

2023 Area Chair Spring Assembly report

I started off in December of 2022 Gathering information for my service position as Area Chair.

I Familiarized myself with the Hawaii area P&P's, Job description, and guidelines using the WSO service Manual as a reference.

I was handed down a list (parking lot) to start working on, I prioritized the list and set the agenda for my first area conference call in January. I formed a Policy committee and give them a charge to review and revise the Area Policies to bring them up to date.

During the February Conference call, the PEG task force gave a update on their progress. Mary M. and Kelsey B. gave a progress report on planning for the spring assembly.

On March 10,11,12, I attended SWRDM in Salt Lake City in Utah, In 2020, I was at SWRDM in San Rafael, CA when Covid first hit . At this meeting, they started a thought force. It was whether to start a hybrid meeting so the Delegates that were not present could still vote on issues. It took them four years to gather and present their findings. Listening to their conversations, it sounded like that the majority was in favor in setting up a hybrid. I was quite surprised when they went to a closed ballot and voted. The majority actually voted no and was decided not to continue forward. I was also able to participate in a workshop. The delegates are trying to understand and work out their frustrations and learning how they can have more of a voice when it comes to setting the agenda at WSC. They started a thought force to determine if SWDM should become incorporated so they can keep transferring funds to different member's accounts. Another option they talked about is 1023ez for nonprofit.

The immediate Past Treasurer of the board shared some numbers with the group.

Historically ~ 5 million for WSO budget

\$3 million From Lit. sales

\$2 million from members contributions

Now

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Treasurer is Grateful for Members' support

Next years SWRDM will be held in Costa Mesa, Cal.

Penni P. will be the Program Chair

Lastly for now, we had our Spring Area Committee Meeting to plan for the assembly.

Your Grateful Servant

David D.

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Area Chair