

Delegate's Report

Welcome to the
Hawaií Area

Fall Assembly 2021

Thank you, Kauai,
for hosting us!!

To the Area Committee, GRs,
and members, thank you
for all you do to keep spreading
the healing help of Al-Anon to
those who are looking for us.



Upcoming Events 2022 & 2023

Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting (SWRDM)

Kelsey, your Alt Delegate, and I will be traveling to Tucson, AZ

Friday, March 11 - Sunday, March 13, 2022

World Service Conference (WSC)

I will meet with other Delegates, our Trustees (our legal and financial guides), and our Staff at WSO (our administrators, who ‘minister’ to the needs of the Conference and to the fellowship) in New York, NY.

April 24 - May 1, 2022

Spring Assembly on Oahu - Windward hosts

May 13 - 15, 2022

2023 Al-Anon International Convention in Albuquerque, NM

June 29 - July 2, 2023

“When service is seen as ‘work’
rather than as ‘recovery,’
burnout occurs.”

—a Delegate at WSC 2021

What we did on our summer vacation...

Since we last met in the Spring, I've been actively working with our Area Coordinators, my fellow Panel 61 Delegates, our Area Officers, and WSO. Here are only a few things you'll hear about this weekend and in the near future:

- ▶ A major Hawaii Area website overhaul is coming
- ▶ Alateen is returning to Hawaii
- ▶ We have new ways for you to financially support your Hawaii Area
- ▶ A new daily reader is getting closer and closer
- ▶ The Chairman of the Board Letter reveals:
 - ▶ Financially, we're dangerously close to balancing our budget this year, with literature sales being a bit down and contributions being a bit up and expenses trending down. Abundant gratitude to LDCs for your consistency!!
 - ▶ At this year's gathering of International General Service Offices, Russia was officially welcomed on a 3-year trial basis.
 - ▶ WSO: Public Outreach Committee has seen great new PSAs that are available
 - ▶ WSC: Chosen Agenda Items are due by March 22, 2022 -- be thinking of what YOU'd like the Delegates to discuss.



I've also been answering YOUR questions about
Electronic Hybrid Split Non-Geographic Non-Panel Virtual Meetings.
The following is meant to help clarify the TERMS, CHOICES, and NEXT STEPS toward
fulfilling our Panel 61 MISSION :
Reach inward to our ohana membership, reach outward to people still suffering, and broaden
our communication bandwidth..

Meeting or Group?

First, is your regular gathering a Meeting or a Group?

- An Al-Anon Meeting is a permanent, scheduled, online gathering, listed with the WSO (World Service Office) as a Meeting. It ONLY has a CMA (Current Mailing Address), no GR; it is not listed with WSO as part of a District or Area; and it has no voice at the WSC.
- In Hawaii Area, our Groups are registered with WSO as AFG's, Al-Anon Family Groups, meaning they have a CMA and a GR; are part of a District; are part of an Area; and have a voice at the annual WSC (World Service Conference) through their elected Delegate.

Hybrid or Split?

Is your regular meeting a Hybrid Group or Split Group?

- A HYBRID GROUP is a registered Group with WSO that used to meet ONLY in-person and has now chosen, whether temporarily or permanently, to meet in-person with a computer or tablet or some other equipment, so that those who wish to attend simultaneously online may do so with an ID and PW.
- A SPLIT GROUP is a registered Group with WSO that used to meet ONLY in-person and has now chosen, whether temporarily or permanently, to meet in-person with no on-site equipment AND AT THE SAME TIME online with an ID and PW. The two groups have ONE GR, one Group Conscience, and both maintain the same Group Number with WSO.

WSO or WSC?

- WSO is the World Service Office. They are a group of professionals and administrators who minister to the needs of Al-Anon Family Groups: group records; meeting lists; AMIAS records; literature creation and distribution; public outreach; and so on. Their work is guided by our Traditions and Concepts.
- WSC is the World Service Conference where the Delegates of all Areas of all the groups confer with the WSO and Trustees and Executive Committees (Policy, Finance, Real Property.)

What is meant by Non-Geographic & Non-Panel?

- The Delegates voted to include 700+ permanent electronic meetings in our Service Structure by eliminating the word 'geographic' from the definition of an Area in our Service Manual, creating a Non-Geographic (Virtual) Area.
- Since then, the CMA's of these registered electronic meetings are being guided by WSO Staff and the Service Manual to elect GRs, create Districts, and elect a Chair to have their first (Virtual) Non-Panel Assembly in January 2022 to elect a Delegate to attend the 2022 WSC. If 'seated,' they will no longer be Non-Panel; they will be on Panel 62.
- The last new Area we 'seated' was Alaska in 1987.

So...

What does all this mean for Hawai'i Area?

Is there anything we need to do?

How soon do we need to take action?

Next Steps for Groups...

We can do nothing until the 2022 WSC decides to approve the new Virtual Area and they reveal to us the process for registering in their Area. So we wait... meanwhile...

Make certain your group members know what the choices will be in May 2022:

- 1) Remain registered as is, permanently in-person with online options, whether temporary or ongoing.
- 2) Register as permanently online

If you are permanently online, are you registered as:

- 1) part of Hawaii Area
- 2) part of the Virtual Area

Next Steps for the Area...

If the WSC decides to allow a Virtual Area to have a seat at the Conference, we will need Thought Forces and Task Forces to consider several new situations for Hawai'i Area.

We will need all YOUR ideas, suggestions, concerns, and solutions to guide Hawai'i into 'widening its bandwidth.'

We currently have NO REGISTERED PERMANENTLY ONLINE MEETINGS in Hawai'i, so we will not be immediately affected by the new Virtual Area. However...

Two questions come to mind...

- 1.) Will Hawai'i Area want to allow permanent online groups that are not geographically located in Hawai'i to join our Area? If so, how will we make such a decision? What will that mean to us financially?
- 2.) If a formerly registered in-person group decides it wants to become a permanent electronic group and join the Virtual Area, do we have a process to remove that in-person group from Hawai'i Area? How might that affect us financially? What are other concerns?

What are your questions?

Talk to each other, reason things out with someone else.
Please feel free to email me your questions, your ideas:

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Thank you for your kind attention and your loving
support.

Warmly, Penní

The final word:

“Listen Observe Value Encourage”

– a Delegate at WSC 2021

“We do not change Al-Anon’s principles;
Al-Anon’s principles change us.”

– a Delegate at WSC 2021