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Alternate Chair’s Report

Hawaii Area 17, Panel 73 Budget Assembly Report 2024

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Aloha Hawaii Area 17,

Greetings Area 17, grateful to be here today, my name is Deborah, I am an alcoholic and my home group is X-factah, District 3, Mondays at 5pm. Thank you District 4, for all hosting this assembly. I am aware of what it took for all of you to step up and participate in the services necessary to accommodate all of us, including those traveling from our neighboring islands.

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

are:

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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 Inform the Delegate Assembly in April of this year, I have participated in the following:

* On behalf of our Area Chair, attend and allowed to be a voting member at the Oahu Intergroup monthly committee meeting, Thank you OIG for your service to this society and it’s families.
* Attend and participate in the AHC Steering committee meeting, we have been meeting once a month and I was afforded the opportunity to serve on a panel with a member along with our Alternate Delegate, Deborah S, on Service.
* I am also on the Finance Committee for the Area and was able to presented the Proposed Budget for District 9, District 17 and District 3 this summer.
* I attended the Pacific Regional Forum that was in Las Vegas, this past July along with our Delegate, Tommy, Chair, Jeannie, Registrar, Sean, Standing Chair for Archives, Gina, DCM Julie, and was happy to see Standing Committee Chair for Corrections Mike, along with Marianne who is on the Public Information Committee, and our past Delegate, Kunani. Lots of information and enjoyed actually seeing and hearing what the GSO is doing for the handling of World Services. While there, Jeannie and I got together and went over the Revised Hosting Tips that she started prior to this Forum, that is available on the area website.

Several things that I want to point out before I end, is that we all need to pay attention to what Area Committee and Assembly business meeting is already scheduled so that the DCMS of the hosting District can assist the Alternate Chair with first securing a venue and then starting the process of preparing for the event. My service sponsor shared with me that GSO starts their planning for the General Service Conference a year in advance. As it is, we are already set on venues for the Orientation Assembly that going to be hosted by District 4, January 24th & 25th, 2025 and the Inform the Delegate Assembly, April 5th & 6th, 2025,with the help of the outgoing DCMS for Panel 73 for the selected Districts and Sean C, our Treasurer. No matter how smooth we’d like all the preparation, coordination and cooperation to be, the reality is that there will be bumps on the road. Just know, that the Alternate Chair for the Area is always available, reachable and ready to assist for whatever the issues that may arise as you go through the process. A responsibility of the Area Alternate Chair as it is written in the Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines is this: B. Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all Area Assemblies and Committee Meetings, and for our area, traditionally, with the assistance of the hosting districts.

Lastly- heads up, our Elections Assembly is right around the corner, October 19th and 20th, 2024, that is in several weeks. Registrations is out, please complete and submit to either Alternate DCM1, Derek or to DCM1, Adrianna. For those traveling back from the neighboring islands, when you book your flights, you must inform the hosting District as soon as possible. For homestay, it is much easier for most to open up their homes for a night, for instance Saturday night, but then we also know that due to flight issues, some of you have to fly in on a Friday night, needing a place to stay for 2 nights, just keep in mind, that sometimes it can be a struggle for some to house guests for 2 nights. For me, to eliminate that, I fend for myself when I fly in a night early and request 1 night homestay the evening of Saturday and it worked out not only for me but also the hosting district.

AA Comes of Age “Such is the paradox of A.A. regeneration: strength arising out of complete defeat and weakness, the loss of one’s old life as a condition for finding a new one. But we of A.A. do not have to understand this paradox; we have only to be grateful for it.”

Mahalo for letting me be of service.

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