long diatribe!
12. Section on -Heard in a meeting.
13. Section on -Virtual world and issues that are being faced / how the world changes and AA Adapts
14. Such as: In Persons group moved to zoom and are now moving back ... two groups and how to handle. Venmo options. The new positions of service that are now available in the virtual world.
15. Section on -Issues meetings are facing Insurance! How have others handled it? Non-profit status for startup groups?

16. ASK for ideas wherever you go for topics!

DCMs need to decide how many copies they want at each assembly. Keep in mind you can share QR code on the zoom screen or in person at your monthly meetings ...please let Mary know!

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

Current hard copies are as listed:

District #	# of copies	DCM FN	
1	15	Adriana	
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7	15	Mark	
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10		Francais	online/QR
11	10	Tracy	
12	7	Terri	
13	10	Matty	
17	15	Sarah	
	72		

This committee will meet once per month on Zoom: FIRST Wednesday at 6:30pm for 45 minutes.

ALL are welcome to attend!

**Corrections: Mike L.**

Thank you, Puna District 12, for hosting the Committee Meeting. Thank you, Tommy, for getting all the information we need to obtain well-informed feedback on the Conference Agenda Items. Our corrections Committee was formed, and we met at the Orientation Assembly. We had 5 GSRs who were excited to be in service and ready and willing to get into action. We discussed the role of the committee members and focused on two things: being prepared for the Inform the Delegate Assembly and gathering contact information for the people going into all of the island's corrections facilities statewide. I also shared the link to the Corrections workbook.

I have the names of the AA members who are taking meetings into the Maui Community Correctional Center (MCCC) – Brandon and Jess. Thanks to all those who volunteer to carry the message inside the walls. MCCC was closed in December, and Karen reported today that they are opening up this week. The next VolunCorp training is not scheduled yet, but there should be one sometime this year.

I have a list of AA Volunteer Coordinators that I have started by Panel 69. If anyone knows of any Volunteer Coordinator changes in your district, please let me know, and I will update this list.

I still need to either confirm or update information from Big Island, Kauai, and Oahu. If you have contact information for AA volunteer coordinators or Trainers, please let me know.

Our committee agreed to meet online after we get the Agenda Items to prepare to take the questions to our home groups and get feedback. I am trying for the week after PRAASA for a virtual meeting of the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Mike L.

Corrections Chair

Area 17, Panel 73

**Archives: Gina B.**

Committee Meeting 2/25/2023.

Archives Report

In all honesty, I've had a really slow start with this service position. I'm finding it hard to get motivated. Usually what happens when I share it with you, I'll get motivated somehow. I don't know how it works; I just know that it does.

I've managed to start going through panel 71, digital, archived notes and sorting them in the appropriate folders.

Please continue to send me your reports and I will, at some point, forward them to our webmaster to post up under the archives tab.

Thank you all for your continued service,

Gina B. SCC Archives

**Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Liz D.**

**What the Cooperation with The Professional Committee Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:**

1. Received an email from Michael R., coordinator of the Cooperation with the Professional Community from GSO who forwarded an inquiry from a local non-profit on Oahu that services at risk youth ages 16-25, asking to bring AA meetings to their facility in Kailua. Contact was made and information was gathered. The facility is asking for one (1) mixed meeting, 1x/week.
  - a. I reached out to Dist. 1 DCM, to see if HICYPAA members/groups would be willing to bring a meeting into the facility.
  - b. Next steps will be to schedule a meeting with the facility to inform them on what AA is and provide them with resources.
2. Drafted a revamped CPC business card.
3. Inquired with an attorney to see if he would be interested in learning more about AA and was turned down with a hard "NO".

**Other Topics:**

The committee expressed the desire to see how the CPC presentation is presented to professionals. Would like to ask Delegate to help us with that.

Plan to meet with committee at least once a month to discuss agenda items, create a professional contact list, coordinate to meet with professionals, brainstorm possible workshops.

**Oahu Intergroup (OIG): Donny K.**

1. We still have an open position for a Treasurer.
2. Oahu Intergroup is financially solvent.
3. Our monthly Business Meetings will be held at Susannah Wesley Community Center from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm starting March 8, 2023, and our new Central Office location is 1110 University Avenue, Suite 310 (Varsity Building), Honolulu, HI 96826
4. We have a Hybrid (physical/virtual) Workshop "Spiritual Principles of Service, Keeps Us Sober" at Susannah Wesley Community Center from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm on 3/25/23.
5. Our Master contact list is being updated. Members have until April to notify us they want to be kept on the list. We are asking that they verify contact information and interest in continuing to receive the business reports and to be invited to OIG meetings. We will remove names of people from previous panels unless they contact us.
6. We discussed thank you notes being mailed to Individuals/groups and Intergroup Representatives agreed that it was not needed due to cost. Oahu Intergroup will send thank you emails for confirmation or asking the "Group/Individual Contributors to check the Monthly Contribution Sheet for accuracy.

Mahalo!

Donnie K.

Panel 73 Oahu Intergroup Chair

**West Hawaii Central Office (WHCO): Sasha B.**

Sasha B., Chair

West Hawaii Central Office

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Aloha All,

West Hawaii Central Office positions have almost all been filled.

Sasha B.- chair

Dana- future co-chair

Bernie (Brent) B.-treasurer

Dyanne C.-Secretary

Jeffery W.-activities chair.

We are still looking for a hotline coordinator and webmaster.



We have a St. Patty's Day event coming up on Sunday March 19 @ Pualani Park. From 7am-? Softball (practice at 7am, game at 10am), potluck with corned beef and cabbage provided. Lunch at noon. Meeting to follow. \$5 contribution suggested.

Also, we have a July 4th fish fry. More details to come.

We are financially stable and are in the process of getting the banking transferred to the new chair and treasurer.

Sasha B.  
Chair: WHCO

**DCM 1 Diamond Head: Adrianna**

No report submitted.

**DCM 2 Honolulu: Jason C.**

Hello family DCM Jason C. Repot from district 2

We had our first district meeting on 1/12/2023. It was held virtually at 6:00 pm present where 10 GSRs alt DCM Aaron T. We elected district treasurer Johnna P. And district recording Secretary Ginger D. The spirit and energy of the room was very high. Everyone that attended was very excited to serve panel 73. We're in the stages of planning a workshop/ dance sometime in July. We just will have a picnic at magic island on 3/11/2023 for all our GSRs in district 2. So, all GSRs will understand their agenda items. Why not have fun while we are doing business. Personally, I'm looking forward to serving alongside everyone in our district. We have a lively bunch. Which is very attractive. We just finished hosting our New Year's alcothon. It was a success because of all of you and who came out and helped.

Thank you everyone who was involved.

In Love and service,

DCM Jason C. Honolulu District 2

**DCM 3 Leeward: Cynthia**

My name is Cynthia and I'm an alcoholic. Head Start is my home group. Privileged to serve as DCM 3. Like so many entities in Area service, our current challenge is to build participation. Since the last panel, we have doubled participation (from 4 participants representing 2 groups to 8 active participants representing 4 groups). This is partly from meetings returning after covid

and also a VERY active group previously with Waianae District, who joined us after moving to Waipahu. We have representatives from half of District 3 in-person meetings (we have 8 in-person, 1 on-line), and district members have visited 80% of non-participating meetings since the New Year. I hope to make GSR feel less like a 4-letter word and empower Leeward District groups to have and use their voice in Hawaii AA.

We will be hosting the Inform the Delegate Assembly April 1&2. Efforts are on-going (to say the least). We are still looking for a Homestay Chair, members willing to host homestays, members willing to transport neighbor island representatives, and to fill 2 meals (Saturday breakfast and dinner). We have been looking for a Hawaiian speaker willing to share a blessing or a chant before meals but thanks to Waianae District for taking on that role this morning! Please jump on [Area17AA.org](http://Area17AA.org) and register if you haven't yet. We have 43 registrants, thank you to those who have completed registration. No pressure on payment submission, but an idea of how many will attend will be very helpful. We do have Venmo now, but it's a brand-new experiment. Username: @DCMThree-AreaSeventeen. Our district will be meeting in the next week or two to review ITD questions and all are welcome.

If I only get one message across this Panel, I hope it is that District is here to support all groups and members where possible. Even if you don't want to have a GSR, or if you don't want to make contributions, you are welcome, and you have a voice with us, with Area, with Alcoholics Anonymous. It is our program, and we are responsible. Please help me and the Leeward District grow by letting me know how we can help you or your group. And my contact information is public information, share it anytime if a member or group needs support I can provide.

**DCM 4 Windward: Eric V.**

Aloha Peeps,

District 4 is doing well so far. We had our district meeting this last Thursday on the zoom. It will be our last online as we voted to start meeting in person again, for which I am really pleased. We have appx 6 active GSRs and a couple that are not.

We are looking to still fill our alt DCM position, but we have had our secretary position filled and have a treasurer that is hanging in there and doing a fantastic job. I have a lead on an alt, so I got my fingers crossed.

I am really siked about PRAASA. I leave on Thursday morning and arrive around 3 pm. I have plans to find some Mexican food before registration then I will be attending the early bird meeting and finding all my DCM's. Friday is all workshops from 1pm on. I plan on attending the DCM round tables and I will probably loiter around at the chair round table for 1 session. I also plan to go to the young people's workshop at late o'clock.

Looking forward to helping to inform our Delegate this time around. We stand ready to do whatever is asked of us to get that done.

I haven't found much time to get to any meetings this last month what with my PT and work, but PT is over and I'm walking 99% now so after PRAASA I plan to hit the streets.

Aloha,

Eric

**DCM 5 Maui No Ka Oi: Neil**

Neil I, DCM District 5 Report.

We have three active GSR's and a fourth Alt that may be stepping up. We are preparing to disseminate agenda topics through our GSR's to their groups and help them get their group conscience.

All of our standing committee chairs are open currently.

The thing I try and convey to GSR's and other members that there are alcoholics not finding AA who live near us because no one is carrying the message to people who don't already know about AA directly or through professionals or people that interact with them. Using alphabet soup (CPC, PI, CEC) makes people tune out, but reminding people that the 12th step works those people are doing is vital and ways that are necessary to let the alcoholics know there is hope who won't find AA otherwise.

We have a treasurer and secretary.

Mahalo,

Neil

**DCM 6 Kauai: Kalei**

District 6

As of today, there should be 4 GSRs registered for Kaua'i, previous to today there were only 2. Our district doesn't have a ton of participation but hopefully we are gaining momentum. Our current goals as a district are to encourage district and area service and spread information about home group splits to district, area, inter group, and GSO.

DCM DISTRICT 6  
KALEI K.

**DCM 7 Hilo Hamakua: Mark N.**

Aloha - my name is Mark N., and I'm a grateful alcoholic, currently serving as the DCM for Hilo/Hamakua District 7 (East Hawaii). Mahalo to District 12 for hosting this Committee Meeting.

What District 7 did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous: District 7 has met two times since the start of Panel 73. We have all District positions filled. We have one new GSR and had a member from another District attend our meeting.

In our January meeting we reviewed a hard copy of the district 7 Structures and Guidelines; this document did not have a date, so we decided to review it and make any revisions we felt necessary and to have a revised version dated and available online. The updated document was reviewed and approved in our February meeting and was recently distributed to District members via e-mail. We're considering posting the document on our East Hawaii Intergroup website.

I've received the district 7 spreadsheets provided by our Panel 73 Registrar from Fellowship Connection and am starting to review this document. My plan is to attend and contact current groups to review and update the listed contacts for active meetings, and to remove any meetings/groups listed that are not active.

We discussed in our January and February meetings to have current D7 members reach out to groups and meetings that are not currently represented at the district meeting in trying to attract new members to attend our District meetings regardless of whether they currently have a GSR. We want to carry the message that the district is in place to serve and inform the groups and members of AA, and we are open to hear ideas on how to accomplish this.

Other Topics: District members were asked to come up with some ideas for workshops and how to partner with other Big Island districts to plan and co-sponsor workshops. Our next District meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023. We meet at 5:30pm in person at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles in Hilo.

Mahalo for letting me be of service,  
Mark N.  
DCM District 7

**DCM 8 West Hawaii: Ray B.**

West Hawaii District 8 was honored to have hosted the Orientation Assembly on January 21st and 22nd. It was amazing to see our community come together and be of service. At times we were thinking how are we going to get enough volunteers for homestay, transportation and to prepare the meals for the assembly? Our team stayed persistent, and, in the end, everything worked out just the way it was supposed to.

Our last district meeting had 15 voting members attend. We currently have 13 GSRs in our district and have most of our standing committee's positions filled but are still looking for an archives chair, grapevine chair, and public information chair. We had a member of a home group present a proposal to amend the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines. The proposal was to clarify when online participation can be used at area assemblies. We currently have our GSRs bringing the proposal back to their home groups to discuss and take a group conscience on the topic. We also have our GSRs discussing district workshop ideas at their next home group

meetings to get a better understanding of what workshop topics our district would like to see in our community.

I'm Looking forward to attending my first PRAASA in March. What an amazing experience it has been to serve West Hawaii District 8 and Hawaii Area 17 so far. It has been an honor and a privilege to try to give back to our fellowship what was so freely given to me.

In Love & Service  
Ray B.

#### **DCM 9 Central North Shore: Autumn**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm. We have consistent attendance so far, even though it's still just a few of us. I received the list of "unknown groups" from Sean, the area registrar, and we have verified 1 group so far and will be going to the rest of the groups to get the contact persons info to verify if the meeting is active.

I'm also happy to report that district 9 has a prudent reserve again! This is a big deal for us and is also reassuring that the meetings in our district are once again up and running because of contributions.

At our last meeting, we discussed going to meetings in our district as a group to get them involved, or at the very least, show them that we are not a glum lot and area service can be fun! The Alt DCM and I will also be writing Structure and Guidelines for our district. I got great feedback from the DCM breakout at the orientation assembly on their Structure and Guidelines and am very excited to get some implemented in our district.

The GSRs we asked to go to their home groups and ask for ideas or topics for workshops in the future, and we are super excited to be teaming up with a couple other districts on Oahu to host a workshop and dance in July.

I want to thank District 12 for hosting us, and I'm just so full of gratitude to be serving with all of you on Panel 73.

Thank you,  
Autumn

#### **DCM 10 Waikiki: Francis K.**

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2023  
Waikiki District 10  
Francis K, DCM  
Email: [dcm10@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm10@area17aa.org)

Waikiki District is alive and well, continuing through this return-from-lockdown transition just like, I suspect, everyone else. The district is meeting online, but we are looking to reach out to Groups that we do not see there. Palolo Discussion recently reopened at Palolo Elementary School. I talked to their former GSR, who would prefer to meet (for District) in person.

We are figuring out how to use the new online tools. Both Happy Hour and 12 Coconut's Online Groups split off with completely separate service numbers. The Sunday Breakfast Group and Men's Stag continue their regular meetings online (which I find interesting; Men's Stag is one of the Groups that continues to take meetings into ATS). Like GSO, and probably everyone in between, we want to utilize these powerful tools to connect but I know people who just have never taken to the format (despite our invitations, exhortations, and even pleas). Of course, those utilizing the online format are going to support its continued use, but we won't necessarily hear from those who don't. So our current discussion is how to get every Group represented and involved. Our current Secretary is capable of running us hybrid. That option might work best toward regular participation. The journey continues.

We are hosting the budget assembly in September and are looking at venues. I'm leaning toward Suzannah Wesley. I've heard that we're meeting in the gym rather than the room we used before. That auditorium sounds more conducive to a physically unified body; my only question is about the acoustics. We loved Ala Wai but are leery of the catering requirement. I've had one more proposal from a GSR which we'll also investigate but are aware that you guys would like it nailed down come April 1st. We'll have it.

Thanks

**DCM 11 Kihei: Tracy**

Report not submitted.

**DCM 12 Puna: Theresa (Terry)**

District 12 continues to see participation. Most groups have gone to person to person. Some continue to be on-line only. Homegroups that are meeting in person are seeing numbers grow. Online meetings are small in numbers. Many newcomers are finding their way into the rooms of Puna. We have 4 active GSR's. Trying to get more GSR's on board but haven't had much luck. District 12 meets in person on the second Tuesday of the month 6 consistently show up. Still looking for an alternate DCM. We have a secretary and a treasurer. We are excited that you were able to attend this committee meeting in our district. We hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

DCM – Theresa M.

**DCM 13 Tri Island: Matty M.**

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....

- Working with GSRS to strengthen the individual home groups
- 5 Active groups
- D13 meets every 3rd Thursday at the Alano Club of Lahaina
- Updating Fellowship Connection through attending all district meetings and establishing contacts at each meeting
- srep class taught by a member in conjunction with another member in Kihei
- considering a Sponsorship workshop in September
- considering a Traditions workshop with a former Trustee
- Molokai representation at D13 increasing. Currently has 1 GSR attending district.
- Crossing dates being considered for October...
- DCM & 3 GSRS attending PRASSA
- H & I work being taken on to get a meeting back in the hospital
- Bi- monthly panel discussion at Aloha House

Mahalo and Aloha!

It's an honor and a privilege to be of service!

**DCM 17 Waianae: Kala 'ana L. (Sarah)**

Aloha All,

Catching up on what was, (Post Pandemic,) originally, 17 AA Home Groups in our Waianae Coast District #17, which stretches from Iroquois Point Ewa Beach to the Western Tip of Makaha, that has been surveyed, since last month's Orientation Assembly, bin Kona and the current findings are as follows: "Makakilo Hill Climbers," has closed down, due to lack of support.

"Na Mana O Ekolu," had a short-lived run from 2017 through the early months of 2019 and then, due again to the lack of core support, also closed its gates.

And, while there is talk of hopefully getting some members to recommit, presently, the Monday thru Friday's, 5pm to 6pm, "Any Lengths" Mtg., at Mai'li Beach Park is not active.

I will continue to work with Shawn to update any changes.

Also, I'd like to thank our Alternate Chair, Deborah for always being da Bestest Service Coach Cheer Leader, I finally have my area email address, as well as my PRASSA Roomie, Tracy, DCM, from Kihei, Maui, Dist. #11...

And in closing, I'd like to send a shout out to 2 of my Service Sponsor, Jeanette, 1 of our former Area Delegates, who I checked in with during lunch. I highly encourage everyone to get a Service Sponsor...2me, she's just as valuable as my Sponsor of the last almost 29 years!

I am pleased to share that as of this very day, due to the reignited flames of Service, Service, Service, I will be attending PRASSA & feel truly blessed 2B back in the Area Arena, with all of you...

Mahalo Piha  
Eternal Aloha,

Kala-A'na L. Lindsey,  
DCM, Waianae Coast HI.,  
District #17 Hawaii Area 17

### **2:15 Break**

### **2:35 2024 Drawing from the Basket for Assemblies and Committee Meeting:**

Inventory Assembly: District 7 Hilo/Hamakua  
Feb committee Meeting 2024- District 9 North Shore  
Inform the Delegate assembly- District 2 Honolulu  
May Committee Meeting- District 5 Maui No Ka Oi  
Budget Assembly- District 17 Wainae  
Optional October Meeting- District 6 Kauai  
Election Assembly- District 1 Diamond Head

### **2:45 What's on your mind?**

- Agenda Page- second page agenda background will be highlighted in Blue, just click the hyperlink.
- Area contribution forms distributed at the February Committee Assembly and is available on the Area Website.
- PRAASA-Area photo, PRAASA attire, Standing Committees & GSR report template available on Area Website.
- Non-Denominational Prayer for the meals
- GSRs on Oahu won't have travel for next year's assemblies except once.

### **2:55 Motion to close by DCM 6 Anastacia 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cynthia DCM 3.**

Meeting Adjourn I Closed with Declaration of Unity