
Chair Report / Jeannie G
Budget Assembly
Hawaii Area 17 / Panel 73
September 9, 2023

Aloha Everyone,

My name is Jeannie G. and I am an alcoholic. My home group is Waikola 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, Francis, DCM for Waikiki District 10, and his district members for hosting today.

I'm pleased to be here and delighted to see some of our Maui friends with us. The loss Lahaina has suffered is beyond words. I can speak for us all when I say our hearts go out to you and that we will stand by your side while Lahaina rebuilds over the coming days, months, and maybe years. Learning that many of our home group meeting locations were lost is heartbreaking. Still, Mattie, the DCM for Tri-Island, who is here today, and his district members moved quickly to establish a safe location where the suffering alcoholic can attend meetings. In his DCM report, Mattie will no doubt provide specifics on that.

With all that said, we must move forward to the business at hand...

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, plus two additional optional assemblies 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 19 days ago on the area website. We had several items come up that needed discussion and answers, contributing to the delay.*
- 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. Currently, Kerwin, our Website Chair is no longer able to serve in this capacity therefore I am again announcing the vacancy for our Hawaii Area 17 Website Chair. We're asking all interested candidates to submit their names to be considered for this service position.*

To stand for this commitment:

- *Please read the responsibilities: Section 3, of the Hawaii Area 17 Structure and Guidelines for Area 17 General Service Panel 73, Ver 73.0, pgs 4-5 & Appendix D1- 2.*
- *Submit information to chair@area17aa.org:*
 - *(Your/Their) service experience.*
 - *A short statement of your/their willingness to serve as Website chair.*
 - *Deadline: On or before January 5th, 2023.*
- *The new appointee will be recommended to the assembly for confirmation at the Inventory Assembly in January.*
- *Questions: Contact Jeannie G. Area Chair at chair@area17aa.org.*

- *DCMs, Please pass on this information to your GSRs/district contact list and announce at your homegroup and other meetings you attend.*

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.*

Once more, I am excited to spend time with you all, and more than ever, there is a great sense of community in Hawaii, just as there is in AA. Unity in A.A. fosters a sense of belonging and encourages members to work together towards our shared goal of sobriety.

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

Jeannie G
Area17 Chair
