

Draft Kauai District 6 May Meeting Minutes

Panel 75

May 24, 2025

Lihu'e Lutheran Church

1. Call to order: Bob F, DCM, called the meeting to order at 9:30am with the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity.

a. **Attendance:**

In-person: Bob F, DCM; Kathryn F; Treasurer; Jim D; Devin H- GSR Koloa Aloha; Bill G - Corrections Chair; JoRina H - GSR Anahola Jaywalkers and Hybrid Facilitator; Mathea - Archives Chair; Kathryn B - Intergroup Chair; Jay Y- Alt GSR Kapa'a Nooners; Sara J H- visitor; Benita A - GSR Sunrise Sobriety

Zoom: Scott S - Secretary; Blondy - GSR Waimea Canyon Group; Shoshanah B- Alt GSR WCG

Total Attendance: 14

Voting members: 11.

b. Reading of Tradition 4 read by a member

c. Reading of the Concept IV read by a member

2. New Business:

a. Record Zoom:

Scott made a **Motion to record today's business mtg.** 2nd by Benita. Secretary explained that he was at the airport and about to board the plane. Wi-Fi connection most likely will be lost. He feels that an AI generated version of today's minutes would help this dilemma. DCM took a quorum. 11 voting members present and the majority votes required to pass the Motion = 6 votes.

Discussion followed. Vote taken with 10 members in favor 1 against. Devin spoke to the minority opinion saying that it goes against our Anonymity Guidelines. After hearing that, Mathea wanted to change her vote. Scott assured us that it will never leave the zoom account. Shoshanah informed the group that we do not have recording access on our District/Intergroup Zoom account at this time. The **Motion** was withdrawn by Scott. **Motion Withdrawn** unanimously.

b. Treasurer

DCM presented his concerns for our present Treasurer and felt that she was not qualified for the position nor has acted in a professional manner. The Treasurer is a very important position for the District Committee.

His reasons as follows:

- ❖ Has not met with the out-going Treasurer to date to learn the books, record-keeping methods, other duties and requirements of the position first hand.
- ❖ Has missed the last two district meetings, one without a written report
- ❖ The Treasurer must pay people in a reasonable amount of time.
- ❖ The monthly Treasury reports need to include: the beginning Bank balance; itemized Group contributions; Expenses - including the name on the check, memo note of purpose, and check number and Total Expenses for the Month; End of the Month Balance, including Prudent Reserve and Current Operating Balance. It also needs to include the Budget Allocations for the year for the District Budget Line Items including Proposed, This Month, and YTD.

Group Discussion followed:

Kathryn F -

- ❖ Sent notification to the District members per email distribution that I would not be able to attend the March meeting and submitted the March report as well.
- ❖ During Panel 73, it is true that I did not prioritize the District meetings when I served as GSR for the Anahola Jaywalkers.
- ❖ When the receipts were received from the District, the invoices were paid.
- ❖ The Intergroup concerns were not directly given to me. Once aware and the Intergroup Treasurer gave me the receipts, those receipts were paid as well.
- ❖ All received receipts to date have been paid.

Mathea: Has past experience as Treasurer. She read the duties and responsibilities from the Structure and Guidelines. The March report that was submitted was inadequate and incomplete. We have not seen any bank statements. Bob, as out-going Treasurer, submitted the January 2025 report to the District.

DCM reminded the Treasurer of Robert's Rules of Order. Raised hands were acknowledged.

Devin: District should be running a budget, set in October of the previous year. Having served as Intergroup treasurer during COVID, the job requires making sure the post office box is being checked, submitting monthly bank statements, paying current invoices in a timely manner, etc.

Bill G - thanked the Treasurer for sending him his check. The way I look at my AA commitment, if I can't do my job here, I need to step aside.

Kathryn B - District has requirements for this position.

Benita - these concerns have been going on since the beginning of the year.

Jay - The treasurer was voted into the position via a group conscience. I served as treasurer

for the district and there's always more to learn. It's our responsibility to encourage and help each other. We want to encourage service. We don't want any black eyes, especially in a small district. This is AA and selfishness and self-centeredness is the root of our problems. It takes a lot of work.

JoRina - reminded us that Kathryn F served as GSR for 2 years when JoRina served as the group treasurer for Anahola Jaywalkers last panel. JoRina made an amends to Kathryn for her lack of support in the last panel and offered her complete support to help Kathryn learn and perform the duties of the Treasurer during this panel.

Jim D - we are all learning. He reminded us that Kathryn stood alone for this position. We publicized the election, and we had no response from our members. To illustrate how quickly people fall away, a few Panels ago, our DCM got 37 votes and became DCM. Shortly after, he resigned. Then the Alternate DCM also stepped down. It's a learning process. Read page 164.

Shoshanah B - reminded those present that copies of the digitized final draft of our Structure and Guidelines were distributed to the members present. According to our current, type-written copy, it states under **Article III District Membership**

❖ Exclusions

1. Each qualified voter shall have a single vote even though the member may be serving in more than one capacity.
2. District Officers, Standing Committee Chairs who have missed two consecutive meetings without a written excuse and without a written report sent to a designated District member are considered inactive. Our Treasurer did submit a written report for the March District meeting. In the present S & G's, we (the ad hoc committee) modified it under Article III and modified/moved it to **Article IV District Officers** (which were taken from our Area 17 S & G's). It reads:

❖ Exclusions:

Inactive Officer: Any officer who is absent from two (2) consecutive District meetings without notifying the DCM is considered to have vacated their position.

If a position is vacated, a *Third Legacy* election will take place immediately to fill the vacancy.

Additionally, Qualifications along with the Duties and Responsibilities for each of the District Committee Officers have been added.

Kathryn F: responded to the comments.

Treasurer reports for April and May were emailed this morning. She explained that she went off of our numbers from before and thought that was sufficient. As to GIS monthly postings, she had not been able to publish our income and expenses on time to make the current GIS editions.

Bob as Past Treasurer suggested: when recording a written check, the ledger needs to contain all the information: who it was written to, where it was from, and what it was for. A review

of April Treasury report showed that the expenses were given as one spending line item and could not tell all that it covered. He was not against Kathryn continuing on if she will ask for counsel in the future.

DCM asked for a **Motion** to table the discussion. Mathea made the **Motion to table further discussion**; seconded by Benita. DCM: “We move on to the next agenda item.”

c. GSR and Officer report template

Scott was no longer available to speak to this topic as he had boarded the plane and lost wifi connection. Plan: We will revisit the topic at the next district meeting.

3. Secretary Report: was screen shared with the group and read by Shoshanah. A member made a **Motion** to accept the Minutes as read, and was seconded by another member. The **motion** passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report:

District shares the website with Intergruop. We paid them \$2,000 and the current total expenses are over \$4,000. JoRina suggested we bundle our packages and not pay monthly rates, especially when saving money is a concern for Intergruop, which is presently over budget.

DCM asked for more information about the Website. However, none of the Website Committee members were present to respond. It was also noted that our individual group contributions were not in the treasurer's reports provided. JoRina reminded us that we need transparency with complete information and not just a total contribution amount listed. It must be itemized.

5. Alt DCM Report: Jeanne L, Alt DCM, not present, no report provided.

6. Intergruop Report: Kathryn B - written report provided

Discussion:

June 28th is the Delegate report back. Bob talked about having an Events calendar. District works with Intergruop and a calendar is important so we don't double book. Jorina was working to create one as people spoke today about upcoming events.

Aloha Kauai Fellowship

Our May Intergruop Meeting saw the few changes and updates to Panel 75 Intergruop Bylaws passed, signed, and now posted on our website.

Kauai Intergruop is responsible for the financing and administration of our Hotline, The Garden Island Sobriety Newsletter, Our Literature Storage Unit, Post Office Box, Some Local events, and printed schedules. The Website and Zoom accounts are shared with District 6.

Due to the fact that we have been updating and improving our shared accounts for the Website and increased printing costs for the Newsletter and schedules, we would like to suggest that Groups might consider increasing their percentage of 7th Tradition contributions to our Kauai Intergruop. While we are proud of the fact that our Island has been historically one of the largest contributors to Area 17 and GSO in the nation, let's spend at home before sending off Island.

We voted to combine our June/July Intergruop Meeting to June 28th to allow for the Annual Kauai Roundup and those traveling in July International Convention in Vancouver. There will be no Intergruop meeting in July. Our next Intergruop Meeting will be Saturday August 2nd at 9:30am. Our continuing goal is to keep the meeting to an hour to allow those with other time commitments to plan in advance.

On a personal note, I have now retired in May and will be regrouping and seeing what the next adventure will bring. Please know that I can be available should there be anything you wish to suggest as to how we can continue to improve our community through cooperation and participation.

Your trusted servant,
Kathryn B.
Intergruop Chair

7. DCM Report: Bob F, DCM. Written report submitted and read.

He reported that he had a lot of things going on.

- In our first qtr. Deborah scheduled her report back for June 28th. No venue or format has been set. Looking to book at the East side where most of our members reside. Deborah agreed to do 2 sessions and reach both sides. Bob asked the group how they felt about it. The Intergroup meets at 9:30-10:30 on that day and the Chair felt that they could attend by 11am.
- Regarding the Committee meeting that we are hosting on October 4th at the Lihue Missionary Church and expect 40-50 people to attend. We need Chairs for: Home stay, transportation, food. DCM will be the registrar.
- We are also talking about having a standing committee workshop the next day. Maybe area standing committee chairs can participate since we have very few standing committee chairs present. It will be held at At Chiefess Kamakahelei on the 5th. Discussion: Jim was not confident that we can get people to attend the workshop. After discussion, the group **voted** to not hold a workshop on the 5th.

DCM REPORT: DISTRICT MEETING MAY 24, 2025

IT'S BEEN A BUSY MONTH WITH A HANGOVER FROM OUR PREVIOUS DISTRICT MEETING, TRIP TO JAPAN AND PONDERING THE VARIOUS DISTRICT AND AREA EVENTS COMING UP HERE ON KAUAI.

THE AREA DELEGATE, DEBORAH'S REPORT BACK FROM THE GENERAL SERVICE CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28TH. AS OF TODAY, NO VENUE OR FORMAT HAS BEEN RESERVED. I WAS ANTICIPATING HAVING IT ON THE EASTSIDE, CLOSER TO OUR MEMBERSHIP CORE. DEBORAH HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HAVE MEETINGS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISLAND, MAYBE A LUNCH MEETING AND AN EVENING MEETING. I WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS.

WE ARE ALSO HOSTING THE OCTOBER COMMITTEE MEETING HERE ON KAUAI ON OCTOBER 4TH IN LIHUE AT THE LIHUE MISSIONARY CHURCH ACROSS FROM THE OLD COUNTY BUILDING. COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDEES INCLUDE ALL AREA OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE, ALL DCMS FROM DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE, INTERGROUP CHAIRPEOPLE FROM ALL DISTRICTS ALSO. TOTAL PARTICIPANTS 40-50.

IT'S A 1 DAY EVENT, STARTS WITH BREAKFAST AND REGISTRATION FROM 8-9, THE AGENDA GOES UNTIL 4:30 WITH LUNCH SERVED AT NOON. WE PROVIDE EVERYTHING AND ARE REIMBURSED FOR COSTS UP TO \$600.

FOR THE COMMITTEE MEETING WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEER CHAIRPEOPLE FOR THE FOOD COMMITTEE, DRINK COMMITTEE, TRANSPORTATION CHAIR, HOMESTAY CHAIR AND SET-UP CLEANUP CHAIR. I WOULD APPRECIATE VOLUNTEERS FROM THIS GROUP TO SIGN FOR ONE OF THESE COMMITMENTS AND FIND VOLUNTEERS FROM YOUR GROUP COMPLETE. THANK YOU.

THERE IS ALSO THE QUESTION OF HOLDING A STANDING COMMITTEE WORKSHOP THAT WEEKEND FOLLOWING THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 5TH. IS THAT SOMETHING WE WANT TO DO AT THIS TIME? WE HAVE A VENUE, CHIEFESS KAMAKAHELE MS IN LIHUE, IT'S JUST A LOT MORE COMMITMENT FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP. WE HAVE A MONTH TO DECIDE, BUT PLEASE THINK ABOUT IT. I'M INTERESTED WHAT OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRPEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO DO.

WE'VE COME A LONG WAY THIS 1ST QUARTER OF THE FIRST YEAR OF PANEL 75. THE WORK IS NEVER DONE, BUT LET'S DO A GOOD JOB WITH THE AGENDA WE HAVE ON OUR PLATE SO FAR.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE OF SERVICE.

BOB, DCM DISTRICT 6

Round-up: Round-up: Round Up JorRina reported. June 5-8th. Check in at 3pm. \$120/person for yurt/ \$90 for a campsite to pitch a tent. Day pricing for adults and children. 35 people registered. Deposit was \$660. We got funding from many sponsors within AA. For more info: kauairoundup.org

8. GSR Reports:

- **Anahola Jaywalkers** - huge turnout. 12 people with Orli's supplying the desserts.
- **Happy Hour** - Jim 3 days a week. Happy Hour is pushing to host a Gratitude Luncheon here at this church in November, pm the second Friday. We hope that it will become part of the CPC committee duties and that it will continue in the future.
- **Hui `Ohana/ Hui Ohana Virtual** - GSR not present. No written report. Mathea reporting. Treasurer for both are combined. Both groups meet at 7am daily. We average 25 visitors to our Virtual Zoom, higher numbers on Mondays for the speaker meetings.
- **Kapa'a nooners:** Jay Y - Alt GSR reported: business mtg next wednesday. Oue GSR is HEather. Sarah is here today to check out being the alt. GSR. I am willing to work as the CEC standing chair.
- **Koloa Aloha** - Devin GSR. read his written report. We have set aside money for the GSR to attend PRAASA next year. The Group conscience defined cross talk: "to give unsolicited advice". Our Secretary will be away May 18th-June 1. Additionally, I serve on the CPC Area committee.
- **Na Wahine Ku Pono** - no GSR. Mathea reported: we meet 5 days a week on line and face to face on Mondays. We use a cell phone to hold the Hybrid meeting. Last Monday of the month is a food mtg where we bring dishes to eat and celebrate birthdays. We have no GSR, IGR, and depend on whoever knows what is going on. Our group conscience meeting is once a month on the 1st Monday. Our treasury is good.
- **Princeville-Hanalei** - not present, no report
Princeville hanalei group has nothing major to report other than that meetings are going great. Members getting and staying sober. Anouncing upcoming events always.
Aloha,
Micaiah
- Round Up - discussed after DCM report above
- **Sunrise Sobriety** - Benita GSR. Split \$500 between the 4 entities. Setting aside \$200/month to send members to PRAASA. Will host both Xmas and New Years Eve alcathon events. Maybe also host a watch party for the International Convention.
- **Waimea Canyon Group** - Shoshanah read Blondy's report to the members. They asked when our Labor Day event would be posted on the website. Our next business meeting will be on June 19th and we will discuss creating a flier to be posted on our Kauaiaa.org website when completed.

9. Standing Committee Reports

- **Archives:** Mathea A - written report provided to secretary.

Mathea shared a GSO pamphlet P 87 entitled *Alcoholics with mental health issues - and their sponsors*. It can only be ordered from GSO and is not available to download as a pdf.

- **Cooperation with the Elder Community (CEC):** Jay interested to stand for this Committee chair. He stood and gave his sobriety date and qualifications. Mathea recalled that the Committee was established on Hawai'i Island by Marion B around 2005.

- **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC):** Amy B - not present, no report

- **Corrections:** Bill G - written report provided to secretary

Aloha Scott. This months report consist of Meetings on Tuesday 7PM once a week. As long as i have another certified volunteer available We made it in three times this month with low attendance in module A . There is a sign in sheet that is collected after each meeting and turned in to staff. Because of the low attendance we have expanded into another module on the outside possibly happening very soon. Ive spoke with the Chaplin Zach and AA literature is being allowed to bring in. Grapevine was dropped of by Kris Coway and i will be taking inventory on AA books and other reading materials and bringing what is needed. There has not been a date set for training just yet we're looking at sometime in June. Hoping to get more qualified people trained this year so we can rotate on days and go in more then once a week. That's it for now hope to see everyone tomorrow . Mahalo Bill G

- **Grapevine:**

- **Mynah Bird:**

- **Public Information:** Doug H - not present, no report

- **Treatment Settings / Special Needs:** Chris K - not present, no report

- **Website Committee:** Carolyn V - not present, no report

10. Old Business -

- Use of the Microsoft email for our DCM members and standing committee chairs.

Discussion:

Intergroup Chair says that it's too expensive.

Hybrid Facilitator was told by the Webchair that she is now working weekends and cannot attend District meetings, especially not two meetings a month (Intergroup and District).

Jim brought up his proposal again as a present need to once again consider merging Intergroup and District. There are many reasons. Shared expenses would cut costs: such as maintaining one PO BOX, one email address, one meeting once a month. There have been continued challenges for our Webchair who has missed the last 3 meetings. All the pieces and all the people would be in one place at one time.

Treasurer is waiting for the Website receipts.

Shoshanah supported keeping all the communications, minutes, agendas, etc in one,

private location and not using our personal emails. The District meeting minutes should not be published on our website for the world to see. See AA Guidelines on the internet MG-18.

- District Meeting and Zoom / Hybrid - not discussed
- New Digitized Draft of our District Structure and Guidelines for review discussion, and revision(s).

Discussion:

JoRina distributed copies of the Digitized Draft of our Panel 75 S & G to the members in attendance. Devin said that what you have before you is a seconded motion. We formed an ad hoc committee with 5 members meeting on May 17th. Members present were: Petey K; Devin H; Jim D; JoRina H; and Shoshanah B. See the yellow highlighted areas for the latest additions. DCM felt it was well done and saw minor changes needed. He recommended that we contact him for any suggested changes. DCM will refer to Devin for follow-up.

- Treasurer budget update (needed each chair to submit proposal).

Discussion:

Kathryn F - at the beginning of February, the Treasurer requested that each Committee Chair submit their budget to her.

Bob stated that the Panel 73 budget was carried over to this Panel. The PI budget may be less as the Chair had a big radio ad approved in his budget last year and maybe not for this year. The Standing Committee chairs need to look at their goals and assess their financial needs/budget.

Discussion followed regarding Website being under Intergroup and not part of District at all. The Intergroup Chair has a vote at our district mtg. Devin voiced concern about Intergroup having a floating vote.

JoRina stated that Area 17 has a website committee chair. The reason we have a website committee is because Area 17 has one. Just like Mynah Bird Chair.

11. GSR/District concerns: None

12. Announcements/What to take back:

- Kauai Round up 2025 Kauai Roundup Event at Kumu Camp, Anahola June 5-8, 2025. Visit <https://kauairoundup.org/> for additional details.
- Gratitude Luncheon Happy Hour is planning to host a Gratitude Luncheon here at this church in November, on the second Friday. We will need people to help get that set up.

- International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada, July 3-6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Center and BC Place Stadium. Registration is open. You can also attend Hybrid. <https://www.aa.org/international-convention>. Sunrise Sobriety is considering hosting a watch party for the International Convention. Contact Benita, GSR, for more information.
- PRAASA 2026 is in Hawaii. Contact Kunane to volunteer.
- June 21, 2025 Area Committee workshop on Oahu
- July 17, 2025, 6pm. Virtual Orientation for New GSR's
- August 23-24 August Budget Assembly. 76-5877 Old Government Road, Holualoa, HI 96725. Breakfast 8am, call to order 9am.
- October 4th, 2025 Area committee meeting hosted on Kauai, details pending
- October 5th, 2025 Standing committee workshop hosted on Kauai, details pending
- Visit our Area 17's website (area17aa.org) and our District 6 website (<https://kauaiaa.org/>) for an up to date list of events.
- Concepts workshop continues weekly on Wednesday on this website at 6:30pm. Concept X is this week. See Jim D for details.

13. Meeting Adjourned: at 11:57am, closing with the Responsibility Pledge.
 Next District Meeting will be held on June 21 at 9:30 am at the Lihu'e Lutheran Church, Conference Room, 4602 Ho'omana Rd, Lihu'e, HI 96766

Respectfully submitted by,

Note taker and co-writer
 Shoshanah B.

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