

Chair's September Committee Report

9-16-2026

Aloha everyone,

2.8 Area Chair's Duties (Hawaii Area Structures and Guidelines)

The area chair should:

- A. Read and adhere to the area chair's duties outlined in the A.A. Service Manual.
- B. Conduct all committee meetings.
- C. Publish and present an agenda thirty (30) days before each committee meeting and assembly.
- D. Appoint the area's standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers.
- E. Serve as a voting member of the Oahu Intergroup, when invited.

As we get closer to the end of Panel 75 and our November Elections Assembly, I realize I don't have a whole lot to report today—and that's okay. It's been quite a journey, and I'll save the bigger reflection for my final report in November, when I can share more about what I've heard, what I've seen, and what I've felt throughout this Panel.

For today, I just want to touch on a few things.

First, I want to thank everyone who persevered through Hurricane Lala. I especially want to recognize **District 2** for helping to provide the hybrid meeting option so members who couldn't be there in person still had an opportunity to participate. I really appreciated seeing our members find a way to stay connected and be part of the process, even when circumstances made it difficult.

I also want to acknowledge **two GSRs from District 6** who submitted a proposal to create a **Hybrid Meeting Technology (HMT) Standing Committee**. The proposal was sent on August 30, and I opened and reviewed it on August 31. I appreciate the thought and effort that went into this proposal, and I believe it deserves an opportunity for the Area to review and discuss it. According to the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines and the General Service Panel 75 GSR Handbook, page 12, proposals are to be presented to the Chair **30 days prior to the committee meeting**. Because this proposal was received on August 30, there was insufficient time for the required review process to be completed prior to presenting the proposal to the Area body at the November Elections Assembly. Rather than entertaining the proposal, I am recommending that it be brought forward to the incoming Panel 77 Chair for consideration. This will allow the Area adequate time to review and discuss the proposal, particularly since it involves a proposed change to the Hawaii Area 17 Structures and Guidelines.

I made a mistake on the Standing Committee Chair interest forms that was passed out at the Budget Assembly. I realized the previous form only had a first- and second-choice option, so I added a third-choice line. I've been checking my emails and, so far, I haven't received anything since the Budget Assembly. So I brought some extra forms today for DCMs to take with them and share with anyone who may be interested.

And lastly, I just want to say **thank you for letting me serve**.

In love and service,

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