

Oahu Intergroup of Hawaii, Inc.
Business Meeting Minutes, final (approved 2025.04.09)
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 6:30 PM

OPENING at 6:28 with Serenity Prayer (All)

(POINT OF ORDER: *Departure from Agenda.*)

Announcements from Chair regarding the WHAT TO TAKE BACK page in the agenda, Survey results being passed around, microphone etiquette reminder to speak slowly & clearly, the readings in the agenda in plastic rather than printed in the agenda and volunteers to read.

(Point of Order: *Return to Agenda*)

The Intergroup Preamble was read by Mylien T Alt-GSR from Black Experience, D02; Parts of the Seventh Tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous, it's corresponding essay, and an invitation to contribute online to OIG was read by Mike, GSR from Grippers, D04; and Tradition Three of the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous, long form, was read by Kelley B., GSR/Alt-IGR from Na Wahine O Koolau.

An appeal for March Sobriety Anniversary celebrants was made at the mic and two present responded: GSR from Knuckleheads, Jeff celebrates one year on March 31st; and OIG Chair, Mary N. celebrates 34 years on March 14th.

The Chair led all in saying the A.A. DECLARATION OF UNITY.

The Chair invited all new OIG members to the mic to introduce themselves to the body, as well as DCMs and their alternates if present: Mark, IGR-Keep It Simple; Mike, IGR-Grippers; EZ, IGR-Iroquois Point; Larry, IGR-Grapevine; Toobe, Alt-IGR-Kalihi Sobriety, David, IGR-Kalihi Sobriety, Keli'i, Alt-IGR-Malia Discussion; Mario, Alt-IGR for Serenity Group here for Laurie L; Sallie, DCM District 4-Windward and Kaneohe Discussion is her home group.

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A QUORUM was not yet established as the sign-up sheet had not made it around to everyone. The Consent Agenda Motion was misread at this time instead of after the reports, but failed to cover the minutes as the minutes, though distributed by email, had not been printed by the Central Office and distributed as required for those not having received them via email, as called for in the OIG Bylaws.

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Concepts III, IV, and V of The Twelve Concepts For World Service, printed from the A.A. Service Manual, were read by Chadwick, IGR-Team G.G.

Prior to Reports, the Chair read "What is an informed group conscience?" and commented afterward on the importance of hearing the minority opinion.

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Oahu Central Office February Report was given by the Oahu CO Manager, Georgette W.: Website traffic included 27,812 views by 3,337 active viewers; 80% were searches for Oahu meetings; and the next most popular search (372) was for Aloha Roundup. Usually the next popular search is for 12 Coconuts. The Central Office 24-Hour helpline received at least 78 calls in the office, and 80 calls after hours. The latter is likely underreported because not everyone fills out the contact form required for call tracking. There were 138 groups registered with the Central Office listing 277 meetings on Oahu AA Website. 202 are in person and 75 are online. In 2024, 77 Member Groups contributed \$55,063.98, Individuals contributed \$6771.61, and other A.A. sources contributed \$960.10, for a total received of \$62,795.69 (2024 YE) (figures corrected to approved reported amounts.)

OIG Volunteer Coordinator February Report was unavailable due to Mark O's illness absence Mark continues to serve from Panel 73, but a replacement is desperately needed.

OIG Secretary's February Report provided at the March 5th Steering Committee meeting was not attached to the March 12th Business Meeting Agenda provided by the Chair. The Chair was given advance notice of the Secretary's illness absence on Monday prior to the meeting.

OIG Treasurer's February Report was given by OIG Treasurer, Karen S.
Written reports distributed:

- #1 February 2025 Contributions Statement showing 7th Tradition contributions totaling \$2,724.85, including Group Contributions totaling \$2328.26 and individual contributions totaling \$396.59;
- #2 February 2025 Profit & Loss Statement showing Income including \$.30 interest, \$1943 literature, & \$1314.59 COGS of \$3353.56; Expenses net of \$248.08 security refund of \$4667.21; and Net Income (Loss) of (\$1,313.65); and
- #3 February 28, 2025 Balance Sheet showing Total Assets of \$40571.86, of which \$30797 was in bank accounts, \$8414.36 was in literature and \$1360.50 was in security deposits; Total Liabilities of \$1862.01, all of which were payroll and payroll tax related; and Total Equity of \$38,709.85, including a 2 month YTD loss of \$148.79.

Treasurer stated we essentially broke even because the (\$1,313.65) is the cost of the books sold which is not real money. We have a lot of money in the bank and we need to start thinking about how we're going to spend that money because it's more than the prudent reserve, so we need to plan some activities.

In response to a question from the body regarding accepting the treasurer's report, the Treasurer replied: no we don't have to accept the treasurer's report.

Treasurer is asking for two additional Finance Committee members who are numerically aligned, and interested in getting into service, to serve alongside the Treasurer, Chair, and Office Manager.

REPORTS were begun by those IGRs/Alt-IGRs having an announcement from the groups represented: Mark, IGR-Keep It Simple announced their one year anniversary celebration, a BBQ at Sand Island Beach Park on April 19, time & location TBD, flyer to come; Mary N, 12 Coconuts Online announced celebration of 5 yrs March 23rd, digits to join found online; Mary N announced 12 Coconuts Live celebrates 40 years in April Kristianna, IGR-Hang Loose announced Miss Daisy Mother's Day Brunch on May 4th from 10AM to 3PM at Senator Fong's Plantation with 70 individual and table-for-8 tickets available, contact information to be listed on the OIG website; Chadwick, IGR-Team G.G. announced they are celebrating their one year anniversary coming up at the beach or homegroup, date & time to be announced on the OIG website.

There were no District announcements/reports.

Area 17 Delegate Report by Deborah S was not given due to Delegate's Corner.

Area 17 Chair Report was given by Deborah L:

The next Area Assembly is the *Inform the Delegate Assembly, April 5-6, Kihei, Maui*. Hawaii Area 17 Delegate Deborah S. will carry Hawaii Area's Voice to the General Service Conference (GSC) in New York City from April 27-May 3. Please announce to your home groups or all members that our Deborah S. welcomes the whole fellowship to the "Delegate's Corner." There will be zoom meetings hosted by Deborah S. and Sean F. every evening, March 12 to March 21, 2025 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. This ensures that Deborah S. will have a full and clear understanding on how Hawaii feels on these topics so she can accurately carry our collective voice to GSC. Please present any questions regarding GSC's agenda topics found online as follows:

- Log in with ID Password daily from March 12-21, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, to discuss conference agenda items. All are welcome to comment.
- Topics to be discussed may be accessed on the web by logging in to Area17AA.org under a link called General Service Conference. Password is "GSC75".

PRAASA 2025 was held March 7-9, 2025 at Anchorage, Alaska, and 44 of the 700+ attendees were from Hawaii. Deborah S. gave a presentation on Remote Communities, Panel 6, of which Deborah L. was the moderator. The entire PRAASA 2025 was purchased for the area on a thumb drive and will be made available to the fellowship - more news to follow. PRAASA 2026 will be hosted by Hawaii's AAs at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Waikiki on Oahu.

Treasurer touched upon potential change to contributions statement to combine individual contributions and specifically address the issue of literature order rounding contributions, rather than listing them under individuals names separately. This was taken up in old business.

Treasurer stated that to help out the central office we should think about contributing an amount equal to our years of sobriety each year on our birthday and those amounts be combined in a single line item as birthday contributions.. An inaudible question from the floor inquired about confetti/balloon adorned GSO birthday envelopes and the chair responded clarifying that what the treasurer was referring to was an option on the website for birthday contributions. Question was asked when that would start (Kelley, GSR/Alt-IGR-NaWahine) and the Chair responded it needed to go through the Steering Committee and then the body first.

Question was asked about missing group name from contribution Statement (Mylien, Alt-IGR-Black Experience) and embarrassment. Chair responded that we could add info to the group name indicating contribution frequency. An Alt-IGR asked about a personal missing contribution and there was confusion about missing YTD information, and attributing change from one treasurer to another. (Wolf, Patti, Chair)

Decision was to return to a two column report with both current month and YTD column as specified in the S&G and OIG Financial Policies. Also it was requested that all groups be listed, even if there's a zero balance. Reporting changes will be referred to the Steering Committee.

OIG Activities/Events February Report was given by OIG Vice Chair, Patti L:

The Vice Chair reported she is responsible for bringing workshops and events to Oahu and she's been saying since January that we're going to have a workshop on service. Sally, who was humbly asked to spearhead the workshop, reported we do not yet have a venue or a date & time in April, but we are going to do a virtual podcast with a moderator and a panel of three to four people with differing kinds of sobriety and what service means to them and what it's meant to their sobriety. The Vice Chair reported McCoy Pavilion still not open and no word on when it will be but she keeps checking back. Vice Chair is planning to call Palama Settlement and give them dates to see when it may be available to book for future events such as Holiday Event and Bill & Lois Dinner, but Founders Day (June) is being slated for Ala Moana Beach Park. The Vice Chair then shared that she will be stepping down in May to move to the Big island of Hawaii, but will be handing things off to whoever takes the position, stating her ability to use her connections with people and venues from a distance to assist.

OIG Steering Committee/OIG February Report was given by the OIG Chair, Mary N.

Vice Chair, Patti L thanked for her years of service. Steering Committee/OIG Report meets monthly and minutes are posted on the website when approved the following month. This month lots of old business was cleaned up so not too much new last week.

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Regarding the Area Schedule: (no report was given for January 25-26 Orientation Assembly or February 22 Committee Meeting, though OIG representatives attended and OIG reports were given.)

Inform The Delegate (ITD) Assembly, April 5-6 at Kihei, Maui will be attended by Chair and findings reported during the Panel 12 Intergroup discussion will be presented to the delegate for inclusion in her deliberations at GSC in New York the week of Apr 27th to May 3rd.

IGRs should email chair@OahuCentralOffice.com with their group conscience response to the assigned PAIs (see page 5). The two questions are:

Should the book 12 Steps and 12 Traditions be updated to include the 12 Concepts? Concepts currently found only in the GSO service manual.

Should the 75 year-old book Living Sober be updated to reflect changes in language, lifestyle and technological communication in 21st Century society?

Materials were sent out from the Chair via email by the Oahu CO Mgr with an email giving more background about these items and instructions for group conscience discussion.

The Chair elaborated about the process and various possible scenarios, reiterating points in the Delegate, Deborah S's report on February 12th.

OIG IGR (Joey) succinctly stated: Steps are for the Individual, Traditions are for the Groups, and Concepts are for Service.

Old Business

The need for a Volunteer Coordinator to replace Mark O was touched upon.

(POINT OF ORDER - departure from agenda)

New Business

The need for a **Vice Chair** to organize and put together events, panels, parties, people, and places were explained and announced that Third Legacy voting will take place in April. **Webmaster** has resigned as well, so that position needs a person with the right kind of background to assist with structure and formatting, especially WORDPRESS/WOOCOMMERCE experience.

Hugh has been helping with postings and will continue with that.

(Point of Order - return to agenda)

Old Business -

Meeting Recording is still a challenge so we really need to **speak clearly and slowly**. **Literature costs will be addressed by the CO Manager and the Treasurer** who will make a proposal to the Steering Committee and the Steering Committee will vote and announce it to the OIG Body.

Individual Contributions Report Format Change - continue to list contributors as a line item on report, or consolidate as one line item making contributions anonymous. What did your group say? Karen S, IGR-12 Coconuts: Total all contributions as one line item; Kristianna, IGR-Hang Loose: meeting later this month and will report back later; Mark, IGR-Keep it Simple: keep contributions anonymous; Chadwick, IGR-Team GG (God's Grace) anonymous; Wolf Alt-IGR, Eatin Meetin: continue to list names for accountability purposes;

Benjamin, IGR-Bad Brains: stay as is with names, it's sufficiently anonymous; Mylien, Alt-IGR-/Black Experience: keep as is, up to person to request to remain anonymous; Norman, IGR-Malia Discussion: keep as is, incentive to see name; Mario, IGR-Serenity: can go in person if want to make it not anonymous; Chair says to get more feedback next month. Treasurer clarified that detail is still available in the accounting system where names ARE listed, so the detail is not lost if someone needs to check and see if their contribution has been received. Anyone can see their own details, just visit OIG Central Office. Chair stated that the website donation form that produces a receipt also gives the option for the donation to be listed as anonymous for reporting purposes, and perhaps this option can be made a bit more prominent so it can more easily be checked as anonymous.

The **next OIG Business Meeting** was set at the same location and time on the second Wednesday of the month as required by the OIG Bylaws.

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:30 pm at the

Susannah Wesley Community Center, 1117 Kaili Street, Honolulu, HI 96819.

With some confusion from the person assisting the Chair, a **QUORUM** was established in order to conduct business and entertain a motion to close, though voting rights were not confirmed.

Total Present: 33 of 53 (62%)

Non-Voting: Voting: 33

Quorum (50%+1)=18

SM/Simple Majority (51%)= 17

SU/Substantial Unanimity (67%)=23

Confusion ensued from the person assisting the Chair with voting members present.

53 members were listed/registered as potential voting members.

33 members were signed in as present, though voting rights were assumed, not confirmed.

A quorum is convened when 50% plus one OF THOSE VOTING are PRESENT in the room, not 50% plus one of those listed as eligible voting members.

If the number present in the room drops below the established quorum, business halts until a quorum is present.

33 times 50% is 16.5 which is rounded to 17 and one is added to equal 18, the quorum.

Simple majority to pass a motion is 51%, not 50%+1. 51% of 33 rounded up is 17.

Substantial unanimity is 67%, so 33 times 67% rounded up is 23.

A motion for **adjournment** was made by Sally T; Seconded by Jack B, and passed with a vote count of 25, substantial unanimity.

The meeting **closed** with the Responsibility Statement at 7:41 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ WHAT TO TAKE BACK TO YOUR GROUPS:

Make your notes on what you can announce at your next Home Group Conscious Meeting!

Event Announcements:(Noted here other events from earlier announcements at this meeting)

March Team GG 1YR Anniversary
Mar 12-21 Delegate's Corner 6:30P-8:30P nightly
Mar 23rd 12 Coconuts Online 5YR Anniversary
April 12 Coconuts Live 40 YR Anniversary
April 4th, 5th, 6th BIG ISLAND BASH APRIL 4TH,5TH,6TH
April 5th & 6th Area 17 Inform The Delegate (ITD) Assembly, Kihei, Maui
April 9th OIG third Legacy Vote on at 6:30PM for Vol Coord and Vice Chair
April 19th KEEP IT SIMPLE 1 YEAR BBQ at Ala Moana Beach Park
April OIG Virtual Podcast Service Workshop
May 4th Hang Loose's Miss Daisy's Mother's Day Brunch 10A-3P at Senator Fong's Plantation \$70/ticket; tables available

Make the voice of YOUR home group heard!

Inform the Delegate Questions, please refer to email sent or go to area17aa.org under General Service Conference Link (password GSC75) and see "Panel 12" PAIs (Possible Agenda Items)

Abbreviated Questions that Intergroup Representatives will take to their groups:

- 1) Should we add the Twelve Concepts for World Service to the Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions?
- 2) Should we update the book, Living Sober, to reflect changes in lifestyles and communications that have occurred in society since its publication 50 years ago?

*See the handout for more complete information to ensure your group makes an informed group conscience, and afterward send an EMAIL to Chair@OahuCentralOffice.com

Urgently Needed: Volunteer Coordinator and Vice Chair

Please inform your group; at the Apr 9, 2025 Business Meeting an election to fill the following positions will be held

The **Volunteer Coordinator** recruits, trains, and schedules volunteers for the Oahu Central Office and After-hours Phone Angels Helpline. In this crucial role, the coordinator ensures that there is always someone answering Oahu AA's 24-hour helpline. He or she schedules volunteers according to four-hour (daytime, in office) or six-hour (remotely on their own phones, after office hours) shifts. **Requirements: Two years of sobriety, flexible hours.**

The **Vice Chair** plans and manages occasional activities/events/workshops for the fellowship. They propose a budget for the event, recruit activity/event chairs, and secure a venue and liability insurance for the event. They also serve as a member or chair on (temporary) ad hoc committees to address specific issues, and take the chair's place at the OIG Business Meeting Chair in the Chair's absence. **Requirements: Two years sobriety, organizational skills.**

Detailed descriptions of the responsibilities are on the OIG Website under Intergroup > OIG Basics > BYLAWS

...and also..

Intergroup > OIG Basics > Structures and Guidelines

The Finance Committee proposes annually the OIG budget, researches & analyzes costs in order to propose literature reimbursement funding, and assists with accounts reconciliation or research as needed by the Treasurer. Experience with accounting systems and specifically QuickBooks Online is preferred. Please contact OIG Treasurer (treasurer@OahuCentralOffice.com) if interested as we are in need of **two additional members**, preferably from districts not otherwise represented.

And Last but NOT Least...

The Webmaster is a crucial volunteer position assisting our Oahu Central Office Manager with OIG website maintenance and is responsible for the structure and formatting of the OIG website. The ideal candidate is someone familiar with website design and architecture, specifically utilizing WORDPRESS. A thorough understanding of A.A.'s 12 Steps, 12 Traditions and 12 Concepts and their application at all levels of A.A. Service, along with an extended period of sobriety is highly recommended in successfully placing principles before personalities. Must be able to communicate highly technical information to various levels of end users in volunteer service.