

May Committee Meeting  
5/17/2025  
Hosted by Hilo, Hamakua  
District 7

Call to Order 9:00am

Reading: Reporting to Membership (Service Manual pg.42)

**Reports:**

**Secretary:**

My name is Gina, proudly serve as Area Secretary. Thank you to those who sent in their report. Remember, you have till Wednesday to get your reports in. First, I would like to thank district 7 for hosting in such a beautiful and serene place. Nothing much to report except the Inform the Delegate minutes were a grueling task. If I've missed anyone report, please send me the original email time stamped before the due date of Feb 28, 2025 and will add it into the minutes. Thank you for all your support!

Feb Comm Meeting Minutes

Approved: 32

Opposed: 0

Motion Passed

**Treasurer:**

Please see separate report(s).

Approved – 0

Opposed – 27

Corrections need to be made








**Registrar:**

5/17/2025 May Committee Meeting

District 7 Hilo Hamakua

REGISTRAR REPORT

My duties and responsibilities as Area Registrar are outlined in the Area Structures and Guidelines and Service Manual page 27. As of today 5/17/2025, Area 17 has 189 Active Groups:

	ACTIVE	INACTIVE
Regular 	175 	395 
Virtual 	14 	1 
Unknown	72 	

I will schedule a meeting with DCMs to go over duties and responsibilities of the Area Registrar as well as a quick tutorial on DCM Read Only Access to Fellowship Connection. Will schedule via Zoom in June.

Thank you for allowing me to be in Service,  
LiZz0, Area 17 Registrar

#### **Alt Delegate:**

ALTERNATE DELEGATE REPORT  
5/17/2025

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, Zalyn, District 7 Hilo/Hamakua, for hosting our business meeting today.

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. 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. There has been an Ad-Hoc committee formed and is being led by our Alt. Chair Sean C. This is to review our S&G's and determine if changes need to be made to bring them to a more current status.
- C. Conduct orientation sessions for GSRs and DCMs, as needed. I will be conducting a new GSR orientation in July via the virtual platform.
- 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 will defer any report to the Steering Chair at area business meetings.
- 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.

**Alt Chair:**

Alternate Chair May Committee 2025 Report

It is great to be in Hilo, big mahalo for hosting us today!

It is great to see the Standing Committee Chairs springing into action together and getting service rolling! The workshop on Maui was outstanding, thank you so much coming together to reignite our service arms across the islands, I look forward to hearing about the June workshop on Oahu.

We are working on securing the facilities for next year's, looking to be in Lahaina for the Inventory Assembly and in Pukalani for April's Inform the Delegate Assembly. I attended last week's Annual Hawaii Convention Steering Committee meeting virtually and will be stepping up to interface the tech equipment company and will set up and monitor tech equipment for registration.

I have formed the ad hoc committee to review the Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines; our first meeting will be May 25. A period thorough review of the S&G is beneficial to the area and helps to keep them current with evolving practices, job procedures and responsibilities. We will meet throughout this year and the current plan is to present our findings and any recommendations to the Inventory Assembly in January for questions and distribution to the groups, then do discussion and voting at next year's Budget Assembly.

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

**Chair:**

Area Chair's Report/Deborah L.  
May Committee Meeting  
Hawaii Area 17/ P75  
Hosted by: Hilo/Hamakua District 7  
Saturday, May 17, 2025

Aloha Everyone,

Thank You District 7 and all you that made this Area Committee Meeting possible. Thank you for allowing me to be of service. As your Area Chair, my main responsibility continues to be showing up to chair our meetings, create our agendas, support communication among our members and make sure we have what we need to keep moving forward. There haven't been any major developments on my part to report since our last committee meeting in February, but sometimes I think quiet stretches are when we get to focus on spiritual principles like patience, trust, and humility.

One experience I'd like to share is that I had the opportunity to assist Oahu Intergroup last month in facilitating their elections. I'll be honest- I went in with some fears and a little lack of confidence about how to do it "right." Fortunately, it was a simple majority process and very casual and welcoming atmosphere. I was especially grateful for Mary, the OIG Chair, who had everything laid out clearly. That allowed me to simply follow the guidelines and help the process along. It was a great reminder that I don't have to have all the answers-just a willingness to show up, listen and do my part.

Most of what I've been doing in between meetings is continuing to check in, touch base and communicate with the right people at the right time. A big part of this role I am learning, is about discernment knowing when to step in and when to let others do what they need to do, I've asked myself, "Is this mine to handle?" and those are the moments I usually end up reaching out to a trusted servant to talk it through.

So while there may not be any big headlines in this report, I do feel like I am learning and growing in this position. I'm grateful for those of you who've made yourselves available to help me stay within the lines while still staying engaged. That's service in action.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve.

In love and service,

Deborah L/Area Chair, Panel 75

[chair@area17aa.org](mailto:chair@area17aa.org)

**Delegate:**

See Conference Report Back

## **DCMs: (in order of reports at the mic)**

### **District 4:**

Date: 5/17/2025

District: 4 - Windward

Person reporting and position: Sally T

Email: dcm4@area17aa.org

Our District is well attended (12 GSRs and officers). The GSRs did a great job getting feedback from their home groups in preparation for the Inform the Delegate Assembly. Several GSRs attended the Delegates' Corner, and we all felt that this was time well spent. A big thank you goes out to Deborah and Sean for making themselves available to us to discuss and gain a better understanding of our agenda items.

The district went on its first dinner and a meeting caravan to Kaawa Steps at Swanzy Beach Park (7:00 PM). There were 12 of us, some GSRs and others from various meetings in the Windward District. We had great fellowship before, during, and after the meeting. We will work on a schedule to caravan once a month and try to attend all of the meetings in our district during this panel.

Castle Hospital asked if we had anyone who would like to make a long-term commitment (at least 2 years) to bring meetings into their Behavioral Unit. The commitment would require some training on becoming a volunteer at Castle Hospital. Our CPC Chair has already volunteered and is onboarding as a Castle Hospital volunteer. Please contact me directly if any folks on Oahu would like more information about this service opportunity. I also have reached out to Francesca (Treatment and Accessibilities) to gather some AA literature and pamphlets for the hospital group; she has the material. We need to pick it up.

We will hold our Delegate report back on June 14th; the venue and time are still being worked out.

In love and service,

Sally T.

DCM District 4 - Windward

**District 3:**

Date: May 17 th , 2025

District: 3

Person reporting and position: Derrick S. / DCM 3

Email: DCM3@area17aa.org

Head Start has strong attendance and is financially solvent. They will be scheduling a beach day in June on Sand Island to share some fun in the sun and give back to the community by conducting a beach clean-up.

Head Start has been active in carrying meetings into the federal prison, purchasing Big Books and providing pamphlets. X-Factah didn't have much to report since their GSR was travelling for the month, but attendance continues to be very good. Hui Kokua-had 4 new homegroup members join bringing their total membership up to 52! They just held a big Karaoke event that had a great turn out and was a big success. They held a Sunset meeting on Nimitz beach, which was well attended by several meetings outside of District 3 as well. They did have a family day scheduled in AUG, but elected to open up a Pokai Bay event in lieu of the event happening on AUG 9 th .

Eating Meeting continues to have strong attendance every Saturday. Brian A., Eating Meeting GSR, is actively supporting treatment and accessibilities for District 3 and has been actively working with Tripler Army Medical Center to carry the message to those that still suffer in the military.

**District 11:**

Date: 5/13/2025

District: 11 Kihei, Maui

Person reporting and position: Claire H. District 11 DCM

Email: DCM11@area17aa.org

We hosted the Inform the Delegate Assembly. It was a success! 120 people were fed throughout the weekend, 117 officially registered, 38 people were housed, and dozens of car trips were organized. Our Delegate Deborah was informed and well prepared for the General Service Conference in NYC. We expressed a deep gratitude for all the Kihei fellowship who volunteered and supported us.

I was out of the Country for the April Kihei District meeting, but our Kihei district Alt. DCM Betsy B. lead the regular monthly meeting with all 8 Kihei district GSRs

present. They each gave a GSR report about their experience with the Inform the Delegate assembly. They did a great job discussing with their home groups and preparing for the assembly!

Maui districts 5, 13, and Kihei 11 are preparing for a Delegate Report Back event to be held at the Cameron Center in Kahului on Saturday June 21 st in the morning. We three districts will host this event together. We are creating a flyer for this event. We are excited to hear about Delegate Deborah's experience!

The Kihei district Happy Hour meeting at Kalama Park continues the traditional Monthly BBQ the first Thursday of each month (April – September) after the 5:30pm meeting (at 6:30). This is a well-attended monthly BBQ in Kihei District.

There will be a 12-step workshop starting in Kihei on 5/14/25 lead by long time Kihei members Colin H. and Andre. This 16 weeklong workshop will be held in the KMS room each week Wednesday from 5:30pm – 6:30pm. One step each week, with 4 weeks for the 4 th step. There is a flyer being distributed.

Upcoming Maui Island-wide events include Founder's Day Celebration at the Cameron Center to be held on Sunday June 8 th from 10am – 4pm. 90 years of Alcoholics Anonymous!

### **District 13:**

I attended the area committee workshop last month. It was well attended and informative. We had a few members from district 13 show up as well. It was awesome to see all the area committee presentations. Thank you to the area officers that made to trip over to attend as well as our past delegate. I've been working with Sean C. to secure location for the Inventory Assembly in January. We were able to get the Lahaina Civic Center as the kihei and wailuku community centers were both booked on those dates.

District 13 is helping Tim and Clair from districts 5 and 11 for the delegate take back workshop for maui next month. And on a personal note I would also like to thank our delegate Deborah S. for the lovely postcard from New York. Thank you for letting me be of service.

### **District 2:**

Hawaii Area 17  
Alcoholics Anonymous General Service

District 2 – Honolulu Report

Date: 5/17/25

Person reporting Keli'i d. (Alt-DCM) for Johnna P.- (DCM)

Email: dcm2@area17aa.org

1) Johnna P., our DCM, announced that District 2 finalized an Umbrella Insurance for all groups and events. It is now available to everyone in our district.

2) We are currently planning a workshop or game night as suggested by the GSRs. Once the details are finalized, we will disseminate the information accordingly.

3) We appreciate all the groups participating in District monthly meetings and events. I, Keli'i (Alt-DCM), am working to activate every group with GSO and encourage participation in District activities to effectively carry our message to our fellowship.

Mahalo for letting me be in service!

Keli'i d.

D2 Alt-DCM

**District 9:**

Date:05/16/2025

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 am grateful that I have been chosen to be the trusted servant as DCM of Central North Shore Oahu, District 09. I want to start off by saying thank you to district 7 for hosting us today. 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 have been able to talk with one of the groups who is going to get back to me after their next business meeting. My alternate was also able to attend one of our men's meetings to talk to them and they plan on staying in touch. 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. Our Treasurer has since had to step down from the position due to moving, but we were able to find a replacement before she left the island. 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. We are rotating commitments and hope to get more people involved who are not already in district service. For anyone interested in attending our birthday meeting, 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. Also to start having GSRs give committee reports with there group reports. I will report back on that at 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. Lastly, I am grateful to be of service for the Annual Hawaii Convention as the accessibilities chair, and have started working on that and attending the AHC monthly committee meetings.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

#### **District 8:**

DATE: 5/21/2025

DISTRICT: 8

PERSON REPORTING AND POSITION: Michelle B., DCM

EMAIL: [DCM8@area17aa.org](mailto:DCM8@area17aa.org)

Since our last District meeting I have been working with Joe H., the Alt. DCM on our very exciting Founder's Day and Delegate's Report Back event. It is being held at Spencer Beach Park Pavilion Saturday June 7 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

I attended the Hawaii Area Committee Meeting in Hilo May 17th. where we discussed the Budget Proposal for the Area Budget Assembly that our District is hosting August 15-16 at the Iman Center. We also had Roundtable discussions

regarding the Budget and money in our individual Districts. I would like to do a workshop on "AA, Everything You Want to Know But Were Afraid To Ask" in July-August after I return from the International Convention.

Our District still lacks all Committee Chairs except for Grapevine.

**District 12:**

Date: 05/17/2025

District: 12

Person reporting and position: Julie C., DCM

Email: [dcm12@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm12@area17aa.org)

I have attended most of our 13 groups' business meetings over the past month. All of our Business Meetings are now posted on [easthawaiiiaa.org](http://easthawaiiiaa.org). We are hoping to recruit two or three more GSR's and the remaining Alternate GSR's. We are still looking for an Alternate DCM.

Puna District 12 and Hilo/Hamakua District 7 are looking forward to our Delegate, Deborah S. to give her Report Back from the General Service Conference at our Founder's Day Potluck Picnic and Barbecue at Onekahakaha Beach Park in Hilo on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Puna District 12 and Hilo/Hamakua District 7 are sponsoring our first Hybrid Workshop on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Broomriders Womens' Group will be organizing the Corrections, Treatment, and Accessibilities Workshop and it will be held at the Ainaloa Longhouse. We finally found a location that doesn't require insurance and rent. Please save the date and spread the word! We're in the process of planning a selection of workshops for the remainder of Panel 75.

**District 1:**

No Report Submitted

**District 5:**

Date: 5-15-2025

District: 5

Person reporting and position: Tim Goeken DCM

Email: [dcm5@area17aa.org](mailto:dcm5@area17aa.org)

District 5 welcomed 2 new GSR's. This increases are GSR count to 10. We had 14 attendedees to our monthly meeting. Stooked. Spoke at first time offender DUI class. 2 times monthly. Developing a rotating panel for this. Participated in an info sharing table at a high school event. Held Monthly GSR study group. Thank you to Elijah (alt dcm). Purchased big books for treatment facility.

Have been visiting the professional community looking for places to display pamphlets and cards (thank you CPC).

Discuss ways to carry the message of "self supporting" to members, meetings and groups.

Focus on the connection between step 5, tradition 5 and concept 5 and how the support one another.

#### **District 17:**

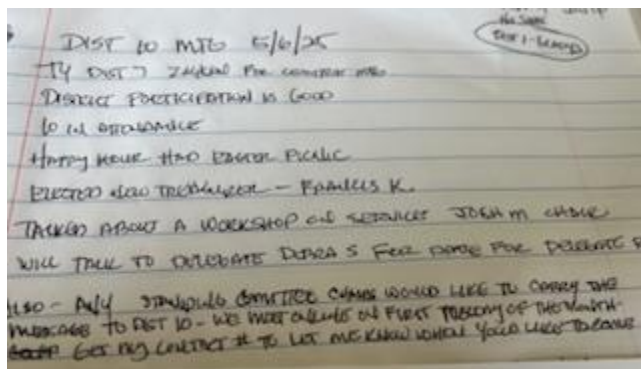
Aloha kakou,

I'm Paula, grateful, recovering alcoholic serving as DCM for District 17, Waianae. My loving homegroup is Waianae Coast Women. We meet Wednesdays at 7pm, at Satellite City Hall, Waianae.

Thank you District 7 for doing such a wonderful job hosting today's committee meeting. We are currently planning our Delegate Report Back that will be held at Pokai Bay tentatively at 10:00 followed by a potluck and fellowship. It will also give us the opportunity to reach out to groups that don't have representation by giving them information about opportunities to participate in the district and area. We have 12 active groups in our district and currently 3 have GSRs who attend our monthly meetings. We meet the 3rd Sun. virtually on Zoom. Using Zoom is relatively new for us. Feedback is easier- it takes less time without having to travel, so it is more convenient.

We're meeting tomorrow and as I said we'll be planning for our July 12 gathering. Thank you for letting me be of service.

#### **District 10:**



## District 7:

Date: 2025.05.21

District:7

Person reporting and position: Zalyn L (DCM)

Email:dcm7@area17aa.org

My name is Zalyn, I'm the DCM for District 7 Hilo/Hamakua. Currently we have 18 active groups, including 1 new group called Hui Makala on Thursdays at 7:30pm. It is a big book study. We have 3 active GSRs, 1 of which is new. We will be partnering up with District 12 for a workshop with the corrections and treatment & accessibilities chairs. The annual Hawaii convention will be coming up at the end of October, make sure to sign up for the surf meeting! Thank you for letting me be of service.

## Standing Committee Chairs:

### Treatment & Accessibilities:

Treatment and Accessibilities Report

May 17, 2025

Committee Meeting

I continue with the work previous Treatment/Accessibilities Chairs have established.

1. Castle Hospital Update - The contact person at Castle reports to have 1.5 volunteers in the works. The following brochures were identified as not having any staples.

Is AA for Me?, Is AA for You?, A Brief Guide to AA, Problems Other than Alcohol, A Newcomer Asks, This Is AA, Questions and Answers on Sponsorship

The brochures and Big Books (2) and two Twelve and Twelve (2) are making its way to Castle.

2. A mini workbook is being developed for the Treatment/Accessibilities committee members and will be distributed at the August Area Assembly.

Contents:

A.A. Guidelines - MG-13, MG-14, MG-16, A.A. for the Older Alcoholic, B-28, Bridging the Gap, P-49, Access to A.A., P-83, Is A.A. for You?, P-3, A.A. in Treatment Settings, P-27, Twelve Steps Illustrated, P-55, Making the A.A. Message Accessible, F-107

3. Treatment Committee challenge to start in August, place the AA at a Glance in at least one facility per quarter.

On record service provided to Castle, Hina Mauka, Tripler, Schofield and Queens.

Literature Requests:

ARC - 10 Plain Language Big Books

Sand Island - Schedules

Queens- 15 Big Books

In Service,  
Francesca P.  
Panel 75 Treatment Chair

### **Public Information:**

May 17, 2025  
Public Information  
Christi N.

The Public Information committee participated in the workshop held in Maui. We were able to create several printable PSA's that are available to the fellowship. We were able to bring 100 printed PSA's to Maui. We discussed creating a local style video, Public service announcement. June Lee reached out to me with some wonderful ideas, to get the fellowship involved in writing and producing this PSA. More shall be revealed.

Much Mahalos to Gina and Deborah S. for their assistance in the creation and printing of the new PSA's. They are available in postcard size and business card size.

The Public Information committee has spent \$63.00 on printing PSA's.

We met once since the Inform the Delegate assembly. We need to find a new day and time to meet.

Alex from District 5 was able to assist with an event In Maui for the teens. We will be participating in the Standing committee workshop on June 21, 2025. More workshops will be happening as well to educate the fellowship on anonymity in the digital age.

In love and service,  
Christi N  
Public Information Chair  
Hawaii Area 17  
Panel 75

### **Convention Steering:**

#### **May Committee Report**

Aloha My name is Erin, and I am an alcoholic. I serve as the Convention standing committee chair. First, I hope you are having a great meeting. Thank you, Tommy, for covering for me today as I am in Minnesota for my daughter's college graduation. The convention planning continues for the 62 annual Hawaii convention which will be on Oct. 29- Nov 2 at the Waikiki Marriott. You can register online for \$70 until May 30th. Price will go up on June 1st to \$80. Please remember to consider buying at least 1 meal and getting a room at the host hotel has this helps keep the convention going and the cost of the convention down. We are still in need of people to be in service. Please reach out to Tommy or I if you would like to get into service. We are still taking resumes for both the 2026 Convention chair and for the treasure. I would also like to thank Those on Maui that invited us to attend the workshop In April. I was able to create a PowerPoint about the convention to share with everyone. I am looking forward to our next workshop on Oahu on June 21. We are currently looking for bids from all Islands for hotels for the 2027 Convention. The Convention committee meetings are held online and in person on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, The steering committee meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month.

In love and service  
Erin R.

### **Cooperation with the Professional Community:**

Date: 5/17/25

Standing Committee: CPC

Person reporting and position: Beau B, CPC SCC Area 17 Panel 75

“If we don’t want others in the public square to define our organization and recovery program then we must define it ourselves. The conference cannot solve our problems locally – it is up to us to carry that message.” – Tim C

- Committee workshop scheduled for Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> on Oahu  
Unity Church, Monserrat 11:30am to 4:00pm (10:30am to 4:30pm available)  
T&A, Mynah, Corrections, Convention, PI, CPC, Archives. Brisket, Poke,  
Caesar Salad, Mac Salad, Rice Set up, clean up, coffee/drinks, food,  
transport (group chat?)
- Adventist Health Castle – Orientation 5/20/25, 15 total AA members
- Presentations (PowerPoints for Oahu and Maui available)  
UH Maui College April 10<sup>th</sup>, complete JABSOM, coming soon Straub Social  
Worker Huddle, coming soon
- 2500 Service Cards & 42 Holders  
1000 Oahu, 500 Kauai, 500 Maui, 500 East Hawaii, 500 West Hawaii total  
cost \$303 includes 24-hour hotline, intergroup website, local meetings current locations...  
qmc hnl, avis budget airport, costco hnl, seventh day adventist hnl,  
ihs shelter hnl, hinawellness/psychiatric associates aiea, team gg  
kapolei, anchor church kaneohe, airforce ?, army substance abuse  
program schofield barracks, va kaneohe, waikiki health shelter hnl  
  
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### **Grapevine:**

The structure and guidelines state the duties of the grapevine chair is to Inform Hawaii AA fellowship of the many benefits that can derived through the Grapevine subscription. The GSR talk to their home group member how important the grapevine. We are in process of contributing Grapevine to remote area of for example the Puna district on the Big Island and Hana on Maui how we can grapevines to those location how we can get Grapevine subscription.

So how to stress how important it is to have a grapevines when you can't get to a meeting. I want to thank District 7 for hosting the May committee meeting and the area committee to have trust to be the grapevine chair. The Grapevine committee hope to have hand sign introduce for the deaf. I want to thank my Grapevine committee for doing awesome job on the Inform the Delegate assembly. Thank the area for helping like the Delegate Corner. .

Kimo N.  
Grapevine Chair

### **Corrections:**

No Report Submitted

### **Cooperation with the Elder Community:**

Date: May 17, 2025  
Standing Committee: CEC  
Person reporting and position: (First Name, Last Initial) Rochelle A.

Aloha All,

Chair attended the April 26, 2025 Committee Workshop in Kahului, Maui and:

- Passed out QR Code page to ~ 10 workshop attendees who wanted. Sheet contains AA pamphlets to help the older alcoholic.
- Shared about visit Bruce A., a member in hospice at Hale Nani and doing a meeting with several other A.A.s. That day we celebrated Bruce's 43 rd anniversary in A.A.
- - CEC long timer Mare from Maui involved in CEC throughout her sobriety shared her experience, strength and hope.
- Paper pamphlets were made available during the meeting.

On a separate note, Chair received a referral from an AA member to call a senior residential complex who showed interest in the past about AA. Chair to contact. Plans include setting up a monthly zoom meeting for CEC members to go over with care the contents of the CEC Workbook and clear understanding of the 12 Traditions related to membership, anonymity and more.

A hui hou,  
Rochelle A.  
CEC Chair

### **Archives:**



Date: 5/17/2025

Standing Committee: Archives

Person reporting and position: (First Name, Last Initial) Mike L.

Archives: Preserving our history, Enriching our Future

Thank you, Hilo / Hamakua District 7 for hosting today's Committee Meeting.

Our May monthly Archives Committee Meeting attendance was very low. We had more people at the April meeting, and the committee members really liked seeing the video AA on O`ahu, which is available on the area website [area17aa.org](http://area17aa.org) under Standing Committees / Archives. Click on AA on O`ahu – Revised. The video tells the story of early AA – 1943 –1962.

Our Area currently does not have an Area Archivist- a non-rotating position. That person would normally be the person to assess possible contributions to the Area Archives and receive them if deemed appropriate. Our committee members are taking in items they find. Pearl received some items on O`ahu, including a framed poster from the International Convention in Seattle, which may not be specifically related to the Hawaii Area, but there are a lot of people from Hawai`i who attended the convention there and would probably like to be reminded of their good experiences there. We also received some lovely art work (cross stitched Serenity Prayer) that may not be AA material, but will make an Archives display more attractive and help us carry the message through preserving our history. We plan on having such archives displays for the Annual Hawai`i Convention and at the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) in Honolulu in 2026.

The Standing Committee Chairs Workshop on Maui was fun! And the food and fellowship were great! I will be presenting at the O`ahu Standing Committee Chairs workshop on O`ahu on June 21, 2025, and am looking forward to that. I am disappointed that I will be there at the same time Deborah will be on Maui for her Delegate Report Back from the General Service Conference. Acceptance is the answer...

I attended the monthly virtual meeting for AA Archivists, and as a result received an Archives contribution from the archivist or archives chair of South Eastern New York Area 49. Here is the registration flyer from the 1st Annual International Sober-Over-Sixty Conference, which was held May 18-21, 2006 at Kailua-Kona, Hawai`i Island. The contacts listed on the flyer are Marion B and Marianne F. Come visit the mini-archives display at my desk to see that flyer, as well as the "comic book" format pamphlets "It Happened to Alice – How she faced a drinking problem" and "What

Happened to Joe – and his drinking problem.” It is also interesting to see the current General Service Office pamphlet from 2024 with nice pictures and about 6 pages, and compare it to the version we had in 1988.

I was informed today that we have a new member for the Archives Committee and look forward to seeing Sasha. We meet virtually monthly at 5 pm on the Second Saturday.

Our next meeting is June 14. Everyone is welcome:

Meeting ID: 967 2702 3555 Passcode: Archives

Thank you for letting me be of service.

### **Mynah Bird:**

Date: 5/23/25

Standing Committee: Myna Bird

Person reporting and position: Mike. K

#### **1. Newsletter Production & Schedule**

- We are finalizing content and design for our first issue, originally slated for mid-May. Production timelines have shifted, and we now expect to release Issue 1 in early to mid-June 2025.

- Planning is already underway for Issue 2, which we aim to have completed and ready for distribution at the August 2025 Assembly.

#### **2. Committee Engagement**

- I look forward to reconnecting with all committee members over the next few weeks. We'll reach out individually to confirm availability, re-engage everyone's contributions, and set firm dates for our next two planning meetings.

#### **3. Budget Update**

- The Assembly approved an increase in our two-year budget: we now have \$200 allocated for the first year and \$500 for the second year of Panel 75.

- These funds will cover:

- Printing costs for both issues (including trial runs and proof copies)
- Website hosting and necessary domain fees for the newsletter's online hub
- Potential travel stipends for committee members assisting with distribution or special reporting

#### **4. Upcoming Feature & Content Themes**

● Issue 2 will feature a focus article on “The State of A.A. in Lahaina Two Years After the Fires,” exploring how meetings, groups, and service efforts have recovered and adapted.

● We are also developing a proposal to highlight remote communities across Hawaii:

- Sending a committee member or small team to visit off-island locales
- Conducting in-person interviews, gathering photographs, and recording brief audio testimonials
- Contributing these materials to both the Mynah Bird and the Area 17 Archives for posterity and service history

#### 5. Next Steps & Call to Action

- Finalize Issue 1 content, proofs, and distribution plan by the end of May.
- Schedule planning meetings for June and July to solidify themes and assignments for Issue 2.
- Develop the remote communities proposal and present it to the committee for discussion at our next meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of the Mynah Bird. We’re excited to deliver engaging, informative content that unifies our fellowship and carries the message of recovery across all of Hawaii Area 17.

### **Intergroup(s):**

**Oahu: (Mary N.)**

OAHU INTERGROUP REPORT at Area 17 committee meeting today as follows:

- We meet 2nd Wednesday every month @ Susannah Wesley CC at 6 pm. approx 35 ppl attend. Changed set up and added amplification.
- Service workshop - thank you to Sally was a great success with our current delegate, Deborah S. and Keith, our past delegate, as panel speakers who thoughtfully shared on their E, S, H. There was discussion on how to get more in service and its suggested that EVERY ONE OF US talk about it more in all of our shares
- Major construction on our corner! Reinstating drive by for literature pick up - place order, call on arrival and we'll bring down to your car!
- Contributors WAY down

- Steering Committee is almost full. Talking with 2 candidates for web tech position
- LARRY is new vice chair
- D'Ann is new volunteer coordinator
- Rochelle is new treasurer
- Founders day - save the date 6/7 in ala moana park. NEED VOLUNTEERS
- Planning more smaller events... starting with social for all past and present phone angel and office volunteers in july
- Vancouver - let's connect if you're traveling to Vancouver!
- BN32 - mentioned earlier today and I'll check stock!
- Chair has been drafted to the Hawaii annual convention committee!

### **Maui: (Mark B.)**

May 17, 2025

Maui Intergroup Report to Hawaii Area May Committee Meeting

Steering Committee meets first Monday of every month at 2-3pm at the Central Office. Intergroup meets following Saturday 6pm at Good Shepard Church Wailuku. We are actively looking for new Steering Committee Recording Secretary. Central Office Bash went well. Attendance was great. Founder's Day will be hosted by Upcountry Sunrise at the Cameron Center June 8th from 10-4. Food, speakers, fellowship, and open mic. Looking for groups to host Gratitude and Alkathon events IG meetings are attended by 10-12 reps and the new venue is great. Our website is updated regularly by Regina d, our Central Office Manager and we are always looking for submissions to Maui Serenity Gazette and they can be made at [aamaui.org](http://aamaui.org). A list of meetings and events are also available there. Humbly in service.

Mark B

Maui Steering Committee Chair

### **Budget Proposal for 2026:**

Please see separate report

### **RoundTable Report Backs**

## DCMs Even:

DATE: 5/21/2025

DISTRICT: 8

PERSON REPORTING AND POSITION: Michelle B., DCM

EMAIL: [DCM8@area17aa.org](mailto:DCM8@area17aa.org)

At the Roundtable discussion during the Hawaii Area May 17 committee meeting the even number Area DCM's covered presenting the Budget which was helpful since I will have to do that at the Assembly in

August. What is a budget? We determined that a budget is a plan for the money we receive in donations. How do we inspire our members to increase their individual donations? We think it begins at the home group level. We think people need to understand where the money goes and what it is used for. Also why the need has increased. The cost of living has gone up and our donations are down. There is a "dollar or two" mentality that is left over from decades ago. To change this thinking will require visiting the business meetings of the home groups to help explain our District needs to help carry the message.

## DCMs Odd:

- 1      Should we have committee meetings on Zoom?
  - a. Yes
    1. It's convenient for those that are working and have hectic schedules
    2. It would save money in the districts not have to pay for travel for one day
  - b. No
    1. It's exciting to visit other districts
    2. Gives other smaller districts an opportunity to host
    3. Makes the individual accountable to show up for their service commitment
    4. Better team building and in-person hugs
- 2      How do we attract people to service?
  - a. Making announcements at all the meetings in your district about what's going on
  - b. Invite members to attend district meetings
  - c. Group conscience to lower sobriety requirements time for those that have the desire to be in service but not the sobriety time.
  - d. Sharing at meetings about your experience with service and ow it's helped your sobriety and outside of recovery.

- e. Stroke a potential's ego to trick them into service – ex. “You’re so organized, you’d be so good at this!”

### **SCCs:**

Workshop: June 21<sup>st</sup>, Unity Church on Monsarat

Committee Chair Attendees: Treatment and Accessibilities, Mynah Bird, Public Information, Cooperation with the Professional Community, Archives, Corrections, Convention

Set up: Joe, Chris, Mike K.

Clean up: Joe, Chris, Mike K.

Transport: Deborah

Food: Beau

Coffee: Tommy

Schedule:    10:30am – Set up  
                  11:30am – Open  
                  11:45am – Food  
                  12:15pm – Go!  
                  Break  
                  3:30pm – Close  
                  4:00pm – Clean up

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Brainstorming for next Workshop

How to use available funds

October 5<sup>th</sup> Kauai

### **Officers:**

Website

Move from a Standing Committee Chair position to “Tech Chair”

Position will be allowed to serve on multiple panels with a minimum of 1 panel for service

Will take it back to the ad-hoc committee for discussion and possible proposal

Delegate's Report Back

Needs to be written in the Structures and Guidelines who pays for the delegate to come out.

### **What to take Back:**

Hawaii Area May Committee Meeting

Hosted by District 7 Hilo/Hamakua

Saturday, May17, 2025

☐ Past Delegate Present: Tommy G. P73

☐ February '25 Comm. Mtg Minutes - Passed by simple majority

☐ Treasurers Report- the Treasury May Committee report was not approved at this time due to a discrepancy noted in the Delegate and Chairs expenses. We are currently reviewing the figures to ensure accuracy and transparency before resubmitting the May Committee Report for approval at the upcoming Budget Assembly.

☐ Our Delegate, Deborah S. presented a brief overview of her participation in the 75<sup>th</sup> General Service Conference. Further details will be shared during scheduled "Delegate-Report-Back" sessions as coordinated with Districts. Deborah S., our Delegates report/presentation for the May Committee Meeting 2025 will be made available on the Area's Website.

☐ Our Treasurer, Adrianna G. presented the 2026 Budget Proposal and looks forward to working with our Finance Committee as they meet with Districts in the coming months. The Finance Committee are as follows: Adriana & Johnna for Oahu, Sean C. for Maui, Michelle & Zaylen for Big Island, and Bob for Kauai DCM's are encouraged to reach out to the Finance Committee member of your island to schedule a time for the 2026 Budget Proposal to be presented in your Districts that is a valuable opportunity for GSR's, home group members/ fellowship to review, discuss the proposal ahead of the August Budget Assembly.

☐ The Finance Committee met during the lunch break. During that time both the Archives Chair and the Chair for Cooperation with the Professional Community requested budget increases, which were reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee

☐ Reminder by our Delegate, Deborah S.: All PAI (Proposed Agenda Item) must be submitted by September 2025. (Contact our Delegate or Alternate Delegate for more information: [delegate@area17aa.org](mailto:delegate@area17aa.org) or [altdelegate@area17aa.org](mailto:altdelegate@area17aa.org))

☐ Webmaster, Michael U. announced we have an Alternate Webmaster: Boyd.

☐ Deborah S./ Delegate announced we need Conference Workshop Topics and Online contributions is more efficient/beneficial versus Mailing in contributions that involves more labor and costs more, something for home groups/ individuals to consider.