

2023 Orientation Assembly Take Backs

Aloha Everyone! What a great turnout for the Orientation Assembly! Thank you to all who attended and all who helped make it possible! Here are a few items from the Orientation Assembly to take back to your home groups:

- **Reilly K. our Pacific Regional Trustee** gave us an update on the happenings at the General Service Office and a talk on "Communication Through the Service Structure."
- The Hawaii Area 17 voting body **confirmed the Area Standing Committee Chairs**; they are as follows:
 - Archives: Gina B.
 - Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC): Catherine W.
 - Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Liz.
 - Corrections: Mike L.
 - Grapevine: Karen N.
 - Mynah Bird: Mary N.
 - Public Information: James N. (Kimo)
 - Treatment & Accessibilities: Christi N.
 - Website: Kerwin N.
- **Introductions of Panel 73 Officers:**
 - Delegate: Tommy G
 - Alt Delegate: Deborah S
 - Chair: Jeannie G
 - Alt Chair: Deborah L
 - Treasurer: Sean C
 - Secretary: Keleka K
 - Registrar: Sean F
- **Introductions of Intergroup/Central Office Chairs:**
 - Kauai Intergroup: Mathea
- **The Area Finance Committee was established:** The committee consists of 5 members. Under the Hawaii Area 17 Structures & Guideline, Sean C, Area Treasurer, is to serve on the committee along with Deborah L, the Area Alternate Chair. Jim D., DCM District 6 Kauai, Arianna G., DCM District 1 Oahu, and Mark N., DCM District 7 Hilo/Hamakua volunteered to serve as the remaining three members needed to fill the committee.

Mark Your Calendars:

- ***February Committee Meeting: February 25, 2023:**
 - Puna D12 on the Big Island. Registration is posted on the website at area17aa.org.
- **PRAASA 2023: March 3-5, 2023:**
 - 56th Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly, hosted by Area 5 Southern California, at the LAX Marriott. Register at PRAASA@org.
- ***Inform The Delegate Assembly: April 1-2, 2023:**
 - Leeward District 3 on Oahu: Registration is posted on the website at area17aa.org.
 - Tommy, our delegate, was randomly assigned the Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee for the General Service Conference.
 - He received his agenda items for the conference, which will be disbursed to the DCMs.Standing Committee Chairs and IG/Central Office Chairs at the February 25th committee meeting.
 - DCMs to send the agenda items to the GSRs as soon as possible to give them time to gather feedback from their home groups. We have a short window of opportunity to make this happen as the Inform The Delegate Assembly is just right around the corner on April 1-2
 - On April 23-27, Tommy will carry Hawaii Area 17's voice to the General Service Conference
- **73rd General Service Conference: April 23-29, 2023:** 2023 CONFERENCE THEME: "A.A.'s "Three Legacies – Our Common Solution", Brooklyn, New York
- ***May Committee Meeting: May 20, 2023:** Kihei District 11 on Maui.
- **International Convention: July 3 - 6, 2025:** Vancouver BC, Canada
- ***Budget Assembly: September 9-10:** District #10 Waikiki, Oahu.

***A few things to remember about attending area assemblies and committee meetings:**

When attending assemblies, please register as soon as possible. It is difficult to accommodate homestay and transportation with late registrations. After the homestay deadline, it is on a first-come, first-served basis, and there are no guarantees homestay can be provided.

We ask that members please fly in early Saturday morning. Homestay on Friday night is only offered if you are traveling from an island where you can not arrive at the assembly on time, usually due to having to fly to Oahu first, traveling from neighbor island to neighbor island.

Registration for assemblies and committee meetings: If you register before knowing your flights, please register again to input your flight information.

Who attends Assemblies: Voting members at Area Assemblies are GSRs, DCMs, IG/CO Chairs, Area Standing Committee Chairs, and Area Officers. (Alt GSRs & Alt DCMs have a vote only if your GSR or DCM is not present.). All others are welcome to attend as Observers.

Who attends Committee Meetings: Area Committee Meetings are attended by DCMs, (Alt DCMs if your DCM is not present), IG/CO Chairs, Area Standing Committee Chairs, and Area Officers.

• All others are welcome to attend as Observers. (If physically attending as an Observer, please be prepared to bring your lunch.) ***GSRs are not required to attend; if they do so, they attend as Observers.***

Thank you for allowing me to serve,
Jeannie G
Area Chair