

Hawaii World Service  
Area Committee Meeting Minutes  
*March 29, 2008*

The meeting of the Hawaii Area World Service Committee was held at the Hina Mauka Facility, Kaneohe, Oahu. The Chair, Kay R and Secretary, Kau`i P. were present. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. with the Serenity Prayer, followed by the 12 Traditions being read by Kau`i P. and the Concepts being read by Ethel B.

Announcements

- Newsletter Coordinator Julenne M. announced that Patti A. would be filling her position that she has held on a temporary basis. Patti A. was introduced to the Area committee members.
- Updated Spring Assembly registration forms were brought by Priscilla H., Alternate Delegate, and Julia R. from Central district. It was discovered that there was missing information on the form in regards to neighbor island attendees bringing sheets, pillow cases and towels. It was decided that to spare added cost to reprint the forms, the information would be written on the existing forms.

Roll Call – A silent roll call was taken by the secretary as attendees signed in upon arrival. Attendee sheet attached.

Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the September 8, 2007 Area Committee meeting was corrected to show attendees: Warren M., Carolyn A., Priscilla H., and Linn G. Paragraph 5 line 3 should read “conducting” not conduction. The minutes were accepted as corrected without opposition

New Business

Island Serenity - Julenne M. passed out information regarding the Island Serenity. Information on how copies were ordered, problems and concerns and possible solutions were discussed. Several suggestions were made to cut down on cost as follows:

- Send PDF file to members
- Reconsider providing free copies to assembly attendees
- Less issues per year
- Have area budget for this expense
- Refer to Group Services Action Committee

GR & DR Orientation – It was decided that Priscilla H. along with JoAn B. and Warren M. will head the GR orientation this Spring Assembly. They will explain the GRs role at the assembly and help them familiarize themselves with the “Groups at Work” manual.

Alateen Sponsor Training – Julie B. will table this issue and suggested that a committee be formed for this purpose. It was also mentioned that the Alateen guidelines have not been completed.

HAWSC Notebooks – It was suggested that the orientation area committee meeting, held at the beginning of the new panel, be used to update the Red Books. It was also suggested that new binders be purchased. The Chair shared the contents of her Red Book.

### **Old Business**

Revisions to Main P&P – Changes to addendum A to identify AMIIAS will be forwarded to the assembly for approval.

Equalized Travel Presentation – Ethel shared the recommendations of the KBDM (Knowledge Based Decision Making) meeting that was held at the Fall Assembly 2007. Discussion and suggestions were shared amongst the committee members in regards to this expense as follows:

- Continue to have this expense an Area budgeted line item
- DRs and GRs need to have districts and groups be more supportive of the Area
- Establish scholarships on the district level
- Make districts responsible to send DRs to Area Committee Meetings
- Float Area Committee Meetings to other islands
- Make the suggested quarterly splits 60/30/10 rather than 50/40/10 to allow more funds to the Area

Area Inventory – It was decided that results of the Area Inventory as well as the Assembly Inventory and Action Committee Inventory would be compiled and used to prepare the next incoming Area panel. The Chair encouraged all committee members to submit feedback about the inventories to assure that the right questions, the amount of questions and the phrasing of questions were appropriate.

**Delegates Report** – Cecily C. shared this year's theme, "Build Bridges and Energize our Spiritual Quest". The Island Serenity has information on how to send something to the Delegate at conference. She again will be sponsoring a new delegate at conference as there are three new delegates. Cecily shared the SWRDM agenda in which she participated in a workshop about "Bequest". Cecily was elected the secretary for the 2009 SWRDM in Grand Junction, Colorado. She will be sharing for three minutes at the conference as it will be the last in her term. She shared that there will be changes to the policy on "anonymity" due to new technology. She asked the committee to share their ideas and comments. The deadline is April 1, 2008 to submit them. She encouraged all to read the Area Highlights especially the article on the three legacies. She shared on the benefits of blogs. The new 2008 "getting in touch with AI-Anon & Alateen has an incorrect number for Oahu, the correct number should be 546-5647. WSO is looking at creating a master calendar that would list

all of the yearly events. WSO is looking into a PSA in color, they are also looking into podcast of a beginners meeting.

**Alternate Delegates Report** – Priscilla H. shared her experience at the SWRDM and thanked the Area committee for the opportunity. She shared that there was lots of growth and sharing. She also shared that there was warmth and Aloha shared by the other delegates from other areas as well as Hawaii. She learned how the delegates prepared for the conference and caught a glimpse of the structure of the conference. She also had fun shopping in the area and met some new friends from Nevada that she will continue to stay in touch with.

### **Coordinator Reports**

**Web Coordinator** – Paula O. Suggested if anyone has any events to list on the website to notify her so she can post it.

**Newsletter Coordinator** – Julenne M. encouraged the committee members to submit articles in regards to service positions in support of our new Newsletter Coordinator, Patti A.

*Motion, it was moved by Sue and seconded by Marilyn that the Island Serenity be changed from 4 printed issues to 4 online issues, 2 of which will be printed for the assemblies. Motion carried without opposition.*

**Literature Coordinator** – Steve A. shared on 2 literature projects in which the books “Opening our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses”, and “Dilemma of the Alcoholic Marriage” can be read and personal reviews of those books can be shared with other members. He announced that E-Cal sharing’s will be used in the Forum. Steve participated on literature conference calls with other literature coordinators and received ideas from others as well as shared some of his own ideas. He has printed the covers of Al-Anon literature with details and cost as a way to not have to carry a lot of literature to assemblies.

**Public Outreach Coordinator** Marilyn M. shared that she too has participated in Public Outreach conference calls with other coordinators. She is looking into Al-Anon tablecloths with the Al-Anon logo that can be used when participating at health fairs. She would encourage all districts to purchase their own. These tablecloths are blue background, with a white logo and are about \$200.00. She will check if a discount is offered if ordered in multiple.

**Alateen Coordinator** – Julie shared that there are Alateen meetings in every district. The Alateen Birthday was celebrated at the last Fall Assembly. She has spoken to 7<sup>th</sup> grade health classes about Al-Anon. She also shared that there is a lot of enthusiasm and ideas about Alateen.

### **District Reports**

Maui – Dwight M. shared that Maui continues to connect with Lanai and Molokai. Maui's participation in ICCIPA and the Maui Fest helped to make contact with them. The district is still in the process of doing their district inventory which stimulates a lot of discussion and helped to clear some issues.

Kona – JoAn B. announced the upcoming Big Island Bash. She has participated with Hui Lau Lima as an individual member. She advised that the Fall Assembly 2008 will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> at the King Kamehameha Hotel in Kona. A fun Friday night event is being planned with dancing and dinner. Their theme will be "Puu Honua O Kona" "A Place of Safety and Peace". Rooms will be \$95 plus tax per night.

Kauai – Sue R. announced that there is a meeting in Waimea and one in Koloa. Six meetings are currently active.

Leeward – Naomi H. announced that there are 9 meetings in Leeward, Oahu. She is hoping to have 7 GRs attend the assembly. A district potluck is being planned at Blaisedell Park. Sunset Beach Elementary will be having a health fair that a Leeward member will be participating in.

East Hawaii – Warren M. announced that their district meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> rather than May 3<sup>rd</sup> and it will be held at a member's home. They continue to have fundraisers to help groups. The district did an archive interview with Lehua, Serefina and Judy which is available on audio CD. It touches on the beginnings of AI-Anon in Hawaii. Pahoa High School has a program for drug prevention that the district has financially supported.

Windward – Mary O. advised that district meetings are held every two months. Windward district has made and contributed bookmarks for the Delegate to share at conference.

**HALDAC** - Brigida C. advised that the handling fee for literature has been increased from 7% to 8%. No minimum handling charge has been assessed but because of the increase in postage she is considering bringing back the \$4.00 minimum handling fee for neighbor islands. She encourages the neighbor islands to order in bulk. She will put together an estimate of how much would have to be ordered to take advantage of the "no handling fee".

**Action Committee Projects for Assembly** – Several ideas on workshops, topics and projects were shared in preparation for the Assembly planning as follows:

- Binders for GRs
- Literature and how its developed
- Newsletter Discussion
- Area Calendar
- Members sharing and giving personal reviews on AI-Anon literature
- Website discussion
- Anonymity, tabled for the next area committee meeting

**Fall Assembly Feedback** – Priscilla H. shared the results of the evaluation sheets distributed at the Fall Assembly 2008 after which the Spring Assembly 2008 agenda was planned by the committee.

**Announcements**

- Next Area Assembly, May 24 & 25, 2008
- Handouts for GRs must be available by April 15, 2008
- **Next Area Committee Meeting – September 6, 2008**

**The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. with the AI-Anon Declaration**

Submitted By,  
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