

Aloha Everyone,

My name is Jeannie G., and I am an alcoholic. My home group is Waikoloa Night Owls on the Big Island, and I am honored to serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Chair. Thank you to our Panel 73 officers for facilitating today, and thank you, Mark, DCM for Hilo/Hawakua District 7 and his district members for hosting today and those from Puna District 12 for lending a helping hand.

We have many new GSRs and Alt GSRs with us today who may not know what our officer's duties are; therefore, my duties as your Area Chair, as outlined in the Structure and Guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 General Service, section 2.8 and are as follows:

The area chair should:

- A. Read and adhere to the area chair's duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual: *Consult with the area committee before setting the date and time of assemblies. Ensure members of the area assembly are notified about the dates and times of assemblies. Consult with 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 know what goes on in world services.*
- B. Conduct all committee meetings: *In 2023-2024, Panel 73, I am to chair seven assemblies and four committee meetings, plus one additional optional assembly and two additional optional committee meetings, usually held in October or November when the area committee deems it necessary.*
- C. Publish and present an agenda thirty (30) days before each committee meeting and assembly. *The agenda for today was published exactly 30 days before today. It's not always an easy task, especially since I have procrastination down to an art form, but I suffered the consequence of losing sleep on this one. Sometimes quickly, sometimes slowly.*
- D. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers. *The committee chairs were appointed and confirmed at the beginning of the panel. We have a website chair that we will confirm this morning.*
- E. Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup when invited. *Deborah L, our area Alt Chair, attends in my place since I live here on the Big Island. I serve as a voting member of the West Hawaii Central Office and attend West Hawaii District 8 business meetings as a resource.*

Gosh, the panel is over halfway through. I would like to say this year will be a piece of cake, but I made that error after my first year as a DCM for West Hawaii District 8. COVID season happened in my second year as DCM, and everything was turned upside down. Looking back on the challenges, I learned no matter what happens, we do not serve alone. We seek guidance from those who have gone before us, and we have a higher power that will provide us with strength, insight, and numerous chances for personal development. They say, "If you don't grow, you go." Thank you all for sharing this journey with me. We are going to have a great year! Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Love you all.

Jeannie G
Area17 Chair
