

## 2018 HADK STATE CONVENTION EVALUATION

### **TOTAL # OF EVALUATIONS SUBMITTED** – 136 (Online - 99; Paper - 37)

As compared to # of evaluations in 2014 (158) and 2016 (130)

### **RATINGS (1 - lowest, 5 – highest)**

Registration.....4.9  
Fun Night .....4.7  
Business Meeting.....4.6

Workshop: Travel.....4.7  
Workshop: Zumba.....4.9  
Workshop: Issei Women.....4.9  
Workshop: Art.....4.7

Banquet.....4.8  
Hotel & Facilities.....4.7

### **WOULD YOU PREFER A SHORTENED CONVENTION?** YES – 60 NO - 76

### **COMMENTS from Online Evaluations**

If you answered YES to shortening the convention, which of these activities would you prefer to delete (1 or more may be selected): Workshops, Fun Night, Chapter Sales, or Other. Please explain. (52 responses)

Workshops (9)

Fun Night (6)

Chapter Sales (2)

Would be nice if Fun Night was a little shorter

Sales

Delete Workshops at the State Convention. Offer more sessions at the Leadership / Professional Growth Development in August. Make this a full day, especially to make it worthwhile for neighbor island chapters to fly to Oahu.

Can Fun Night be shortened to reduce the cost? I heard that unless the sister paid for the entire conference, she could not participate in Fun Night. I like the idea that there is one charge for the entire conference but hope there's a way to reduce the cost. Thank you for asking.

Eliminate workshops, eliminate practice board meeting on Fun Night

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I enjoyed the shorten committee reporting sessions which moved the business meeting along.

Workshops can be eliminated and held at PPG. We can then go home earlier to get dressed for the banquet. Fun Night can be kept short since we have to get up early on Saturday morning.

Workshops. Although topics were interesting, perhaps allow PPG to focus on workshops.

chapter sales

Workshops and Chapter Sales can happen at other statewide events.

Eliminate Chapter Sales; less elaborate fun night; To save on room rental, move best workshop session(s) to Professional Growth Conference

fun night

Shorter Business Meeting

workshops, shortened fun night

Fun Night and workshops

Fun Night - Although I appreciated the heavy pupus, I thought that my attendance was not needed since Chapters did not have to do a presentation. I could have saved money by not staying at hotel for Friday. 2. Open Forum - Was not needed. 3. EBB meeting on Friday should have been a walk through rehearsal and not treated as a meeting where actual reports were given since reports were given on Saturday.

Workshops, chapter sales, open forum. Although enjoyable, these seem the most optional if we want to shorten the convention.

Shorten only if more sisters attend and it lowers costs. Fun Night or workshops might be deleted. However, both were excellent this year so difficult to choose.

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if the membership feels that the convention is too long perhaps we can do away with fun night and maybe workshops. On Saturday, in place of workshops we could have tribute to the outgoing president.

Good idea to include Workshops at PPG Conference

workshops, Fun Night, Chapter Sales

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### Workshops, Archives

Delete workshops and have a luncheon speaker instead. Have fun time in afternoon.

### Workshops, Chapter Sales

No

Perhaps the workshops unless better and more of a variety of sessions are offered. I was not interested in any of the sessions this time. I would have enjoyed some kind of techie workshop.

Shorten some meetings

### Shortened Fun Night

I feel like fun night could be shorter. Or maybe I just feel that way because it was after a long week of teaching and I sat through 2 meetings before Fun Night even started.

Fun night not really necessary as it starts late Friday and not many people in attendance. Chapter sales not necessary, too, since we are at Ala Moana shopping center!

FunNite

### Workshops - not as relevant to developing camaraderie and community

Although it was great, shorten Fun Night. Make it the last event for Friday night. Have half of Business meeting on Friday afternoon before Fun Night. Continue Business meeting the next morning with Omega Service to follow. . Use Lunch as Induction of new Officers, etc. Time permitting, squeeze in Other matters and workshops. Last activity is EEB meeting. Don't have CCP meeting unless they have a separate meeting room. Other combinations are possible but make an agenda running from about 4:00 pm Friday through 5:00 Saturday. EEB meeting can be at 5:00 pm- 6:00 pm...then we all pay for only one night hotel room...otherwise this State Conference was extremely well-planned and all coordinators did a fantastic job!! Thank you all conference leaders and chairpersons for tackling a gigantic event. Should you want to retain the length of the conference, that's OK, too. But since you asked the question, I am inclined towards shortening the conference mainly for costs and returning to family.

My decision to shorten the convention would be based on the cost. In order to stay on budget, would eliminate Fun Night. Otherwise, keep it as that event helps to promote fellowship.

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Workshops mainly because workshops are offered at PPG event; also it is difficult to find and secure dynamic and appealing presenters who will perform for free. Fun Night can be shortened. Perhaps we can experiment with a shortened convention time - say a day-in 2020. We'll never know unless we experience it. The lower cost of convention, the shortened time of convention may result in a higher turnout, a goal we are always striving for.

Find a way to merge the events into one day to make the cost more affordable for working teachers.

No fun night - could maybe incorporate some of it on banquet night. Just start Saturday morning. (outer island people may not get breakfast though)

Workshops, Fun Night

The Sunday meeting of the new biennium.

Fun night; didn't meet criteria of socializing & meeting other sisters. I really enjoyed the activity but met no one new... my fault?

Workshops. We do enough at PPG and in our chapter meetings. I was going to suggest this in the comments. Can we have a one-day state convention? Agenda: Business meeting; Omega service; lunch (honoring the outgoing state president); lunch (installation the new biennium officers). A suggestion: have SC at Honolulu Country Club. Neighbor island sisters can stay at the Ala Moana Hotel. Volunteer Oahu sisters could provide transportation for these sisters to get to HCC. A one-day SC would save a lot of the cost to run SC. Overall cost would go down for attendees - maybe more sisters would attend SC. Let's think out of the box and re-structure SC to cut the cost and get more members to attend SC.

Fun Night . . . Shorter business meeting (as this year was . . . even if by accident.)

### **ANY OTHER COMMENTS? (Online: 61 responses)**

Enjoyed the convention. Thank you for everyone's hard work

Great convention. Everything ran smoothly, concise. Loved fun night. Low pressure. Really fun. Meeting was well organized. Food good and plenty.

Mahalo to the wonderful convention Chairs and committee. The FOOD was very generous and onolicious! Is always great to reconnect with sisters! Congrats. . .well done!

I thought it was a wonderful conference; the best I've ever attended!!! It was very professionally orchestrated and elegant. I am proud of our organization!! Thank you everyone for your commitment to excellence in working soooooo incredibly hard to

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provide such a wonderful conference. The Issei Women workshop was totally awesome!!! I learned so so much. Incredible job, planning committee. YOU all should get 7 Pearls for your efforts!!! Amazing!!!!

Would like to have more workshops

Food and hotel service was excellent, well prepared events and stuck to time and schedule but Saturday was too long.

Could the business meeting be shortened? Reports are posted on-line, so speakers should just give the highlights to save time. Although it was quite hectic, I thought the State Convention went well. Thank you to all for their efforts in planning and conducting this event.

I enjoyed the new Fun Nite format-- it was fun to be able to socialize with others just enjoying their company and less stressful on the chapters than doing group presentations while still meeting the goals of honoring Amy.

The food was excellent, but too much. A lighter breakfast and lunch would be better.

Excellent and fun-filled State Convention!

Wonderful Convention! Venue, Fun Nite, Business meeting, workshops and all planned events were excellent. The food was great. Had a very enjoyable time. Thank you to all who worked to make it a success!

Congratulations to all of the planning committee members for all that they did to make this a wonderful convention! The food was excellent!

Thank you for hosting a great convention. This was my second convention and it was even better than the first.

It was a wonderful convention. Thank you to everyone for your hard work.

Oral Committee reports need to be 'brief' now that all reports are posted at our website and can be read ahead of time. Great organization to have committee chairs grouped and ready at the mic ahead of time. Omega Service will always depend on how many join Omega Chapter. However, speakers also need to be brief. Could service be less than an hour? Could some highlights on person be printed?

I had to answer the hotel accommodations question in order to complete the form; however, I didn't stay overnight at the hotel.

I feel there was way too much food. Many people sitting at my table, including myself, barely ate half their meal. If we're focusing on sustainability and helping the unfortunate, we should think about not wasting food.

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Simplified table centerpiece, e.g., 1 centerpiece used throughout the conference. Preparation work seems overwhelming and costly in terms of time, effort and money.

A wonderful experience, chance for bonding and getting to know others.

Great job by state co-chairs & their committee people! Open Forum should be presented to CP's in advance so that chapter reps are prepared to come up with a concern/issue that poses a real or potential problem in our organization.

I enjoyed the convention and learned much. I am fairly new and this was my second state convention. Everyone was so kind, friendly, knowledgeable, and helpful. I am glad I went.

I greatly appreciated the hard work of the Convention committee members. Thank you very much!

Awesome job sisters! Thank you to all the helping hands it took to put together such a fun and memorable event!

1. Need to start on time;
2. Pre-directions for convention was confusing since plans kept on changing;
3. Appreciated spreading presentations such as presenting 2018 Excellence in Education Award during lunch and not at evening program;
4. Have one assigned photographer to take group picture of 2018-20 officers, presidents and committee chairs. Photo can be posted and downloaded on HADK website.

Foods were generous. Staff persons were personable & helpful. Convention was great, moving on time, IVP Mollie was knowledgeable, & Fun Nite was FUN!!! Enjoyed seeing & renewing ties w/ sisters.

I enjoyed the convention and the meals. The food was exceptional, especially for a "budget-conscious" event under \$200, and the portions were very generous. I think next year's committee might want to look at reducing the portion size at breakfast on Saturday (half of what we were served would be more than sufficient) and having entree salads or soup/sandwich combo instead of a full meal at lunch. We might be able to save some money there. The amount of food we were served was very generous; however, most of us are women (smaller portions than men) who are watching our weight, so I saw a lot of food going to waste. We are just sitting for most of the convention, so we don't need to replenish a lot of calories. Just food for thought . . . not a criticism, just a suggestion in hopes of saving some money. I hope the committee doesn't feel like "damned if you do, damned if you don't" after reading my comment. All in all, the convention was a job well-done. Kudos to all the planners.

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The ceremonious opening to the Saturday morning session was awesome. The food was excellent and the banquet staff very accommodating.

Thank you to our hardworking HADK sisters for an outstanding State Convention.

Thank you. Enjoy

State Convention planning committee was very organized and everything ran smoothly. Location was easy to access, food was generous and delicious.

The food was excellent and the hotel staff was very good. The only complaint I have is that the banquet went on too long. It is important to give proper recognition but keep in mind that not all attending were sisters. Family and friends do not know what is reakky going on and must sit for a good while. This also applies to the business meeting. Find a way to streamline reports even more, such as not having committee chairs report unless they have a recommendation which would require action by the next board.

Careful planning of the convention was evident but there seemed to be very little time to "breathe" between activities, let alone get to "meet and greet" old friends and new. Would there be a way to consolidate the formalities at the business meeting so that all the motions that are required to conduct business be combined under one action? Was good to see the consolidation of the courtesy resolutions. Ala Moana Hotel is a good choice since meeting rooms are close together and the hotel rooms are convenient to these areas. Many thanks to the cadre ...

MUCH MAHALO to the State Convention Committee for planning an awesome convention. I missed the individual chapter tributes to the president; I feel each chapter should show their appreciation at Fun Nite with songs/skits, etc. Hotel accommodations were average; the staff seemed to be rushed to be ready according to our schedule. For instance the large yellow banner was just going up even after most of us were in the room. Hotel did not have restaurants on property except for Starbucks -- the "saving grace" was that Ala Moana Shopping Center was nearby. Omega Service was good -- nice to include the families. Speakers kept to their time limits! AV needs a CREW to set up and break down; the Ekimoto and Loo families are to be commended for taking on an challenging job. The Issei Women workshop was EXCELLENT! I enjoyed learning more about my heritage. Good variety of workshop offerings. I would have wanted to go to the Travel one as well. We definitely need to retain the 2 day/2 night convention. Fun Nite Tribute is a MUST. Full day of business AND WORKSHOPS need to be retained; and the First EEB on Sunday is perfect.

Great convention... thanks, everyone!

Thank you to the committee for all their hard work. I really enjoyed this convention. Thank you to Alpha Chapter for planning Fun Night. it was great and so much fun. I enjoyed the music. The music at Omega service was beautiful. Na Wahine Mele's performance at the banquet was so professional.



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Fun night was a welcome change. Food was very good.

Also need to look at whether it is cost effective for a shortened convention. Seems as though we got a lot for our dollars this year.

Excellent Convention, few despite last minute changes

The breakfast serving was double the amount that should be served. Very wasteful. Many of us could not finish the large portion served to us.

At times, the wait time for the elevator was long. Fun Night was fun but pupu line was too long. Suggest having more than one line. Mahalo for a successful convention.

Although we did not get clear information prior to the convention, the convention went smoothly without much flaw. I would like to have the convention schedule a few weeks before the convention so I can plan with my family what to expect during that weekend. Also, notice needs to be given to the chapters regarding "small things" such as giving the outgoing president a lei and when, giving leis to the chapter 3p's and when, and giving a lei to the pres. elect and when. Our chapter would have wanted to give a special tribute to the outgoing president and maybe a gift. Usually on the first day (Fri.) the schedule is very tight so chapters arrange to get bentos for dinner. Since we did not get a detailed schedule till late, we did not eat dinner and luckily the pupus were heavy enough to be eaten as dinner.

Thank you for a great convention!

Workshops can be included om the Combined PPG and Leadership Conference

Jam packed schedule. Lots of hard work by the committees. Thank you.

Pehaps a different format might be consider. Maybe a new agenda with things held all day on Saturday and Sunday instead of starting on Friday.

Loved the hotel location, wait staff, food, events, better parking.

None

Very well planned convention. Fun Night was a FUN night. Meetings could have gone smoother, entertainment was excellent, food excellent, servers really catered to the clients, decorations were simple but elegant. Omega service was well done.

Since this is a statewide event, two days would provide opportunities for chapters to interact with other sisters. Perhaps the scheduling of the various activities could encourage the meeting of other sisters.



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Banquet dinner was very good. The hotel staff was very supportive and responded to requests positively.

Thoroughly enjoyed the excellence of the convention, highlighting the superb attention to detail our sisters put forth in every activity. I had so much fun!

It was a very good convention. Thank you for keeping convention registration below \$200 . I enjoyed the convenient layout, and the parking at you-know-where.

A one-day event could use other venues that are not hotels. More intimate, chance to mingle and network, take care of business, and celebrate ADK.

Thank you for all your hard work!

Ala Moana Hotel was most accommodating with regards to food allergy. This was the first time it was done at any convention/hotel.

Considering Aloha Harvest is our state altruistic choice, the portions for lunch & breakfast was too much. Maybe cost could've been lowered with smaller portions: didn't need 2 hash browns or 4 sausages. So much food was scraped off plates

Business meeting was ran well. To the point and minimal wait time.

Would it be possible to negotiate a lower price for smaller portions for the sit-down meals such as breakfast and lunch? Everyone around us ate only half of the huge breakfast at the most. And since there was such a large breakfast, a lunch of soup and sandwich/salad would have been more appropriate. So much food was piled high on the waiters trays to be thrown away.

It was a great convention and I liked having it at Ala Moana Hotel.

The food was great at Ala Moana Hotel , but the servings were too much. For women the breakfast amount could have been half as much as was served. Too much wasted food. Portions in the meals could be adjusted to cut down on wasting food. Fun night: Two lines would have expedited the flow of people. Choice of food was good. Fun Night was a blast! Following Amy's theme was great! But can we honor the outgoing president in the above suggestion?

I feel the committee could really look at what the purpose(s) of the State Convention is and align activities or create new activities that align with the purpose of the convention and what HADK envisions for the future and not just do what has always been done. It's good that this year was different. Where might we go from here?!

**COMMENTS FROM EVALUATIONS SUBMITTED AT THE CONVENTION: (29 responses)**

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1. Food—Friday nite pupus very good and meals very good.  
Hotel—Ok for size of convention and easy to go back to room, but a bit shabby.  
Fun Night—Good idea to have one or two chapters salute to President.
2. A major part of the convention is to renew contact with ADK sisters and meet new people. Current 1 night and 1 day is just right. Banquet - A little too much time for dinner and before entertainment. Food was very good & generous. Breakfast could be smaller. Need to make a more concerted effort to encourage the younger and newer ADK members to attend. Do chapters subsidize by paying the registration fee for the new members?
3. Registration - well organized. Fun Night - great.  
  
Business meeting - good script, Mollie was a good addition to induction ceremony. Travel workshop - excellent suggestions and good advice.  
  
Banquet - excellent choices of food.  
Hotel accommodations - well organized registration process.  
Shortened convention suggestions - shorten recognition of committees, etc. It took time to set up the line. The line was so long, it took time to stretch out the line. Then we had to move closer to accommodate. Shorten the line or come closer together because cameras couldn't expand the camera screen.
4. Enjoyed fun night. Great food - appreciated Friday. So thrilled Amy & her godson sang.
5. Coming from neighbor island makes it more, liked them all. I really enjoyed the convention—opportunity to network with other sisters. Activities - A++
6. Registration—fast; Fun night—very fun; Business meeting—very efficient  
Great job! So much work & appreciate all the convention committees' hard work.  
Mahalo!
7. Thank you - good job!
8. Hotel lacked personal amenities, i.e., facial tissues, extra blanket.
9. "Terrific State Convention!" Thank you very much.
10. Shorten the convention but not sure what can be shortened as all components are important.
11. SC team needs to be commended for all their planning, preparations, perfectly excellent convention! Thank you very much!
12. Well organized convention---adhered to time schedule  
Super FUN NIGHT with great participation! Excellent food with great service.  
Wonderful performances by Na Wahine Mele.

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13. Lots of food, more than I normally eat. Enjoyable food, though.  
Excellent workshop (so much information learned)
14. Very enjoyable state convention. Fun night was FUN and complemented Amy's global theme. Hotel accommodations & food were excellent.  
Omega service was excellently presented. Appreciated the proceedings being flashed on screen.
15. Shorten convention - not sure about agenda requirements, timing as appropriate.  
Well organized, fun, and overall a great time.
16. The convention was enjoyable because there was a relaxed atmosphere and it was well planned by the sisters. Leadership was outstanding.
17. Workshop Issei Women—very interesting  
Banquet—good food, enjoyed program  
Hotel accommodations—Good location  
Open forum was not needed as Mollie's session on membership seemed sufficient.  
  
Assorted pupu for Friday evening was ample—good selection of food; some may also prefer having a small dessert—cookies, bars.
18. Re: buffet line at banquet—4 lines preferable to lines for over 200 people.
19. Thank you so much for all your hard work! This was an outstanding convention. Everything was so professionally done but so much fun and filled with so much love and aloha. Thank you so much!
20. Appreciate all the hard work of the cadre. Thank you for honoring Amy in a well thought/planned tribute. Thanks to Amy for your beautiful singing. Would have loved to have had her dance her beautiful hula.
21. The meals were excellent.  
The convention went so smoothly, which reflects on the planning cadre.
22. I enjoyed the different format of Fun Night.  
Banquet was delicious.
23. Thank you to the committee for a well executed conference.  
Shortening convention does not encourage me to attend this event.  
Registration start time changed. Began later and ended earlier than published times. Really enjoyed Fun Night!!!
25. Lunch menu very good but too much for lunch & ladies. Food at banquet was very good!
26. Bathrooms in room were not very clean (mold/mildew on shower tile; lack of air circulation; bad odor). Excellent omega ceremony (speakers & music).

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27. Thank you! The convention was excellent! Appreciated all the hard work that went into the planning.
28. Too much food!!!
29. Thank you, convention committee, for the excellent convention. Everything ran smoothly because of the efficient planning that you all put in. Enjoyed the fun night - different.