

Area Chair's Report/Deborah L.
May Committee Meeting
Hawaii Area 17/ P75
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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,
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