Hawaii Area 17
2020 Elections Assembly
Hosted by Hawaii Area 17
November 7th and 8th, 2020

8:15  Waiting Room Opened

9:00  Call to Order with the Serenity Prayer
  •  Sobriety Birthdays
  •  Introduction of Past Delegates- Scott C, Linda, Cheryl, Ken, Linda, Bob, Barry (Idaho)
  •  Reading – S24 - The Principle of Rotation by John M

9:15  Delegate Report: Coleen A. on Web site

9:45  Reviewed Third Legacy procedure by Tommy

Nomination Class B Trustee at Large - Delegate

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Maui Intergroup Report

Maui A.A. Central Office:
70 Central Avenue, Suite #1 Wailuku, Maui HI 96793

Maui Intergroup does those things that Groups would not be able to do individually. Intergroup provides one phone number and a website where people can call to find out about AA, maintains the list of A.A. meetings for Maui, Molokai, and Lanai; publishes a monthly newsletter - The Serenity Gazette - available online. You can find the Treasurer’s report and meeting minutes each month. Intergroup sponsors the Alkathons, with individual Groups hosting. This year Kihei Morning Serenity is hosting the Virtual Thanksgiving Alkathon. The website lists meetings that have returned to in-person and meetings that remain online along with the meeting contact info. Newcomers phoning in can be connected to Twelfth Step volunteers.

Maui Intergroup continues to meet virtually for the remainder of this year, and we will be holding our elections Saturday Nov 14. The phone continued to be answered 24/7 by our Volunteers and Central Office Manager throughout the COVID Pandemic. All of the phone shifts are currently filled, and 12-Step calls are handled by people who have signed up on our 12-Step lists by location.

Group Contributions and Literature sales have decreased while most Groups are not meeting in person. Our landlord waived the rent for 3 months due to COVID office closing (not just to AA – we are still self-supporting.) Expenses have decreased slightly. We do have a Prudent Reserve, and once our operating

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3:15 BREAK

3:30 Intergroup reports
account goes below $1,000, we will withdraw from the Prudent Reserve to continue to pay rent and our Part-Time Central Office Manager. We do get online contributions from AA Members, and Groups have been sending in contributions when they can. We are grateful for all the people who volunteer to answer phones, come in to keep the office open, and answer the phone 24 hours a day.

We have a stock of AA and Grapevine literature, so people are able to get the literature they want for themselves or their Group right away. By Group Conscience, we carry only AA World Services literature and AA Grapevine books, no chips or other books.

Any A.A. can attend our monthly meeting – second Saturday at 6 PM.

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

West Hawaii Central Office Report November 2020

Aloha Trusted Servants,
The West Hawaii Central Office is open M-F 10-2 with volunteers, we are practicing safety measures with masks, sanitizer, etc. and limited #s of people entering. The book and literature sales are doing very well. Our office manager is currently volunteering her time to make book orders and manage our volunteers. We are having our monthly meetings via zoom and would like to encourage all the groups to get a Central Office representative.

Central Office’s PayPal account has proved to be a blessing during the pandemic. We have been able to pay the rent and build up our prudent reserve. We want to thank all of the groups for your continued support of the Central Office. Elections for CO officers will be held in November. All Positions are available.

The Central Office website is still keeping track of F2F meetings as they begin/or end (as of latest county restrictions) again as well as our on-line meetings.

The central office hosted a special Zoom event for Halloween on Oct. 31st. We had 4 speakers from off-Island for 30 minutes each and then some fun in-between with dance breaks, a scavenger hunt, and culminated with a ZOOM costume contest. There were Grapevine subscriptions, books, and Amazon gift card prizes. Everyone had a Spooktacular time.

Central Office will also be sponsoring a Christmas Zoom Alkathon and would like to invite meetings from around the state to host an hour. If your meeting is interested in participating, please call WHCO during business hours to sign up. (808) 329-1212

In love and service,
Catherine W.
WHCO chair
Colleen reported on the GSC report

4:45 Ask It Basket/What’s on Your Mind

1. Ramon shared on the shutting down of a meeting due to covid and a member of the group starting the same meeting back up on his own. Tommy shared that there are many new scenarios that have come up and it is up to each group and its members to try and work through it.
2. Bill asked when the standing committee chairs would be assigned. Tommy explained it is up to the incoming chair to make final decision and it will be announced before January.
3. Nancy shared her experience with her group and Covid. Going from strictly online to hybrid to half of the group just meeting at a house. Quite a learning experience.
4. Billy asked about online contributions for his group and Rachel met with him to share experience after the meeting.

5:00 Adjourned with the Responsibility Statement

Sunday November 8th

8:15 Waiting room opened

9:00 Called to Order with the Serenity Prayer

- Chair Announcements- Please send in you Standing Committee requests
- Introduction of Past Delegates- Ken, Bob, Cheryl
- Reading – S23 – Stimulating Interest in General Service by Gina

9:15 Area Officers – Reports (5 Minutes)

Secretary Eric V

Aloha everyone, I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve. It has been an honor getting to know all of you over the past 2 years. Now that this is our last assembly, I got the position all figured out. Thank you for choosing me to serve 2 more years. Looking forward to get to know the new faces and to communicate with our GSO. Have a wonderful holidays peeps.

Aloha,
Eric

Treasurer: Rachel S. – Jim asked about extra monies not used for travel etc. Rachel explained we have discussed and are holding on to funds for the inevitable downturn and uncertain future. Karen asked about all the progress with bank changes and Rachel told us much progress has been made. Motion to accept by John M, second by Wolf. passed

Actual report On Web Site

Registrar: Karen N.
I continue to make Group Information changes via email as the Net Suite system is not yet operational for Registrars to enter data. Mahalo to DCM’s for getting changes to me so that I can update our records. It appears from the reports that I am receiving from GSO that there is no longer a backlog and changes are being made soon after they are received by GSO.

The District Committee Member change form no longer has an area to add an Alternate DCM. When I asked about this, the answer was the following: “The service manual does not indicate that we list alternate DCMs and our forms must reflect what the service manual states. Also, we are not obligated to list alternate DCMs when that information is sent into us. Those positions are not recognized as part of the unified structure and therefore are not recognized here at the GSO. The positions of DCMO and Area Other were created as user defined fields for the area's use and upkeep only.” As an Area, we continue to have Alternate DCM’s and will continue to list them on our sign in sheets and Confidential Contact lists.

I have been receiving three reports – Area and District Service Positions, Groups by Area and District and Group Contacts – from GSO. I have been receiving them about every ten days. Thankfully they are Excel files so I can search for the information I need without having to print out the entire report each time.

There is still no definitive word as to when the Net Suite system will be fully operational. The hope is that it will be operational at the end of the year, however since the General Service Office will be closed until 2021, it is unknown as to when the system will be ready for Registrars to use.

From the article that I wrote for the Mynah “My current position as Area Registrar has been a joy and has been and still is presenting many growth opportunities. The first 8 months of Panel 69 were “business as usual”. As registrar, I am responsible for keeping the records of our Area current with GSO. I am a “numbers” person, so this has been fairly routine for me. It is also part of my job description to check in attendees at Area Assemblies and Committee meetings. I love putting faces to all the names that I have been entering in our data base. Although hectic, registration for assemblies is one of the high points of the week-end………

“Business as usual” ended in September of 2019. GSO is in the process of consolidating all of their data bases into a single data base and to avoid duplication of records, registrars could not make record changes online. The process has taken much longer than originally planned, due in part to the complexity of the task and in large part due to Covid-19………"

I will be available to help whomever is elected to be Registrar for Panel 71.

Mahalo for letting me be of service to Panel 69.

Karen N.
Registrar, Panel 69, Area 17

Alt. Delegate: Kunane D.

No report emailed

Alt. Chair: Deborah

Aloha my name is Deborah and I’m an alcoholic. My homegroup is TYG known as Thank you God. I currently serve you as Area alternate chair. Thank you for that privilege.

First, Welcome everyone to the 2020 Elections Assembly.

Second, thank you to those in service today and tomorrow making it possible for the area to virtually meet. Thank you in advance for keeping us safe. As said in the Big Book Modem-to-modem or face-to-face, A.A.’s speak the language of the heart in all its power and simplicity.’

Next, to our Area officers thank you for organizing this web-based platform to conduct area business and rallying members willing to serve.
To the GSRs and area committee, thank you for participating in your commitment to serve.

According to the AA service manual Edition 2018-2020 at the top of page S37, the area assembly “Composition” “any A.A. members may attend, assemblies.

My duties outlined in 2.9 of the structure and guidelines for Hawaii Area 17 General Service are:
A. Perform the duties of the area chair in their absence – I serve in the place of Tommy area chair, as a voting member, when invited, on business for the Oahu Intergroup Area Chair because our chair resides on a neighboring island.
B. Arrange meeting places and hospitality for all Area assemblies and committee meetings. Due to COVID-19 assemblies and committee meetings have taken place virtually.
C. Serve as a member of the finance committee. Since we last met the finance Committee met during our last Committee meeting, I defer any report on the finance committee to the Area Treasurer chair of the finance Committee.
D. Serve as a voting member on the Hawaii Annual State Convention Steering Committee – I attend monthly steering committee meetings held virtually. I defer to the Steering Chair to report on the Annual Hawaii Convention.
E. Serve as temporary group registrar, recording secretary, or treasurer if any of these officers are absent – I not needed to serve in these capacities.
F. Appoint the area’s standing committee chairs in conjunction with other area officers. Completed this obligation earlier in the panel.

Again, thank you for letting me serve you.

Chair: Tommy G

No report emailed

9:45 Standing Committee Work Sessions, DCMs, Intergroup Chairs, Area Officers Meet

10:45 Break

11:00 Work Session Report Back

Dcm work session

Questions and discussions on New Panel Standing Committees

There was mention of the confusion of taking a standing committee commitment until District commitments were filled.

How and when these commitments would be filled.

The importance of serving to understand the other committees and how they work so it can be passed on.

The challenge of any new commitments during Covid and zoom meetings only.

The Spirit of Rotation

We discussed the importance of rotation. A question was asked by an Alt DCM, “do DCM’s sit in on
Committee meeting round tables?” It was answered no, and that GSR’s are assigned as liaisons and they bring info back to their Districts and homegroups.

There was discussion about DCM’s and Alt’s being asked to continue past their panel time and God was brought into the discussion and trusting the process that a new replacement will be revealed.

With Zoom platform, how are DCM’s passing it on too new DCM’s and GSR’s regarding attendance at service meetings (assemblies, district and homegroup business meetings)

It’s been a really big challenge to get GSR’s to attend zoom assemblies and step up for the new panel. Groups that have always been active are now not so active. It’s really frustrating.

The more active groups have stayed stronger via zoom than the ones that were already struggling.

There was mention of how important our physical assemblies were, i.e.: talking story on the lunch line and at breaks.

Maybe the Orientation Assembly should only be one day to make it more attractive to new GSR’s.

We have to be patient; this too shall pass. Give it to God and keep coming. God is in charge.

For one DCM, Zoom isn’t the issue, he can’t get GSR’s. His own focus is to serve, the rest is in God’s hands.

Several Districts are struggling to fill their commitments especially DCM’s and Alt DCM’s. The importance of talking to the current GSR and them helping to find their replacements. The importance of educating GSR’s and them in return educating their homegroups. Keep reaching out, over and over again.

AA always seems to right itself through the Traditions and Concepts.

As DCM’s we need to consistently show enthusiasm and be positive and excited about our positions. We need to support our new incoming panel with our old positions.

OIG has been having Zoom Town Hall meetings with many solutions and discussions to groups, meetings via Zoom. It is a great solution to many troubles within groups and meetings during this pandemic.

There has been a cultural shift, this is still a program of attraction not promotion.

On a personal note, I want to say it’s been an honor serving with the other DCM’s. I learned so much from you all.
Mahalo, Pati DCM 9

**Break out CEC November 8, 2020**

Not seeing some elder population
Announcing at meetings to reach out
More old timers have finally bit the bullet and are doing zoom
Most not though; reluctant, defiant,

Some of us have helped set up zoom meetings for seniors. We talked about the need to continue to offer to stop by and make sure they can continue to do zoom. It might take a few times before they get
We talked about how we changed the focus of our committee to the elders IN the fellowship instead of
the suffering alcoholic outside. T Y Billy from Puna who helped me realize that need and
Going to homes / small meetings.
CALL! Just call and talk story.

Such an enthusiastic group! So proud of where we’ve come, I was reminding them how at the first
meeting, I came right out and asked who didn’t want to be on CEC committee. How these two guys who
wanted no part of knowing about the old farts have now become the so involved and participatory
members! They have added to the format of their meeting to include an announcement about reaching out
to the kupuna. Every member is continuing to be in general service next panel.

Corrections

There were just three of us in attendance, Stacy, Dustin and myself, we talked briefly about the current
status of corrections meeting going into facilities, talked about the passing of Jessie S. and his
contribution to corrections work on Oahu, then discussed a bit about area structure and the differences
and similarities between areas and finished up with a nice round of talking story.

Grapevine Breakout Session

7 of us met together to discuss what we did as a committee this panel, how we met our objective of
“(informing) Hawaii’s AA fellowship of the many benefits that may be derived through a Grapevine
subscription,” what we want to do with our remaining 10+ books and over 100 Grapevine back issues,
and the remainder of our $84 budget. We voted to request an increase in our budget to purchase 10
Grapevine subscriptions through the Carry the Message Project which is would allow the Grapevine
office to give them to alcoholics in prison who have requested a subscription. Everyone thought it would
be good to coordinate with the other standing committee chairs to give the extra books and magazines to
people requesting GV materials like elders, institutions, or treatment or correctional facilities so I will
coordinate with the others chairs. One group receives 5 subscriptions per month and is trying to figure
out what to do with all of the magazines that they haven’t been able to give put to newcomers at their
physical meeting. All the GSRs learned a lot during this panel and gave their groups lots of info about the
Grapevine. They had a good experience being on the committee and thought we were respectful of each
other’s opinions even when we didn’t all agree.

Treatment Work Session Report

Reports of what’s happening on their islands.

Kauai – Had an inpatient treatment built for troubled teens but couldn’t find anyone to run it so the county
took the building over and is using it as offices. A lot of newcomers are getting sober via zoom.

Hilo had treatment centers which are outpatient centers so many who require inpatient services are sent to
Oahu then sent back when inpatient services are over.

We also discussed what worked this past panel vs what didn’t work. The most of us agreed that being
assigned caused resistance but in the end, we found that we were able to learn a lot on a topic that we
probably wouldn’t even think twice about. All in all, we found it informative and rewarding.

What the next chair should be aware of is new GSR’s will probably have resistance but explain why they
were assigned to this committee and their role as a committee member and remember that members are
not the chair. 😊

We had a brand new GSR in our group, so we did our best to encourage him to continue being a GSR sharing tips and tricks we learned throughout our panel.

Thank you!!

Website

Thank you, Bob and Craig, for your input during this session. I was able to get feedback from both Bob from the technical side and considering his years in service on the purpose of the Website and way to improve. Forming a TECH team, the Webmaster role and in educating the assembly. Shared his experience, strength, and hope as a member of alcoholics anonymous and as a professional. Ways communication can be improved through other platforms. The general idea is to remove the TECH stuff from the Area Officers and have a TECH teamwork in the background so the Committee can focus on what needs to be done.

Thank you, Craig, for sharing ways to improve communication as a GSR such as to include at the Orientation Assembly the information available on the Website. Bob shared his screen on the information pertaining to GSR’s and the roles regarding the Hawaii Area.
I sent Bob the second draft proposal and he will review it and add his 16 years of experience, strength, and hope.

Archives, digitization. Bob provided background and history of the process and clarified that Archives is not on an external website. More to come from the next panel.
All in all, I was provided great feedback from Bob H. and Craig Y, GSR. Reminder of the responsibility statement. I am responsible and not to create boundaries and say well that is their job and not mines..but to have the hand of AA to always be there.

Area

Coleen talked about how impressed she was how members wanted to make aa work and how people were there when she needed them

Kunane talked about the difference between being Chair and alt delegate and how colleen was so inclusive

Tommy felt good about relationships with Debra. Growth has been immense with covid and the IT background

Deborah talked about how area service carried her through learning how to talk slower and slow down.

Rachel talked about how life is taken on a new meeting once again.

Karen talked about the challenges with gso and the new system and all the things she got to learn.

Coleen thought we should support officers with weak internet connections financially.

Trustee visit was cancelled, do we want to extend a virtual invite?

Talked about zoom contract now and into the future.

Talked about a meeting for selection of standing committee chairs.
11:15  DCM Reports

DCM 2

Currently District 2 is still meeting virtually via Zoom. We held our elections last month which was facilitated by the Alt. Area Chair Deborah. We would like to thank her for her Service. We had willingness for wall positions and we were able to elect all positions. I would like to congratulate Gina B. New DCM, Isaac L. New Alt. DCM, Aaron T. New Treasurer, and Maikey B. New Secretary. We also have started working towards the District 2 New Year's Alkathon by selecting our Chair and Co-chair (Maiky B. Chair and Christi N. Co-chair). We are currently at an operating balance of $2320 and Prudent reserve of $200. We appreciate all the outgoing officers of District 2 for all of their support and service this panel. I would personally like to thank all the officers of Panel 69 for all of their service. What an awesome experience it has been.

Sean F.
Alt. DCM District 2
Honolulu

DCM 3

Aloha to all of you, my friends and trusted servants to A.A. in Hawaii.

My name is Wolf F. I currently serve as the soon-to-be outgoing DCM for District 3, Leeward Oahu. It's hard for me to believe that this panel is nearly over, 2 years have gone by too fast. I don't know about all of you, but for me it has been fun and exciting and educational. Even at the end of my term I'm still learning things. Being in service as a DCM has deepened my understanding of A.A. as a whole. I have an increased understanding of the absolute importance of keeping our lines of communication open, from the home groups to GSO and back again. The communication between districts and inter-island has never been more important than it is now in this challenging time. I am pleased to see how A.A. has stepped up to this challenge locally, nationally and internationally. I am often one of those technically challenged people. Technology is not always my friend. However, thanks to people in the fellowship, I am still learning important skills. I can only speak for this alcoholic, but I can definitely say that for me, service work has been a vital part of my sobriety.

Service work keeps me in the middle of the herd. Service work also keeps me grounded and right sized, neither greater than anyone, nor lesser than anyone.

I am thankful and grateful to all of you & to my District for allowing me to be in service.

District 3 is in the black in spite of reduced contributions since covid-19. At our last district meeting we voted on and passed a proposal to set up and fund a one year Zoom account for District 3. Not only for the district business meetings but also to encourage some of the smaller meetings that may not be able to fund their own Zoom account to start up more Zoom meetings in District 3. Hopefully this will help some of the meetings that have gone dark since covid-19.

We also decided to have a hybrid District meeting after covid-19 is over. So that some of our members can attend the meeting, that would be otherwise unable to attend.

Our District 3 election was held Thursday November 5th just before our regular business meeting.

Bob H. Our past Area 17 Delegate, facilitated the election for us. Thank you, Bob. Originally no one stepped up for the DCM position. When no one stepped up for alternate DCM, I said that I was willing to serve but only in support of the DCM. That I had no interest in being DCM again. With that, Cliff W. said he would be willing to stand as DCM. But he had to check with his homegroup first, as he is currently their GSR. I had faith that someone would step up if they knew they were supported by an alternate. I am
grateful that Cliff stepped up.
We are still looking for a registrar and a recording secretary. We recently elected a new treasurer and she is willing to stand for the duration of this next panel.
I am thankful and grateful to be in service to District 3.

**DCM 4**

We held a workshop on emotional sobriety at the pop-up convention.

Finances are doing well

We held our elections

Kaleka voted in as DCM
Lisa as Alt DCM
Secretary Janin
No one stood for treasurer.

Aloha
John M

**DCM 5**

Aloha,

District 5 continues to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month on Zoom. We held round 1 of our District elections in October. Coleen facilitated our elections at this meeting. Thank you Coleen! District 5 elected Alex R. as our secretary and Lea V. as DCM for Panel 71. Congratulations to both of them! I am excited for the next panel with these highly capable and enthusiastic AA members. We will be doing round 2 of the elections at our November meeting and hope to fill the remaining officer positions at that meeting.

In District 5 we have had a few more groups resume meeting in person with social distancing, we have had some brand-new groups start up meeting in person with social distancing, we have some groups meeting electronically, some hybrid meetings, and some groups are not meeting at all right now. Through all of this AA is alive and well in District 5, Maui No Ka Oi!

Mahalo for your service,

Brandon L.
DCM District 5, Area 17

**DCM 6**

Aloha Everyone,
My apologies for not being able to make it today. I started a new job in October and haven’t been able to take weekends off as of yet.
Thank you to all our GSR’s that are attending today to vote for our new Area Officers.
Kauai is doing well with most live meetings reopened and also a consistent number of zoom meetings with strong attendance.
One live meeting has been shut down however due to a member testing positive for Covid. We are
receiving 7th tradition contributions and are financially stable. We had our elections last month and did not have anyone stand for Alt DCM or DCM. We do have a new Treasurer and Secretary however and are confident we will have members willing to stand for the positions at the next District Meeting.

Our Corrections Chair reports that the meetings at KCCC are not being held. We have an amazing web chair that keeps our website current and up to date. We have an awesome Mynah Bird chair that is contributing articles for each edition. Intergroup is financially stable and continues to maintain the hotline and e-print the Garden Island Newsletter. They had their elections last month and have a new rotation of officers. We will be having a Thank-A-Zoom event on Thanksgiving Day with meetings throughout the day led by different groups around the island. The link is on our website if you would like to join.

It has been a great privilege to serve my District and the Area during this panel. It has also been an amazing experience to have met all of you and learned from your incredible devotion to service. I will miss you all but will continue to be of service in my District. Best wishes to all of you and hope to see you sometime in the future.

Janice M.

DCM 8

DCM Report for Election Assembly
West Hawaii District 8
11/08/2020

Aloha All,

Thank you to Hawaii Area 17 for always showing up and facilitating our awesome assemblies!

- As I shared in October at our last area committee meeting, in preparation for our district elections in October we challenged our members to “Bring a Friend” to our September meeting and it was a great success. We had nine new members and 2 new GSRs with 32 members total in attendance.
- We read the duties and responsibilities of the four officers and the nine standing committee chair positions and each of our current members holding those positions briefly shared what it was like to serve and how it enriched their sobriety.
- The good news is our presentation stirred member interest in standing committees and I passed their names onto the incoming DCM who has the duty of appointing Panel 71 committee chairs.
- Which brings us to our October district elections, so exciting. I could hardly contain myself. Who you ask is our incoming West Hawaii District 8 Panel 71 Officers? We are thrilled to announce:
  o Kerwin N as the new DCM (District Committee Member):
  o Catherine Was Alternate DCM - currently serving as our Central Office Chair
  o Heather B as Treasurer - currently a GSR
  o Jaisy J as Recording Secretary.
- We encourage our home groups to have elections this month or next so their GSRs can attend the Orientation Assembly this coming January.

I would like to say that I missed being in the DCM roundtable today. I have become friends with some but I am so excited to see what next year brings. The last four years being a GSR and DCM has been so rewarding and has been a great opportunity for personal growth. When I was in elementary school I was labeled backward because I was extremely shy and a loner, but Alcoholics Anonymous has stretched me beyond my comfort zone and allowed me to do things I never thought were possible, like speaking here right now. I am so grateful to the mentors in my life that have guided me and will continue to do so but I know that I must always remain teachable and pass on what has been freely given me. The gift truly has
been the journey.
I want to thank our amazing District 8 GSRs Alternate GSRs, Standing Committee Chairs, and our Officers who continually show up to both district and area. No matter the need whether workshop help or events, anything they step up. Love them all.
I will do my best to fulfill the duties as Hawaii Area 17 Alternate Chair and stand ready support Panel 71!
I owe my life to Alcoholics Anonymous; it is the very least I can do!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

**DCM 9**

We had our District elections Oct 20th. I’m grateful to our District members that all our positions were filled.
Panel 70 for District 9:
DCM: Karen O. (Cottages) currently our Alt Dem
Alt. DCM: Tyler (Mililani Men’s)
Treasurer: Pati M. (Waimea Wahines) currently DCM
Recording Secretary: Lucy (Cottages)

We currently have two physical meetings in a park. I attended one and they are doing well with following social distancing guidelines.
Thank you for allowing me to serve
Pati
DCM District 9

**DCM 10**

My name is Teresa and I’m an alcoholic. I am the new DCM for the Waikiki District 10, and I am super excited to serve the District for the remainder of Panel 69 and Panel 71.

District 10 has been meeting online since April with about 6-8 GSR’s attending. Paki Hale, our normal meeting place, is still closed and we do not anticipate meeting in person anytime soon.

Our DCM stepped down about two months ago and we did not have an Alt DCM to fill the position. We held elections this month and filled the positions of DCM and Secretary. Bob H facilitated the election. We still need to fill the positions of Treasurer and Alt DCM.

More and more groups within the District are creating online meetings; only a handful are meeting in person and these groups are meeting outside and staying in small groups.

The District 10 Annual Thankathon is being held online Nov 25-26. We have all meeting and moderator positions filled; the next step is training for moderators.

Draft 2021 budget sent to all GSRs for review with their groups. We will vote on it at our Dec meeting. We made substantial contributions to GSO and OIG this year since we did not have travel and other expenses. Contributions down due to Covid but checks continue to come in. Budgeting for “normal” expenses in 2021 even though likely we will continue meeting online for some time. Will vote to make another split contribution in 2021 should we not have expenses.

Plan to start online caravans to reach out to groups in the district who do not currently have a GSR to encourage them to fill the position and attend meetings online. It’s easier than ever to participate at the
district and area level with online meetings. It’s a great opportunity for groups to participate that have not participated before.

We have a lot of opportunities to create new service positions and be in service as we continue to adapt to pandemic conditions. District 10 is ready and able to be of service to the members of our district community and the alcoholic community on our island.

Thank you for letting me be in service. Teresa D.
Treasurer and DCM-Elect, District 10

DCM 11

Election Assembly Report
We will have our elections on November 17th. Kunane will be helping to facilitate the elections.
We have a new group that just started on Friday night as an in person young people’s meeting. The new young people Saturday night group is doing well. A Thursday night meeting has resumed in person. We have a few other meetings that are meeting in person while some are still meeting on zoom.
Had a few visitors to the district meeting last month and they have been invited for the district election.
District is doing fine financially and will be approving the budget in December for 2021
Have a potential proposal to the district and possibly submit to the area. We are discussing at next district meeting
We are hosting the Orientation assembly. We have 4 or 5 volunteers ready to help.
Michelle C.
DCM 11

DCM 12

Aloha mai Kakou,
My Name is Holly, and I am an Alcoholic, currently serving as district 12’s DCM. I would like to thank Alcoholic Anonymous for the opportunity to have this life that was so freely given to me, and for that I am grateful. It has been an honor to serve Hawaii Area 17, Panel 69, and with all you wonderful alcoholics who I can call friends.

I always say, “we come from the land of burning lava!” I guess what I am really saying is, “we are resilient!” And how true is that for alcoholics? As we face life’s terms on life’s terms from hurricanes to volcanic eruptions, our own and other’s experiences, strengths, and hopes has shown us that, no matter what, we never have to drink again, and what a freedom that is!

Serving as District 12’s Committee Member has been an honor, when I was elected to be a trusted servant to represent this district, I knew the strengths and struggles we faced in this district, due to my previous service positions in this district. I had the “go get um attitude, of how can I make this district better?” I was so humbly reminded by another AA member, when I heard in her sharing, God speaking as she spoke these words, which hit me like a brick, “For me, being in service reminds me that I am a Servant! I am here to serve you!” These may not be her exact words, but that is how I heard it and what an eye and ear opener, it is not about me, it’s about the alcoholic! Thank you, Debra S.

So how may I serve you district 12? E Ho’okipa mai nei! The gathering began, mahalo to all the GSR’s for their service for their groups, Rodney representing Serenity 101, Joey representing Ho’ohana, Billy representing Rule 62, and for those who wear dual hats, Nancy representing Broom Riders and helping with servicing the CEC, Mark representing 4th dimension and serving as East Hawaii Corrections Rep., and my friend, my confident, my hope for the future of district 12’s servants, Ms. Andi representing Women’s 11th Step meditation and District 12’s secretary. To my Alt. DCM Lyle, Treasurer Keith Thank you for your service. The 1st year, thanks to our groups, we accomplished to build our finance as we started with a low balance. We were able to gather and discuss our needs and how to achieve these needs. We did a Huaka’i (caravan) out to the southside (Ka’u) to attend a remote BBQ meeting, together with Hilo, and West Hawaii. We wanted to present at least 2 workshops and we wanted so much to be able to
help our district to grow to help the suffering alcoholic. Big mahalo’s to West Hawaii district for the workshops, which we were able to participate in, and much mahalo to Hilo district for allowing us to help when they hosted their committee meeting. Things were moving smoothly and then Covid19! I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the Covid19 experience, which continues to allow me to grow as a person, an AA member, and most importantly an “Alcoholic!” As we enter this new world, I honestly believe this AA will continue to be the guidelines for a healthy healing life. I am my worst critic, and I continue to see my flaws and wish I could have done more and have been a better servant. I always hear once Puna council woman, Aunty Emily Naeole stating, “My people have plenty love, they just need jobs!” again I hear, “in Our district, AA’s have plenty love and is always wanting to be of service!”

To Panel 69, thank you all. Area officers Ms. Colleen, Kunane, Uncle Tommy! Ms. Debra, I love you! My Rachel dam girl you rock! Eric thank you for being in service. To the standing committee chairs, big alohas for all that you all have done.

Our next and last District 12, panel 69 meeting is this Saturday, it is our elections and Gods will be done. Mahalo.

**DCM 13**

Our district is doing well, we are meeting in person as well as virtual. We will be having our elections on Nov 19th and Mike L has agreed to be our facilitator.

As outgoing DCM, I would like to thank all of my GSR’s, Alt DCM, Treasurer and Secretary for being a huge back bone of our successful Dist. Mahalo for allowing me to be of service.

Jubee B. DCM
Dist. 13 Tri Isle

**DCM 17**

Aloha Area 17,
Waianae District 17 continues to conduct most meetings online via ZOOM.

District meetings participation and contributions continue to be minimal as well.

District #17 has conducted our elections in October for district officers. We will be conducting ongoing elections in November hoping to elect a DCM, Alt. DCM, and Treasurer.

District #17 will be conducting a workshop in early December with details to follow.

District #17 will also be hosting its own Alkathons during the holidays. More details to follow.

Again, I thank my District and the Area for allowing me to be of service,
Trusted Servant,
Bill M. DCM #17
Aloha Everyone. Mare, alcoholic and chair for Cooperation with the Elder Community
Congratulations to all you who celebrated sobriety milestones.
Congratulations and welcome to the new Panel 71!
And mostly thank you to my awesome Cooperation with the Elder Community gsr’s. You have a huge place in my heart. And as our beloved Kaipo Always said, Eh, I love you, you know.
Thanks to all those who helped with the technical end of making this zoom meeting run!
Thanks everyone on this panel. Thank you for taking seriously the needs of the aging AA member and helping carry the message.

- Kihei District made 45 second video (no faces, just AA sayings, beautiful Maui background pictures, and Hawaiian music) – two people talking about the Pandemic and how to get help through AA if drinking becoming a problem.
- Working with a Maui News writer to write a special article how the Pandemic is affecting seniors and alcoholism.

Was contacted by Kaiser to help with women alcoholics needing sponsors or assistance in finding meetings. Am able to do that with the help of sponsees and their sponsees…., committee members.
- been working on end of panel report for incoming CEC Chair. So far, 14 pages…should I stop now. I just want to support you best I can and I will be available to you, whoever you are and will continue to be in service for this population of seniors.

Thank you Everyone for letting me serve as CEC Chair. Kunane shared about our ad hoc meeting regarding gsr involvement with committees. I want to tell the new chairs if you have questions, don’t know what to do, please reach out to us who are handing you the reins. Let us help you with the transition.

I just want to support you best I can and I will be available to you, whoever you are and will continue to be in service for this population of seniors.

- Lastly, keep asking you, at meetings, to ask folks to continue to reach out to seniors who are missing…Let’s not let them get too isolated and removed from our AA fellowship. As I mentioned in our breakout, what a great idea (like Malia Discussion Group did), to add to the format at announcements to reach out to the kupuna who might be isolated and lonely.

Have wonderful holidays, stay safe, and please stay in touch.
Love you.
Mare

Convention

The Steering Committee is actively researching venues and alternatives for planning and holding a Convention during and after the pandemic.

The Annual Hawaii Convention held a pop-up online weekend of recovery. The topic for the weekend was Gratitude in Action. There were speakers from all over the United States and the world. The best was hearing from our island rock stars, such as Tommy, our Area Chair who opened the weekend Friday night. We had lots of volunteers who committed and gave their time selflessly for the entire weekend.
Corrections

Aloha Fellow Trusted Servants,
Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Hawaii Area through these challenging times. It has been a wonderful experience serving in a new area and getting to know a whole new group of dedicated A.A. members. One of the bonus benefits or ‘frosting on the cake’ as I like to say, of General Service is getting connected to A.A.’s across the state, country and world and serving as our Corrections Chair has been no exception. I look forward to finding out what Higher Power has in store for where I can contribute next. We lost a great member and huge contributor to corrections work on Oahu, Jessie S. recently. My heart and prayers to his Ohana.
Meetings continue at MCCC and have resumed at Fort Brig. There are no other meetings active in facilities across the islands.
We will schedule the final Corrections Committee Virtual Meeting for this rotation after this assembly, probably for next month, and will invite the incoming Corrections Chair to attend if they are chosen by that time. I hope to arrange a virtual meeting with the next coordinator to help with a smooth and informed transition to the next panel.
I have still had no budget expenses this year.
Sean C., Area 17 Corrections Standing Committee Chair

CPC

Aloha. My name is Brian Kohatsu and it’s been an honor to serve as your CPC chair for panel 69. You are all a big part of my sobriety and I appreciate your service.

I would first like to apologize and take ownership of not being able to fulfill my role in the past few months. COVID has of course made it difficult but I've been dealing with some personal health issues. I was diagnosed with a high-grade sarcoma in my neck and after surgeries, and chemotherapy I’m now doing 7 weeks of radiation. As you can imagine it’s been a roller coaster.

With that said I just wanted to apologize for my absence at this election assembly and more than anything wanted to let you, my family, know what’s going on.

I appreciate all those who have been sending me positive vibes and prayers and I look forward to getting back into action once I’m able to. One day at a time.

Love you all.

Mahalo,

Brian

Grapevine

1). Free shipping on all Grapevine books and materials until 12/31 at aagrapevine.org.
2). 3 virtual Grapevine and La Vina workshops coming up: Washington DC Area 13 11/14 1-3p ET, Southeastern NY Area 49 12/6 11-1p ET, and Greater Philadelphia Area 12/12 12-4p ET.
3). Submit your best photos for the annual photo contest by 12/1 on aagrapevine.org/photo contest.
4). Go to YouTube.com/aagrapevine to listen to the new audio story playlist featuring stories about relapse and recovery on the GV YouTube channel.
5). Submit your story about your favorite step (by 11/15), dating and relationships (by 12/15), for the
annual prison issue (by 1/15), and about sober seniors (by 2/15). They always need traditions stories about you or your group.

6). Donate a subscription to participate in the Carry the Message 2020 project for an alcoholic in need.
7). New 2021 GV wall calendars feature photos taken by members.
8). Sign up to get the quote of the day for free to your email address.

Panel 69 Grapevine Committee Summary

The Grapevine committee made a trifold display which was used at Founders’ Day, the Annual Hawaii Convention, and area assemblies to showcase current materials published by the Grapevine and LaVina including magazines and books. We gave away hundreds of back issues, magazine subscriptions, and books. We hosted two very successful, well-attended virtual workshops last summer with participants from all over the US. To try to keep groups informed, we sent monthly updates from the grapevine office to everyone on the committee. We made ourselves available to facilitate workshops at group and district events, but were not given an opportunity to do so. We have numerous books and back issues of magazines remaining that we’d hoped to distribute throughout the year but were unable to since we haven’t met in person since February. We plan to give them away before the end of the panel. We are eager to work with the incoming chair to help that person get up to speed. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Julie G.

Website

Thank you all for allowing me to step into the role of the Website committee after years of dedication from trusted servant, Valerie. Thank you to those who suggested areas of improvement and notified me that a link did not work. Who knew spiritual growth would come from a popsicle stick.

As we transition to the next panel, I would like for DCM’s and Committee Chairs to take some time to look at their dedicated page on the website and moving forward how this tool can assist in communicating with those in your district and back to the Area. Also, if you have a chance to move your emails into an Archive folder. If you can do this great, if not no worries either myself or the incoming Webmaster will work to clean it up for the incoming chairs.

I have submitted another draft proposal to the Area Officers on a change to the Structure and Guidelines regarding Appendix D. The proposal asks the Area to look at changing the name from Website to another name, I proposed a name like TECH. Technical enhancements committee of Hawaii. This team would consist of voting and non-voting members to develop and work with the Officers to assist in tech support during committee and assembly meetings.

Once again, thank you to all for all you do.

In service,

Francesca P.

2:00  At the mic: Area Service Reflection

People shared on their ups and down on the panel and mostly talked about the incredible growth thru these strange times.
2:30  What to Take Back

Panel 69 Elections Assembly
Panel 71 in coming Officers
Delegate- Kunane D. Oahu
Alt. Delegate- Tommy G. Hawaii
Area Chair- Deborah S. Oahu
Alt. area Chair- Jeanie G. Hawaii
Treasurer- Mike L. Maui
Secretary- Deborah L. Oahu
Registrar- Eric V. Oahu
Trustee At Large Area 17 Nominee- Bob H. Oahu

Intentions to stand as standing committee chair. Deadline to email Chair (chair@area17aa.org) Nov, 25th ,2020

Area officers review intentions Nov.29th 2020

New Committee Chairs asked on Dec.6th, 2020 if yes inform delegate and Inform GSO.

2021 Panel 71 Orientation Assembly will be virtual, January9th & 1th 2021

Please visit your local Intergroup or Central Office Website to see any Virtual workshops and events.

2:45  Ask It Basket/What’s on Your Mind

Member asked how other groups are handling all the changes with Covid? Bob mentioned all the experience shared at the town hall meetings at intergroup can be found on the OIG website.

3:00  Adjourned with the Responsibility Statement