
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, 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'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 PRASSA 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
