

May Committee Meeting

05/16/2026

09:00am

Call to order

Reading The General Service board Reserve Fund (pg. 64, The AA Service Manual

Quorum: 12 Present 22

09:10

Secretary Report: March Committee Meeting Minutes

Julie C. 1st

Paula G. 2nd

For: 21 Opposed: 0 Passed

Treasurer's Report: *** See Separate Report ***

Deborah S. 1st

Zalyn L. 2nd

For: 21 Opposed: 0 Passed

Registrar Report:

Thank you District 12 Puna for hosting the May Committee Meeting.

My name is LiZz0, Alcoholic and your friendly Area Registrar

The Registrar duties are as outlined in the AA Service Manual page 27 and the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines page 3 Section 2.12.

In a nutshell, the Area Registrar is the "keeper of records" of all groups in Area 17.

The Area Registrar:

- Assures the accuracy and integrity of Area 17 Groups and Data
- Collects and reports data for our delegate and other trusted servants
- Registers Voting members

As of 5/16/2026 9:12am

TOTAL: 709 groups

187 Regular Groups

15 Virtual Groups

56 Unknown Groups

*DCMs still have access to Fellowship Connections. Please log in and continue to get unknown groups to register a primary contact and/or a GSR.

Alt Delegate:

Alt. Chair:

Alternate Chair May Committee Meeting 2026 Report

Aloha Fellow Trusted Servants,

I missed the April Hawaii Area Convention Steering Committee meeting but did attend this month. Plans for October's convention are in full swing; Erin will report the details. I will be participating in an ad hoc committee to review the Appendix C AHC Guidelines to make sure they are in line with the AHC bylaws adopted last month.

We are set for the August Budget Assembly and are in the process of securing facilities for the September Committee Meeting and the November Election Assembly. The Registration link for September should be posted to our website today.

In Love & Service, Sean C., Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair

Chair:

Chair's May Committee Report

5-16-27

Aloha Everyone, my name is Deborah L, I am a recovered Alcoholic and my homegroup is X-factah, District 3, Leeward, Oahu. Thank you District 12 for hosting this Committee Meeting.

My focus as Chair has primarily been on planning how I will be preparing the upcoming agendas for our last committee meeting along with the Budget and Election Assembly. Much of my attention has been to ensure that the business before us is organized in a way that allows for clarity, participation, and effective flow as we move through the remainder of this panel.

In keeping with the structure of today's agenda, after lunch , we will be moving into the seven proposals that were emailed to you by our Alternate Chair as supporting documents for review prior to this committee meeting. I hope that you all came prepared with your thoughts for discussion.

Today's purpose is to seek clarity and understanding around these proposals— specifically whether the language is clear, whether the background and expressed need are understood, and whether these items are appropriate to move forward to be presented by the writers at the August Budget Assembly. If moved forward, the intent is that GSRs will take these proposals back to their home groups for discussion, with final voting occurring at the November Election Assembly.

We will also remain mindful of time today, as we have a full schedule. While I always hope we can move efficiently through the work, the goal is to give each item the attention it needs while respecting the time allotted to ensure that's business is completed.

In closing, I am reminded of our Traditions and Concepts that continue to guide our service work. Tradition One emphasizes our common welfare and unity; Tradition Two reminds us that our leaders are but trusted servants and do not govern; and the Concepts reinforce shared responsibility, delegated trust, and the importance of group conscience in decision-making. These principles are reflected in how we move through today's agenda—through participation, trust in the process, and the collective wisdom of today's Committee .

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Deborah L /Chair chair@area17aa.org

Delegate/Conference Report: **Please Attend Your District Report Back.**

Schedule:

May 2026:

District 4 (Windward, Oahu)

Saturday, May 30, 2026 | 1 pm -4 pm Hina Mauka, Kaneohe, HI

District 9 (Central Northshore)

Sunday, May 31, 2026 | 3 pm

Cottages at Waialua Community Association, 66-434 Kamehameha Hwy,
Haleiwa, HI 96712

June 2026:

District 8 (West Hawaii Island)

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Time: TBD

Place: TBD

East Hawaii Island Intergroup, D7 & D12

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Time: TBD

Place: TBD

District 5 (No Ka Oi), District 11 (Kihei), District 13 (Tri-Island)

Saturday, June 13, 2026 | 8 am-12 pm

Cameron Center, Wailuku, Maui

District 3 & 17 (Leeward and Waianae, Oahu)

Saturday, June 2, 2026

Time: TBD

Place: TBD

July 2026

District 2 (Honolulu)

July 11, 2026 | 10:00 am | Church of the Crossroads, 1212 University Ave.

September 2026:

District 6 (Kauai)

Date: Labor Day Weekend 2026

Time: TBD

Place: TBD

10:45 Proposed budget 2027 *** See Separate Report ***

11:15am IG Reports/SCC Reports
OIG

OAHU INTERGROUP

Committee Report

5/16/26 Mary N, Chair Oahu Intergroup

The Chair updated the committee attendees as follows:

The joint OIG and 12CoconutsWaikikiOnline “**Safety and Inclusion**” workshop in A.A. was a success, with approximately 40 people in attendance. The Chair had previously participated in a

PRAASA roundtable, where she met an Area 58 member who had championed the creation of a Standing Committee in that area more than three years ago. The work developed during those years served as the foundation for this local workshop, with the Area 58 Chair and Co-chair of their S&I serving as the primary presenters. Visit their website for more information: <https://www.aa-oregon.org/safety-and-inclusion-committee/> The PRAASA roundtable attendees who shared their experiences, insights, and ongoing work in this area provided valuable knowledge that will help guide future efforts to foster greater inclusion for all A.A. members. One of the proposals later today will delve into this topic further.

In addition, an Area 93/District 22 member—who was instrumental in creating groundbreaking videos on safety in A.A.—also presented. These videos are currently under consideration by the Conference for broader use and distribution. The full presentation will be saved to a shared drive and distributed to Area 17 Panel 65 members soon, or visit: <https://d22aa.org/elementor-15542/>.

We are currently **seeking a new Vice-chair** for the remainder of this panel. Intergroup representatives will help spread the word, and the 3rd Legacy voting procedure will be used in July or August. Anyone interested in a temporary “trial” period leading up to the full Panel 67 election is encouraged to stand for the position. For more information, please contact chair@oahuintergroup.com.

The **Founders’ Day potluck** will be held June 20 at Kapi’olani Park. Setup begins at 8:00 a.m., with meetings scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each hour will be hosted by a home group, and groups are encouraged to invite one or more kūpuna with 25+ years of sobriety to serve as speakers. For more information, contact vicechair@oahuintergroup.com.

Thank you for your advocacy and support of Intergroup. We truly could not exist without your continued participation!

Mary Neister
Panel 75 Oahu Intergroup Chair

Archives

Date: 5/16/2026

Standing Committee: Archives archives@area17aa.org

Person reporting and position: Mike L., Archives Chair

Archives: Preserving our history, Enriching our Future

Thank you Puna District 12 for hosting this Committee Meeting today and the Area Standing Committee Chairs presentations tomorrow. Thank you for the transportation and overnight homestay!

Here’s what the Archives Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous since our Inform the Delegate Assembly of April 18-19, 2026:

Our Area Archives Committee meets 967 2702 3555 monthly at 5 pm on the Second Saturday of each month Meeting ID: 967 2702 3555 Password: Archives

I continue to attend the monthly Archives Forum, which meets online the First Sunday at 5 PM Pacific Time (soon to be 2 PM HST.) All are welcome: Meeting ID: 507 478 8317 Password: Archives

We are continuing our Kupuna Day Zoom sessions with Long-Timer Speakers from across the islands. We have speakers from Kaua`i, Maui and O`ahu who committed to speak. More to be revealed. Look for the flyer for Kupuna day. Meeting ID: 997 5220 4568 Password: Kupuna which is scheduled for July 18, 2026, at 1 PM.

We are continuing our Past Delegate interview project. David E (Panel 41, 1991-1992) and Tanya E (Panel 47, 1997-1998) gave some of the history of General Service on Maui. On May 5, 2026, John V interviewed Bob H (Panel 67, 2017-2018) who told us about his growth experiences hiking with the Pacific Regional Trustee on Maui, and visiting briefly with the widow of "Hilo Bill" with Area Archivist Ted K. Tommy (Panel 73) and Colleen (Panel 69) have agreed to be recorded, and we are planning on volunteering Kunane (Panel 71) too. Archives GSRs are scheduling the interviews. We are saving the recordings, and hopefully next panel's Archives Committee and Website Committee will be able to find the right way to make the audio recordings easily accessible to our A.A. members.

Finances: I spent \$41.40 for 6 copies of the revised Archives Workbook for our committee members, \$59 for A.A. history books that should be available in our archive: (A.A. comes of Age, Pass It On, and Dr Bob and the Good Oldtimers) and \$9 for Experience, Strength and Hope, the collection of personal stories that were in the first three printings of the Big Book. The shipping fee from aa.org/store was \$12.

Takeaways: Let your group know -

☑ Archives CARRIES THE A.A. MESSAGE from the past to the present and to the future, preserving our stories.

☑ We want to learn and preserve the history of your group and the stories of your group's members. Schedule a time to do a zoom meeting recording of your Longtimers – it's easier than trying to get people to complete the paper Group History form or Longtimers' Interview form.

☑ Let people know about Kupuna Day July 18, 2026.

Thank you for letting me be of service. -- Mike L.

Convention

May Committee meeting

Aloha my Name is Erin; I am an Alcoholic. I serve as your convention standing committee Chair. Not much has happened since our meeting last month. Since the committee has just created and approved our new by law, we have now set up an ad hoc committee to review what we have been using as our S&G, although that is not what they are titled, The current Appendix C of the area S&G. So, keep an eye out as the update will be presented to the area once completed. The 63rd annual Hawaii convention planning is in full swing. David has all the committee positions filled but some are still looking for co-chairs so if you still want to be of service, please let us know. You can still register for the 4-day event online at www.annualhawaii.com for \$120. The price will go up onsite. The convention will start at 0900 on Thursday this year. And yes, you do need to be registered to attend or to be in service. Even on Thursday. Please help us reach are

agreement with the hotel by purchasing Meals there will be bentos available on Thursday 2 dinners on Friday and Saturday, lunch on Saturday, and a breakfast on Sunday. Again, we can use your help in keeping us in a good standing with the Marriott hotel by booking a room through our link on the registration page of the convention website. The convention will also offer a \$50 convention credit, Rules and restrictions apply, if you have a room booked with the Marriott from the convention link. We have also implemented a hotel cancellation policy from the convention to discourage late hotel cancellations. You can find this on the website. We look forward to hosting all of you on Oahu on Oct 29- Nov 1 st 2026. It has been an honor to serve for the last 1.5 years. Next month Tommy will be rotating into this position. I will still serve on the convention steering committee for the next year and half, So You will continue to hear me request that you book a hotel room.

Thank you for letting me be of service,
Erin R.

PI

Aloha,

Christi alcoholic. I am your Public Information standing committee chairperson. I have very little to report since the inform the delegate assembly.

We are still going to do the Understanding Anonymity Workshop. Our committee will meet next month on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 3:00 p.m. and discuss new dates for the workshop. I spoke with the convention chair to see if public information can get a table at the convention. I'm also participating in the standing committee Workshop in Puna on 5/16/26.

Christi N
Public Information Chair
Hawaii Area 17

Treatment & Accessibilities

Treatment and Accessibilities Report
May 16, 2026

Aloha,

Not much has gone on since our last gathering although those who carry out the work continue to carry the message. After the Recovery Fair on Schofield with AA members Casey, D'Ann and Steve providing the professional community and active-duty military information on what we do, what we don't do and where to find us. Steve was asked to present at two other events, one on Schofield and the other on Ford Island. Shout out to Steve K. for reaching out to our military community.

A treatment package of literature was sent to Hina Mauka after it was reported that their literature rack was empty.

Sand Island requested assistance with a possible Deaf client that used American Sign Language (ASL). ASL videos and the video player was provided for their use.

In Service,
Francesca P.
Panel 75 Treatment and Accessibilities
treatment@area17aa.org

Mynah Bird

Date: 5/16/26
Standing Committee: Myna Bird
Person reporting and position: Mike. K

The following report summarizes Mynah Bird committee activity and ongoing discussions since the last Area Committee meeting on March 7, 2026.

Recent Issue & Distribution

- The most recent issue was completed and distributed following the Spring Assembly. Work has begun on the next issue, and submissions are currently being gathered from area committees and districts.
- Remaining printed copies of the most recent issue are still being distributed, with approximately 50 copies left.
- The committee remains grateful for the service and support that has helped make high-quality printed distribution possible while continuing to evaluate long-term production and budget considerations.

Website & Workflow Improvements

- Work has continued on improving the Mynah Bird website and digital publishing workflow to help streamline issue publishing, email communication, and long-term sustainability of the newsletter service.
- Work has begun on exploring HTML/web-based publishing workflows that may help improve digital accessibility, sharing of articles, and future continuity of newsletter service.

Distribution & Production Discussions

- Ongoing discussions have continued regarding statewide distribution of printed copies of the Mynah Bird, including considerations related to print quantities, budget, physical format, page count, and overall sustainability of production and distribution.

Upcoming Issues & Participation

- Planning for upcoming issues is underway with potential topics currently being explored for future issues include the impact of recent flooding on AA communities in District 9, as well as articles related to aging and long-term sobriety.
- Submissions, article ideas, and member participation continue to be received and reviewed and additional submissions are welcome from districts and committees.

Upcoming Committee Activity

- Plans are underway to schedule upcoming Mynah Bird committee meetings prior to the August Assembly to discuss future issue planning, committee business, and publication goals.
- The committee is currently aiming to have the next issue completed and available for distribution at the August Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Kong
Mynah Bird Committee Chair

CEC

Date: May 16, 2026
Standing Committee: CEC
Person reporting and position: Rochelle A., Chair

Aloha All,
Since our last Assembly meeting in April in Makawao, the following has occurred:

1. Emailed Concepts Video sent by Area Chair to Committee members.
2. Gave what to take back from Makawao's ITD Assembly.
3. Prep for today's meeting by copying more QR code sheets for Elders and flowchart supporting proposed PAI.
4. Added one new CEC member to contact list who is from Maui.

In love and service.
Rochelle A.

Hawai'i Senior Meetings

Kailua-Kona Zoom Meeting - Seniors in Sobriety:
<https://easthawaiiiaa.org/meetings/seniors-in-sobriety/?tsml-type=ONL>

Wa'a Kahu Oldtimers Meeting, Honolulu In-Person Meeting, Kawaiahao Church
<https://www.oahuuaa.org/oahu-meetings/?type=in-person#/waa-kahu-oldtimers?weekday=thursd>

Grapevine

Corrections

Has a group of people taking meetings in and will direct them to purchase literature from our local intergroup.

CPC

Date: 05/16/26
Standing Committee: CPC
Person reporting and position: Beau B, CPC SCC Area 17 Panel 75

Puna Committee Workshop

Since our inform the delegate assembly:

Putting together the upcoming committee workshop (tomorrow) with the help of other members and informing intergroups, area officers, committee chairs, dcms, and cpc committee members about the event.

DCM Reports:

District 2:

Aloha Kākou! (Kah-co-oh)

First, I would like to apologize for missing today's meeting due to a prior commitment this weekend. Heartfelt mahalo to Aaron (Our temporary alternate DCM), for stepping in and covering for me today.

Our district is doing good. I still have a lot organizing and cleaning up to do. I am trying to reach out to groups that have not updated their group status, and to attract them to participate in district business.

We have discontinued our previous inclusive insurance policy because it was not effective for group coverage. For now, each group is responsible for obtaining its own policy. I am also working with another insurance representative who offers nonprofit coverage. I plan to obtain a quote and present it to the district for a vote, hopefully at our next District Business meeting.

The budget assembly planning is slow, and we are still looking for district members to volunteer for the following Chair positions.

- Transportation
- Food
- Beverage
- Set-up & Clean-up
- Decoration

Delegate Report Back is set and ready to go. We have approved District 10 as a co-sponsor for this event, which will now be conducted as a hybrid workshop. The flyer will be published on both the OIG and Area websites.

Planning for the New Year's Alkathon is currently underway. We anticipate having a Chair appointed by our next business meeting. The event will be held at its established location, Ke'elikolani Middle School.

The selection of a site for the 2027 ITD is currently underway. We have received a proposal from Ke'ehi Memorial Park, and we are working to ensure the affordability of this option. Negotiations with the park planner are ongoing.

Mahalo for letting me be at service!
Keli'i d.
DCM District 2 - Honolulu

District 3:

My name is Nicole G., alt DCM standing in for Darrick who is serving our country in some manner.

District 3 will have an online workshop on May 30, 2026.

On June 27, 2026, the Delegate Report Back combined with District 17. No designated place or time have been set yet.

Mahalo for letting me serve.

District 4:

Windward District DCM Report
Committee Meeting May 16, 2026

Due to work responsibilities, I am unable to attend this month's Area Committee Meeting. I am grateful our district has such a capable and dedicated Alternate DCM willing to step in and serve when needed. Her willingness to answer the call to service and represent the district is greatly appreciated, and I thank her for her continued commitment to District 4 and Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole.

District 4 continues to stay active in fellowship, service, and planning for upcoming events within the district.

On May 23, district members will participate in "Crash the TYG Birthday Potluck," followed by fellowship and support of the Kahaluu Discussion meeting. We are looking forward to strong participation and continued unity between our groups and the younger members in Alcoholics Anonymous.

On May 30, the Hawaii Area Delegate's Report Back will be held at Hina Mauka. The district is encouraging GSRs, service members, and interested AA members to attend and hear firsthand the report from the General Service Conference.

On June 27, the district will host "The Homegroup Heartbeat of AA" workshop at St. Christopher's Church. This workshop is intended to help strengthen understanding of the importance of the home group and participation in AA service. Additional information and flyers will be distributed as they become available.

The district has also formed chair groups for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Alkathon's. Planning efforts are underway, and we are currently working to secure venues for each event.

In loving service and gratitude,
Sally T

District 5:

DCM REPORT District 5.
May, 16 2026

Thank you district 7 for hosting..

Thank to all members for help and support over the ITD assembly Held district meeting this past Tuesday. 18 total. 16 voting and 2 regular members. Super appreciation to all district and island wide members that showed up for service. "Invite them in" they will come.

We are discussing have a fall workshop. Topic to TBD.

I spoke at a first time offender DUI class. Inviting members that want to participate. Also working toward having a fluent Spanish speaking member(s) involved.

Delegate report back June 13 am Founders day celebration June 13 pm

District 7:

District 8:

District 9:

Hi. My name is Kelly and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to serve as DCM for Central North Shore Oahu, District 9. Thank you district 12 for hosting our committee meeting today. We have a hybrid district meeting at the cottage the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6pm. We have 2 new GSR's so far this year bringing us to a total of 6 GSR's participating, along with 5 alternate GSR's. We also have a new meeting that just started in Kahuku. Our "Home Group Health" workshop that we had at the beginning of the month went really well. We had a good turn out, and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. I want to thank everyone who attended and those who were of service. Our monthly birthday meeting has still been going strong and fostering fellowship. Deborah will be coming to give our district her report back at the end of this month. This will be held at the cottage on Sunday, May 31 from 3pm-5pm. I will be personally contributing some pizzas and we will be having a small potluck in hopes that gets more people to join us. Our alternate DCM has stepped down so we are currently looking for someone to cover at least until the end of the panel. Our north shore fellowship meeting spaces have all fully recovered from the flood, and are open. Thank you to all who reached out to offer love and support. I'm grateful to be a part of such an amazing fellowship. Thank you all for your service.

In love & service,
Kelly R. (DCM09)

District 10:

All is well in Dist 10. No changes from last Area Assembly. Looking forward to joining with Dist 2 for Delegate Report back in July. That's all I have. Thanks You for letting me serve.

District 11:

Date: 5/11/2026
District: 11 Kihei, Maui
Person reporting and position: Claire H. District 11 DCM
Email: DCM11@area17aa.org

We continue to meet once per month for our Kihei District meeting and this year we are reviewing each of the 12 Concepts at the start of each monthly meeting.

Last month our Kihei District meeting had only 4 people. We keep sending emails to make sure everyone on our team is informed of District and Area information.

We have started planning for the June 13th Delegate Report Back event at the Cameron Center. It turns out that the Founder's Day celebration event will also be at the Cameron Center on this same Saturday June 13th in the afternoon. We hope there will be plenty of attendance for both events at the same location: morning for the Report Back and afternoon for the Founder's Day celebration.

We will continue using the Maui Central Office island wide calendar more often, as well as the Hawaii Area 17 area wide calendar. Thanks.

I am prepared to attend the committee meeting in Puna on 5/16 and have reviewed the documents for the numerous agenda items in advance of this committee meeting to be fully informed.

I am encouraging our Kihei District GSRs to register and book air tickets for the Budget Assembly in August on Oahu. I have already registered in the mail and have booked my airline ticket for this upcoming assembly.

I attended the monthly bonfire meeting hosted by the Maui Island Campout of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous (MICYPAA) on Saturday 5/1. I am also on the small committee for our FREE full day of workshop meetings and beach fun hosted by MICYPAA at the Kanaha Beach Park Saturday June 20th. This all day long FREE event is entitled "I'm sober, now what?". Please share this great flyer with your districts. Thanks.

In love and service, Claire

District 12:

Date: 05/16/2026

District: 12

Person reporting and position: Julie C., DCM

Email: dcm12@area17aa.org

First of all, welcome to Puna District 12! We are honored and pleased to host the Area Committee Meeting today!

The "Inform the Delegate" Area Assembly was excellent! In fact, it was the best ITD Assembly that I have ever attended. I learned so much during this mock General Service Conference. I was most impressed by

how Bob, our Past Delegate, facilitated the mock General Service Conference, as if we were really there in New York City! Our current Area 17 Delegate, Deborah S., will be giving her "Report Back" from the General Service Conference on Sunday, June 7 th at our Founders Day Picnic at the Onekahakaha Beach Park from 10 a.m. till pau.

On Sunday, May 17 th tomorrow, we are blessed to host the hybrid Puna Committee Workshop featuring ten of our Area Committee Chairs from noon till 4:00 p.m. at the Puna Hongwanji Mission. Lunch will be served at noon, followed by presentations about what each committee does in our community. Come see how you can carry the message!

Hybrid Zoom Info:

Meeting I.D.: 999 8020 3597 Passcode: 96749

Puna District 12 has two more workshops in the planning stages: "The Illustrated Introduction to The Twelve Concepts" and "The 12 x 12 x 12," to be held sometime this Fall. Our goal is to host 12 workshops during Panel 75. So far, we have hosted six workshops, including tomorrow's workshop. And I want to personally thank everyone who is staying over to do The Puna

Community Workshop, especially Beau, who has been working hard to help us organize it! And last, but not least, I want to thank everyone who has helped put together this Area Committee Meeting. You know who you are!

District 17:

Aloha, I'm a grateful recovering alcoholic and my name is Paula.

Thank-you District 12 for hosting us today.

Not much has changed with us. We still have 13 active groups holding 31 meetings weekly.

The annual Westside Round Up is happening Memorial Day weekend at Maili Beach Park.

We are joining with District 3 on June 2th for our Delegate Report Back. Location TBA.

We're planning a workshop on Service followed by potluck and fellowship to be held in July.

We're still looking for a new secretary since the old one stepped down 2 months ago.

I'm still anxiously waiting for June 19th to come when Kamehameha Schools will accept my application to use one of the rooms at their beautiful facilities for when it's our turn to be hosting a committee meeting Sept. 19th.

01:00pm Proposals

1. Proposal: To remove from both the Area Delegate and the Area Chair duties line B and line E respectively, "Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup, when invited."

Background information: The committee decided that having area officers serving on an Intergroup committee is not good practice as they already have duties to the area that require their full focus and attention and intergroups are local service committees formed by and serving groups in a certain locale. Also, there are currently five intergroups in Area 17, listing only one is not equitable and if they were to attend all intergroup meetings, that would be five a month in addition to their area responsibilities. When one serves as a voting member of a committee, they should be knowledgeable about the business being discussed which is unique to each intergroup area.

For: 9 Opposed: 9 (Will come back to it)

Moving Forward to Assembly

2. Proposal: Change Alternate Chair's Duties, line B "Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all area assemblies and committee meetings." to read "Assist host DCM to arrange meeting places for all area assemblies and committee meetings."

Background information: This would change the written to duties to reflect actual practice.

Moving Forward to Assembly

3. Proposal: In Secretary's Duties, remove line D "Assist the area chair to publish an agenda thirty (30) days before each assembly or committee meeting." And remove line H "Send copies of approved area minutes to the Conference Coordinator at G.S.O."

Background information: This would change the written to duties to reflect actual practice. The Chair often requests review of agenda from Alternate Chair, but the Secretary does not regularly

assist, and the Secretary historically does not send approved minutes to the Conference Coordinator at G.S.O

Moving Forward to Assembly

4. Proposal: In Registrar’s Duties, remove line C “Notify area committee members of upcoming area meetings.”

Background information: This is done by the Area Chair.

Moving Forward to Assembly

5. Proposal: To create a new standing committee - Cooperation With the Young Community (CYC) to the Area 17 Structures & Guidelines Section 3.7 (Standing Committees). Add the following item after

Section 3.7 K. (Website):

L. Cooperation With the Young Community (CYC): Oversees and coordinates activities related to carrying the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to younger populations and sharing information about the A.A. program with the young community. If approved, this new standing committee position will take effect beginning with Panel 77.

Fiscal Implications: There are no immediate fiscal implications to the current year’s budget. Beginning in 2027, the Cooperation with the Young Community Standing Committee will have a designated budget with line items consistent with other Area Standing Committees and will be included in the annual Area budget.

Background information: Alcoholics Anonymous exists to carry the message of recovery to the alcoholic who still suffers. Alcoholism affects people of all ages, yet many young people who struggle with alcohol may not be aware that Alcoholics Anonymous is available to them as a resource for recovery.

Younger alcoholics encounter A.A. later simply because information has not reached them. The purpose of a Cooperation with the Young Community (CYC) committee would be to help bridge the gap between Alcoholics Anonymous and younger populations by ensuring that accurate information about A.A. is available to this community.

Area 17 currently maintains several cooperation-focused committees, including Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC) and Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC), which help carry the A.A. message to specific populations. Establishing a Cooperation with the Young Community committee would extend this same effort by focusing on younger members of the community who do not yet know that A.A. is available to them.

This committee would support A.A.'s primary purpose by helping ensure that all generations of alcoholics have greater awareness of the recovery available through Alcoholics Anonymous.

Submitted by:

Adriana G., Area Treasurer, Panel 75 Hawaii Area 17

Moving Forward to Assembly

6. Proposed Agenda Item: That the General Service Conference consider gathering shared experience from the Fellowship regarding how A.A. members and groups support alcoholics who are approaching the end of life, including informal practices sometimes referred to as “last meetings,” and that this experience be developed into Conference-approved literature or a service piece.

Background: Many A.A. members and groups are already informally organizing gatherings for members who are nearing the end of life. These “last meetings” or similar efforts reflect the Fellowship’s desire to carry the message, offer presence, and support one another in sobriety through all stages of life. At present, there is little Conference-approved literature that addresses this experience directly. As a result, members, sponsors, and groups often navigate these situations without shared guidance from the Fellowship. Gathering and sharing A.A.’s collective experience, strength, and hope in this area may provide helpful support to members and groups during an already difficult and meaningful time, while remaining consistent with A.A.’s primary purpose and Traditions. This effort would focus solely on shared A.A. experience and would not include medical, professional, or outside issues.

Moving Forward to Assembly

7. Motion: Create an Area 17 Standing Committee focused on Safety and Inclusion

Intent/Purpose:

- Support A.A.’s Primary Purpose by helping create meeting environments where all alcoholics feel safe, welcome, and able to participate
- Provide experience, resources, and shared best practices related to safety and inclusivity within A.A. meetings and service events
- Assist districts, groups and island intergroups without directing or governing them, in keeping with the Twelve Traditions
- Help to foster an environment in Area 17 service that is welcoming to everyone
- In this way help to create a more diverse Area 17 service body
- Be a resource to the Area Body regarding effective communication across difference so that everyone feels welcome and safe in A.A. This may include helping to create sessions for GSR and DCM schools, Group meeting Secretaries, Service Committee Sharing sessions, and Orientation.
- Research other Areas to see how they are doing in this effort.
- In this work, stay mindful of A.A. traditions and history to protect our common welfare.

Current Practice: No such committee exists at present.

Background: As we consider this proposal: Some Thoughts from Bill W. in The Language of the Heart— Bill W’s Grapevine Writings—From the 1950’s and For Today “Could A.A. really and fully transcend all of those formidable barriers of race, language, religion, and culture; all of those scars of wars, recent and ancient; all of those kinds of pride and prejudice of which we knew we had our share in America?”

Here, Bill acknowledges that A.A. exists in and of a time and place. He asks if inside the rooms, we can transcend its divisions, and he suggests the following: “We need to learn how to communicate across cultures not just language. We need to understand the difference between intention and impact and be sensitive to it in order to successfully carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. We need to not worry about what other people are doing or not doing in this regard. We each need to take that responsibility on ourselves.”

He also gives an example to remind us that being able to communicate across differences doesn't mean we ignore them or pretend they don't exist. In fact, effective communication not only sees difference but honors it, uses what's unique about our differences to bring us together where we can then acknowledge our shared humanity and solve our common problem.

"In the beginning, for instance, it was four whole years before A.A. brought permanent sobriety to even one alcoholic woman. Like the high bottoms the women said they were different; A.A. couldn't be for them. But as the communication was perfected, mostly by the women themselves, the picture changed.

The ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING COMMITTEE is necessary and prudent in the world we live in today! The committee's work would reflect the Area 17's desire to learn how individually, and as the Body, we can communicate more effectively with other human beings—with all our differences and "in spite of all those kinds of pride and prejudice"—to protect our common welfare and break down barriers to participating in service.

Traditions:

Tradition 1: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity." — Tradition One (Short Form) "Each member of Alcoholics Anonymous is but a small part of a great whole. A.A. must continue to live, or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. But individual welfare follows close afterward." — Tradition One (Long Form) It also seems true that A.A. unity depends on personal recovery. Personal responsibility means we work our steps a day at a time to help protect the unity of the group. Then the group works the traditions to help us be able to work our steps. It's a perfect circle around a triangle.

Tradition 3: There are no requirements for A.A. membership other than a desire to stop drinking.

We're not a private club. No one will be screened or left out because of their race, ethnicity, sexual identity, spiritual practices, mental or physical health challenges, or inability to pay dues. Everyone is welcome, so difference is welcome. We don't have to hide differences to be active members of A.A.. As long as we take personal responsibility for the welfare of the group, just like every other member, we get to share fully about who we are, no matter who we are.

Tradition 4: Groups are autonomous, that there is no central authority or government in A.A.. Therefore, the responsibility to protect the safety of A.A. members lies with the group through solutions arrived at through informed group conscience.

Tradition 5: Each Alcoholics Anonymous group ought to be a spiritual entity having but one primary purpose — that of carrying its message to the alcoholic who still suffers. — Tradition Five (Long Form)

Tradition 9: A.A. ought never be organized but may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.

Area 17 Standing Committees are formed to serve the groups, districts, intergroups and central offices of Area 17.

Tradition 10: A.A. has no opinion on outside issues; thus, the AA name ought never be drawn into public controversy. Tradition 10 specifically mentions public controversy. Not internal controversy the could be caused by a difference in opinion on a member's personal identity. It does not say that one's race, ethnicity, sexual identity, spiritual practices, mental or physical health challenges are outside issues that can never come up in A.A. meetings. Personal identity mentioned in a recovery share does not qualify as an outside issue. Nor does raising a safety concern within the rooms qualify as an outside issue. If it happens inside the rooms, or in the case of harassment, in and around a meeting whether in progress or not ... it's not an outside issue.

Budgetary Impact:

- SCC chair for Committee attendance at Assemblies/additional person to annual budget.
- The initial Budget Line Items for Safety and Inclusivity would be high to establish the Standing

Committee. Some suggestions:

- o Survey platform fees 200
- o Workshops 600 – proposal to conduct a panel/workshop on each island after a committee meeting with light refreshments

- o Printing 200

Moving Forward to Assembly

03:00pm

Roundtable Breakout

SCC & OIG Report

Standing Committee Chairs Roundtable Discussion 5/16/2026

The Standing Committee Chairs (SCCs) and O`ahu Intergroup (OIG) Chair noted that we have previously discussed "how to increase participation" and did not need further discussion. We appreciate the spirit of cooperation and information sharing in Hawai'i Area 17.

Topic 1: How to best use the remaining money Area made available for Standing Committee workshops. This could include having a presence at health fairs, Courts Service Fairs, and panels with non-alcoholics who work with alcoholics. For example there were such panels at the 2025 International Convention; and professional associations like the Addiction Medicine Conference (ASAM).

Topic 2: Gathering information from other areas' committee experiences. How to adapt successful practices to Hawai'i. Other areas are doing great service work, as was shared at the O`ahu Intergroup Workshop. Other areas have websites which both help people to reach A.A. ("Public facing") and help communicate within their area service structure ("internal use.") Beau (Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair) did extensive research and work with modeling what an area website could look like. Some of the Standing Committee Chairs (SCCs) have researched other areas' websites and found that for about \$140 per year the area can pay for hosting a WordPress website. SCCs will research the websites of other areas standing committees to see what we can use to improve. SCCs also find it helpful to attend the appropriate national workgroups such as the CPC/PI Working Group.

Topic 3: SCCs and OIG believe that it is important that we pass on our knowledge to the next panel so they will be able to carry on the work successfully – What worked, what didn't, what we recommend for follow-up (maintaining relationships built in the communities our committees work with.) SCCs and OIG re-affirmed they will use the area committee email which will preserve the communications for each committee instead of other forms of communication like WhatsApp. The email address is area17committees@area17aa.org

Officers

Area Officer's Roundtables Minutes 5-16-26

May Committee 5-16-26

Area Webmaster shared discussion regarding the possibility of creating a Progressive Web App (PWA) for the Area website. The app would allow members to access website information through an app-style icon on their device rather than through a traditional browser. Discussion also included the possibility of password-protected sections for trusted servant access. The Webmaster will provide an example/demo at the next Round Table, if possible, and will also research whether other Areas are currently utilizing similar applications. Topic was tabled for further information and discussion.

Sean C. also brought forward discussion regarding DCMs recruiting Standing Committee Chairs and the possible payment of a \$35 registration fee for Committee Meetings. Discussion included consideration of rising travel and participation costs, along with recognition that this may have been a practice the Area unintentionally moved away from over time. Matter was brought back to the table for further discussion and consideration regarding accessibility, participation, and Area support.

DCMs

Discussed budgets

Area- understanding what appears to be shortfall and that there is a surplus from Covid days.

Trust the process. Our router responsibility is to help GSRs, groups to understand.

Discussion moved to sharing individual District budget practices.

Talked about how groups can adjust & "pie" percentages based on needs at different times.

Talked about taking care of home needs first.

Talked about one District helping another financially if they have a surplus.

What to Take Back

Host District 12, Puna District

May 16, 2026

- Quorum 12
- February Committee Meeting -Approved
- Treasurer's Report -Passed
- Our Delegate's brief report back of the GSC brought enthusiasm, insight, and excitement as she prepare to travel statewide sharing the results and her experience with your Districts statewide.

- 2027 Budget Proposal presented by our Treasurer; to following within your Districts, please coordinate with the designated finance committee member to be presented to your district as we prepare for the Budget Assembly to be voted on.
- (7) proposals were presented by thee proposal writers, reviewed, discussed for clarity and understanding- the committee approved all 7 to be presented at the Budget Assembly, (August 15-16m 2026). District 2, Honolulu
 - As a result of a practice unintentionally falling out of place over time, likely during COVID, the Finance Committee announced to reinstate DCM/ Intergroup Chairs registration fees for Committee Meetings in support of being fully self-supporting and to assist with costs and Area commitments.
 - Budget Assembly, confirmed date August 15-16, 2026. To assist District 2 wit planning and preparation, members traveling to Oahu from the neighboring islands are encouraged to book flights early and complete online registration in advance (if have not done so yet) to help avoid increased costs closer to the event date.
 - Alternate Delegate, announced as a reminder, next GSR Orientation August 6th 2026, @ 6:00 PM via ZOOM : ID 811 8883 1899 PW: 691094, PLEASE PASS IT ON!

In closing, thank you all for your service and see you in couple months.

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