MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF EMERITUS REGENTS

Friday, April 25, 2008
Waialae Country Club

Emeritus Regents in Attendance: Chair Roy Takeyama; Vice Chair Stuart Ho; Secretary Stanley Mukai; Treasurer Joe Blanco; Anna Chung; Dan Ishii; Trent Kakuda; Lynne Kaneshiro; Donald Kim; Ed Kuba; Patricia Lee; Harriet Mizuguchi; Brad Mossman; Walter Nunokawa; Ruth Ono; Diane Plotts; and Sharon Weiner.

Emeritus Secretaries in Attendance: Pepper Shiramizu and David Iha.

Others in Attendance: Vince Baldemor; Sam Callejo; Bruce Coppa; Brid Durell; Mark Fukuda; Milton Higa; Paul Honda; Kathy Kagawa; Audrey Karr; Howard Karr; John Komeji; Al Landon; David Lassner; Jeffrey Lau; Harold Masumoto; David McClain; Patrick McFadden; Louise Miura; Kathryn Nelson; Albert Ono; Presley Pang, Mike Rota; Kelvin Shoji; Mike Unebasami; Donna Vuchinich; and Lance Wilhelm.

Guests: Jim and Tracy Donovan

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Roy Takeyama called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He announced that this meeting had the largest attendance ever.

II. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2007, were unanimously approved.

III. RESULTS ON THE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

Patricia Lee reported that the amended bylaws were distributed to the AER. More than the majority approved the amendments (39 out of a possible 62). Dr. Lee thanked Trent Kakuda, Presley Pang, Joe Blanco, and Roy Takeyama for their assistance in amending the bylaws. She summarized the amendments, which include: different classes of membership; legitimized ex officio members; expanded quorum from 5 to 10; and requirement of majority vote of active members, as examples. The approved amended bylaws are attached.

IV. REPORT ON THE REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL (RCAC)

Roy Takeyama, Chair of the RCAC, summarized the Council’s work, noting that they received 86 nominations, of which 32 were selected for interviews, and 5 withdrew. Twenty-two made the final cut, and they were submitted to the Governor on February 20th, 2008. On April 24th, 2008, the Governor submitted her candidates to the Senate:
Artemio Baxa; Carl Carlson; Teena Rasmussen; Kitty Lagareta; Harvey Tajiri; Joshua Wingstrom; Dennis Hirota; and Howard Karr. If all 8 candidates are confirmed by the Senate, the BOR will have 11 regents, and 4 vacancies. Currently, quorum is 7. It is not known whether the Governor will designate interim appointments for those 4 vacancies.

Chair Takeyama thanked current BOR Chair Al Landon and UH President David McClain for providing administrative support to the RCAC, which does not have a budget. The Council requested a $120,000 appropriation to the RCAC for administrative support.

Chair Takeyama asked the AER to assist in recruiting good candidates for the BOR. He said that good candidates must be recruited because they won't nominate themselves.

V. REMARKS

BOR Chair Allan Landon said that the University is doing great, under the leadership of President David McClain. He expressed appreciation for the RCAC’s work. He announced that Peter Ho, son of Emeritus Regent Stuart Ho, is the new President of Bank of Hawai‘i.

UH President David McClain thanked everyone for their service to the University, and recognized Roy Takeyama for RCAC’s work. He reported that: UH Athletics reaches more people than cultural arts; the Centennial campaign has so far reached $215 million of its $250 million goal without much fundraising from Athletics and the School of Medicine. Now that Athletics has a new Director and Medicine has a new Dean, there are opportunities for more donations. He said that the University has had good results from the Legislature in that last 4 years. For the coming biennium, the University won’t be asking for new programs, but will instead focus on repair and maintenance for all campuses. Campuses will be requested to provide measurable outcomes.

Regarding service on the Board of Regents, he closed with a comment by Emeritus Regent Ted Hong, who said “David, you’re paid too much, and I’m paid too little.”

VI. GUEST SPEAKER

Jim Donovan, UH Mānoa Athletics Director, spoke about his first 32 days on the job, and described the advice he has received from mentors, such as Stan Sheriff, who advised to not fight with people who buy ink by the barrel, and Hugh Yoshida, who taught Jim how to listen and value consensus.

Mr. Donovan said that he has been working with the Legislature on repair and maintenance needs, and met with his staff to begin re-organizing and establish support groups. He wants to create endowments for their programs, and increase international
exposure, especially in Australia and Japan. He views UH Athletics as the “front porch” for the University “house,” where Athletics invites the community and the public into the University.

In response to questions from the audience, Mr. Donovan said that it would be too costly for UH to become independent of any Conference because the travel costs would increase significantly. He will institute lower prices for the cheaper seats, and have Athletics control concessions at the Stan Sheriff Arena and baseball facility. President McClain added that only 6 Division I schools cover their costs. More than half of the institutions subsidize their Athletics program.

VI. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Ed Kuba was recognized for his 10 years of organizing the AER golf tournament. A resolution was passed and presented to Ed in appreciation, which read as follows:

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING
ED KUBA
FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE
ASSOCIATION OF EMERITUS REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI’I

WHEREAS, ED KUBA, as one of the Association’s chartered members, has served with selfless dedication, wisdom and energy; and

WHEREAS, ED KUBA has provided leadership and continuity by serving as the founding chair of the Association’s annual golf tournament since 1998; and

WHEREAS, ED KUBA provided the experience, knowledge and organizational skills which allowed the Association to host its inaugural PRESIDENT’S GOLF TOURNAMENT in 1998; and

WHEREAS, ED KUBA was the driving force to insure that the Association sustained its annual tradition of hosting the ASSOCIATION OF EMERITUS REGENTS GOLF TOURNAMENT for the past 10 years; and

WHEREAS, ED KUBA’s golfing initiatives have fostered tremendous camaraderie among the Association members, the University of Hawai‘i Board of Regents, Trustees of the University of Hawai‘i Foundation, and their executive administrators; and

WHEREAS, ED KUBA is the quintessential statesman warmly regarded and deeply respected by his colleagues;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Association of Emeritus Regents of the University of Hawai‘i, that it sincerely thanks and honors ED KUBA for his years of service and devotion to the Association.
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2008.

Ed thanked the AER, and said that his 8 years as a Regent were some of the best years of his life, and provided an opportunity to give back to the University. He added that working with the Emeritus Regents has prolonged this good feeling.

VII. RESULTS OF THE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The UH Foundation team scored 6 ½ points; the BOR team scored 7 ½ points, so the BOR team takes home the trophy for 2008.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Takeyama thanked Joe Blanco, Pepper Shiramizu, Donna Vuchinich, Milton Higa, Presley Pang, and Louise Miura for assisting with the planning of the tournament, and the meeting.

Upon unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stanley Mukai
Secretary