

Inform the Delegate

April 5, 2025

Day 1

9:00am

- Call to Order
- Sobriety Birthdays
- Introduction of past delegates
- Reading: How the Conference Operates, Appendix W, pg 173 AA Service Manual

9:15am

- General Service Conference – Process and Preparation Bob H.
- Planning and Breakout Sessions

11:00am Panel presentations Start

Archives

Panel 1 Archives Committee

VIII. Public Information

B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs):

a. Review the 2025 report on the “Relevance and Usefulness of Audio and Video PSAs.”

1. Our committee met online 3 times, March 1, 8, 29 and in person on April 5, 2025
2. Reviewed the Public Information report on PSAs. Had a discussion based on feedback from groups. We agreed with most of the suggestions in the report. We would like to see that future PSAs are produced
 - a. At a lower cost
 - b. To be more inclusive
 - c. We strongly encourage local areas, districts and groups to create their own PSAs based on the AA.org templates in their own dialects.

XII. Archives

A. Review content and format of Archives Workbook

We reviewed the relevance of the Archives workbook. We had discussions based on feedback from our groups. We agreed the format and content is useful.

- d. The inclusion of the experiences of the many different areas and districts is extremely helpful
- e. The template on how to submit a donation and how to check out national archive materials is very helpful.

- f. We would like to see more information on digital storage.

Convention

Panel 2 Convention Steering Committee

XIII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

B. Review progress report on the development of new declaration to be adopted at the 2030 International Convention.

B. we agree with the review of progress re: adding “service” statement with no time frame when it’s created and shared is agreeable to our committee

C. Consider that all Sovereign States flags be a part of the Flag Ceremony at an International Convention. (PAI 10)

C. no consensus made with our group. More information needed. The committee considered the item and feels more work by trustees is necessary because we need a better estimate of time allotment regarding other nations participating

D. Discuss ways to encourage interest and participation at Regional Forums

D. We discussed ways to encourage participation in the Pacific Region Forum. We discussed informing groups and members; educating groups and members; adding to Area Agenda for more info and outreach.

FLOOR ACTION SUBMITTED BY VOTING MEMBER (please see below): #1

Cooperation with the Elder Community

Panel 3 Cooperation with the Elder Community Committee

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

G. Review contents and format of Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

The Cooperation with the Elder Community reviewed and discussed the content of the kit, and our group conscience agreed that the format of the treatment and accessibilities kit and workbook is useful for local treatment and accessibilities committees. Face-to-face communication on how to use the kit and workbook is necessary for effectiveness.

H. Review resource lists for Remote Communities and Cooperation with Elder Community.

The Cooperation with the Elder Community reviewed the resource lists for Remote Communities and Cooperation with Elder Community, the list with the hyperlinks, and the committee agreed that the content of the resource list is useful for Remote Communities and Cooperation with the Elder Community. The list was easy to read and in order. However, the list did not

include the pamphlet “How A.A. Members Cooperate with Professionals” and suggested that the pamphlet be added.

Cooperation with the Professional Community

Panel 4 Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee

II. Cooperation with the Professional Community

D. Review progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org.

1. We reviewed the progress report on the effective use of CPC videos on aa.org
 - a. The committee suggests to move forward with repurposing the videos to be a more effective resource for informing professionals about AA and consider consolidating the three videos into one video.

E. Discuss shared experience in informing professionals how A.A. can serve as a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics.

1. The committee discussed their shared experience in informing professionals how AA can serve a resource for unhoused and neurodivergent alcoholics
 - a. Suggests individual encounters with business and organizations that work with these populations, bringing pamphlets, meeting schedules and QR codes into their facilities where staff and clientele can utilize them.
 - b. Suggests AA lunches at business and organizations that work with this population
 - c. Suggests implementing AA presentations during training seminars and classes for professionals and students that work with this population

Corrections

We met separately and as a group twice.

Panel 5 Corrections Committee

III. Corrections

C. Review Data from Tablet Vendor Edovo.

1. We reviewed agenda item C which is Review data from tablet vendor Edovo
2. Through a substantial unanimity vote we agreed with the trustee committee of the value of the analytics assessing the use at Correctional Facilities of the Edovo tablet.
 - a. We have 3 considerations
 - i. Consider adding a map key for clarification of words and terms

- ii. Consider adding more audiobooks in all 3 languages to add more variety. An emphasis on plain Lang BB being made available was noted.
- iii. Consider adding to the data the type of facility being surveyed men's, women's or juvenile, so AA can be most useful in getting the message out

D. Review Corrections Survey.

- 3. Through a substantial unanimity vote, we agreed with the corrections committee to the surveys useful of gathering current information and shared experience on service within correctional facilities. We take no action
 - a. We didn't feel there was enough information to consider changes.

Finance

Finance Committee – Adriana G. (Area Treasurer), Sean C. (Alt. Chair), Zalyn (DCM 7), Bob (DCM 6), Johnna (DCM 2) Michelle (DCM 8)

Panel 6 Finance Committee

IV. Finance

C. Review the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service from A.A. members.

C. Committee reviewed the Conference-approved level of \$10,000 for individual bequests to the General Service Board from an A.A. member and wishes to see the Finance Committee propose an increase in individual bequests to the General Service Board on behalf of A.A. members at the next GSC.

D. Review the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$7,500 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member.

D. Committee reviewed the Conference-approved maximum annual contribution of \$7,500 to the General Service Board from an individual A.A. member and agrees the amount is currently sufficient.

E. Review Self-Support Packet

E. Committee reviewed the Self-Support Packet and agreed there is no reason to further discuss this item. The committee would like to request more information on the income and costs of online birthday contributions verses postage envelope birthday contributions.

Grapevine

Panel 7 Grapevine Committee

V. Grapevine/La Viña

F. Consider request to revise the pamphlet “Grapevine and La Vina: Our meetings in print.”

The committee recommend revising the pamphlet, as it contains outdated, missing, and incorrect information. Updates are necessary to better inform both members and non-members about AA Grapevine and La Vina. The committee also urges the board to consider including DeafAA.org and the American Sign Language Video for Deaf Alcoholics on the Grapevine & La Vina YouTube channel. This would improve accessibility for Deaf and Hard of hearing individuals as this important resource is currently not mentioned in the pamphlet.

Vote to revise pamphlet

For: 69

Opposed: 16

G. Review report on “AAGV/La Viña media platforms.”

The committee reviewed and discussed the report with our home groups in our areas on the current use of AAGV and La Vina’s digital platforms. The report highlighted ongoing efforts to expand engagement through podcasts, social media, and other online content.

Myna Bird

Panel 8 Mynah Bird Committee

V. Grapevine/La Viña

A. Review AA Grapevine Workbook.

The Committee reviewed the workbook thought it was great. We had 2 suggested edits:

1. Condense display table sections
2. Check all hyperlinks to ensure they work; some links led to error pages or dead pages

B. Consider the list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2026 or after

AA Grapevine List of Suggested Titles (for production in 2026 or later)

The titles were:

- 1. Women’s Book II - which is about** Women AA members sharing stories of experience, strength and hope.
- 2. Best of If Walls Could Talk** - A collection of photos of AA meeting rooms from around the U.S., Canada and the world.
- 3. Amor, Unidad y Servicio (love, unity and service) (which is a La Viña book) about** Hispanic members sharing their gifts of sobriety through service in AA.

After consideration, the MB Committee recommends adopting the proposed list of books. However, we did have an AA member who was concerned about anonymity being broken with the suggested Book topic on photos of meeting rooms and the committee thought it was worth bringing to the delegate's attention.

Vote to consider printing the list of books:

For: 74

Opposed: 2

Public Information

Panel 9 Public Information Committee

VIII. Public Information

A. Review the 2025 Public Information Comprehensive Media Plan.

We found it well-detailed and did not find anything that needed improvements or changes at this moment.

B. Public Service Announcements (PSAs): 3. Consider suggestion to develop new video PSA.

We reached a consensus of unanimous support, and we do recommend that we develop a new video PSA. We discussed many other avenues to educate the public such as increased social media presence, QR codes in hotels, flyers on bathroom stalls, and more short-form videos. Ultimately, we believe that a PSA on TV will help at least one still-suffering alcoholic out there.

Vote to consider request to develop new PSA video

For:87

Opposed: 0

Adjourn Day 1 @ 4:50pm

Johnna 1st

Julie 2nd

Day 2

Call to Order @ 9:06am

Reading: "Why do we need a Conference?", Service Manual, chapter 6, pg. 40

Panel Presentations Resume

Treatment & Accessibilities

Panel 10 Treatment and Accessibilities Committee

X. Treatment and Accessibilities

A. Review progress report on Military Outreach Project.

B. Review progress report on shared experience from Fellowship on outreach efforts to A.A. members in the military and veterans.

The project is widely regarded as a great idea, aligning with A.A.'s principle of helping the next suffering alcoholic. A significant concern was raised regarding the difficulty in locating and reading the Military Outreach resources on the AA.org website. Some feedback from the home groups was to improve visibility, fonts and links are small. Also, providing a Military tab to the website drop down menu for direct access to military outreach landing page.

The Outreach efforts are rooted in A.A.'s tradition of attraction rather than promotion, maintaining the Fellowship's spiritual foundation while engaging with military populations.

Website Committee

Panel 11 Website Committee

V. Grapevine/La Viña

D. Review the progress report on a plan for a more effective La Viña subscription Procedure, fulfillment process and customer service experience.

VIII. Public Information

J. Review progress report on developing communications to address anonymity and social media.

Summary.

We support the direction of the survey. However, we recommend that there needs to be more education on anonymity literacy within AA. And collect more data over a longer period. And for wider demographic and more diverse

FLOOR ACTION SUBMITTED BY VOTING MEMBER (please see below): #2

FLOOR ACTION SUBMITTED BY VOTING MEMBER (please see below): #3

Intergroup

Panel 12 Intergroup

VI. Literature

J. Consider request that the Twelve Concepts for World Service and essays on Twelve Concepts for World Service be included in the current publication, Twelve Steps, and Twelve Traditions.

Our ITD Panel 12 is in support of considering the above request.

For: 74

Oppose: 15

K. Consider request to update the book Living Sober.

Celebration of 50 years (1975-2025) by reporting at 2026 GSC the initiation of the second edition creation process to revise/update/expand Living Sober

Our ITD panel 12 is in support of considering the above request

For: 68

Oppose: 18

Vote to Reconsider

For: 52

Oppose: 30

Reconsidered vote:

For: 40

Oppose: 44

DCMs

Panel 13 DCMs

VII. Policy/Admissions

D. Discuss the process of Simple Majority Items.

We felt that the current process needs to be amended and suggested that re-wording be looked at.

Such as Simple statement on an item passed or failed. % of votes that each item received regardless of whether an item passed or failed. That all votes be recorded and reported.

E. Consider request that a Super Majority of voting members be required to change or amend Founders Literature IV. Finance

Panel. We take no action.

F. Consider a request to remove the phrase, "A group may also decline to hear reports from a GSR at all" from page 10 in The A.A. Service Manual.

Panel. We recommend approving the request.

GSR has the right of participation along with being elected as a trusted servant. Keeping with the knowledge that a group can decide on its own. We are only talking about the request as written.

Officers

IX. Report and Charter

A. Discuss the A.A. Service Manual, 2026-2028 Edition:

3: Consider a request to remove the word “woman” from the Concept IV essay.

Our committee discussed the background and believed:

- The language of AA literature has been updated over time to reflect a broader, more inclusive understanding. This change follows that precedent without altering the underlying principle of the concept.
- AA's Concepts and Traditions emphasize that the Fellowship serves all alcoholics, regardless of gender. Updating the language removes any unintentional exclusion while preserving the meaning and intent of the essay.

With that said, our committee unanimously recommends to remove the word “woman” from the Concept IV, Right of Participation, essay.

Floor Actions

1. FLOOR ACTION

All Sovereign states flags be a part of the flag ceremony at the International Convention

For: 65

Oppose: 32

2. FLOOR ACTION

Create a pamphlet using the words thusly: “AA and Social Media”

Vote to Decline further discussion

For: 44

Opposed: 38

3. FLOOR ACTION

We recommend that a new expanded online anonymity survey be created that expands the time and scope (audience) to include all demographics in AA in regard to membership.

Vote to Decline further discussion

For: 77

Opposed: 11

Delegates report back summary of all notes she took of Panel Presentations...

Alt Delegate Presentation on The Importance of the 7th Tradition

Aloha, my name is Sean F., and I am an alcoholic. I currently serve as Alt. Delegate for Area 17, Panel 75. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak today. We are here to discuss a crucial aspect of Alcoholics Anonymous: our financial responsibility in supporting A.A. services.

ITEM A: Consider a request to reaffirm the 1975 Advisory Action that delegates emphasize to the groups the effect that inflation has had on the contribution of dollars and the necessity for adjusting contributions accordingly, to support services provided by the General Service Board. [Floor Action from the 74th General Service Conference]

This action reaffirmed a key principle: A.A. should remain self-supporting through its own contributions. It encouraged groups to take responsibility for ensuring that the vital services provided by the General Service Board remain funded.

At its core, this Advisory Action is a reminder that A.A. is not just about individual recovery but about sustaining a fellowship that is available for all who seek it. It underscores the essential nature of voluntary financial support and stresses that each group should contribute as it is able to, ensuring that A.A. services remain available to the still-suffering alcoholic.

Bill W., spoke extensively about the importance of financial self-sufficiency within the fellowship. He stated, *“Our spiritual way of life is safe only for so long as we are absolutely self-supporting at all levels.”* This reinforces the necessity of group contributions in maintaining A.A.’s independence and ability to serve future generations.

A.A.’s Seventh Tradition states, *“Every A.A. group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions.”* Bill W. strongly emphasized this principle, recognizing that financial autonomy was crucial to preserving A.A.’s independence and integrity. He once wrote, *“The A.A. groups themselves ought to be so fully self-supporting that we wouldn’t be tempted to accept outside contributions, no matter how large.”*

He also cautioned against complacency, saying, *“When we are generous with the hat, we give a token that we are grateful for our recovery. We show our strong resolve that Alcoholics Anonymous shall be forever free.”* These words serve as a reminder that financial support is not just about covering costs but about ensuring the longevity and freedom of A.A. as a whole.

The General Service Board plays a crucial role in maintaining the services that support A.A. groups and members worldwide. These include:

- **The General Service Office (G.S.O.):** The administrative hub that coordinates communication between A.A. groups, provides resources, and ensures continuity in carrying the message.
- **Literature Production and Distribution:** Ensuring the availability of A.A. literature, including books like the Big Book, pamphlets, and guidelines that help carry the message to alcoholics.
- **Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community (C.P.C.):** Educating the public, medical professionals, and institutions about A.A. and its resources.
- **International Outreach:** Supporting A.A. groups in countries where the fellowship is still developing and ensuring that translations of A.A. literature are available in multiple languages.
- **Archives and Historical Preservation:** Maintaining the history of A.A. to educate future generations and ensure the integrity of the fellowship's message.
- **Technology and Digital Outreach:** Supporting the A.A. website, digital meeting directories, and online services that help members and newcomers connect with the program.
- **Corrections and Treatment Facilities Support:** Providing resources and assistance to alcoholics in prisons, hospitals, and rehabilitation centers, ensuring they have access to A.A. meetings and literature.
- **Event and Conference Support:** Organizing and coordinating regional, national, and international service events to strengthen A.A.'s unity and effectiveness.

Since 1975, the value of the dollar has changed dramatically due to inflation. To put this into perspective:

- In 1975, the dollar had significantly more purchasing power than it does today. \$1 in 1975 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$5.87 today.
- The costs of providing essential A.A. services, including literature publication, maintaining the General Service Office, supporting regional and international efforts, and ensuring public information—is continually rising.
- If groups contribute the same dollar amounts as they did decades ago without adjusting for inflation, they are effectively contributing less in real terms.

A.A. services do not exist in a vacuum; they require resources. As costs increase over time, it is essential that contributions increase accordingly. Without adequate financial support, vital services may be affected, limiting A.A.'s ability to carry the message to those who need it most.

Bill W. also highlighted this issue when he said, *“Every single A.A. service is designed to make more and better Twelfth Step work possible... Yet if these vital services are to remain available, they must be supported.”* This reminds us that without financial backing, A.A.'s ability to reach suffering alcoholics diminishes.

Group Contributions:

Total Contributions: Groups contributed approximately \$5,950,279 in 2023.

Active Groups: There are 57,222 active groups within A.A. (Registered with Fellowship Connection)

Participating Groups: Out of these, 18,105 groups made contributions, representing about 31.64% of all groups.

Average Contribution per Group: The average annual contribution per group was \$328.65.

Individual Contributions:

Total Contributions: Individual members contributed a total of \$3,540,104 in 2023.

Number of Contributions: There were 27,235 individual contributions recorded.

Average Contribution per Individual: The average annual contribution per individual was \$129.88.

Most Common Contribution: The most frequently given amount by individuals was \$50.00.

These statistics reveal that while group contributions constitute a significant portion of A.A.'s funding, a substantial number of groups (approximately 68.36%) did not make contributions in 2023. This underscores the need for increased awareness and participation in financial support to maintain and enhance A.A. services.

To ensure A.A. remains self-sufficient and continues to serve future generations, we must recognize the importance of increasing our contributions in alignment with economic changes. Here's why:

- The General Service Office (G.S.O.) provides essential services, including literature production, international outreach, and coordinating service activities that benefit all groups.
- Adjusted contributions allow A.A. to continue its mission without relying on external funding, preserving the fellowship's autonomy and integrity.
- Many members are unaware that their group's current level of contribution may not be keeping up with the rising costs of services.

In Closing, a good benchmark for individual giving is considering how much we spend on personal expenses, such as coffee or entertainment, and whether we are contributing a similar value to the fellowship that has saved our lives. If we want A.A. to remain available for future generations, we must be willing to support it financially today.

We encourage all groups to:

1. Regularly review their financial contributions in light of inflation and rising service costs.
2. Educate members on the importance of self-support and the impact of their contributions.
3. Adjust their giving as needed to ensure A.A.'s continued ability to serve the suffering alcoholic.

As the 1975 Advisory Action reminds us, we must emphasize group contributions to sustain A.A. services. Today, with the impact of inflation, this message is even more relevant. By adjusting our contributions, we ensure that A.A. remains strong, self-supporting, and able to carry its message for years to come. It is important for the Delegates to emphasize it; however, it is on us as a fellowship to continue to communicate it!

Due to time constraints, all reports were submitted by email to the Area Secretary. NO REPORTS WERE PRESENTED AT THE MIC.

Alt Delegate

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT

4/5/2025

Good morning - Area Chair Deborah L., Hawaii Area Committee Members, Past Delegates, and guests. Serving as Alternate Delegate to Area 17 Hawaii, Panel 75, my name is Sean F. Thank you, Claire, and District 11, Kihei for hosting our Assembly this weekend. According to the Structure & Guidelines for Area 17 General Service, it is my duty as Alternate Delegate to:

A. Perform the delegate's duties in her absence.

I currently have been working closely with Deborah S., as she has kept me informed on everything to this point leading to her travelling to the 75th General Service Conference. If anything should change her status; I am ready to step in.

B. Maintain and update the GSR Orientation Handbook and the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous.

This is Structure and Guidelines will have an update coming soon.

C. Conduct orientation sessions for GSRs and DCMs, as needed.

We will have another GSR orientation for new GSR's at the Inform the Delegate Assembly. We will be conducting the next GSR Orientation virtually and details will follow this assembly.

D. Serve, either as a member or chairperson on ad-hoc committees, as deemed appropriate by the area chair.

E. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee.

I am grateful to serve on this committee and will defer reporting to the Steering Chair, Erin R.

F. Act on actions accepted by the area assembly, at the request of the area body [assembly].

G. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.

Chair

Chair Report/ Deborah L

Inform the Delegate Assembly

Hawaii Area 17/Panel 75

April 6, 2025

Greetings everyone, my name is Deborah L. I am an alcoholic, and I am privileged to serve as your Hawaii Area 17 Chair. Thank you District 11 for hosting this Assembly.

My duties, as outlined in the Structure and Guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 General Service, section 2.8 are as follows:

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: 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.

D. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.

E. Service as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup, when invited.

Activities since our last assembly:

- I attended the Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Assembly in PRAASA and found myself being alert and attentive to the ebb and flow of PRAASA. It was a great reminder that we are not alone in our challenges, and open dialogue helps us grow. The Chairs Roundtable was insightful, and other Chairs had sparkling ideas on how to make our assemblies more engaging. The experience of moderating a panel was rewarding, and I enjoyed hearing different perspectives on supporting remote areas. I did have the opportunity to tour Anchorage on Thursday and on the day of return, enjoyed fellowship with those of us returning home that evening.
- I worked on structuring the agenda for the ITD Assembly on time.
- I engaged in the Oahu Intergroup committee meeting, staying informed on local services.
- Appointed our SCC for Cooperating with the Elderly Community
- I continue to participate in fellowship connection through attending the Chair's Sharing Session every 3rd Monday of the month and even considering to chair one of these meetings soon, as a responsibility to participate.

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In love and service,
Deborah L. P75/Area 17 Chair
chair@area17aa.org

Alt. Chair

Alternate Chair Inform the Delegate 2025 Report

Aloha all, welcome to Maui and Kihei District 11! Big mahalo to our host district and crew! It has been a quite some time since the last assembly scheduled on Maui, the 2020 ITD, was cancelled due to the pandemic.

We are all set for heading to the Big Island next for the Budget Assembly, then we will have our first two of next year back on Maui hosted by Districts 13 and 5. I am now working with host districts on setting location for next year's functions.

PRAASA was outstanding and I was very grateful for the down jacket I bought for the trip! It was once again an excellent representation from Hawaii, and I got the opportunity to see old friends from Area 3 and make new ones from across the Pacific Region. Instead of sitting with my Hawaii ohana all the time, I took the opportunity often to sit at other tables with friends I did not yet know and expand my service circle. PRAASA really helps me understand how we are connected one alcoholic to another across the world. I heard about not only not taking myself too seriously, but not taking others too seriously as well and more that I will save for the PRAASA sharing session.

At last month's Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee meeting, the budget was revisited and after discussion about budgetary concerns, relationship to the Hawaii Area Committee and that Alt Chair and Alt Delegate expenses to attend the convention are already in this year's area budget, it was amended to not include paying those.

I have been tasked with chairing an ad hoc committee to review the Area Structures & Guidelines for any needed updates and changes. We do this process over the rest of the year and report our findings to the January Inventory Assembly.

Lastly, a quick reminder that host committees are only asked to provide two nights homestay when we must travel from a neighbor island to Oahu, then to another neighbor island where the assembly is being held where we would not arrive on time Saturday. If you do need special accommodation, please register early and let host DCM know of your needs.

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

Registrar

ITD 2025
Registrar Report

Thank you District 11 Kihei for hosting ITD.

My name is LiZz0, Alcoholic and your friendly Area Registrar

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

In a nutshell, the Area Registrar is the "keeper of records" on all of the groups in the state of Hawaii (Area 17).

- Assure the accuracy and integrity of Area 17 Groups.
- Collect and report data for our delegate and other trusted servants
- Register Voting members

Total 182

169 Regular Groups

13 Virtual

(81 Unknown groups)

Reminder:

Please Check-in at Assemblies and Committee Meetings with both the District (the district hosting the Assembly or Committee Meeting; pay registration fee and get your name tag) and the Area (the state of Hawaii Area 17).

Treasurer

Please see separate Treasurers Report

Secretary

ITD Assembly
April 5-6, 2025
Area Secretary Report

Aloha, my name is Gina, and I'm an alcoholic. I serve as the secretary for Area 17.

First, I want to thank those who sent in your word format reports early. I greatly appreciate your time and efforts your put in to keep the Area up to date with what's happening in your neck of the wood. And thank you for the service you do. For the rest of you, you have till Wednesday, April 9, 2025, to get your reports to me by sending them to secretary@area17aa.org. I usually already have the minutes done and I just wait to see if anyone needs to make some last-minute changes. On the Thursday, the unapproved minutes are sent and then posted under the archives tab labeled "1975 to present, panel 75".

According to the structures and guidelines of Area 17, my duties are:

The recording secretary should:

- A. Read and adhere to the secretary's duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual.
- B. Record the minutes of all area meetings.

C. Distribute the minutes no later than ten (10) days after each area meeting to all D.C.M.s, standing committee and intergroup chairs, and area officers.

D. Assist the area chair to publish an agenda thirty (30) days before each assembly or committee meeting.

E. Keep available all current area records.

F. Perform such other duties deemed necessary by the area assembly.

G. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.

H. Send copies of approved area minutes to the Conference Coordinator at G.S.O.

So ... I don't normally go over my duties as it's a pretty cushy job, but I ran out of things to say and needed to fill in some space... lol!

Love you all and thank you for allowing me to serve.

- Standing Committee Reports

ARCHIVES

Thank you, Kihei District 11 for hosting today's Inform the Delegate Assembly at a great location.

What the Archives Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous:

At our first meeting of Panel 75 at the Orientation Assembly, we developed our Mission statement, Vision, and Action plan for Panel 75 (listed below.) We also met online March 1, March 8 (without me while I was attending the Archives Workshop at PRAASA in Anchorage) and March 29 to discuss the two agenda items and prepare for the Inform the Delegate Assembly.

We also selected preferred dates for the Kupuna Day Archives Workshop. We hope to present it on Saturday, July 26, if we can confirm locations on each of the islands. If not, we will try for September 20 or 27. Archives is participating in the Standing Committees Workshop on Maui April 26, titled "My Life Depends on Helping Others." Please see flyer and attend in person or online.

The Archives Committee meets the Second Saturday of each month from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

Meeting code: 967 2702 3555 Password: Archives

Finances:

Budget for Archives is \$200 for 2025.

Spent \$35 – literature. Purchased Archives Workbooks for GSRs on the Committee.

Spent \$22.05 – postage to mail the Archives Workbooks to the GSRs.

Thank you for letting me be of service!

The Mission of the Hawaii Area 17 Archives Committee is to document permanently the work of Alcoholics Anonymous in Hawaii, to make the history of Hawaii Area 17 accessible to A.A. members, and to provide a context for understanding A.A.'s progression, principles and traditions.

Our **Vision** is to continue to preserve the archives for Area 17 in order to promote knowledge and understanding of the origins, goals and program of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Actions the Archives Committee will take for Panel 75 include hosting a Kupuna Day each year which will allow A.A. elders from across the State to share their experience of the history they have seen here in Hawaii. We also decided it is our responsibility to expand the archives to include the history of the non-English speaking meetings in our Area.

CONVENTION STEERING

Convention committee report for April ITD

Aloha my name is Erin, and I am an alcoholic. Grateful to serve as the convention standing committee chair. The Convention is Oct 30 – Nov 2 at the Waikiki Marriott hotel. The convention chair Tommy is still looking to fill some committee chair service positions. Please reach out if you would like to be in service it does not matter what island you live on, we want everyone to be in service. We are also excepting resumes for 2026 convention chair, and for the treasure position which is a special paid position. Please send any resumes or question to secretary@annualhawaiiiconvention.com. We continue to encourage those that are attending the convention to buy meals and please stay at host hotel as we guarantee the hotel both a food and beverage and room night minimum. If we don't meet these guarantees we get charged a substernal fee from the hotel. The final report from the 2024 convention is available for any member would like that information or has any questions, you may send a request to the treasure at treasure@annualhawaiiiconveniton.com. The convention committee continues to host the monthly committee meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6pm at Hina Mauka and on zoom. The Steering committee meeting is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9am at Hina Mauka and on zoom. Both meetings are open to all to attend. I would like to thank the convention committee for all their input on the agenda items that we presented this weekend. We had some great conversations as we came to agreements on our topics. I love this process. I am also planning on attending the workshop on Maui at the end of this month, and we continue to plan another workshop on Oahu on June 21. The steering committee is working on creating and approving a conflict resolution policy. We have also been working on updating the S&G and will present all final changes to the area once completed. For registration, meals, hotel room and convention information is online at www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com. I look forward to seeing all of you at the convention in Oct.

In Love and Service,
Erin R.

COOPERATION WITH THE ELDER COMMUNITY (CEC)

No report submitted

COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY (CPC)

No report submitted

CORRECTIONS

No report submitted

FINANCE

See Treasurer's Report

GRAPEVINE

No report submitted

MYNAH BIRD

Date: 4/10/25

Standing Committee: Myna Bird

Person reporting and position: Mike. K

The Mynah Bird Standing Committee had our second meeting via zoom on March 24th to follow up on previous items and discuss next steps including:

- **Coming to an understanding of who the Mynah Bird is for** and how that will direct the content that appears in the Mynah Bird. **We'll be focusing more on the general Hawaii AA population than service members.** This effectively means that while we'll be including service oriented content, it will be a minority of the content instead of a majority. We believe **this will make the Mynah Bird more relevant and more accessible to more AA members, especially the ones who could benefit from it most.**
- **Followed up on progress of content for the first newsletter** including two articles written by 3 of our Mynah Bird committee members and a really great hand drawn comic strip. Thank you Kelley, Casey, Greta, and Izzy.
- Setup of an email marketing platform to allow people to signup and get the newsletter sent to their email. We've decided on MailChimp since it's free until the email list hits 500 subscribers.
- **Getting more clear on metrics** that we'll be using to measure progress. These will include things like:
 - The number of email newsletter signups, email open and click through rates
 - The number of visits to the Mynah Bird web page
 - I'll also be including a call to action in each newsletter for readers to visit a webpage and click a big red button to let us know that they read the Mynah Bird. The page can be accessed by scanning a QR code or by visiting a simple, easy to remember web address, mynahbirdaa.org. Visitors who visit the site and press the button will be prompted with a survey where they can rate the newsletter and send their feedback.

The number of button presses here will be one of the main metrics I'll be using to measure my success.

- We've also made significant progress on a **new layout template design and styling for the newsletter** which will be printed on 11x17 inch paper and folded for a final booklet style size of 8.5x11". Show the layout mockup.
- We're considering having the feature article for the first issue be about the implications and possible uses of A.I. in AA recovery. And including the results of an informal survey asking how many AAs use AI in their recovery. This could be in their personal recovery, to help them organize their notes, transcribe meeting audio, write proposals, etc.

We'll be going to print the first week of May, so the deadline for submissions will be April 25th. I talked with our delegate, Deborah S., and she mentioned that she'll be printing this first edition in color, so that opens up a whole range of possibilities for me as a designer, and I'm excited about that.

The committee and I are looking forward to learning a great deal from printing this first issue, especially regarding costs and distribution logistics.

It's been, and continues to be, a great privilege, pleasure, and honor to serve as the Mynah Bird Committee chair and I am thankful for everyone's service.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (PI)

Public Information SCC Report
ITD 2025

Aloha

Christi alcoholic, I serve Hawaii Area 17 as Public Information chair. So far our committee has met twice to go over our topics for the Inform the Delegate assembly. Our first project that we discussed was to go out to the libraries in our districts to see if they currently have literature.

I will be participating in the Standing committee workshop in Maui on April 26, 2025 and on Oahu June 21, 2025. More shall be revealed on what will be presented. Our goal is to focus on the topics that have been highlighted in The Comprehensive Media Plan. Focusing on Anonymity will also be a topic that we will focus on for a workshop topic.

Our purpose as the Public Information committee is to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic. The focus this panel will be how we carry the message online and on mobile apps. More shall be revealed.

In love and service,

Christi N

Public Information Chair

TREATMENT & ACCESSIBILITIES

Treatment and Accessibilities Report
April 5 & 6, 2025
ITD Assembly

Aloha,

1. As I asked more of the committee to explore all the topics under the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee and additional agenda items that were workshopped with their homegroup was:

Where do I go from here? Outdated, looks like something right out of the yellow pages as it refers to finding AA through the telephone directory.

Bridging the Gap - QR code text to small.

2. Expanding on the agenda item, Military Outreach Project which entails collecting stories from our Veterans. Any interest contact via email at militaryoutreach@aa.org. The best way to navigate to the military outreach project use the search tool at AA.org put in military

3. On April 1st, CPC, Treatment and Accessibilities were invited to set up a booth on Schofield to kick off the months Substance Abuse Awareness campaign. A few people stopped by the table asking questions and taking literature.

While there the Family Resource Center inquired about how does AA recruit it's members? A curious question. After having the discussion of this is what we do, this is what we don't do and this is where to find us they left with pamphlets to put in the Family Resource Center and two points of contacts.

4. Castle hospital has reached out for an individual to facilitate a literature meeting on Fridays at 8 pm. There is a clearance process and if there are several members interested a spirit of rotation may help with taking on this commitment. Keep in mind, the request is for a single person to facilitate a literature meeting.

In Service,
Francesca P.
Panel 75 Treatment Chair

WEBSITE

- District Committee Members (DCM)

DCM 1

No report submitted

DCM 2

No report submitted

DCM 3

Date: April 10, 2025

District: 3

Person reporting and position: Derrick S. / DCM 3

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Good showing from district 3 at the ITG conference! Only one GSR could not attend due to a last minute work catastrophe. Eatin Meetin GSR is working on an outreach flyer based on panel discussion results at the ITG. Meeting is growing with nearly 50 people in attendance almost every Saturday! Eatin Meetin has a new Secretary – Kaitlyn stepped up and stepped in to be of service to their home group. Eatin Meetin has 4 homegroup members in area service. No upcoming events.

Hui Kokua is 47 members strong and they continue to be a big contributor to OIG. They will be hosting a Halloween dance at Palama Settlement in October. They will also be supporting the West Side Roundup in May, with more information coming soon. X-Factah and Head Start both report good attendance with meetings still growing in size.

Unfortunately, I am sad to report that Hugs closed down at the end of last month due to lack of attendance. We also have 7 groups in our district that are not represented.

Other Topics:

District 3 is active supporting the Federal Prison on Oahu. We voted last night to approve the purchase of Big Books to take into the prison as well as provide flyers and literature to the inmates.

DCM 4

No report submitted

DCM 5

Date: 4-05-2025

District: 5

Person reporting and position:

DCM Tim Goeken

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A couple of us attended PRAASA. Thank you 7th tradition and all that participated. Did a service report back.

GSR's did a great job with the assigned agenda items. I heard them communicating with fellow members the importance of their voice. Stressing the significance of the upside-down triangle.

District officers and members participated in Delegates corner.

We registered 2 new GSR's. Had a GSR (alt dcm run) study group. District will be hosting founders' day. Participated in Hana Caravan.

Scheduled new training for bring AA to Jails. Worked with Committee Chairs on pamphlet needs (location and re-stocking).

Participated with Department of education on Maui (first time offender DUI) class.

Ongoing/upcoming events.

2nd Wednesday caravan. Ke'anea

Last Sunday Caravan Hana

Founders' day event. June 8th

Delegate Report Back 6-21-25 Cameron Center.

DCM 6

Inform the Delegate Assembly

DCM Report April 5-6,2025

Good morning, I'm an Alcoholic, my name is Bob, my Home group is Poipu Beach Sunrise Sobriety. I'm currently DCM for the Island of Kauai, District 6.

It has been a busy 1st Quarter of this new panel, but I feel confident that we have made some headway with our primary goal of Unity through participation.

1. We have experienced stronger participation by our Groups at our monthly District meetings. Footnote*Mathea is still active on the District Level. She chooses not to fly but sends her Aloha to you all. I brought her a thumb-Drive of the Panel Meetings from PRAASA. She's wallowing in them.
2. We are currently updating our District 6 Structures and Guidelines.
3. Almost all of our Standing Committee Chairs are filled and becoming active.
4. Our Alternate DCM and others have been actively participating in Group Conscience Meetings of Groups currently without GSRs or choosing not to participate in General Service. It has been very interesting in the reactions we have received, but encouraging.
5. Our Inter-Group is doing a terrific job with updating our website and meeting schedules, promoting our Hybrid Meetings, keeping the hot-line open and scheduling fellowship activities and events.
6. We have secured a location for October's Committee Meeting in Lihue, close to the airport and are still indecisive of piggy-backing a Standing Committee Workshop on the same weekend.

We currently have 22 registered Groups in District 6, with at least 53 face-to-face meetings weekly. Several Groups have virtual meetings also. My Home Group, Poipu Beach Sunrise Sobriety meets Face-to-face at 7am Daily and on a Virtual Platform at the same time Daily. All our Meeting times and locations are available on the Meeting Guide Ap.

I was blessed to attend PRAASA last month. I can't begin to describe all the activities and different people I had the pleasure of meeting. I volunteered for opening night registration. The entire event, weather, accommodations were excellent. The Buffet Lunch, not so good.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Bob F.

DCM 7

Date: 2025.04.06

District:7

Person reporting and position: Zalyn L (DCM)

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My name is Zalyn, I'm an alcoholic. Thursday Night Special is my home group and I'm the DCM for District 7 Hilo/Hamakua. Currently we have 17 active groups, 1 new meeting and 3 active GSRs. At our last district meeting we elected a new secretary. We are just about fully prepared for our committee meeting in May. One of our groups, Young People's Tunda has volunteered to do breakfast, and Julie and Ian from District 12 have offered to help with lunch. So far we have received a couple of registrations for the Committee Meeting. For those Area Officers, Area Committee Chairs, and DCMs who have not registered yet, there is a link on the Area website you can use to do so. GSRs are not required to come to the committee meeting but it is open to everyone, however you must pay your own way and you will not get a vote.

We are looking to team up with District 12 to host a workshop with the finance committee in August, to help inform groups and members about the importance of the 7th tradition as well as the effect of inflation when it comes to operating costs of districts, areas, and GSO.

DCM 8

DATE: 4/15/2025

DISTRICT: 8

PERSON REPORTING AND POSITION: Michelle B., DCM

EMAIL: DCM8@area17aa.org

West Hawaii District 8 had our District Meeting one week early because I am traveling off island until the end of the month. I got my PRAASA report to everyone. We have 35 groups in our District, with contributions significantly down. I see a need for personal visits to all groups, as well as workshops.

Because of Covid, I feel there is a lack of communication about what AA is, and why we need contributions. There is also a lack of representation, with very few GSR's. We are planning our Founder's Day and Delegate's report back and

I am excited for that! Also the Budget Assembly is in the planning stages so we should have an excellent assembly! I have an Alt. DCM, Joe H. so I am relieved. Onward and upward!

DCM 9

Date:04/04/2025

District: Central, North Shore District 09

Person reporting and position: Kelly R. (DCM)

Email: dcm9@area17aa.org

Hi, my name is Kelly and I'm an alcoholic.

I'm grateful that I have been chosen to be the trusted servant as DCM of Central North Shore Oahu, District 09. We currently have 4 GSRs and are hoping to attract more. Our goal is to reach out to active groups to see if they are interested in getting GSRs or sending some type of representation at district meetings. I have reached out to Liz, our registrar, who has sent me the list of all groups in our district and their status. Thank you Liz. As a district we plan on attending meetings to talk about service and see if there is any way we can help to support them. Me and my alternate DCM have been able to reach out to a couple of them so far. I've had a group reach out for help with questions that their new treasurer had about sending in contributions, which I am grateful to have been able to help them with. So far this panel, our treasurer has put together a 2025 budget that we are now revising to include sending our alternate DCM to assemblies and committee meetings. I am grateful for our servants from the last panel for getting us back into the black financially, this made it possible to send a GSR to the Inform the Delegate assembly whose group was not able to afford to send them. Also, this helped with some of the expenses to go to PRAASA this year. It was an amazing experience, and I have learned so much that I know will help me better serve. Another thing we have continued to do, and plan on continuing to do, is host our monthly Birthday Celebration meeting that has been successful in bringing our community together in fellowship and celebration of AA anniversaries this past year. For anyone interested, it is located at Haleiwa Beach Park near the basketball courts. The meeting is from 12pm-1pm, then we have a potluck and fellowship afterwards. A goal we have talked about is hosting workshops. There have been some ideas for topics that everyone seems excited about. We are also interested in hosting workshops that the standing committees would like to have. I plan on doing some revisions to our structures and guidelines that I think will be helpful with the flow of communication within our district meetings. I

will report back on that at the May committee meeting and the budget assembly. I would like to say thank you to Michael, our website chair for helping to change the time of our district meeting on the area website. My long term goal as DCM is to continue to help support my GSRs and their groups however they need.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

DCM 10

DCM Report District 10

District meeting is doing fine. Usual 9 – 10 in attendance, 6 GSRs. Two GSRs attended PRAASA. This month's meeting, another Group joined us – Kukui Hele Po. Now we have 7 GSRs. Our elected Treasurer could not make District meetings, so he asked to step down. We have a new Treasurer nominee. We will vote next month. Meanwhile, our old Treasurer is still helping out. We are also discussing a service workshop. We will post the date when we secure a location.

Thank you for letting me serve
Alan, District 10 DCM

DCM 11

Date: 3/31/2025

District: 11 Kihei, Maui

Person reporting and position: Claire H. District 11 DCM

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We have 4 new GSRs in Kihei for a total of 8 GSRs. I spent time with each of them doing an informal "orientation" about area service. We held our Kihei district monthly meetings in February and March. We discussed the agenda items and preparations for the Inform the Delegate assembly (Kihei is hosting).

We continued our excel spreadsheet organization for the registrations for the Kihei hosted "Inform the Delegate" assembly. We sketched out all homestay and transportation. We coordinated with everyone. We formed the menu and gathered Kitchen prep, serving and clean up volunteers.

I attended PRAASA in Anchorage, AK along with 4 of our Kihei district GSRs. One GSR shared my hotel room for free. Kihei District voted to provide \$200 for helping a GSR to travel to PRAASA. I also booked an airline ticket for the upcoming Hilo committee meeting in May.

I attended the Maui Woman's Retreat 2025 (3/14 - 3/16) in Ke'anae. I was the registration chair and treasurer. This was an AMAZING and fun fellowship and recovery event including NA, ACOA, and Al-Anon participation. There were about 55 women with 7 scholarships provided. We are glad to have this annual recovery event back which promotes unity on our island!

I attended the Maui Central Office Bash on Sunday 3/24. Attendance was good with a catered lunch and speaker panel.

The Kihei district Happy Hour meeting at Kalama Park will be starting up the traditional Monthly BBQ the first Thursday of each month (April – September) after the 5:30pm meeting (at 6:30). A new Happy Hour BBQ flyer was created and distributed to the entire island, placed on the aamaui.org website and is included in the Maui Serenity Gazette. This is another awesome unity fellowship event in Kihei District. FUN!

DCM 12

Date: 4/06/2025

District: 12

Person reporting and position: Julie C., DCM

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Puna District 12 has 13 groups with 13 GSR's, but only 4 Alternate GSR's, so far. I will be attending all of the groups' business meetings over the next two months in hopes of recruiting two or three more GSR's and the remaining Alternate GSR's. We are still looking for an Alternate DCM.

I went to the 58th Annual Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) in Anchorage, Alaska on March 7th-9th. I attended all 6 Panels and both Round Tables, one for DCM's and the other was on Literature. I learned many things, but one of the coolest demonstrations was the QR Codes for pamphlets that you can put on display for members who wish to have them in a digital format.

District 12 is still planning to have several Workshops during Panel 75's two-year period. Each group will have an opportunity to host a workshop. We hope to work with Area Committee chairs for ideas on how we can carry the message in our community. Also, some of the workshops will be in partnership with Hilo/Hamakua District 7. More will be revealed as we get the various workshops organized!

I hosted District 12's business meeting and potluck on March 18th in my home, so we could have more time to discuss the upcoming Inform the Delegate Area Assembly. We had 11 out of 13 GSR's and 3 Alternate GSR's in attendance.

DCM 13

DCM 13 Report

ITD 2025 Assembly

Report: All main service positions are filled. We have a new treasurer and are in the process of getting the bank account information transferred over. About half of our GSRs have Alts and we are working on finding Alts for the remaining GSRs.

We sent 3 new GSRs to PRASSA. They all attended panels and round tables. It was a blessing and an honor to fellowship with them around and after the conference and get to know them better as a sober brethren and with a foundation of service. GSRs reported back to their groups and thanked them for sending them to PRASSA.

Our Standing Committee Workshop will be hosted Saturday April 26th at Lao Church in Wailuku. Our district is looking forward to working with the other 2 Maui districts to help be able to host. JuneLei, one of our AA members has spearhead this workshop and I wanted to give her a shout out for putting this together.

This past Sunday (3/30) we had a clean up for the new temporary Alano Club. About 50 members attended to do landscaping and debris removal around the new club. It gives our West Maui district hope to have a meeting clubhouse back again soon.

DCM 17

4/5/25

District 17

Person Reporting: Paula Q, DCM

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Our district sent me to PRAASA March 7 - 9 in Anchorage, AK. There were 700 people from 16 areas. Hawaii was well represented with about 60 people. Fri., I attended 3 panel discussions. One was by the delegate of each area present describing highlights in their area. The second was on Young People and the last was about Balancing your personal life and service responsibilities. Sat. had another 3 panels. The 1st was about the Plain Language Big Book which seems to be being received well. After the panel I decided to buy the book, but they were sold out. The next was about finances. A note I made to myself was should we as a district offer to subsidize GSR airfare to assemblies when they're on neighbor islands. The last panel Sat. was on remote communities. Sat. night there was a dinner with wild Alaskan salmon. I hadn't signed up, but when I checked on availability, a woman gave me a ticket! I also attended 2 round table discussions with all the DCMs. Some topics were how we're preparing for Inform the Delegate and how to approach groups not represented. Sun had a Past Trustees panel, what's on your mind questions, and closing session. I'm grateful for the experience. I also had a chance to get to know DCMs from our area better socializing during eating excursions. We're in the beginning stage of planning a panel discussion on the concepts followed by a potluck set for July. Our district meets virtually on zoom, on the 3rd Sun. Thank you district 11 for hosting this weekend and thank you for letting me be of service.

West Hawaii Central Office

West Hawaii Central Office Report

I took on the position of Chair of Central Office on January 1, 2025.

Here are some of the items we are currently tackling

Or will in the future:

Reaching out to AA meetings that don't have intergroup reps. We have been invited to attend business meeting to share what Central Office is all about. Very good response so far. St. Patty's Day softball game and corn beef & cabbage pot luck event. We had about 80 people attend. Wonderful volunteers helped the event go smoothly. We are planning our Annual 4th of July fundraiser Fish Fry. We usually have a very good turnout for this event. We will see what else needs to be planned & implemented.
Shelly Burke (808)896-3250

- PRAASA SHARED EXPERIENCE(S)

Date: 3/21/2025

District: 11 Kihei, Maui

Person reporting and position: Claire H. District 11 DCM (District Committee Member)

Email: DCM11@area17aa.org

Aloha Maui and Kihei District AA members,

I am so very grateful to have been supported by YOU to attend this year's Pacific Region AA Service Assembly (PRAASA). The 7th tradition donations from each group, provided by each member, supports area service, including your District Committee Member (DCM) to attend area assemblies, area committee meetings, and PRAASA. Your contributions also support our Hawaii Area Delegate Deborah S. to attend the General Service Conference in New York City. THANK YOU for allowing me to represent our Kihei District.

I attended PRAASA in Anchorage, Alaska along with 4 of our Kihei district GSRs on April 7 – 9, 2025. Hawaii was well represented, and it was great to get to know more about our current Hawaii Area 17 service members. Many of us were on the same flights from Maui to Honolulu, and then on the overnight flight to Anchorage, which was exciting and fun. We arrived at the hotel at 5:30am after travelling all night and were immediately allowed early check-in to our room. I slept for 4 hours, showered and was at the opening for PRAASA 2025 with an Alaska Native Welcome and orientation. I knew over 35 people attending, and there were many great conversations and good times. We even had a random group dinner on the first Friday night which was perfect and delicious. The convention center was 2 short blocks away from the hotel and easy to walk to.

Day 1 Friday:

Panel 1 introduces all the Delegates for the Pacific Region (HI, AK, CA, OR, WA, ID, NV, AZ, UT).

About half of the Delegates were elected on the Panel 74 and half elected in the current panel 75. At the General Service Conference in NYC, there are always 2nd year Delegates and 1st year Delegates. Our Area service positions are for 2-years.

Panel 2 was a Young People panel. One presenter of the panel was Alex the youngest Delegate ever aged 29. How can we be more attractive to YP? Are we prepared to welcome drug addicts? How do

we welcome YP and are we a good example? Laughter and group activities, anniversary celebrations and RULE 62. Always inclusive, never exclusive.

The DCM round table was great, and the room was FULL. I participated a few times speaking. How to encourage more group service, area service, DCM and standing committee service, and committee service at the district level too. Workshops on standing committee outreach were suggested (Hawaii Area 17 will be holding workshops on standing committee work on each island. Maui's workshop is scheduled for 4/26, see aamaui.org events tab for more information). How do you spend money? With transparency and a district budget with hierarchy of spending (Kihei District has this). A vote for spending anything over \$500 could take 3 meetings (the question, the discussion, the vote). Be positive and encouraging.

Panel 3 was Finding Balance in Your Personal Life. For the GSR the 2-year commitment is supposed to be your main commitment. Do you have a service sponsor? How do you use your service sponsor? My busy work schedule is only an excuse. Remember, the new GSR is our future Delegate.

Day 2 Saturday:

Panel 4 Plain Language Big Book. We all want people to understand. The audience is likely to be newcomers, prisoners, people in remote communities who do not have a sponsor to guide them. "Continue to grow and change with the times" Bill W. 50% of Americans can read at a level of 3 (out of 5). The BB is level 3. 17% of Americans HS level or less read at a level 2 (out of 5). PTSD and depression affect reading comprehension. This creates stress, which hurts the chance of lasting sobriety. Demand has been good. 70K sold. More equitable Male and Female references. NO sex assigned to God.

Panel 5 Fun with Finances. I spoke with George D., our 97-year-old Maui friend who was a past trustee and GSO manager. He shared some very interesting thoughts. Money makes service work possible. \$1 is not what it used to be. How common is \$2? How can we add language in our formats to point this out? Try thanking the membership for increasing their donations to \$2. How much prudent reserve is appropriate? Nurture authenticity. Leaders must lead. Trusted servants without undue oversight.

Panel 6 Remote Communities. Hawaii as an entire state (and Alaska) is considered a "remote community". Many remote communities inside the state of Hawaii and Alaska. What does accessible include? Geographical, cultural, or language remoteness. Ask the communities what we can do for them. Don't assume. Ask. There was a deaf panelist with an interpreter on stage. Cool. Also, many Spanish speaking attendees with interpreters in their earphones.

I attended the Saturday night banquet dinner (the fresh salmon dinner was delicious) and the Saturday night speaker meeting. Thank you.

Day 3 Sunday:

This was my third PRAASA (I attended two during my Happy Hour GSR service position). I again completely enjoyed the Sunday morning Past Trustees Panel.

Paul C. shared a great story about identifying as an addict, to addict/alcoholic, to alcoholic/addict, to alcoholic. Bill W. embraced ALL KINDS. Love and tolerance is our code. Allow people to grow and change.

Greg M. Originally got sober on Maui. Is AA growing? Is AA attractive? Group participation is declining (but maybe meetings that have “gone dark” are not taken off the GSO Group Registry). Let’s clean it up. What can you do? How many 12 step calls have YOU been on in the last month?

George D. is a close friend of mine. At 97 years old and 60+ years sober he is still very active with sponsees, meetings, fellowship, and area service. His wisdom and perspectives are special to hear about. He asks do we really need a pamphlet for the “Homeless”, or is it too much? It’s our individual responsibility to carry the message to the suffering alcoholic. Are groups lazy? The General Service Office (GSO) does not carry the message... they help US carry the message of hope in recovery. SERVICE, RECOVERY, UNITY are our three legacies, but the service piece is redundant. Service IS part of RECOVERY. Service IS part of the 12 steps. Please take an honest inventory of ourselves.

The Delegate Ask it Basket was the last panel before the PRAASA 2025 closing. We were reminded that HP is in charge. I thought our Hawaii Delegate Deborah was a wonderful representative of our Area 17 and I was proud to be there to support her.

PRAASA 2026 will be held in Hawaii Area 17 next year at the Hawaiian Hilton Village on Oahu (usually the first weekend in March). Past Delegate Kunane is the Chair for PRAASA 2026 event and requests people to get in service for this incredible annual service assembly. Please reach out to him if you are willing.

If you have any questions for me, please call, text, or email anytime. I am here to support all members, and all groups of the Kihei District. I support all of our General Service Representatives (GSRs) of Kihei District, and to love and encourage all AA members everywhere.

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that, I am responsible.

In love and service, Claire H.