

Aloha & Welcome

- Read Handbook Welcome message
- Welcome to Area Service / General Service
 - Something bigger than just me & you
 - Start thinking of AA as a whole. Around the world, but first let's talk about you and the most important role you'll have as a GSR.
- What we do here is figure out a way to carry the message to the Alcoholics who hasn't arrived yet and also those who are here and need help.

Literature List

- Go over the list for things helpful
- Encourage getting a Service Manual

What's Ahead

- Developing a Service Attitude
 - Some People are great with working one on one with the drunk. Here, we do the work "behind the scenes".
- Meetings
 - Usually have one vote
 - We have 3 votes as GSR's
 - HomeGroup – 24 Business Meetings
 - District – 24 Business Meetings
 - Area – 8 Assemblies
 - Participate in Workshops
 - Utilize your DCM's
 - Ask questions, NO BE SHAME!
- Homegroup
 - Link between HG & AA
 - Pg. 3, last paragraph
 - Giving your Report at the HG
 - Make an agenda for yourself
 - Share what's important
 - Budget
 - Upcoming events
 - Etc...
 - Keep in brief but informative (Informed Group Conscience)
- District Meetings
 - 14 Districts
 - 7 on O'ahu
 - 3 on Maui and Hawaii Island
 - 1 on Kauai
 - Purpose of the District meetings
 - To better serve the needs of AA in that district
 - Find a list on districts on pg. 5
 - Some district have S&G's and Bylaws they follow
 - Not all have them
 - Should be a little more formal than HG but not as formal as Area
- Area Assemblies

- S&G's are one of the most important documents in Area. Want to know if someone is doing their "job" right? Check the S&G's. Want to know about a certain procedure? Check the S&G's.
 - Attendance
 - Everyone involved in Area Service.
 - Everyone is invited to attend.
 - 7-8 assemblies within the 2 year term
 - Mostly 7 but can have 8 if area business has not been completed
 - Odd year assemblies
 - Orientation
 - Inform the Delegate
 - Budget
 - Member of the Finance Committee will usually visit with the District to explain and break down the budget so your groups will be fully informed.
 - 4th Assembly is totally optional
 - Even year assembly
 - Inventory
 - Inform the Delegate
 - Budget
 - Elections
 - Hosting
 - Districts are pulled from the hat (lottery system) a year in advance
 - Cost to attend
 - Groups pay airfare and registration. If a group is having a hardship, they can reach out to their district or the Area. Try the district first.
- Preparing for the Assembly
 - REGISTER EARLY!!!!
 - Help the Host District prepare for your arrival. We always want to be sure we have enough food for you.
 - Home-stays are also listed on the registration. We want to help you stay in a safe place. People often open up their homes and invite people to stay with them during the assembly.
 - Transportation is another thing. There will be someone available to pick you up from the airport starting Saturday morning and take you to the assembly. If you come in Friday, you will be responsible for your own transportation unless from Kona or Kauai. Please come in the afternoon. Remember, people still work.
- At the Assembly
 - Arrive early. Register with the Registration Table and Register with the Area Registrar.
 - Pick up whatever documents you may need for the assembly
 - Agenda
 - Treasurers report
 - Last assembly minutes
 - Mynah Bird
 - Any other items laid out
 - Agenda
 - Check pages 10-11
 - Roberts Rules of Order
 - THERE ARE NO WINNERS OR LOSERS!

- We loosely follow these rules so we can conduct business
 - If something is presented and you don't agree with the "why", DON'T BE SHY!!! When it's time for you share, please do so at the mic. You never know... you might have the one thing that no one else has thought of which could change the vote.
 - We discuss one motion at a time
 - Go over pages 12-14
 - A FULL DISCUSSION OF A MOTION SHOULD TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE VOTE
 - Don't repeat what someone has already said.
- Standing Committees
 - We follow GSO. Our delegate has been appointed to a committee which she will serve for the next 2 years. She didn't get to choose her committee.
 - Although you are not required to participate, your Committee may hold a workshop, I highly recommend getting involved with it. Learn how to host. It makes a great addition to your service resume. If you cannot commit, make announcements for others to possibly get involved.
- Group Conscience
 - Pgs. 18-19
- Personal inventory questions
 - Pg 20
- Brief guide to Motions
 - Pg 21
- Questions????