

Orientation Assembly
01/25-26/2025
Ahuimanu Elementary School
Day 1

9:00 Call to order

Introduction of Pacific Regional Trustee and Past Delegates

Sobriety Birthdays

Preamble

Introduction of Standing committees

- Public Information – Christi N
- CEC (Cooperation with the Elder Community) – John M
- Corrections – Nievan
- Mynah Bird – Mike
- CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) – Beau
- Treatment & Accessibilities – Not Present (Tracy M)
- Grapevine – not Present (Kimo K)
- Archives – Mike L.
- Convention – Erin
- Website – Not Present (Mike U)

Preface from Current Delegate – Deborah S.

- Serves on the Finance Committee
- Talked about PRAASA

Pacific Regional Trustee – Rielly K.

- The Conference Structure

Orientation Discussion

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 haven't arrived yet and also those who are here and need help.

Literature List

- Go over the list for helpful things
- 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
- Participating 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 of districts on pg. 5
 - Some districts 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&Gs 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
 - Members 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.
 - Homestays are also listed on the registration. We want to help you stay in a safe place. People often open 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 your 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????

Service Sponsorship Presentation – Sean F.

Key things to look for in service sponsorship:

- Someone who leads by example
- Educator, somebody who helps sponsees understand the traditions and concepts, explaining how they support AA's unity and effective operation.
- Mentor, someone who guides sponsees in taking on service roles within AA, demonstrating how these principles are applied in real-world settings.
- Supporter, someone who provides ongoing support and feedback helping sponsees navigate challenges in their service positions.
- Encourager, someone who motivates sponsees to participate in service opportunities, enhancing their commitment to AA's mission.
- Knowledgeable in AA history and the service structure.
- Well acquainted with the various service positions and the principles and concepts that guide general service
- Familiar with the 12 traditions. And of course, familiar with the AA service manual and the 12 concepts.

1728 sponsor. What's a 1728 sponsor?

The term "1728" is a product of the three sets of 12 principles. $12 \times 12 \times 12 = 1728$. This concept was formalized during board meetings held by AA's Class A trustees to deepen their understanding of these principles and apply them effectively in service and sponsorship roles. Combining these elements, 1728 sponsorship encourages a sponsor-sponsee relationship deeply rooted in all aspects of AA's philosophy.

Six key components of 1728 sponsorship.

- Thorough understanding of the 12 steps,
- Adherence to the 12 traditions,
- Application of the 12 concepts of World Service,
- Enhanced group unity,
- Leadership and service,
- Sustainable sobriety

Having both a primary sponsor and a service sponsor provides a balanced approach to recovery, addressing both personal and service-oriented aspects of AA. This dual support system helps members achieve a more profound, sustainable sobriety and fosters active participation in the AA community.

It is very clear that we don't do this alone.

Guidelines for Discussion in Structures & Guidelines 10.1 – 10.3 Presented by Bob H.

- Pg 10 – 11

Guidelines for Discussion in S & G 10.4. Presented by Tommy G.

- Pg. 11

Meeting adjourned at 4:26pm

January 26, 2025 Day 2

9:00am Call to order

Reading of Concept 1 – Sean C.

Pacific Region Trustee Report – Reily K.

Election Meeting Minutes Vote:

1st – Johnna P.

2nd – Holly P.

83 to Accept

Motion Passed

Treasurer's End of year 2024 Report

- Please see separate report

1st – Julie C.

2nd – Kalei K.

87 to Accept

Motion Passed

PRAASA Update – Kunane K & Bob H

- Worked hard to find a location to accommodate at least 1000 attendees and multiple breakout rooms throughout the weekend.
- Location will be at the Hilton Hawaiian Village on Oahu.
- Dates are February 27,28 and March
- Will need lots of people to be in service
- Looking for everyone (not just Area Service people) to be in service so everyone has a chance to hear what's happening in AA
- Waiting on the logo to make "Save the Date" flyers so we can hand them out at the Alaska PRAASA event
- Bob H. is our program chair
- Usually what happens at the at at PRAASA is we have a number of set pieces that include our past trustees, delegate questions and answers and some very traditional Topics
- Also, will have the opportunity to talk about some hot button issues that will be coming up through the conference process
 - Opportunity to talk about other things that may be important things like agenda items
 - Safety in AA
 - Rigidity
 - Digital Evolution
 - What's going on
- Looking for suggestions from all of the delegates that serve the Pacific region and our own fellowship.
- Please remember Alcoholics Anonymous is a team sport, it takes everyone

Work Session Reports

Finance Committee

- See Officers Report (Treasurer)

DCM Even

- Mission – Unity
- Vision – Encourage more groups to participate the district
- Action – Caravan with other members of our District to inform non-participating groups of what is going on within the district and how we insist on having fun by continued participation with workshops and other functions through service within our District.

DCM Odd

- Develop/refine Structure & Guidelines/ budgets and look to the area & other districts for examples
- Host workshops
- Maui looking forward to hosting an assembly/ committee meeting
- Hilo, dist 7 to partner w/groups to improve hosting locations
- Focused on attracting new GSR's while continuing to focus on helping/supporting the GSR's we already have
- Caravan to attend meetings in districts
- Build meeting contact list w/ home group count
- Build participation
- Get the message out to groups that district is there for them
- Invite groups and members to attend workshops and business meetings and explain why attending is important to AA overall

CEC (Cooperation with the Elder Community)

- Mission/Vision - Carry the message to the elder alcoholic.
- If we interact with elders, we can share info with them for direction and contact for recovery message.
- Senior homes – take the message to them
- Topics of zoom were brought up to be taught to elders to be utilized at senior homes, we can also be present for a meeting or take a meeting to them.
- Pamphlets are also a great way to reach out to elders
- No matter what age, alcohol doesn't discriminate and the older you are, the mentality is "it's too late." But... IT'S NOT... there is fun in recovery, one day at a time, it's never too late.
- We are on WhatsApp as a group "CEC2025"

Grapevine

The Grapevine committee convened to discuss our shared mission, vision, and action plan for Grapevine. Each member offered insights into how Grapevine is perceived within their home groups and presented ways they could help spread the word. Additionally, members provided feedback and suggestions for enhancing awareness about Grapevine. Below is the committee's initial draft of the mission, vision, and action plan resulting from our collaborative efforts.

- Mission: To increase awareness of and subscriptions to Grapevine.
- Vision: We aim to enhance Grapevine's digital presence and boost digital and hard copy subscriptions by informing groups through the districts.
- Action Plan Summary:
 - Communication Strategy: Disseminate information widely to ensure all members are informed.
 - Workshop Planning: Organize a workshop to engage participants and share knowledge.

- Flyer Distribution: Send flyers through districts to pass on to home groups to promote awareness and participation.
 - Funding Request: Encourage groups to allocate funds for group subscriptions.
- The committee decided to reconvene next month on Zoom, and a WhatsApp group has been created for ongoing communication.

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community)

- Mission: Spread the message of recovery to non-alcoholic professionals serving the communities
- Vision: Finding simple effective ways of cooperating with out affiliating AA with the professional.
- Action: CPC meeting, workshop, agenda items, building & understanding.
- How:
 - Share effectiveness of treating alcoholism
 - Provide educational materials
 - Share theories & perspectives on medical opinions and spiritual connections that aid recovery.
 - Reach out to churches, medical professionals, unions, trades, org/business dealing with mental health, addictions, homelessness
- To Do: upcoming events 4/26 Wailuku, 8am – 6pm, breakfast & dinner

Convention

- Vision:
 - To have off island in 2027
 - Not have it at a Cap Off place
 - Support the convention by participating and education
- Mission: Creating an atmosphere that carries the message of AA through guest speakers, workshops, lectures and activities at an affordable cost.
- Action: share with groups
 - Register early @ annualhawaiiconvention.com
- Share about what happens or happening behind the scenes.

Corrections

- Certification is needed to go into the prisons/meeting
- Chaplain with specific prison
- Malia has sources/contacts for the Island of Oahu
- Mission: Spread the message/resources to bring into prisons. Budget to bring in resources
- Pocket size books, pamphlets, grapevine
- Spending report on area 17 website
- Announce at the meeting we are available to provide books
- Literature for people who do take meetings into the prison
- Monthly Zoom meetings
- Workshops on how to bring the message into corrections across the islands

Archives

- Mission: the mission of Hawaii Area 17 Standing Committee Archives is to document permanently the work of Alcoholics Anonymous, to make the history of Area 17 accessible to AA members and other researchers, and to provide a context for understanding AA's progression, principles and traditions.
- Vision: Continue to preserve the archives for Area 17 in order to promote knowledge and understanding of the origins, goals and program of AA.

- Action: Kupuna Day
- We have the responsibility to expand archives to include the history of non-English speaking groups in Area 17

Mynah Bird

- AA quarterly inhouse, statewide newsletter
- Shape, create and disseminate, make known, to home group
- Fo to ChatGPT for Q&A
- Suggest Canva platform use
- Suggest list of topics
- Develop handbook suggestions
- Suggest comics/crosswords
- Experience strength hope
- Suggest comments, no sarcasm
- Meeting problems
- Stories about different island
- look at old topics
- PRAASA, convention, all events, calendar of events

Website

The website committee meets to discuss issues, improvements and access related to the Area 17 website (<https://area17aa.org/>). In February 2025, the Chair (Mike) will distribute our agenda items to the committee. Then, committee members will take the information from the Chair and discuss agenda items with our individual groups via group conscious. If for any reason, the members have not received their agenda items, they can also look at their respective DCMs for their committee agenda items. Committee members can also obtain agenda items via the area website.

(Side note, committee members investigate other areas of interest via other standing committees if they choose.) In April 2025, committees will report to the Delegate. In reviewing the website, the “website” link on the area website is broken.

Mission:

Feedback:

- 1) Agenda items for the previous panel should be available under the archives. (Cody)
- 2) All new information should be on top of our main page to minimize confusion. (Susan).
- 3) What to expect on assemblies (Ashley).
- 4) Inform in an efficient manner, and who our audience is (Eric)
- 5) To inform the uninformed alcoholic via the website (Kalei).
- 6) Inform, Information, Simple, Efficient, User-friendly, Make Exciting
- 7) Tentative Mission: to provide a user-friendly platform to inform Hawaii Area 17

Webmaster is a volunteer position. Committee members can give feedback on broken links. Committee can also inquire with area to fund a possible new website if there is an interest.

PI

Christi N – Standing Committee Chair

The public Information Committee Service Manual can be downloaded from AA.org or can be viewed and read in the Everything AA App.

The committee agreed to set up a once a month committee meeting on Zoom.

Public Information Committee Mission, Vision, Action are as follows:

Mission: To help the suffering alcoholic who doesn't know that we are here for them.

Vision: To spread the word through public locations to help the alcoholic who still suffers

Action: Getting homegroup members into service by going to libraries in their district to check if Big Books and 12x12 exist and report back to GSR, Get meeting information into hotels for visiting alcoholics to make it easier to find meetings, signs on buses, QR Codes to be placed in public locations (bars?), Interface with other committees to get the information out into the public.

The purpose of the committee is to correct misinformation and misunderstanding of what Alcoholics Anonymous is and what its purpose is, to help the alcoholic who still suffers. Get accessible information to the public for those alcoholics who also suffer with disabilities. To get signs into public areas such as buses. Make public health appearances and interfacing with other committees such as, cooperation with the professional committee and the committee helping the elderly.

Resources can be found on the Area 17 website, Christi will get her contact info out to group members. To find resources on the Area 17 website go to the menu (three lines in the top right corner of website) → Area standing committees

→ Public Information.

We are the voice of the district and our home group.

Special funds will be made available (\$7,000) for committee chair to travel to outer islands to conduct workshops.

The Public Information Committee had a website when Bill M was standing committee chair. I spoke to Bill at home group tonight and he did not save the files from the old website. He used Host Gator to register a domain (hawaiiarea17pi.org) and create a website. There are several tools available out there to be able to create a new website and the domain name is still available. Need to interface with the website committee. Bill said that the area did not want to pay for the website for P/I so he created it with funds from his pocket. He also said that the website committee was not interested in providing input for the website. It was suggested to connect the P/I website to the Area 17 website and the Intergroup website.

We talked about PSA's to get to television and radio stations by reaching out to Public Service Coordinators at the stations.

Officers

- Adriana – Finance committee – have extra funds.
 - Would like to have a separate account (line item) for the SCC's to use for workshops. In hopes the committees wouldn't have to go through having to request extra funds.
 - Would be a line item for this panel (75) for the committees to use. We would like to provide funds for workshops. –
 - Discussion was in favor of having this extra line item for workshops so long as the SCC put in their reports how and what the money was spent on and possibly how many people were in attendance.
- Another topic of discussion was regarding Friday night homestays.
 - There is a reminder to hosting districts that some areas need to come in the night before to accommodate the agenda.
 - Some flights will not make it on time if they fly on the day of, so please have some homestays available for Friday night stays.
 - Keep in mind not to fly in on Friday morning and expect transportation. It is a workday and you should be mindful of others schedule.

Treatment & Accessibilities

No Report Submitted

Presentation on Concepts 1 – 6 by Bob H.

- Refers to “12 Concepts illustrated”

Presentation on Concepts 7- 12 by Tommy G.

- Refers to “12 Concepts illustrated”

What to take back:

Voting Matters:

- Secretary Minutes for the Election’s Assembly 2024, by simple majority, PASSED
- Treasurers 2024 Final Report, by substantial unanimity, PASSED
- Finance Committee recommendation of reserved funds in the amount of \$7000.00 to be used for Standing Committee Chair Workshops, by substantial unanimity, PASSED

Guests that joined us:

- Pacific Regional Trustee, Reilly K. who presented her knowledge and wisdom on “The Conference Structure: Overview,” and her shared service experience and familiarity with AA principles, we thank her for representing the Fellowship as whole.
- Past Delegate P67, Bob H., Past Delegate Panel 71, Kunani D., Past Delegate, and Panel 73, Tommy G. was present.

Introductions of:

- GSR,s District Committee Members, Intergroup Chairs, Convention Chair, and Area Officers and confirmation of Area Standing Committee Chairs/ Intergroup Chairs
- Deborah S./ P75 Area17’s Delegate’s Report: Shared her first order of business that is on preparing for the 75th Annual General Service Conference. Key dates: Feb. 17th to 21, 2025 our Delegate will have the Conference Committee Background, Feb. 17 -25, 2025, she will have the Final Agenda list, and on Feb. 22, 2025, will share out agenda items and background to the area committee for distributions to the groups at the February Committee meeting. Full Delegates Report is available on the Area Website.

Breakout Session: Completed

- Topic Orientation GSR, DCMS, SCC (Intergroup Chairs joined the DCMs) facilitated by the Area Officers, Past Delegates & Past DCM while our Pacific Regional Trustee roamed and sat in on the area’s breakout sessions.

Roundtable: (SCC, DCM/IG Chair, Area Officers) Completed

- Topic- Vision, Action, Plan for Panel 76 Presentations:
- Service Sponsorship by our Alt. Delegate
- Guidelines for Discussion Section 10 by Past Delegates

PRAASA 2026: Kunani D/Chair. Announced will be at the Hilton Hawaiian Village and encouraged members to get into service.

SAVE the Date and register early for next Assembly: Inform the Delegate Assembly, April 5,6, 2025, Hosted by District 11, Kihei Maui

