

Draft Minutes for Alcoholic Anonymous
Area 17 | District 6
August 22, 2026

1. Call to order: Declaration of Unity: This we owe to A.A.'s future: To place our common welfare first; To keep our fellowship united. For on A.A. unity depend our lives, And the lives of those to come.

Bob calls the meeting to order at 8:32am, proceeds declaration of unity and attendance/quorum

Attendance and Quorum

Introductions followed by attendance/quorum.

Attendance/roll call: JoRina, Treasurer; Anna, member; Diane P., GSR; Giorgio, PI; Kopa, GSR; Justin G, Hybrid; Jay Y., CEC; Bob F., DCM; Mike H., GSR; Melanee T., member; Jim D., member; Carolyn V., Website; Scott S., Secretary.

Virtual: Christina, GSR; Devin, GSR; Heather, GSR; Jen. GSR.

 16 Voting members present
 9 Majority votes required for passage
 11 Votes required for substantial

Tradition Eight: Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever nonprofessional, but our service centers may employ special workers.

1. Does my own behavior accurately mirror the Traditions? If not, what needs changing?
2. When I chafe about any particular Tradition, do I realize how it affects others?
3. Do I sometimes try to get some reward—even if not money—for my personal AA efforts?
4. Do I try to sound in AA like an expert on alcoholism? On recovery? On medicine? On sociology? On AA itself? On psychology? On spiritual matters? Or, heaven help me, even on humility?
5. Do I make an effort to understand what AA employees do? What workers in other alcoholism agencies do? Can I distinguish clearly among them?
6. Do I know where my local meeting directory comes from?
7. In my own AA life, have I had any experiences which illustrate the wisdom of this Tradition?
8. Have I read the book Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions? How about the pamphlet “A.A. Tradition—How It Developed”.
9. Can my group rely on me to fulfill my service responsibilities without someone checking on me?

Read by: Melanie

Comments: Jay, Carolyn, Bob

Concept VIII: The trustees are the principal planners and administrators of overall policy and finance. They have custodial oversight of the separately incorporated and constantly active services, exercising this through their ability to elect all the directors of these entities.

- Do we understand the relationship between the two corporate service entities (A.A. World Services, Inc., the AA Grapevine) and the General Service Board?
- How can the business term “custodial oversight” apply to the trustees’ relationship to the two corporate service entities?
- Does my home group subscribe to GSO’s bimonthly newsletter Box 4-5-9? AA Grapevine? Do I?

Read by: Georgio

Comments:

2. Secretary Report: Scott S.

- Vote to approve July Minutes
- Motion to approve minutes made by: Carolyn
 - Seconded by JoRina
 - Minutes approved unanimously

3. Treasurer's Report: JoRina.

- Vote to approve July Treasurer’s report
- Report submitted and reviewed. JoRina asks if anyone is waiting for a check to be issued.
- Motion to approve treasurer report made by: Carolyn
 - Seconded: Jay
 - Treasurer report approved unanimously

4. Alt DCM Report: Vacant

5. Intergroup Report: Kathryn B.

Everything is going fine with IG. Elections in November. Attended meeting last week, but it was cut short due to weather.

6. DCM Report: Bob F.

Report submitted and discussed.

DCM Report District Meeting

Recently returned from last week's Budget Assembly in Honolulu. It was an exciting weekend with the Lala brewing. The Assembly was cancelled the 2nd day. District 6 was well represented with 7 members in attendance. The proposed Budget was approved as presented, however the \$15,000 shortfall difference between increased meeting expenses and annual contributions raised issues for the next panel. Recommendations included conducting optional Hybrid Committee Meetings (this Assembly was conducted on a Virtual platform also due to the weather concerns and travel issues from the neighbor islands), also consolidating Standing Committees and possibly, Eliminating certain paid expenses to PRAASA and the GSConference for Delegate and Area Officers. It was a healthy discussion and important going forward.

Our current Finances shows a Bank Balance of \$33,369, Contributions \$20,481, Expenses of \$32,408 and a Net Loss of \$11,870. These figures are thru August 11th. Our Expenses are heaviest in the beginning of the year, but our Contributions are less this year than last.

There are several Proposal Forms that were introduced to the Area Structures and Guidelines for consideration. I'm uncertain whether those will be presented for a vote at the Election Assembly in November or pushed to the next panel. They are in the Review Stage except Item 7 which will be presented to the GSC next year. Submitted by Rochelle A Panel 75, CEC (Elder Community) dealing with AA Support in Near Life Ending Stage.

Waimea Canyon Group and Sunrise Sobriety Poipu are in the final planning stages for the Delegate Report Back on Monday Labor Day Sept 7th at Salt Pond Pavilion. Please get the word out to your membership. It will be a fun day of Fellowship, Food, Entertainment and Information on what's happening in AA outside our little sphere.

Reminder, Our District Election Meeting is in 60 days. Our Goal is to fill our slate of new officers, DCM, Atl. DCM, Treasurer, and Secretary. A list of Qualifications and Duties can be found in our District Structures and Guidelines or on-line KauaiAA.org.

7. GSR Reports:

- **Anahola Jaywalkers:** Christina

1. Group Information

Group Name: Anahola Jaywalkers

Meeting Location(s): 3900 Kawelo St., Anahola

GSR Name/contact: Christina M. - cjmgonagle@gmail.com - 781.258.1350

2. Group Health and Activity

Changes from prior month: None

Group: Average of 13 - increase in attendance

Service Opportunities: Alternate GSR

How may District support group: None at this time

Group conscious District issues: None at this time

Announcements: None at this time

3. Financial Report (7th Tradition)

Group's Prudent Reserve \$ 150

Contribution:

District:	<u>\$ 105</u>	Area:	<u>\$ 45</u>
Intergroup:	<u>\$ 120</u>	GSO:	<u>\$ 30</u>

Notes on Finances: Making distributions quarterly/semi-annually due to group size - new treasurer is making distributions as needed

4. Other

Any other Information: Hawaii Area 17 Budget Assembly proposals

- **Big Book Nooners (Koloa):** Jennifer D
 - Not present no report
- **Happy Hour:** Jim reports
 - Happy hour limps along. Another gratitude luncheon, planning on November 13.
- **Hui `Ohana:** Kopa.
 - Avg 20-25 at their 8 meetings a week, with a good amount of newcomers.
- **Hui Ohana Virtual:** Jen D
 - Meets 7 days a week at 7am, very well attended. Challenges finding a treasurer, all other positions filled. Using a platform called homegroup online to organize meeting and service positions. Offering members to contribute to the district or area as they figure out banking and treasurer.
 - Bob talks about the platform they are using and asks if the platform has been vetted with GSO or if any information is available on this. Jen responds that the platform was designed by AA members, automatically does the splits for finances, offers full support, etc... Not sure if GSO approved. The platform is marketed to all 12 step groups, not just AA.
- **Kapa'a nooners:** Heather

Group Name: Kapaa Nooners

Meeting Location(s): First Hawaiian Church

GSR Name/contact: Heather Kerrigan kauaiheather@zohomail.com

2. Group Health and Activity

Changes from prior month: None

Group:

Service Opportunities: Intergroup Rep alternate an alternate GSR

How may District support group:

Group conscious District issues:

- The meeting is healthy, attendance is good, there are no current concerns or requests, and we're still looking to fill two service positions
- We did not hold a business meeting in July. Our next business meeting is scheduled for the last day of August.

- **Koloa Aloha:** Devin
 - Discusses meeting format and schedule. The business meeting is this coming Friday. Good attendance. Looking to fill service positions.
- **Princeville-Hanalei:** Dave M. Not present, no report.
- **Round-up:** Scott S.
 - The Roundup committee will be having our first planning meeting next Sunday, the 30th at 6pm. It will be held virtually at this time. JoRina to put zoom info on the events calendar.
- **Poipu beach sunrise sobriety:** Benita
 - Bob reports the meeting format and schedule. Attendance seems to be down a little this past month. Finances are strong and are working on distributions. Funds allocated to fund PRAASA. The 2nd Saturday of each month are group conscious meetings, well attended. The group is also helping to support various events and retreats. Both mens and womens retreats are still open for registration.
- **Sunday Serenity:** Mike
 - Discusses group meeting time, location, and good attendance. Birthday pot luck to be on the last sunday of each month. Business meetings small and struggle to fill vital service commitments. Would like any guidance if anyone has helpful ideas.
- **Waimea Canyon Group:** Diane
 - Discusses meeting time, location. No real changes. 15ppl avg at meetings. Also needs help with filling services positions. Labor day event upcoming, thanks everyone for helping.
- **Sunday night young peoples:** Melanie
 - Looking to fill available positions. Have good attendance. Jim will be helping get

the finances organized as the group has funds available. Meeting Sunday at the Ohana church in Kapaa at 7:30. The group is on the schedule.

8. Standing Committee Reports

- **Website Committee:** Carolyn V
 - Last 30 days 1076 hits on the site. Lowest number of hits by month in the last 12 months. Committee discussing option to unsubscribe from emails.
 - Jim: discusses anonymity. Georgio: has been giving out private email.
 - Devin provides the following: "This is what we are testing. We can present once we know it works. Limit is 200 addresses for the free tier:
<https://gaggle.email/how-it-works> These are the two types:
<https://gaggle.email/group-email-vs-email-marketing>
We are looking into Group Email specifically"
- **Archives:** Mathea A

ARCHIVES REPORT FOR DISTRICT MEETING AUGUST 15, 2026

Hawaii became AA Area 17 on January 1, 1976. Our first Delegate was Harry Lake.

The first Areas were made by Bill Wilson, et al, before the first General Service Conference in 1950. The General Service group established 37 Areas (as a start). Now we have 93 Areas. Our Delegate from Hawaii is elected every other year for a two year term starting with an odd (not even) year number. Next Delegate for Area 17 starts January 1, 2027.

- **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC):** Jay Y
Rack of literature put at the elderly office in Iiue. Another rack in a pharmacy. Having discussion with one of the hospitals to see what could be possible.
- **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):**
- **Corrections:** Bill G. Not Present and no Report.
- **Grapevine:** Vacant
- **GIS:** Anne
GIS Newsletter Update:
Added infographic of the birthday contribution suggestion (\$1 per year)
Link to AA birthday plan
Hyperlinks to events
Also added sample pie chart
Ordered 94 birthday envelopes \$5 shipping
Intergroup budget not included in this issue (I take responsibility)
GIS newsletters were quickly taken at Area budget meeting last weekend.
- **Public Information:** Georgio
 - Presents QR code that is being placed out in the public at various places. The QR code goes to the Kauai AA website.
- **Treatment Settings / Special Needs:** Vacant

9. Old Business:

- Spanish speaking meeting - Georgio

- The church didn't approve them to use one of their rooms. Giorgio says work in progress.
- District Elections - continue to get the word out.

10. New Business:

- Service workshop - Almost every GSR has reported issues filling service positions. I would like to have two people from District and two from IG speak at a virtual workshop. Ideally, a little about various service roles and what service has meant for you. With GSR's reporting issues maybe we add a GSR to discuss group positions. Will work out a date once we have speakers.
- The next district meeting falls on the September Committee meeting.
 - District meeting date to stay the same for next month.
- District 6 Hybrid Standing Committee
 - Justin is here handling the hybrid duties today (zoom/technology).
 - **JoRina proposes that we establish a hybrid committee, with a vote. Mike seconded.**
 - Structure and guidelines need to be created for the positions. JoRina discusses that we ought to create a budget for the chair person.
 - **Vote:** 11 for, 0 abstain. Motion passes.
 - **Jorina motions to add a budget for the Hybrid standing committee. Proposes a budget of \$200 for the remainder of panel 75, zoom will be transitioned to this position's financial responsibility.**
 - Discussion: Jim suggests we wait on this. Devin, we need to have a S&G in place outlining responsibilities.
 - Tabled until next month.

11. GSR/District concerns:

JoRina discusses that each GSR needs to take the below proposals to their groups and take a vote on each item. GSR ought to attend the November assembly and have the information from the polling of their group on these items to report at assembly.

- **Most important to please obtain a vote from your groups for:**
 - Area 17 Structures & Guidelines Housekeeping Proposals (Proposals 1-4) The Structures & Guidelines Ad Hoc Committee submitted four proposals to update officer duties so that our written guidelines match what happens in practice:
 - Proposal 1 (Intergroup Voting): Remove the duty for the Area Delegate and Area Chair to serve as voting members of the Oahu Intergroup. Area officers need to focus fully on the entire Area 17, which includes five different intergroups, making it inequitable and impractical to vote on just one.
 - Proposal 2 (Alternate Chair): Change the Alternate Chair's duty from independently arranging all meeting places and hospitality to assisting the local host District Committee Member (DCM) with these tasks.
 - Proposal 3 (Secretary Duties): Remove the requirements for the Secretary to assist the Chair with publishing the agenda and to send approved minutes to the General Service Office (GSO), as the Chair handles the agenda and minutes are not historically sent to the GSC Conference

Coordinator this way.

- Proposal 4 (Registrar Duties): Remove the duty for the Registrar to notify committee members of upcoming meetings, as this is already handled directly by the Area Chair
- Proposals to create 2 more Area 17 Standing Committee
 - Proposal 5 (Cooperation With the Young Community): Create a new standing committee called Cooperation With the Young Community (CYC) starting in Panel 77. This committee will focus on carrying the A.A. message to younger populations and bridging information gaps. It will have a designated budget line item starting in 2027
 - Proposal 6 (Safety and Inclusion Committee): Create a standing committee focused on Safety and Inclusion. The goal is to provide resources, shared best practices, and workshops to help groups and districts foster safe, welcoming environments. The estimated short-term budget impact is \$1,500 for 2027 to cover committee travel and attendance.
- Proposal 7 (End-of-Life Literature PAI): Forward a request to the General Service Conference to collect shared experiences from the Fellowship regarding how groups support members approaching the end of life—often informally called "last meetings." This collective experience would be developed into official Conference-approved literature or a service piece

12. Announcements/What to take back:

- **Kauai Events Committee:** August 26th, 2026. 7-8pm. Coconut Grove Marketplace behind JoJo's. Monthly committee meeting.
- **Labor Day + Delegate Report Back:** September 7, 2026, 10a-3p. Salt Pond Beach Park.
- **12th Annual National AA Technology Workshop:** September 11-13, 2026. Visit NAATW.org for details. Hybrid format (workshop is off island).
- **Women's Retreat:** September 11-14. YMCA Camp Naue. Registration link on KauaiAA.org.
- **HICYPAA:** September 18-20. Camp Hale Koa, Kokee. Info at hicypaa2026.org.
- **Men's Retreat:** September 18-20, 2026. Kahili Mountain Park 2-4035 Kaumualii Hwy, Koloa, HI.
- **September Committee Meeting:** September 19, 2026. 8a-5p. District 17 Waianae.
- **63rd Annual Hawaii Convention** at Waikiki Beach Marriott. October 29 - Nov. 1. More information and registration at <https://www.annualhawaiiiconvention.com/>
- **HICYPAA 26 on Kauai:** September 18 - 20th. Hale Koa, Kokee State Park (13 mile marker on Koke'e Road). Pre-register \$60 per person
- **Kauai Events Committee:** September 30th, 2026. 7-8pm. Coconut Grove Marketplace behind JoJo's. Monthly committee meeting.
- **District 6 Elections:** October 17, 2026, 11AM (confirm time). Lihue Lutheran Church.
- **Halloween Dance:** October 24th, 2026, 5-10pm. Kapaa Neighborhood Center.
- **Elections Assembly District 1:** November 7-8, 2026. Diamond Head.
- **Intergroup Elections:** November 14, 2026. 9:30-1:30. Lihue Lutheran Church 4602 Hoomana Rd., Lihue, HI

- **Thank-A-Thon:** November 26, 2026, 7a-5p. Lihue Lutheran Church.
- **Sunrise Sobriety Christmas Eve:** December 24, 2026, 8a-5p. 1959 Hoone Road, Koloa
- **Regift Jamboree:** December 25, 2026, 10a-3p. Christmas Ham Dinner at Big book nooners meeting.
- **New Year's Eve:** December 31, 2026, 5p-2a. 1959 Hoon Road, Koloa.
- Visit our Area 17's website (area17aa.org) and our District 6 website (<https://kauaiaa.org/>) for the most up to date list of announcements/events.

13. Meeting Adjourned: Motion needed.

Kathryn motions to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by JoRona Meeting closed at 11:08am with: Close with Responsibility pledge: "I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that: I am responsible."

Next District Meeting will be held on September 19, 2026 at 9:30 am at the Lihu'e Lutheran Church, Conference Room, 4602 Ho'omana Rd, Lihu'e, HI 96766