

March Committee Meeting

March 7, 2026

Call to order 09:00am

Present: 29 (Voting Members)

Quorum: 16

Reading: What goes on at the Conference. (A.A. Service Manual pg. 39)

Reports:

Secretary: October Committee report.

Bob F. 1st, Julie C. 2nd, 28 For, 0 Opposed PASSED

Treasurer: See separate report

Kelii D. 1st, Mike L 2nd, 28 For, 0 Opposed PASSED

Registrar:

Thank you District 10 Waikiki for hosting the March Committee Meeting.

My name is LiZz0, Alcoholic and your friendly Area Registrar

The Registrar duties are as outlined in the AA Service Manual page 27 and the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines page 3 Section 2.12. In a nutshell, the Area Registrar is the "keeper of records" of all groups in Area 17.

The Area Registrar:

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

As of Mar 6, 2026 :

184 Regular Meetings and 16 Virtual Meetings

63 Unknown Groups

Still in the process of working on the data integrity project from GSO. My test District is District 6. They were able to get back to me with an extensive and detailed spreadsheet which I will review.

This is a prime example of servicing your district and ensuring your group contacts are current and up to date.

I appreciate their hard work and dedication.

As for the remaining Districts, I appreciate your patience. I will get to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Alt Chair:

Aloha Fellow Trusted Servants,

Mahalo District 10 Waikiki for the hosting and hospitality!

We are still in the process of confirming venues for the Budget and Election Assemblies and should be set for the September Committee in Waianae. You should be registered and flights booked for our Inform the Delegate Assembly April 18-19 if not please do so now. Friday homestay is available for those coming from other neighbor islands (Kauai, Moloka'i & Maui), and early registration is essential to ensure homestay and transportation.

Registration is now on homepage for the May Committee Meeting, please book your flights now, and if you are traveling from other neighbor islands and need Friday homestay because of late flight arrival Saturday morning, please contact DCM Julie at DCM12@area17aa.org.

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

Alt Delegate:

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, Alan Y., and District 10, Waikiki for hosting our Committee Meeting 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. I am ready to step in at any point, if the situation arises.

B. Maintain and update the GSR Orientation Handbook and the Structure and Guidelines for the Hawaii Area Assembly of Alcoholic Anonymous. The Structure and Guidelines are currently up to date and are available on Area 17's website, area17aa.org

C. Conduct orientation sessions for GSRs and DCMs, as needed. Our next GSR Orientation will be virtual and will happen before our Budget Assembly. I will send out an email with all the information. I will also work with Michael to get the information on our website.

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 privileged 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's Report: March Committee Meeting

Date: March 7, 2026

Aloha everyone,

First, I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to District 10 for hosting this committee meeting. Thank you for your service and for creating space for us to come together and do this work. I'll keep this brief and focused.

I want to inform the committee that Kimo has stepped down from the Grapevine Chair position following a conversation we had related to work commitments. While he can't be here today, I want to express our sincere gratitude for his service and his willingness to step up when the Area needed him.

I'm also happy to welcome Pattilyne B. as our new Grapevine Chair. Pattilyne was able to attend Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly last weekend, and I am grateful for her willingness to be present at PRASSA and step into this role for the Area.

Over the past month, I met with the Standing Committee Chairs. What stood out — and what they agreed was valuable — was the level of communication that took place among one another using the Zoom platform. The shared dialogue felt healthy and productive. For those of you that could not make it, myself and Sean C., the next meeting with the Standing Committee Chairs will be in June, especially with several workshops taking place between now and then.

Regarding the Area Inventory, with both PRASSA, this committee meeting being close together as we prepare for the Inform the Delegate Assembly, it feels important to move thoughtfully. The plan is to bring the first report back and results on the inventory assembly at the Budget Assembly. At that time, several proposals will also be presented by the Ad Hoc Committee concerning Area structure and guidelines for Hawai'i.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone on Maui at the Informed Delegate Assembly hosted by District 5, April 18th and 19th. I'd like to ask our DCMs to please follow up with the GSRs in your districts and encourage early registration. Early registration really helps the hosting district coordinate homestay, transportation, and overall planning.

As we move toward the Informed Delegate Assembly, I want to encourage all of us to stay engaged, stay informed, and continue communicating within our districts so that our delegate is truly hearing the voice of the Area as she prepares for the General Service Conference.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the incredible work the Hawai'i Area did in hosting PRAASA. It truly reflected the depth and weight of our collective commitment, passion, and love for service. The unity, hospitality, and willingness I witnessed reflected the heart of this Area.

Grateful to serve, Deborah L./ Chair chair@area17aa.org

Delegate:

Agenda Item Distribution

Timeline: Today, March 7, 2026 through April 18, 2026 to discuss Agenda items, then meet again at the ITD (Inform the Delegate) to vote or present what their groups discussed.

Additional Questions could be asked at Delegates Corner which starts on March 18 – March 26, 2026 from 06:30pm – 08:00pm. This is where people can come and ask questions on any of the agenda items via the Zoom platform.

If your committee would like to meet to ask questions re: agenda items (assigned or otherwise), Deborah S. will schedule a separate meeting to attend, away from the Delegates' Corner.

1989 Conference Advisory Action

Each Conference Committee carefully considers their agenda items and strives to make their recommendations for Advisory Actions to the Conference at the policy level. To be more financially responsible, a Conference Committee recommendation involves a substantial expenditure of money, an estimate of cost and its impact on the budget be part of that recommendation.

Next Years Order of Meetings/Assemblies:

Orientation Assembly: District 4 (Windward)
February Committee Meeting: District 9 (North Shore)
ITD: District 2 (Honolulu)
May Committee Meeting: District 6 (Kauai)
Budget Assembly: District 8 (West Hawaii)
Oct Committee Meeting: District 17 (Waianae)
Nov Committee Meeting (Optional): District 7 (Hilo/Hamakua)

RoundTable Reports:

OIG Report:

Oahu Intergroup is ANNOUNCING: OIG Education Topic series starting 3/11/26. Attached are different versions. Please get the word out ... exciting stuff!!!
Mahalo for living the dream to our Alt chair, Larry and his events committee!

Mahalo for all and the service that you individually do for our beloved fellowship

DCM's:

As DCM's, email out topic Distribution List to active GSR's as soo as possible to give them a heads up so they can follow up with their prospective SCCs. Also remind them that the information is available on the Area 17 weebsite. Given the limited time factor encourage the GSRs to inform the group members of the topics before meeting as a group for discussion – whether it be during their business meeting or on a separate date.

For those groups without assigned GSRs visit their regular meeting to make an announcement of upcoming GSCC and agenda topic items being available. And invite/encourage members to attend the Delegates corner to be informed and being heard.

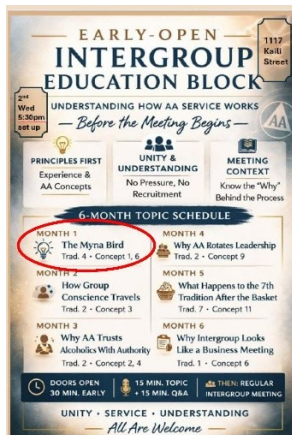
SCCs:

Date: 3/8/26

Breakout Group: Standing Committee Chairs

Person reporting and position: Mike. K, Mynah Bird Chair

- Moving Agenda Items forward to our Committee Members: Regarding our how we would move ITD items forward with our committees, the committee chairs agreed they would be:
 - a. Setting up meetings with their committee members to review and discuss their assigned Agenda Items in addition to...
 - b. Emailing committee members the info which includes the specific Agenda Items PDF with the full info and background information
- We all thought that we needed about 30 seconds to talk about that, so I think maybe we all missed the point



Second Wednesday
OIG Business Meeting
"Topic of the Month" pre-meeting
education series

Location:
Susannah Wesley Community Center / 1117 Kaali Street, Honolulu

- 5:30 PM Set up (Volunteers welcome!)
- 6 PM Topic / Discussion / Q&A
- 6:30 PM Regular Monthly OIG Business Meeting

Join us each month for the meeting before the meeting for our Topic of the Month.
Come at 5:30pm to help set the room!

○ When asked, committee chairs said they didn't have any questions regarding the Agenda Items they're committees have been assigned

Other Notable Areas of Collaboration

- We talked about what was going on in our own committees
- Touched on workshop in May and the format. The format will be the same as the one before which is raising awareness of the standing committees, what they are, what they do and why they're important, and how they can get involved.
- We discussed accessibility for GSRs without funds for travel to area assemblies and the benefits and challenges of hybrid area assemblies.
- Rochelle, the CEC Chair, brought up that her homegroup is considering making a newsletter for elders.
- Francesca, the Treatment & Accessibility Chair, proposed a newsletter for Treatment and accessibilities and that each committee have a newsletter and that this could tie into the Mynah Bird as well. Everyone agreed these were good ideas.
- Kelley, a GSR and active member of the Myna Bird committee contacted chairs for write ups in the Myna Bird and all the chairs thought her doing that was a good idea.

Officers:

- 1 Officers will meet April 4th to review inventory results for action items; we will review conference report on inventory implementation. We will also review our conference topics.
- 2 Delegate discussed ITD mock conference process and time constraints.
- 3 Discussed May Committee start time vs arrival time from other neighbor islands; host committee will provide Friday homestay for those members only.
- 4 Announced new area calendar soon to be available on website schedule; this will pull info from all committee member calendars.

DCM Reports:

District 1:

No report submitted

District 2:

March 7, 2026

Area Committee Meeting

D2 -Honolulu Report

Aloha Kakou! My name is Keli'i d. and proudly represent District 2 – Honolulu's Alternate DCM. Our district is growing and we have a new meeting in 2026. The meeting is called Wa'a Kahu Oldtimers that meets on Thursdays at 10am at Kawaiha'o Church. We also have a few groups that are struggling with attendance hence they have minimal to no members in service.

DRB – Church at the Crossroads on July 11, 2026 Chair is Michael for Malia Discussion Lunch at 11 AM DRB starts 11:45 AM to 2 PM

Budget Assembly August 15 and 16 Location is still unknown. Possible leads is Saint Louis Alumni Association, East West Ctr UH, Washington Middle School.

We have a registration Chair and Homestay Chair and possibly a Transportation chair. District participation has increased. At our meeting last month, we had 9 GSRs in attendance. We have 24 active groups in our district according to OIG's meeting listing and we have 17 groups on our contact list so we can carry the message and keep them in the loop.

We created a district 2 new Gmail account to store and share our district documents vis Google Drive. Our secretary was assigned to review our insurance policy before we renew the policy in May.

I just found out that my district's checking account owner's name has AA in it. I will be looking into updating our checking account to remove Alcoholics Anonymous Honolulu District from the owners name to Dist 2 Honolulu.

District 3:

Date: March 7th, 2026

District: 3 Leeward

Person reporting and position: Derrick S. / DCM3

Email: dcm3@area17aa.org

District 3 has 4 represented groups that are very well attended and are strong meetings. The district 3 registrar, Don M., and I continue to reach out to our meetings to let them know that even though they are unrepresented district 3 still supports them.

The GSR for Eating Meeting, Brian A., is active on the Treatment and Accessibilities Committee. He has been busy dropping pamphlets at clinics, on Thursday last week he visited Makahiki Clinic and next week he will be visiting Queen Emma Clinic.

District 3 will host a workshop on Zoom on Saturday May 30 th - Making Service Meaningful: Empowering GSRs to Inspire Group Involvement – We'll have several speakers sharing their experience, strength and hope about how they inspire home group members to get involved during the group conscience, how they encourage members to participate in business meetings, and how they How to create a culture where service is celebrated, not avoided District 3 will hold its district meeting this coming Thursday and we will begin preparing for the ITG assembly in APR.

District 4:

No report submitted

District 5:

No report submitted

District 6:

I'm Bob. I'm an alcoholic. My Homegroup is Poipu Sunrise Sobriety and I am currently DCM for District 6, the island of Kauai. We have 27 groups in our District, 5 of which are Unknown. We are working to get those processed with LizZ, our Area Registrar. Our District has 53 face to face meetings weekly and several virtual meetings daily, both Hui Ohana, in Wailua and my Homegroup meet Face to Face and via Zoom daily at 7 every morning.

There is good participation at all our meetings. We have a monthly District and Intergroup Meeting, both of which are Hybrid. They are well attended. We do currently have a vacancies in both our

Alternate District and Intergroup positions and the Cooperation with the Professional Community Chair. Our PI, CEC and Corrections Chairs are doing a fantastic job. We also have a new editor for our monthly Garden Island Sobriety Newsletter.

Anne A has long-time sobriety, the time and confidence to do a good job. She's filling some big shoes vacated by Linda B that was editor for almost 20 years. Thank you, Anne.

We will be holding 2 workshops this year. The Hanalei/Princeville Group will be hosting a Sponsorship Workshop next month and Sunrise Sobriety Poipu will be holding a Spirituality and Financial Responsibility Workshop in July.

We also have 2 women's Retreats, a Men's Retreat and the Kauai Round-up on the calendar this year. Our events are all on our website, kauaiaa.org and are all open to anyone interested in attending. Feel free to contact me for transportation, if you have an interest in any of those events. Hopefully, Deborah will be Reporting back from her trip to New York and the GS Conference on Labor day at our Annual event.

Thank you for allowing me to be of Service and working with such a Group of Dedicated people.

District 7:

Date: 2026.01.25

District: 7

Person reporting and position: Zalyn L, DCM

Email: dcm7@area17aa.org

Our district currently has 20 groups, 15 of which are active. We have 3 total GSRs, 1 of which is a new GSR for the women's group Step Sisters (who showed up completely of her own will). We are very excited to be co-hosting a 7th tradition workshop with Julie and District 12, at which our Area Treasurer Adriana G has agreed to speak. It will be at the Clem Akina Park in Hilo on Sunday, February 15th from 12pm-3pm. We are also planning a workshop for some time in the middle of the year to introduce our groups to general service concepts, structure, as well as other AA basics such as 'What the fork is a homegroup?' After speaking to Pattilyne who serves with East Hawaii Intergroup, we also hope to be able to include them in workshop to continue fostering unity in the community.

Beyond that, I am also in service with the PRAASA Hospitality Committee. I have been making announcements at meetings encouraging people to attend PRAASA since it is so close to home this year and also providing information to members on how to volunteer since they can do that without having to pay for registration. I am very grateful for all the opportunities to help out in the program. Thank you for letting me serve.

District 8:

Aloha All!

Here is my report since our last meeting. In December a GSR made a motion to give our intergroup \$4,000 and GSO \$1,000. The motion was seconded and the discussion was tabled. There was no District meeting in January since I was unavailable, and sadly missed the Area Inventory. The GSR's

have taken the motion back to their groups and we will be discussing this next District meeting March 20.

On March 21 the District is having a workshop on AA Basics at a lovely room at the Civic Building in Kona from 9-3 with lunch being served. We hope this will be first in a series as the location is beautiful and best of all FREE!

I was so happy to attend PRAASA. The DCM round tables are especially helpful to exchange ideas about attracting more members into service! I think our workshops will help. I will be visiting as many groups in our district as I can and attend their business meetings as well!

District 9:

Kelly R.(DCM09)
District 09
03/06/2026

Hi my name is Kelly and I am an alcoholic. I am grateful to be serving as the DCM for district 09. We meet for our district meeting once a month on the 3rd Tuesday at 6pm, located at the cottage in Haleiwa. We have gone hybrid this year and it has been going well. We now have 6 GSR's, 2 of which have just started this year. We also have a new meeting starting up in Kahuku on Tuesdays at 6pm. This Tuesday will be their first meeting.

One of the biggest things we do to foster unity is our monthly birthday meeting that our district hosts on the last Saturday of every month to celebrate AA anniversary's. I am also excited to announce that we are planning a workshop. We are having extra zoom meetings the Sunday before our district meeting specifically for workshop planning. We still have a few things to solidify but our topic is "home group health", with each home group hosting panels for subtopics, and then will be having breakout sessions after the speaker panels. We are excited to be able to host our first workshop. This topic is one we came up with last year but were never able to move forward with. Also, we have scheduled our delegate report back for May 31st at 3pm at the cottage in Haleiwa.

I am so grateful that I was able to attend PRAASA this year. It was great to see all of the Hawaii area come together to make it happen. It was an amazing learning and spiritual experience. I will be attending in Seattle next year.

District 10:

Sent from my iPhone

District is doing same with some changes happening.

1. Treasurer stepped down (moved)
2. Alt DCM stepped down
3. Alt Dcm stepped up to treasurer
4. Now working with bank changes

Lately our district mtg have gotten smaller. 6 home groups. Sunday Women's mtg GSR has got a job so cannot make Dist mtg so looking for an alternate. They still currently still serve.

3 Gsr's showed up for Praasa

Working to do a workshop this year and also brought up idea about a virtual workshop to be discussed more.

District 11:

Date: 3/3/2026

District: 11 Kihei, Maui

Person reporting and position: Claire H. District 11 DCM

Email: DCM11@area17aa.org

Kihei District is excited to announce a few new General Service Representatives to our district. Michael K. is representing To Thine Own Self Be True 7am in person meeting, and is part of the Treatment and Accessibility committee and most recently Steamer J. is representing Saturday Afternoon Meeting (SAM) Zoom meeting and is part of the Public Information committee. We have 9 active GSRs in Kihei District.

We continue to meet once per month for our Kihei District meeting and this year we are reviewing each of the 12 Concepts at the start of each monthly meeting. We are preparing our home groups for the upcoming discussions and group conscious votes on the 2027 General Service Conference (GSC) agenda items.

We understand that the agenda items will be provided directly by each standing committee chair and that I, as District Committee Member (DCM), will also have the listing before our March district meeting, to further coordinate and support each GSR in reviewing and presenting their agenda items to their home group members. We assume the support documents will again be on our Area17AA.org website with possibly the same password as last year.

I attended PRAASA as did 6 of our Kihei District GSRs, our Alt DCM and our District Treasurer. However, I was amazed and delighted with how many other Kihie District members were in attendance. I'm thrilled so many took advantage of attending this amazing Pacific Region AA Service Assembly event hosted by Area 17 in Waikiki. I was honored to be a Moderator for a Friday night panel on Finding Common Ground: Our Friends in the Professional Community and Beyond. The entire weekend was inspiring and informative. I especially loved the Delegate panels and the Past Trustees panel. My PRAASA 2026 report will be written and provided to our entire fellowship in the near future. I have never felt so grateful for my sobriety, my Higher Power's guidance, and for being responsible to help carry the message of recovery in AA. I am planning to attend the next PRAASA 2027 in Seattle Washington and have "saved the date".

Kihei District's bank account balance is healthy. We continue to help GSRs with travel financing. I am registered for District 5's Inform the Delegate Assembly and encouraging our GSRs to register now. We are also announcing volunteers are needed for homestay and transportation help. We're looking forward to it!

District 12:

Date: 03/07/2026

District: 12

Person reporting and position: Julie C., DCM

Email: dcm12@area17aa.org

Our workshop on “Self-Support: Where Money and Spirituality Mix,” was presented by our own Area 17 Treasurer, Adriana G. Thank You Adriana! Puna District 12 and Hilo/Hamakua District 7 presented this workshop. It was held from noon till 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 15, 2026 at the Clem Akina Park in Hilo. Lunch was provided. “Questions & Answers on Sponsorship” will be our next workshop on Saturday, March 14 th (a week from today) from noon to 3 p.m. at the Kurtistown Assembly of God Church. Puna District 12 is sponsoring this workshop and Ho’omaika’i Women’s Group is hosting it. We have a panel of three women and two men who are very seasoned Sponsor’s. Our own Deborah S., Area 17 Delegate, is on the panel. Thank You, Deborah! A light lunch will be served at noon.

We now have 29 meetings per week, six are on zoom and two of those six are hybrid. We have thirteen GSR’s. There are six meetings/groups that don’t have GSR’s. I hope to visit all of them during Spring Break to convince them to elect a GSR and Alt. GSR, so they can be informed and have a voice.

I was fortunate to be able to attend PRAASA this year at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki. This was my fourth PRAASA! I think they get better each year, probably because I’m more familiar with the format. Of course, I attended the DCM Round Table where we discussed how to attract more GSR’s and Alt. GSR’s to come to our District meetings and to get more involved in service. I shared about what we do in Hawaii to encourage more participation and everyone was in agreement...to have food! I try to have a potluck District meeting at my home about twice a year, when we have more than an hours’ worth of business to discuss. I also invite everyone to attend, not just the GSR’s. Another way to be more cohesive is for me to attend all of the group business meetings in my district. So far, all of the groups in our district genuinely welcome me to their business meetings. I am able to answer their questions and concerns about General Service and announce all of the upcoming workshops and events. To conclude, I thoroughly enjoyed this year’s PRASSA and I learned a lot! 🙏🙏

District 13:

Date: 3/7/2026

District: 13

Person reporting and position: Danielle S. DCM

Email: dcm13@area17aa.org

Our district was able to send 5 GSRs and 1 Alt GSR to PRASSA this year. 2 had been to last year’s PRASSA and for the other 4, this was their first PRASSA experience! They attended roundtables and shared photos with our district’s group chat.

We are still looking for Alts for district treasurer and secretary. 2 of our GSRs are also still trying to find Alts. At our last district meeting there was a big discussion around our district’s annual 4th of July picnic. In years past, this has been hosted by our Ohana Beach Meeting. As many of the members of this meeting are getting older and it is not a large group, they have expressed concerns of difficulties being able to continue hosting and have reached out to the district to ask if we could take over hosting it or if other meetings would be able to. We discussed at length what that would look like as far as budget and if the monies would come from 7th traditions or separate contributions from groups. There was concern about members of groups possibly having negative feelings if this came from 7th traditions splits to the district. The picnic itself has never been hosted

by the district and members of the fellowship from other districts often attend. We agreed to table the discussion and hold off on voting until the next district meeting. GSRs were asked to take this discussion back to their groups to discuss and/or vote at their business meetings to find out how the groups feel about district hosting and where they want to see the funds come from. The GSRs are also asked to invite members to attend our next district meeting when we will continue the discussion and possibly vote on this matter.

District 17:

DCM Report 3/7/26

Aloha, I'm Paula a grateful, recovering alcoholic humbled to be serving as the DCM for District 17 Waianae. My home group is Waianae Coast Women. We meet Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:00 at Satellite City Hall.

Thank you District 10 for hosting today's meeting. Fantastic food! Mahalo!

I don't have much to report since the last time we got together.

We acquired 2 new GSRs. Our secretary stepped down. Our Alt. DCM is filling in temporarily.

I talked last time about wanting to switch to in person District meetings, which we are going to try next Sun. I plan to send text reminders and maybe phone calls to get commitments from people that they're coming. Maybe we better get some pizza, too. It's especially important because they'll get their agenda items and information for informing the delegate. I'm also looking forward to discussing our Delegate Report Back.

I attended PRAASA last weekend and filled my cup. It was thought provoking and inspiring.

Hosting a workshop continues to sit on the back burner...
That's all I've got for now.

Thank you for letting me be of service.
Paula Q.

SCC Reports:

Public Information:

Date: 3/7/26
Standing Committee: Public Information
Person reporting and position: Christi N.
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Email: pi@area17aa.org

Aloha,
Christi alcoholic. I am honored to stand as the Public Information standing committee chair for Panel 75.

The Public Information committee has been working on putting together our Understanding Anonymity workshop. It will be online on March 14, 2026 at 3p. Other than that our vision for the

rest of this panel is getting the PSA's on the buses on Oahu and creating a local style video PSA. More shall be revealed.

In love and service

Christi N.

Public Information standing committee chair

Panel 75

Convention Steering:

Aloha, my name is Erin, and I am an alcoholic. I serve as your convention standing committee chair. We Have settled our 2025 Bills with the hotel. The Final financial report will be Presented at the April assembly. The recordings of the speaker from the 2025 convention are now available online from the convention website. www.annual.hawaii-convention.com. They are \$25.00 for the set of the 7 main speakers from the weekend. The Sterring committee continues to meet on the 2 nd Saturday of the month. And the planning committee continues to meet on the 3 rd Thursday. All are welcome to attend as we continue to put together the vision of our chair David C, Working with others, the 12 th step. Convention will be October 29- November 1 st , at the Waikiki Marriott. Registration, meals, activities, and souvenirs are available online on the website. The hotel room link is also available online on our website. The convention room rate is \$289 per night. This year we are offering a hotel deal. Where if you have a confirmed confirmation number for a room booked under the convention booking code the convention will offer you a \$50 voucher per night, which you can use for this year's activity and souvenirs, or your next year's registration. Rules and restrictions will apply. However, if you have a hotel reservation that is canceled after Oct 1 st , the convention will assess a \$50.00 fee for the cancelation from your registration payment. Your convention registration will then be canceled, and the remaining balance will be refunded to you. You may then re-register onsite at the onsite price if you still wish to attend. This is to deter members from any last-minute changes and cancelation with the hotel in which the convention will get charged for. We are also already selling this year's T-shirts, I have shirts available for you today if you would like to buy, please let me know. We also have shirts available on Maui, please see Sean, and on the Big Island, please see tommy. I look forward to seeing you all in oct for a great weekend.

In love and service,

Erin R

CPC:

Date: 03/07/26

Standing Committee: CPC

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

Definition of a professional: An ordinary man away from home – my father

Since we last met at the inventory assembly in January...

Presentations

- 1) AA presentation for medical students and rotating residents has been approved. A 10-minute AA presentation is now mandatory for all fourth-year medical students and rotating residents thanks to members of the addiction medicine fellowship at John A Burns School of Medicine.

2) Program director for the Hawaii Substance Use Professional Development under the UH Thompson School of Social Work has agreed to incorporate AA training sessions, while respecting the principle of anonymity, pending a start date from one of the program associates. They wanted my full name, picture, and bio at first.

AA Presence

I reached out to Adult Client Services Branch, and senior probation officer Jamie Logan was thrilled to have AA be a part of this years' Service Fair, a two-hour event that brings together service providers offering assistance with employment, treatment, legal matters, housing, and basic needs in one location.

Reminder: Puna Committee Workshop Scheduled May 17th, 12-4pm Puna Hongwanji Temple, day after the area committee meeting

Service Cards

An additional 2500 service cards have been printed and half of them have been distributed since the inventory assembly, for a total of 11,000 printed this panel. Includes intergroup specific 24-hour hotline, website, email, and address.

That concludes my report.

CEC:

Date: March 7, 2026

Standing Committee: CEC

Person reporting and position: Rochelle A., Chair

Aloha All,

Since our last committee meeting on Oct-04-25, the following has occurred:

1. Updated contact list and will email as an attachment to these minutes
2. CEC's committee focus – in transition
 1. Helping sober seniors and their struggle
 1. Establishing contact with Vet center in Hilo
 2. Doing zoom meeting with committee members unable to attend
 2. Elder Literature available at events:
 1. PRAASA (thank you Oahu Intergroup)
 2. CPC Oahu Intergroup pink cards with QR Code provided at info desk at PRAASA
 3. 10 CEC Kits distributed to various attendees at PRAASA, i.e. Nevada, Washington, etc. Contained CEC history, articles, QR page for Elders, Workbook.
 - a. Inform the Delegate Assembly (ITD) - Rochelle to put together more CEC kits for CEC Committee members. Kits to contain pamphlets, stories and Workbook and Grapevine book Voices of Long-Term Sobriety: Old-Timers' Stories.
 4. Hawaii Annual Convention in October 2026 - CEC Workbook, pamphlets, and QR code page to be made available for display and distribution and purchase.

5. Puna May 17 th Standing Committees' Workshop - CEC Workbook, pamphlets, and QR code page to be made available for display and distribution and purchase.

3. Identify senior communities then send letter of interest (see CEC Workbook in kit). Yvette to report back on Ewa site. Rochelle on a town site.

4. Articles for Mynah Bird –

1. Ben may submit article

2. Rochelle in touch with Kelley on MB Committee

5. Create Senior Newsletter (2-page, front & back to start) – proposed name “Honu Ho’okele - ‘Ike Kūpuna, The Navigating Turtle - Elder Wisdom

II. More Discussion

1. 12 Elder Concerns - see APPENDIX 1 below

2. 5 Questions – see APPENDIX 2 below – for discussion at ITD Assembly- To be presented at next zoom committee meeting on April 6, Monday at 6:30 pm.

3. List of Senior Mtgs in Hawai’i – see below for link to info on two meetings (zoom & in-person)

4. Share Wa’a Kahu’s meeting format as a model for others in forming more elder friendly meetings – more discussion on Monday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m.

5. PRAASA Senior Roundtable Minutes – please inquire with CEC Chair

In love and service.

Rochelle A.

Hawai’i Senior Meetings

Kailua-Kona Zoom Meeting

Seniors in Sobriety

<https://easthawaiiiaa.org/meetings/seniors-in-sobriety/?tsml-type=ONL>

Honolulu In-Person Meeting, Kawaiahao Church

Wa’a Kahu Oldtimers Meeting

<https://www.oahuaa.org/oahu-meetings/?type=in-person#/waa-kahu-oldtimers?weekday=thursd>

APPENDIX 1

12 ELDER CONCERNS

Oldtimers and Elders in AA

1. Long-Term Sobriety and Late-Life Isolation

How AA can better recognize and respond to loneliness, social isolation, and loss of purpose among members with decades of sobriety, particularly elders whose peer groups, spouses, health, or work identities have diminished.

2. Hope Beyond Early Recovery Narratives

How AA’s emphasis on early recovery transformation (“miracle makeovers”) may unintentionally marginalize long-sober and elderly members whose growth occurs amid loss, limitation, and mortality rather than visible life expansion.

3. Emotional Sobriety Across the Full Lifespan

How emotional sobriety evolves after decades of abstinence, especially in the context of aging, illness, dependency, regret, unfinished grief, and changing identity and whether current AA literature reflects this phase adequately.

4. Honest Sharing vs. the Pressure to Represent AA

How unspoken cultural expectations may pressure long-term sober members to appear wise, serene, successful, or financially secure, discouraging honest sharing about fear, illness, financial insecurity, despair, or vulnerability.

5. Fear of “Carrying the Mess Instead of the Message”

How the concern about discouraging newcomers may silence elders from speaking openly about late-life challenges and whether this fear inadvertently increases isolation or emotional risk among long-term members.

6. Creating Elder-Safe Spaces Without Undermining Newcomer Hope

How AA can encourage special-focus spaces or formats where elders can speak freely about later-life realities, while preserving hope and inspiration for newer members through thoughtful containment rather than suppression.

7. Accessibility and Aging in AA

How meeting spaces, formats, pacing, sound, seating, and length affect aging members with mobility, hearing, vision, or cognitive challenges and how groups and areas can plan proactively for demographic change.

8. Service, Dignity, and Value as Capacity Changes

How AA can affirm the ongoing value of long-term members whose ability to sponsor, lead, travel, or serve in traditional ways has diminished without equating worth solely with productivity.

9. Elder Participation in Group Conscience and Area Service

How to ensure long-term members are not marginalized in group or area decisions, while also navigating generational differences in language, culture, and expectations.

10. Preserving Elder Wisdom Without Idealizing It

How AA can honor long-term sobriety and institutional memory without turning elders into symbolic “success stories” who feel unable to express doubt, grief, or need for help.

11. Literature and Story Gaps in Long-Term Recovery

Whether Conference-approved literature sufficiently addresses long-term sobriety, aging, grief, caregiving, financial insecurity, illness, and end-of-life realities and whether new or updated materials should be considered.

12. End-of-Life, Mortality, and Recovery

How AA supports members who are terminally ill or approaching the end of life, including how sponsorship, amends, spiritual practice, and fellowship evolve in this stage while maintaining dignity and hope.

APPENDIX 2

5 QUESTIONS TO ASK

We would like to raise for general service consideration a set of discussion questions regarding long-term sobriety and aging within Alcoholics Anonymous.

As our Fellowship matures, we have an increasing number of members with several decades of sobriety. At the same time, many of these members are navigating aging, illness, changing capacities, and end-of-life realities. I am asking whether this is an area that would benefit from broader discussion at the Area or Conference level.

Specifically, the questions include:

First, how AA can articulate hope not only in early recovery but across the full lifespan of sobriety.

Second, how elders can share honestly in mixed meetings about later-life challenges while modeling the principles in a way that remains consistent with our primary purpose.

Third, how groups and Areas can address accessibility, isolation, and participation as members' capacities change.

Fourth, how long-term members can remain meaningfully engaged in service, including General Service, as traditional roles become more difficult.

And fifth, whether Conference-approved literature and outreach sufficiently address aging, senior living settings, and working the Steps in the context of terminal illness or incapacity.

I am not proposing specific solutions today. I am asking whether this is an area worthy of structured discussion and possible future consideration.

Mynah Bird:

Date: 3/8/26

Standing Committee: Myna Bird

Person reporting and position: Mike. K

- Mynah Bird Committee Meetings: The Mynah Bird committee met on February 15 and the 22nd via Zoom to discuss the contents of issue 3 of the Mynah Bird to be released April 18th at the next assembly. Minutes for that can be found in the Mynah Bird Google Drive & Panel 75 & 02 - Committee Meetings folder.
- Next Issue Content: We'll be doing a follow up article on how the last assembly went in Lahaina as well as how PRASSA was for attendees.
- Submissions: Other story ideas and content are welcome as well as events listings, artwork, recovery stories, poetry, etc. Anything that can help unify us as a community across the state and beyond. The deadline for submissions for the next issue is April 6, 2026.
- Printing Costs & Prep for Next Panel: We're also reviewing the role of printing and printing costs associated with the Myna Bird in the context of the current state of Area goings- on and digital publishing and content consumption as well as in preparation for the handoff of the Mynah Bird Committee and its operations to the next panel.
- Important publishing dates and info for the next issue:
- Submission Deadline - April 6, 2026: Deadline for submissions is April 6 and I'll send a couple reminders between now and then via area email.
- Meeting Photos: We'd like to feature the diversity of our different home groups in the mynah bird, so send photos of your home groups. We've already gotten a few and they're great so keep 'em coming

Treatment & Accessibilities:

Treatment and Accessibilities Report

March 7, 2026

Committee Meeting

Aloha,

Right now the committee is still doing the AA at a Glance challenge where committee members are placing the AA at a Glance into treatment centers, doctor offices, libraries or anywhere they think might reach the next suffering alcoholic. Working on building support for the Castle Hospital meeting and Mohala Mai, a facility which houses previously incarcerated women. Literature continues to flow into treatment centers and hospitals through countless members who take the time to ensure the message is available to those who may need AA.

Treatment received their first Bridging the Gap request from a 22-year-old female coming home to Oahu from California. I was able to pick her up and take her to the Eating Meeting in Pearl City. The storm rolled in and the plans for future meetings were put on hold for the weekend. I reached out to Malia Discussion since she lived nearby that meeting. David was able to get a female member willing to pick her up and take her to their homegroup. However, she never showed as Misty waited in the parking lot of her apartment. I reached out several times to see if she was okay and wanted to go to a meeting, I am still waiting for her to reach out. I hope one day she will seek what AA has to offer.

The next challenge will be to build the Bridging the Gap contacts by having home groups provide two male and two female contacts that would be willing to bridge the gap by picking them up and taking them to their homegroup.

Accessibility. I was able to attend PRAASA where Hawaii was asked to pilot the translation program Wordly. As always some absolutely hated Wordly and others loved it. I thought it was a wonderful tool that can serve the hard of hearing or deaf population. It could also assist with those who walk into a meeting and need a translation as it supports dozens of languages through a subscription. The moderator opened the meeting room by downloading the app and the attendees that needed the translation scanned a QR code. I learned about translation from the Spanish Speaking community and was shocked when an A.A member came right into the face of a translator and shushed her. Apparently, this is common and they get that alot as people think they are talking on their phones. BRUH! I was amazed at their perseverance to ensure that the A.A. message reached the Spanish speaking attendees.

Bridging the Gap will hold their annual workshop which includes a business meeting sometime in September with the proposed site in Kansas. I am looking forward to attending again this year. More information on Bridging the Gap can be found at btgww.org.

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

Archives:

Date: 3/07/2026
Standing Committee: Archives archives@area17aa.org
Person reporting and position: (First Name, Last Initial) Mike L.

Archives: Preserving our history, Enriching our Future

Thank you Waikiki District 10 for hosting this Committee Meeting today.

Here's what the Archives Standing Committee did to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous since our Budget Assembly of January 5, 2026:

Our biggest event was our display at the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA.) I want to thank all of the people who helped me with transporting the displays, bringing the first, second, and third editions of the Big Book, getting volunteers and the volunteers who did service at the display. It was great to have the space to let people see all the Hawai`i A.A. history we have stashed away in our storage unit.

Thank you, T., Beau, Francesca, Gina, Keli`i and Christi. I would not have had anything to display from Hawai`i without your help. Thank you, Sean C, for enhancing the display with your Big Books. Showing the chapter "Now We Are Eight Thousand" was a very rare opportunity for people to see in person. The "Came to Believe" photo with the cutout for the Man on the Bed was also very popular, and drew people in to look at the Archives. Some people also watched the "AA on Oahu – Revised" DVD. It is available on our Area Website.

https://area17aa.org/archives/Island%20Archives/Oahu/AA%20on%20Oahu%20Revised/A%20on%20Oahu%20Revised_0.mp4

I was able to spend time with some Archivists at PRAASA, and some of the people who attend the monthly Archives Forum, which meets online the First Sunday at 5 PM Pacific Time (soon to be 2 PM instead of 3 PM HST.) All are welcome: Meeting ID: 507 478 8317 Password: Archives

We are continuing our Kupuna Day Zoom sessions with Long-Timer Speakers from across the islands. This year we do have a speaker from Kaua`i committed to speak. We will be getting speakers from the other islands as well. Rochelle of the Cooperation with the Elder Community is suggesting that we have a third Kupuna Day toward the end of the year, and we will be scheduling that very soon. Look for the flyer for our July 18 Kupuna day. Meeting ID: 997 5220 4568 Password: Kupuna which is scheduled for July 18, 2026 at 1 PM.

We have started to interview our past delegates David E and Tanya E gave some of the history of General Service on Maui. Other Delegates have agreed to be recorded and I will be asking our Archives GSRs to get involved with the interviews. We are saving the recordings, and hopefully next panel's Archives Committee will be able to find the right way to make the audio recordings easily accessible to our A.A. members. Finances: We spent \$232 for supplies to get the Area archives ready to be presented at PRAASA. I also spent \$128 from the PRAASA budget for the PRAASA Archives display.

Takeaways:

Let your group know -

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

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

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

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

Finance Committee:

Finance committee 3/7/26

1. Approved funding a GSR for the ITD airfare and reg. fee with the notion they will fund part of this expense (no amount stated).
2. Approved \$200 increase this year for the Archives committee due to having nearly maxed out their current budget.
3. Approved a \$500 increase this year for the CPC .
4. Approved \$400 increase in this years budget for Cooperation with Elder community to support meetings.

Adjourn @ 03:00pm

1st: Julie C., 2nd: Michelle B.