

**Hawai`i Area World Service**  
**Fall Assembly 2007 Assembly Minutes**  
**December 8 & 9, 2007**

The Fall 2007 Assembly was held at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center (MACC) McCoy Theatre, 1 Cameron Way, Kahului, Maui. The Area Chair, Kay R., Area Secretary, Kau`i P., Treasurer, Mary O., Delegate, Cecily C. and Alternate Delegate, Priscilla H. were present. The Assembly opened on the first day at 9:43 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer, a reading from Cal Literature and the 12 Traditions.

The Assembly recognized the new GRs attending assembly for the first time.

Announcements of the following were made: Ask-it-Basket, Housekeeping, RSS Fundraiser Activity, Literature table and display, Maui Literature Distribution Center, Archives Table, Alateen.

The nine rules of the assembly were given by Cecily C., Delegate followed by an ice breaker.

### Delegates Report

Cecily C. made the following announcements as delegate:

Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting on March 16 to 18, 2008, to be attended by the delegate and the Alternate Delegate, Priscilla H.

WSO Service Conference, April 13-17, 2008, at Stepping Stones.

New Conference theme: "Building Bridges Energizing Our Spiritual Quest"

Al-Anon International - July 3-6 2008. 22 people from Hawaii have signed up to attend. Registration forms are available.

The 2013 International Convention will be held in Vancouver, BC, Canada.

The 2007 Conference Summary is available and free to all area committee members. A Sponsorship bookmark will be available at the sponsorship workshop at this week ends assembly and can be ordered online. The New Service Manual is now available and features spiral binding and color coded sections that will make it easier to use. The price for the new manual is \$4.00. The new manual can be viewed by accessing [www.al-anon.alateen.org/members](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org/members).

Also available is the **Al-Anon and Alateen Groups At Work Book (\$1.25)**. This book contains all the information needed by groups. It promotes continuity in groups and allows one to get use to using a service manual. This book will assure that groups are not using outdated material. A change has been made to the Welcome assuring that "we are not anonymous" the previous Welcome suggested that Al-Anon was an anonymous fellowship. Labels for both the Service Manual and Groups at Work Book will be sent to all groups, therefore GR's need to confirm that their correct mailing address is on file.

Suggested topics for World Service Conference 2008 - is due from all groups by February 15, 2008. Topics should be world based and in line with the new conference theme "Building Bridges Energizing Our Spiritual Quest". Suggested Topics can be sent to the delegate at ([cecilycc@yahoo.com](mailto:cecilycc@yahoo.com)).

Dwight M., and Naomi H. did a skit presentation on "Knowledge Based Decision Making".

Jo Ann and Priscilla led a workshop in "Sponsorship" referencing the "Hope for Today" reading for September 11. They provided a list of questions for the groups to use in discussion.

Sponsorship Workshop Report Backs The following is a brief summary of the verbal report backs of each group. Some groups handed in a more detailed report which is on file with the secretary.

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Group 1 - Did you realize that someday you would be asked to sponsor a newcomer?

Need to ask yourself if you are able to sponsor an Alateen. Being a sponsor can be scary and intimate. It forces us to pay more attention to our personal recovery. Sponsorship should be discussed at district meetings. Remember our Declaration. Although we feel like we should say yes maybe we sometimes need to say no. We need to set boundaries we don't have to be available 24 hrs a day.

Group 2 – Responded to questions 6, 9 and 11

6, Helped hearing your sponsors stories. If sponsor in another program helped see different perspective. Sponsor was in crisis. Learned how to let go.

9, Takes trust and willingness to express ourselves. Reason they chose sponsor could express herself by being honest.

11, Learned to be a good listener. Learned to zip our lip.

Group 3 - Do you communicate regularly with sponsor?

Set up time to call. Be in a neutral space to meet. Ask for help. Don't always call in a crisis, just to check in. Show up for you sponsor. Talking one on one.

Group 4 - Is it ok to have a sponsor of the opposite sex?

Meet in public places. Should be of the same sex. Should not be sponsor but can share. Need to have someone they can trust (4 & 5). Look at sponsorship as being temporary. Help person work their program. Same sex better because of commonality.

**Action Committee Report Backs**

Business Committee – Equalized Travel. (Report on file with the secretary)

The committee discussed the function and purpose of the equalize travel fund and the proposed revisions to the HAWSC policy and procedure. The following suggestions were made: Defraying contributions for districts that will be due in 2008. Remind groups of purpose for equalized travel. A contract should be used. All districts should be treated equally. The principal of reaching out applies here. Districts should be encouraged to attend regardless of their ability to pay. Travel should be budgeted by Area as an Area expense. Area should work with DR's for this expense. We should consider size of groups in rural areas.

The committee unanimously agreed to disband the equalized travel and put the money into the general fund making DR's travel to the Area Committee meeting an Area budget item.

Membership Committee (Report on file with the secretary)

Serefina S. led a discussion on Archives. It was suggested that each district create and manage their own archives and that it be kept in their own district. Their district Archives can be shared when they host an Area Assembly. It was suggested that districts keep accurate records and that long-time members be interviewed to gather a history of the district. Historical documents can be preserved in a binder in protector sheets. Some members shared items that can be archived.

Communication Committee (Report on file with the secretary)

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This action committee created e-Cal sharings that they will share with their districts and groups and show them how to share their experience, strength and hope for others to see.

Steve A. shared a slide presentation along with his own personal e-Cal sharings and suggestions on sharing utilizing poetry, haiku and the slogans.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m. on the first day.

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The Fall Assembly 2007 reconvened on the second day at 9:55 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer, the 12 Concepts and a literature reading from the Forum and announcements.

Judy P., Trustee at Large, introduced guest Dennis & Ali visiting from Canada.

Roll Call – The area secretary called roll by district.

Consent Agenda – The chair explained the consent agenda which was accepted without opposition.

Policies and Procedures – August 07 Suggestions for Changes

Changes to the main policy and procedures document were discussed and will be reviewed by the Policy and Procedures Committee to be presented to the general Assembly at the next meeting. It was suggested that a map of the districts be created.

**Coordinator Reports**

Newsletter Coordinator – Julenne M.

Julenne invited all to add their name to the list to receive a PDF of the Island Serenity. She also encouraged all to submit articles for the Island Serenity.

Web Coordinator – Paula O. (Report on file with the secretary)

Upgrading is still an ongoing process. She is currently working with the Alateen Coordinator to expand the information regarding Alateen on the web. Open to ideas and suggestions. She is requesting to be updated on any meeting changes.

Alateen Coordinator – Julia B-W. (Report on file with the secretary)

Two outreach opportunities were available on Oahu, Sunset Beach Elementary School and the Wellness Fair. On the Big Island, Kealakehe Intermediate School. On Maui and East Hawaii they are working to encourage Al-Anon members to be aware of Alateen and to have literature available at their meetings. They are still in the process of certifying sponsors. Thirteen Al-Anon members are active Alateen sponsors. A new Alateen group has been registered, Makiki Monday Night Alateen. Sponsors Cedar and Priscilla. An Alateen meeting on Kauai will begin meeting in January. Sponsors are Sue and Marilyn. Plans are being made to begin a meeting on Maui. Two resources available for Alateens, "Alateen Talk" comes out four times a year. Subscription is \$7.50. Another source is online at <http://www.al-anon.alatenn.org/> and [www.alateenwebtalk.al-anon.org](http://www.alateenwebtalk.al-anon.org), which is a safe online chat group for ages between 13 and 18. WSO is also encouraging members to pass on the information regarding the website.

**Proposed Budget 2008** – Mary O. Treasurer

Mary covered the proposed budget and pointed out a new budget item to send the Alt. Delegate to SWRDM in 2008. The Proposed Budget was then approved as follows:

*Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept part 1 (To approve Alt. Delegate expense to SWRDM 2008) approved without opposition.*

*Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept part 2, approved without opposition.*

*Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept part 3, approved without opposition.*

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*Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept page 1 in its entirety, approved without opposition.*

*Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept part 3, approved without opposition.*

*Motion: It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed budget for 2008, approved without opposition.*

**DR Reports**

Maui – Dwight M.

The Maui district has been preparing for the Fall Assembly 2007. They have 6 new Alateen Sponsors. They are currently doing outreach to Lanai and Molokai and working on a district inventory. Date for the Maui Fest is May 28 – June 1.

East Hawaii – Warren

Two articles have been submitted to the Island Serenity. The district is currently working on a audio and visual historic documentation. They will be interviewing Serefina, Leihua and Judy. They encourage other districts to document their history also. E. Hawaii will host an ice cream social, date to be announced.

Leeward – Naomi H.

Leeward currently has 9 active groups with 5 GRs. They are also starting new Alateen groups and reaching out to the military community with one meeting being held on Schofield military base.

Kauai – Sue

Reported that a new Alateen meeting will meet on Jan 16, 2008. The district is currently working with children from foster homes. They participated in a fair in September which is now on the Mayor's list of events. There is a new GR, Kelly.

Windward – Mary

Windward district is currently looking for a new DR but even without one they are still holding district meetings. They are planning their ice cream social for next year. Two GRs are present at the assembly from their district.

Central – Clay

Central district hosted a spaghetti fundraiser, funds were used to send GRs to the assembly. They currently have 10 groups of which 7 are active. 5 GRs are present at this assembly. They are currently preparing for the next assembly they will host and looking at their options. There is a new Alateen meeting in Makiki that will start on January 15, 2008. There are 4 Alateen sponsors.

**Big Thinking Ideas Presentation** – Cecily, Delegate

Cecily had the assembly look at differences in generations and how technology can affect the future of the AI-Anon membership. A slide presentation was shown. After which groups were formed to discuss various topics.

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**Report Backs** The following represent highlights of the group report backs. Written reports are on file with the Secretary.

Group 1 – How do we create a future that is responsive to the diverse needs of the Al-Anon Family Groups?

Need to define diverse needs. This group discussed using the internet to reach the young people via my space, yahoo, craigslist, e-bay, etc. How do we keep the new-comers. It was suggested that a survey be taken among this age group.

Group 2 How can AFG, formed by Traditionalists and re-energized by the Baby Boomers, apply new thinking, new energy, and abundant outlook so that Generation Xers and Millennials will feel welcomed by us and will want to join AFG in greater numbers and engage as full partners with the current generations in all aspects of the program?

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Alateen is the future of Al-Anon all we have to give is the message and they will figure out how to pass that on with their technology. Face to face communication is not prevalent they are now using texting, e-mail and video conferencing. Al-Anon can look at using pop-ups or google on the internet or you-tube. Try using slam poetry as an activity. There is a need to use fast technology to keep them interested. They still need human contact. Breathe and focus.

Group 3 - How can we maximize our resources throughout the AFG structure allowing for flexibility in meeting the needs of the fellowship at every level?

Change the name "Alateen" to "Al-Anon for Young People". Use a more social environment, hip cool meeting places, and college campuses. Use youth pastors to reach the young people.

**Concept 7 Skit** – Central District presented a skit on Concept 7.

**Alternate Delegate's Time**

**Ask-it-Basket** – The following are Ask-it-Basket questions that were addressed by the Area Committee members.

1. I know sponsorship was discussed yesterday. How often is it suggested that groups, at a minimum, use sponsorship as a topic? The Group Rep could initiate the topic, group conscience.  
Answer: Reference page 46 of the service manual on literature meetings, under types of meetings.
2. If the term "crosstalk" is not CAL approved, what does WSO and the Area suggest the groups replace this term with?  
Answer: Reference page 107 of the service manual. This is group autonomy.
3. What is the procedure to make changes or add to the policy and guidelines? Do we have to wait for an assembly to bring it up or can it be brought directly to the P&G committee?  
Answer: Use the links of service. Group member, GR, DR, area committee, delegate, WSC. No, you don't have to wait to bring it up. Communicate with the P & G committee member, and have them take it to the committee.
4. Whats the Alanon Club? Is this related to Al-Anon? How can I find out more about this (history, legal structure, etc.)  
Answer: Reference page 105 of the Service Manual on Clubhouses. Alanon Club is a private entity. Rented or owned building. The meeting can happen at these sites. Rent paid.
5. What do you do when you take a group conscience and the decision is split 50-50. (50% of the group wants one thing and 50% of the group wants another thing).  
Answer: Reference page 194-195 2004-2006 Service Manual. Warranty 3 page 22, page 260 & 261. Group determines before the vote what substantial unanimity will be, 2/3, ¾ or even greater majority. Other references: page 165, Tradition one and Tradition 5.
6. Do we have coins for Al-Anon anniversaries? If not, how would something like that be started?  
Answer: Reference page 78. The WSO does not stock or offer program related jewelry or trinkets for sale because these actions could divert our service office from our primary purpose. In keeping with tradition 6, the WSO does not provide list of supplies for articles associated with the fellowship, regarding plaques or jewelry.
7. Please explain the service of Trustee on the BOT for Al-Anon Family Groups Inc.

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Answer: Reference page 60, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph, page 123-125, page 154 Article 10 of the conference charter.

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8. Some Al-Anon groups have a majority of members who are "double winners" and other members are unable or unwilling to be GRs. How does this group get represented?  
Answer: Any group member can attend District Meetings & Assemblies to collect information to take back. Reference page 79 on Dual membership in Al-Anon/Alateen and AA. Assembly representation.
9. What happened to the Spiritual Weekend that used to happen at Kalani Honua on the Big Island every August & can we bring it back?  
Answer: It ended after 7 years for a variety of reasons usually money concerns. Since we have the AA Convention, Maui Fest and Big Island Bash all with strong Al-Anon participation it was decided by the assembly in the Spring and Fall of 2006 to turn the seed money back to the general fund and use that money for A Day in Al-Anon.
10. Is it possible to include the Ask-it-Basket answers in the minutes?  
Answer: Yes, area committee members addressing ask-it-basket questions have been asked to submit their answers in writing.

Convention Reports

Convention went well. The Chair moved to the mainland so there is no report yet. Victoria has been selected as the Hawaii Convention Chair for Al-Anon 2008.

Aloha Roundup last weekend of February 2008. Clay is the Al-Anon contact.

**Spring Assembly 2008 – Clay for Central District**

Registration forms will be coming. Cost will be re-evaluated. The district is looking at May 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, St Anthony's Retreat Center. The district will look at a Friday night activity. Attendees must bring their own sheets and linens.

7<sup>th</sup> Tradition - \$306.00

Thank you, Maui District.

The microphone was made available for closing remarks.

**Adjournment** – 3:21 p.m. with the Al-Anon Declaration.

**Submitted by,**

***Kau`i P., Area Secretary***