



**Meeting Minutes  
Hawai'i Museums Association  
Annual Business Meeting via Zoom  
April 16, 2021, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

Lisa Solomine called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**The following board members were present:** Lisa Solomine, Eric Chang, Halena Kapuni Reynolds, Kamalu du Preez, Hadley Andersen, Neida Bangerter, Frank O. Hay.

**Members in Attendance:** 16.

Lisa welcomed all to the annual business meeting.

- 1. Approval of May 29, 2020 Annual Business Meeting Minutes**  
**FRANK MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 10, 2020, ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING. SECONDED BY TORY. ALL IN FAVOR 21. ABSTAINED 0. OPPOSED 0. MOTION CARRIED. NO DISCUSSION.**
- 2. President's Report: Lisa Solomine**
  - a. Cultural Competency Workshops:** Former president Teresa Valencia and Gavin Miculka submitted an application last year to Hawai'i Tourism Authority to conduct a series of cultural competency workshops on O'ahu and neighboring islands. HTA awarded that contract to us. The workshops were led by Hawaiian cultural educators and brought together 19 Hawaiian cultural practitioners/ knowledge holders. The workshops served as a framework for change to gain new skills to respectfully interpret Hawaiian culture and to cultivate resources for Hawai'i's diverse audiences. Videos of the workshops are available publicly on our Youtube and HMA page. HMA partnered with 'Ōlelo TV to show the webinars on their station. Over 250,000 viewers are reached by 'Ōlelo. We had a total of 300 people for the workshop series.
  - b. Website:** HMA is also updating our website. There were considerable changes in the overall look of the website and we have expanded the resources section.
  - c. Pauhana Series:** We held Pauhana events in October and November, hosted by Stacy. We featured the cultural competency team, EWC, and Hawai'i Arts Alliance. Members expressed interest in holding more of these informal events.

- d. **New Logo:** We put out a call to local designers. We were looking for something more contemporary. Neida will share more later in the meeting.
- e. **Two Resignations:** Teresa Valencia, former HMA President, resigned on November 10 and moved back to Ohio. As stated in our bylaws, Lisa Solomine became the President and Eric Chang became the Vice President. 'Ihilani Gutierrez resigned on March 18. She now works for Mana Maoli, a nonprofit that supports Hālau Kū Mana. Special thanks to Teresa for her service to developing programs and the mark she left on the organization. Special thanks for 'Ihilani, our program committee chair and social media co chair with congratulations on her new position at Mana Maoli. Wholehearted thanks for fellow HMA board members and support during the board transitions. We look forward to continuing our work together and new board members to look forward to.

### **3. Treasurer's Report: Frank O. Hay**

- a. In 2020, we refunded all of the conference fees, with the exception of \$100.00. We have a new high in membership, which brought in roughly \$8500. Our major expenses included: Tech support for website, few miscellaneous expenses, insurance, PO box, etc. Total is \$6700 with income of \$1700. We have about \$9100 in the bank as of this morning. Our major activity last year was the Mākau Mo'omeheu series. Frank talked about HTA cutting the budget and awarding \$25,000 to us. We spent roughly \$14,000. We paid our bills, got money in the bank.

### **4. Membership Update: Eric Chang**

- a. Eric thanked the board for talent and energies and Lisa for taking the reins. Membership has increased over last year, as reflected in our financial health. As of March 2021 we have 62 individual members. 50 individual members, two out of state, one in the friend category, nine students. All increases from the year before. We have 16 institutional members. Up 13 from last year. All programming, in particular the cultural competency program, was free. Going forward, we are offering membership specific opportunities and public programs. Through the conference, Nūhou, and other programming, we continue to find ways of dialoguing and supporting one another.

### **5. Election of New Board Directors: Stacy Hoshino**

- a. Stacy thanked the board for letting him chair the nominations committee. Other members of the nomination committee include Karen Kosasa and Neida Bangerter. All are scheduled for the first year of a two year term. The incoming board members are Alice Cabael Ka'ahanui, Ching Jen Lum, and Kristin Remington.

- b. Lisa Solomine is nominated to serve the first official term as President. Lisa will address the membership and find out if anyone has any other nominees from the floor and also if anyone has any other questions.
- c. Stacy added that if you know someone or want to be a board member, let him know.

**ERIC MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SLATE OF NOMINEES AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT. SECONDED BY HADLEY. ALL IN FAVOR, 23. ABSTAINED, 0. OPPOSED, 0. MOTION CARRIED. NO DISCUSSION.**

- d. Welcome new board members! And congratulations Lisa!

#### **6. New Logo: Neida Bangerter**

- a. Old and new logos. Did a search for a new logo. Neida tried to figure out who made the logo and found out that Vickie (Dede) Chock made the logo when she was a student at UH Manoa. Before computers. We wanted to make sure that she knew what was happening and to honor the old logo. Zenobia is an artist from Maui and describes the logo as a form of undulating lines representing fluid moments. It is dynamic, shows connection through wave-like energy. The board felt that this represented our islands and the connectivity that we have on separate islands. Zenobia grew up in India, has an MFA, came to Maui after Boston. Fantastic artist and award winning graphic design artist. Lisa noted that this logo is one that is under consideration for an award.
- b. Tori asked how many submissions did we have? Lisa responded that we had five submissions.

#### **7. Idea strands for upcoming year: Lisa Solomine**

- a. HMA has been focusing on getting to know our membership and to grow our membership. We will continue developing a 2 to 5 year strategic plan now that we have more board members. We really want to grow membership. This is about everyone working collectively. HMA over the past few months have been inviting members of HMA and community members to join our board meetings for 15 minutes. This is about getting to know our museum community. Sharing that there was one question of the relevancy of HMA. What is the point of HMA? Lisa believes that it's all about our membership and the museum community. We need to get to know one another and find out what is relevant in our institutions and what are needs are. HMA will strive to do this.
- b. HMA is currently collecting the previous history of the organization. HMA has been in existence for over 50 years. It is a shame that we have no evidence. There is an initiative to slowly gather bits and pieces of HMA history to a centralized location for board and members (via our website). That will give us a deeper connection and other cultural institutions.

- c. Halena encouraged people to become committee members.

**8. Nuhou Newsletter: Lisa Solomine**

- a. 1975 is the earliest year that Nuhou was published. Kristin Laitila in the chat mentioned that the Hawaii State Library has the newsletters archived. Neida remembered people typing things up and sending it in the mail. Nūhou allows us to honor those folks. This is an opportunity for us to exchange information about our opportunities. We publish quarterly by the 20th. We like submissions from all islands. If you have something, send it to Neida or your island representative. It's important to be inclusive of all islands. Lisa commented about loving to see Nuhou filled with articles from the neighbor islands and not just O'ahu institutions so that we know more about what we all are doing. Since Nuhou is electronic, it's so much easier. Spread the word! Let people know.

**9. Other Business or Questions**

- a. Tory said that we've been virtual for a while, but it would be a good repository. Tory also suggested that the HMA bylaws can be put online so that they can be referred to recently. Also mentioned about getting the Treasurer's report and that for any longevity action, including the Treasurer's report, it should be done.
- b. Lisa responded with regards to working on the website. She meets with Nick once a month to update the website.

**KAMALU MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 2020 TREASURER'S REPORT. SECONDED BY TORY. ALL IN FAVOR, 22. ABSTAINED, 0. OPPOSED, 0. MOTION CARRIED. NO DISCUSSION.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.