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September 16, 2014

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawai'i
Executive Chambers
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie:

By letter dated July 9, 2014, we informed you that the Candidate Advisory Council (CAC) initiated the recruitment process for four (4) seats for interim appointments to replace the regents who had resigned in late June/early July of this year. Ads were placed in statewide newspapers, with an application deadline date of August 15, 2014, calling for nominations for a City and County of Honolulu seat, a Hawai'i County seat, a Kauai County seat and a Maui County seat on the Board of Regents of the University of Hawai'i.

On behalf of the CAC and in conformity with the provisions of Act 72, 2013 Session Laws of Hawai'i, the following candidates are presented to you to fill these seats for terms to begin immediately upon appointment but with the duration subject to Senate confirmation.

City & County of Honolulu seat (for a term to end on 6/30/17)

1. Simeon R. Acoba, Jr.
2. Peter S. Adler
3. Maralyn A. Kurshals
4. Michael T. McEnerney
5. Russel S. Nagata

Hawai'i County seat (for a term to end on 6/30/16)

1. Wayne s. Higaki
2. Peter S. Hoffmann
3. Roy A. Vitousek III

Kauai County seat (for a term to end on 6/30/17)

1. Dileep G. Bal
2. David Iha
3. Klaus Keil

Maui County seat (for a term to end on 6/30/15))

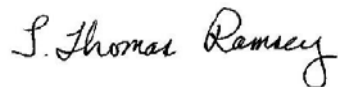
1. Sherrilee K. Dodson
2. Anders F. Lyons
3. Helen F. Nielsen

Brief biographies drafted by the candidates are attached. Simultaneous with this presentation of candidates to you, the CAC, as required by law, is making the same information publicly available. The candidates have authorized the public release of their respective biographies to the media.

The CAC is also currently accepting nominations through October 31, 2014 for one (1) City and County of Honolulu seat and one (1) Maui County seat for five-year appointments to begin July 1, 2015. Regent Chuck Gee currently holds the City and County of Honolulu seat and his term will expire on June 30, 2015. The Maui seat has been vacated by a resignation.

If you have any questions, please call 692-1218 or email at borapp@hawaii.edu.

Sincerely,



L. Thomas Ramsey, Ph.D., Chairman
Candidate Advisory Council

Attachments

- c: Senator Donna Mercado Kim, President, Hawai'i State Senate
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**PRESENTATION OF
BOARD OF REGENTS' FINALISTS**

One (1) City & County of Honolulu Seat

One (1) Hawaii County Seat

One (1) Kauai County Seat

One (1) Maui County Seat

September 16, 2014

FINALISTS

CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU SEAT (for term to end on 6/30/17)

- **Simeon R. Acoba, Jr.**
- **Peter S. Adler**
- **Maralyn A. Kurshals**
- **Michael T. McEnerney**
- **Russel S. Nagata**

Simeon R. Acoba, Jr.

Associate Justice Simeon R. Acoba, Jr., (ret.) was appointed to the Hawai'i Supreme Court in May 2000. He served until his mandatory retirement age in 2014. Prior to his appointment to the supreme court, he was an associate judge on the Intermediate Court of Appeals from 1994-2000, a circuit court judge from 1980-1994, and a per diem district court judge from 1979-1980. He is presently a lecturer in law at the Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i.

Justice Acoba received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Hawai'i, and his Juris Doctorate from the Northwestern University School of Law. He was admitted to practice law in the federal and in the Hawai'i state courts on October 9, 1969. He started his career as a law clerk to then-Chief Justice William Richardson of the Hawai'i Supreme Court, was a special assistant to Harlan Cleveland, then-President of the University of Hawai'i, served as a deputy attorney general, and later was engaged in the private practice of law. During his practice he also served as a special deputy attorney general in the occupational safety and health area and in the public utilities area, as a state house of representatives majority attorney, and as an adjunct professor at the Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i.

Justice Acoba was the founding Chair of the Hawai'i Access to Justice (ATJ) Commission from 2008-2010 and currently serves on various Commission committees. He is Chair of the Judiciary's Strategic Planning Committee for ATJ. He is also Co-chair of the Judicial Administration Committee of the Hawai'i State Bar Association (HSBA) and is a director of the Hawai'i Justice Foundation and of the Mediation Center of the Pacific.

Justice Acoba is the 2013 recipient of the national Dwight D. Opperman Award for Judicial Excellence from the American Judicature Society; the Distinguished Service Award from the Japanese American Citizens League, Honolulu Chapter; the HSBA's Golden Gavel Award and President's Award; and the Hawai'i Pacific University Fellow of the Pacific Award.

Peter S. Adler, PhD

Peter Adler is a planner, mediator, facilitator and a principal in **ACCORD3.0**, a professional network of people specializing in cooperative foresight, strategy, and trouble-shooting.

Mr. Adler has worked in the government, business and the NGO sectors and teaches advanced negotiation courses in the Department of Urban and Planning at the University of Hawaii. He holds a Ph.D. in interdisciplinary social science from the Union Institute and a Masters degree in sociology and community development from the University of Missouri.

Prior executive experience includes nine years as President and CEO of The Keystone Center (www.keystone.org), Executive Director of the Hawaii Justice Foundation, and founding Director of the Hawaii Supreme Court's Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

He is the author of three books and numerous academic and popular articles and lives and works in Hawaii.

MARALYN A. KURSHALS

Maralyn Kurshals' career in the public and private sector has spanned over 40 years in Hawai'i. She was elected to the Hawai'i State Board of Education in 2010 as the Leeward Oahu representative and has held various leadership roles for community-based educational initiatives. During her term on the BOE, she addressed statewide policy issues, and was a member of the Career and Technical Education Coordinating Advisory Council.

Ms. Kurshals is retired from the Department of Health, Children and Adolescent Mental Health Division, where she was a quality assurance specialist. Her professional history includes working with a diverse range of populations and in human services with homeless/houseless persons, people with disabilities and in early childhood education. She was a Department of Education service tester for the Felix consent decree, a substitute teacher and an instructor for C-Base students in Wai'anae. She coordinated the early childhood planning process for the Good Beginnings Alliance's Annie E. Casey Foundation's "Partnership for Hawaii's Keiki" and was also a community facilitator for INPEACE's SPARK initiative.

Since 1999, Ms. Kurshals has lived and worked on the Wai'anae Coast, where she has been involved with community-based initiatives that partnered with the Native Hawaiian community. As a board member of the Wai'anae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, she contributed toward complex institutional policy making. She was also a grant maker with the Hawai'i Community Foundation, and is now a member of the Hawai'i People's Fund grant making committee, assisting with the distribution of funds to groups and organizations that serve Hawai'i's people and environment. Her college career began at Merritt Jr. College, a community college in Oakland, Calif. She completed her bachelor's degree at the University of Delaware. She continues to expand her education and recently completed a political philosophy course at the University of Hawai'i, West Oahu campus.

Ms. Kurshals has held volunteer positions with the Wai'anae Neighborhood Board and the Palolo Neighborhood Board, and is currently the chairwoman of the Wai'anae Hawaiian Civic Club, Scholarship Committee. She also serves on various other nonprofit boards as well as having held a government commission appointment.

As an advocate for lifelong learning, Ms. Kurshals is involved with the promotion of literacy through the distribution of free books and reading events. Her two daughters were born and raised in Palolo Valley on Oahu and attended public school. Both began their higher education in the community college system. Her youngest is a graduate of the University of Hawai'i at Manoa's School of Journalism, and is a reporter/writer in New York City. Her oldest daughter is a professional photographer and event organizer for Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, in Austin, Texas.

Ms. Kurshals is committed to educational access and diversity. She believes that all people in the State of Hawai'i deserve to have equal educational opportunities that will enable them to achieve self-sufficiency, as well as personal and professional fulfillment.

Michael T. McEnerney
M.B.A.,J.D.,C.P.A./A.B.V./C.F.F.,A.S.A.,C.V.A

Michael T. McEnerney is President of McEnerney Shimabukuro Okazaki & Fujita CPAs AAC. He was awarded a B.S. degree *cum laude* of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a double major in accounting and in business administration (finance); an M.B.A. degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa; and, a J.D. *cum laude* degree from Northwestern University. Mr. McEnerney holds a C.P.A. certificate and is registered in Illinois and a C.P.A. license/permit and certificate in Hawaii. He is admitted to the bar in Illinois, Hawaii, select federal districts, the Tax Court of the US, the US 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and the US Supreme Court. He holds the following business appraisal designations: ABV – Accredited in Business Valuation and CFF – Certified in Financial Forensics, both from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; ASA – Accredited Senior Appraiser from the American Society of Appraisers; and, CVA – Certified Valuation Analysis from the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts. Mr. McEnerney's publications and presentations include divorce tax and valuation sections of the Hawaii Divorce Manual, 10 annual tax update programs for the Hawaii Association of Public Accountants; various tax articles published in the Hawaii CPA and HSCPA news letters; author and presenter of tax and valuation programs in Hawaii to accountants, trust officers and attorneys; author and presenter with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the update for rules for Client Trust Funds; and, teacher undergraduate and graduate courses University of Hawaii and Chaminade University. Mr. McEnerney has testified, presented reports, been a master or joint expert in over 110 cases in Hawaii and federal court. Mr. McEnerney was a director of the HSCPA (1994-2000); has been a member of several of Child Support Guideline Committees; the recent Tax Review Commission for the State of Hawaii; and, currently serves on the advisory committee for the Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO) for the State of Hawaii. He has also served as the President, Vice President and Director of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Society of Appraisers.

He was a founding member of the Collaborative Divorce Hawaii Practice Group (CDHPG). He has had both local and national training in Collaborative Law in support of this area and is a member of the International Academy of Collaborative Professional (IACP), an international organization promoting standards and training in this area. He is a mediator with the Mediation Center of the Pacific (MCP) having gone through their training in both divorce law in Hawaii and basic mediation. His work with MCP is limited to financial and tax issues in mediation of any kind. He is a trained arbitrator working with Dispute Prevention & Resolution of Hawaii in the area of Family/Matrimonial issues. He has been trained as a voluntary settlement master for Family Court and has been appointed a special master and joint expert dealing with financial, tax and valuation issues.

He is married to the former Irene Yanamura (42 years). They had four sons and have 8 grandchildren.

Russel S. Nagata

Russel Nagata graduated from Iolani School in 1969. He spent his freshman year at Occidental College in beautiful Eaglerock, California; then transferred to Tokyo to study in a year-abroad program at Waseda University. He returned home and graduated from the University of Hawaii in 1972.

From 1971-1974, he was a member of the Third Arm Community Center, which was an activist multi-services organization serving the needs of the residents in downtown Chinatown. Perhaps the most significant action he participated in was the organizing of immigrant and indigent residents to fight for their rights during the various urban redevelopment projects. This eventually resulted in the construction of low income and elderly housing for them.

In May, 1976, Mr, Nagata graduated as a member of the inaugural class of the William S. Richardson School of Law despite the dust and traffic surrounding the portable classrooms of Lower Campus Road. He then went on to work as a deputy attorney general until 1979.

From 1979 until 1986, he worked for the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. He started off as the youngest state civil service chief heading the Business Registration Division. From there, he headed various divisions within the department until Governor George Ariyoshi appointed him to become Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in 1982.

In 1986, Governor John Waihee appointed him as the State Comptroller (Director of the Department of Accounting and General Services). His most rewarding experiences there were overseeing all state capital improvement projects and the repair and maintenance of state facilities including the Department of Education and the University of Hawaii.

From late 1970-1990, he served as a member of the Family Services Center in Kalihi. This preschool specialized in early childhood education for children of needy families. During the 1990's, he served as a board member and past president of Palama Settlement. His early childhood education experiences expanded to those of teenagers and sub-teens.

In 1992, he was sworn in as a District Judge of the District Court of the First Circuit. During his nineteen years in District Court, he also served in a dual administrative capacity as chief Deputy Administrative Judge. During those years, he also served as District Court legislative liaison because of his executive department legislative experience.

Mr. Nagata retired at the end of December 2011. During 2012, he served two days a week as a pro bono judge and presently serves as a regular per diem judge.

FINALISTS

**Hawaii County
(for term to end on 6/30/16)**

- **Wayne S. Higaki**
- **Peter S. Hoffmann**
- **Roy A. Vitousek III**

Wayne S. Higaki

Wayne Higaki is the Chief Development Officer at North Hawaii Community Hospital, an affiliate of The Queen's Health Systems located in Kamuela on Hawaii Island. Mr. Higaki has served in several capacities at North Hawaii Community Hospital since it opened in 1996 including Vice President of Public Affairs.

Mr. Higaki began his professional career in California as a Radiation Therapy Technologist at Sutter Memorial Hospital in Sacramento followed by management roles in Radiation Oncology Departments at Fresno Community Hospital and Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian in Newport Beach.

He is Chair of Hawaii County's Workforce Investment Board and a member of the Workforce Development Council for the State of Hawaii. He also serves on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Hawaii County Subarea Council and Certificate of Need Review Panel for the State Health Planning and Development Agency. He is a member of the Waimea Community Association's Board of Directors. He served as Board President of the Hamakua Health Center; member of the Mayor's Healthcare Sustainability Taskforce and the Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance Steering Committee.

Mr. Higaki was born and raised on Hawaii Island, graduated from Honokaa High School and received an associate of science degree at Kapiolani Community College. He resides in Waikoloa Village and spends time with his fiancée Ann and their dog Toshi.

Peter S. Hoffmann

Peter Hoffmann graduated from St. Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ, with a B.S. in accounting in 1962 and received a M.S. degree in history from the New York University in 1965. He also is a graduate of the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks Pennsylvania and completed the Ulumau Leadership Series in the Hawaii County in 2004.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1965-1993: Active duty, United States Army, Intelligence Branch. Retired in the rank of Colonel. Assignments included 25 months in Vietnam, two years in Chiangmai, Thailand assigned to an Intelligence collection unit, and four years in Hawaii ending with duty with the 25th Infantry Division. Further assignments include three years in Munich, Germany with an Army Intelligence Group, two years on the US Army staff in the Pentagon to include budget work with four Congressional committees on Capitol Hill, Commander of an Intelligence Battalion at Ft. Monmouth, NJ, Commander of a Recruiting Battalion in Boston, MA, Commander of the PW/MIA Team in Bangkok, Thailand and finally three years as US Defense Attache, in the US Embassy in Vienna, Austria.

1993-1996: Director, Mission Support for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), a 55 nation conflict-prevention, preventive diplomacy organization headquartered in Vienna, Austria. Among other duties, provided personnel, logistical and budgetary support for ten diplomatic missions located in the former Soviet Union and for the first Bosnian elections in the summer of 1996.

2004-2012: elected four times as Hawaii County Councilman for the Kohala District, completing a total of eight years on the Council, serving two of these years as Council Chair as well as several months as Vice-Chair.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: currently serves on the Board of Directors for the West Hawaii Community Health Center, is a substitute teacher at the Waikoloa Elementary and Middle School, serves on the Stewardship and Development Commission for the Catholic Diocese of Honolulu as well as other community and parish activities. Previously served for four years on the Board of Directors for the Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra, served for eleven years as co-Chair of the Hawaii County Food Basket's Golf Tournament, and served for ten years as the President of the Waikoloa Senior Center.

OTHER INFORMATION:

- Speaks Thai and German.
- Seventeen year member of the State Senior Softball League whose team (Kona Gold) won the 2014 State Tournament.
- Honored as the 2013 male recipient of the Outstanding Older American award for the County of Hawaii.

Mr. Hoffmann was born in Jersey City, NJ; is married to the former Joan Mooney and recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary; have four children and ten grandchildren.

Roy A. Vitousek III

Roy A. Vitousek III (Randy) is a resident of Kamuela, Hawai`i, and is the Resident Partner in the Big Island offices of Cades Schutte LLP.

Born in Honolulu, Mr. Vitousek attended Hanahauoli School and Punahou School then graduated from Hawaii Preparatory Academy in Kamuela, Hawai`i. He earned a BA in Psychology from Williams College in 1972 then returned to the Big Island and was employed by the Kona Village Resort. Mr. Vitousek entered the first class of what became the William S. Richardson School of Law and graduated in 1976.

Upon graduation from law school, Mr. Vitousek served as a law clerk for Justice H. Baird Kidwell in the Hawai`i Supreme Court then joined Cades Schutte Fleming & Wright in 1977. In 1987, he opened the firm's Big Island offices.

Mr. Vitousek specializes in land use, litigation, employment, and hospital law. He is licensed in all state and federal courts in Hawai`i, the U. S. Supreme Court, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Mr. Vitousek has served as an adjunct and assistant professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law and has taught Hotel Law at the University of Hawaii School of Travel Industry Management. He is a former President of the Young Lawyers Division of the Hawaii State Bar Association and the Hawaii Institute for Continuing Legal Education. He is a current member of the Board of Directors of Hawaii Preparatory Academy.

Mr. Vitousek is married to Dr. Sharon Vitousek and they have three children: Sean, Mike, and Malie. Sean and Mike have masters degrees from University of Hawaii at Manoa; Sean in Coastal Geology and Mike in Applied Archaeology. All three children were college varsity athletes: Sean (volleyball, Princeton University), Mike (football, Bowdoin College), and Malie (water polo and swimming, Colorado College).

FINALISTS

KAUAI COUNTY

(for immediate appointment to end on 6/30/17)

- **Dileep G. Bal**
- **David Iha**
- **Klaus Keil**

Dileep G. Bal, M.D., M.S., M.P.H.

Dr. Dileep G. Bal began working for the Hawaii State Department of Health in September 2005, as the District Health Officer for the Island of Kauai, and as Special Advisor to the Director of the Department on Cancer, Chronic Disease, Tobacco and Nutrition/Obesity. Since his arrival on Kauai, Dr. Bal has been instrumental in bringing in funds and services valued in excess of \$20 million to Kauai. Tropic Care 2014 is the latest example where he and his colleagues were instrumental in having the military provide free medical, dental and optometric care delivered on Kauai in June 2014. Over 12,000 patients were seen, 22,000 procedures were done and over 5,000 pairs of spectacles were provided.

Previously, Dr. Bal had been with the State of California for over two decades (from 1981 to 2005), where he served as the Chief of the Cancer Control Branch within the Department of Health Services. He is the founder/director of California's Cancer Control, Tobacco Control and Obesity Control efforts, which have been universally acclaimed for their innovations and effectiveness.

Dr. Bal has continuously had Full-Time, Clinical or Adjunct Professor faculty appointments for the duration of his entire four decade long career, ranging from the University of Arizona College of Medicine, to the University of California College of Medicine at Davis and currently at the University of Hawaii. He has published extensively in the areas of Cancer Prevention and Control, especially about Diet and Cancer, Tobacco Control, and Cancer and the Underserved. Dr. Bal has been Principal Investigator on several large National Cancer Institute and Centers for Disease Control cancer prevention and control projects. Dr. Bal serves on the Advisory Committee to the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Currently he is an active reviewer for several peer-reviewed medical journals, as well as for the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Bal is a frequent speaker on public health, medical and social justice issues, both nationally and internationally to a variety of audiences. He was the commencement speaker at Brown University Medical School in May 2005.

Prior to going to California in 1981, Dr. Bal was in Tucson, Arizona for ten years, where he was Director of the Pima County Health Department and on the faculty of the University of Arizona, College of Medicine. Dr. Bal was born and educated mainly in New Delhi, India. He also has graduate degrees in Public Health from Columbia and Harvard Universities and did his Clinical Residency at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. He has been board certified by the American Board of Preventive Medicine since 1975 and was elected to the American College of Preventive Medicine in that same year.

Over the years, Dr. Bal has been very active in the Boards of Directors (and as an Officer) of many national organizations, including the American Cancer Society, C-Change, Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, APPEAL (Asian Pacific Islander Partners for Education, Advocacy and Leadership), PRAXIS, AANCART, and the Public Health Institute. Dr. Bal has been most active with the American Cancer Society at the local, state, and national levels. He has been a member of the ACS National Board of Directors and a National Officer, in addition to being an Honorary Life Member. In 2000-2001, Dr. Bal was the National President of the American Cancer Society.

Dr. Bal and Muktha, his wife of 33 years, have two children. Their daughter Sarah, who graduated from the University of California, works in Washington, D.C. Their son Vijay in California, has an undergraduate degree from Harvard College and graduate degrees in Law and Business.

David Iha

David Iha started his career with the University of Hawai`i at the System Budget Office as an Institutional Analyst and later, as Acting Budget Director. He served as Budget and Accounting Officer for the Community College System before returning to his native Kauai as the Director of Administrative Services at Kauai Community College. He was part of the leadership team that designed and built a new campus in Puhi on 200 acres of land donated by Grove Farm Company. He was appointed Provost of Kauai Community College in 1982 and led the campus for sixteen years. As Provost, he helped rebuild the college after the destruction caused by Hurricane Iwa in 1982 and Hurricane Iniki in 1992. Mr. Iha expanded the curriculum to include: Culinary arts, Hawai`ian Studies, Hospitality and Tourism, Early Childhood Education, and Electronics Technology. He was a strong advocate for the University Center, international education, and establishing exchange programs with educational institutions in Okinawa and mainland Japan.

David Iha served as the Executive Administrator and Secretary of the Board of Regents from 1998 until his retirement in 2006.

During his tenure at UH, Mr. Iha held several national and regional positions in higher education associations including: The American Council of Education, The American Association of Community Colleges, and the Accrediting Commission for Community Colleges part of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Mr. Iha served on a number of governing boards in the state including: the Hawai`i Community Foundation, Public Schools of Hawai`i Foundation, Kauai Visitors Bureau, and a founding director of the Kauai Economic Development Board,

Currently Mr. Iha serves on the Conference Council and the Hawai`i Conference Foundation of the United Church of Christ, Lihue Christian Church, Kauai Island Utility Cooperative Board, and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Board.

Mr. Iha has received numerous honors, among them the State of Hawai`i's Governor's Award for Employee of the Year, 1986; University of Hawai`i Alumni Association, Distinguished Service Award, 1988; Wheaton College Crusader Club Hall of Honor, 1991; University of Hawai`i Manager of the Year, 1993; University of the Ryukyus (Okinawa), Honorary Doctor of Philosophy, 2003.

Mr. Iha is an active participant in a variety of community activities, including singing with The Kauai Chorale, President of the Chado Urasenke Foundation Tankokai Kauai Association, and playing the Okinawan sanshin with the Afuso Ryu Gensei Kai Hawai`i Shibu.

A graduate of Kauai High School, Mr. Iha received a bachelor's degree from Wheaton College in Illinois and a master's degree from UH Manoa. He served two years on active duty with the U.S. Army with assignments in Korea and Hawai`i. He and his wife, Shirley, have two sons, Douglas and Derek, four grandchildren and a great grandson.

Klaus Keil

Professional Accomplishments: Klaus is an internationally recognized researcher, professor, and administrator in Cosmochemistry, has authored/coauthored 675 scientific papers, and brought many Millions of external research dollars to UH. He retired from UH July 1, 2012, so he could be considered for the 2012 open seat for Kauai on the BOR; he was one of two candidates recommender by the RCAC to the Governor.

Administrative Positions: Klaus is a renowned University administrator and faculty leader with over 50 years of distinguished service. The University of Hawai'i-Mānoa appointed him Head, Planetary Geosciences Division (1990-1994), Director, Hawai'i Institute of Geophysics and Planetology (HIGP) (1994-2003), and Interim Dean, School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) (2003-2006), with responsibilities for 4 academic departments, 3 research institutes, several research centers, 230 faculty, with ~ \$ 110 Million in extramural funding. Since 2006, he was a Research Professor in HIGP until his retirement. Prior to coming to UH, he was a Researcher, University of California, La Jolla (1961-1963), Research Scientist, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, CA (1963-68), and Director, Institute of Meteoritics and Professor of Geology, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque (1968-90).

Community-University-Professional Service: Upon appointment to UH-M, Klaus and his wife Linde made their home in Koloa, Kaua'i, where they are active members of the community. Klaus has a stellar record in public service and extensive experience in chairing and guiding the work of boards and committees. **Community Service:** As President-elect and President (2004-2006) of the Hawai'i Academy of Science, Klaus contributed to fundraising and organization of the Hawai'i State Science and Engineering Fair which provides life-long educational opportunities to our future scientists and engineers. He has frequently given talks to Rotary Clubs and schools and participated in the biennial Open Houses of SOEST, which attract thousands of school children and their parents. **University Service:** Other than the service associated with his administrative positions, Klaus served as Senator, Vice-Chair and Chair, UH-M Faculty Senate, and Co-Chair, All-Campus Council of Faculty Senate Chairs, which required extensive interaction with faculty from Community Colleges, 4-year schools and UH-M. He chaired many search advisory committees, including that for the Director, Institute for Astronomy, and for the Chancellor of the UH-M. **Professional Service:** At the national level, Klaus's record is exceptional. For example, he served as President, Meteoritical Society and President, Microbeam Analysis Society. He chaired NASA's Lunar Sample Analysis Planning Team, Lunar and Planetary Science Council, and Mars Observer Review Panel, and the National Academy of Sciences' National Committee on Geochemistry and was a member of its prestigious Space Studies Board.

Honors: Among Klaus's numerous honors are honorary doctorates from the University of New Mexico and from Friedrich-Schiller-University, Jena, Germany. He is a Fellow of the American Geophysical Union, Meteoritical Society, Mineralogical Society of America, and Honorary Member, Microbeam Analysis Society, and recipient of the Leonard Medal of the Meteoritical Society, the J. Lawrence Smith Medal of the National Academy of Sciences, and the Abraham Gottlob Werner Medal of the German Mineralogical Society.

FINALISTS

MAUI COUNTY (for term to end on 6/30/15)

- **Sherrilee K. Dodson**
- **Anders F. Lyons**
- **Helen F. Nielsen**

Sherrilee (Sherri) K. Dodson

Sherri K. Dodson is the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Maui. She was the first executive director hired and has helped guide the organization to completing 78 homes in 10 years.

She graduated from the University of Hawaii with a B.A. in Political Science with an emphasis in Hawaiian Studies. She then continued her education at Western State Law School and graduated with a J.D. in 1986.

In 1990 she was appointed Vice Chairman of the 1990 Maui County Charter Commission and in 2003 she was appointed Vice Chairman of the State Salary Commission. She was also a member of the Governor's Task Force on Affordable Housing. She continues to volunteer for the National Kidney Foundation and Hawaii Organ Donor Center. She was a board member for five years on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority and is currently the Treasurer for the Maui Non-Profit Director's Association. She currently is a director for Housing Hawaii and advocates for affordable housing for the residents of Hawaii.

Prior to joining Habitat for Humanity Maui, Ms. Dodson worked with the Law Offices of Jan K. Apo for 12 years and then practiced Immigration Law as a sole practitioner.

She is a graduate of the Weinberg Fellows Program and the Hawaii Community Foundation's PONO program. She received, on behalf of her affiliate, the Pioneer in Excellence Award from Habitat for Humanity International. In 2009 she was voted Maui's Executive Director of the Year and in 2011 was a finalist for Outstanding Women Leaders in the Business and the Community by the Pacific Business News. In 2013 Habitat was named the Maui Nonprofit of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce and Maui United Way's Partner of the Year.

Personal: Born on Oahu and raised on Maui.

Anders F. Lyons

Principal, Kapalaea Consultants LLC



Anders Lyons is Principal at Kapalaea Consultants LLC, a statewide consulting company. Lyons' focus is on partnering with clients to provide high-level capacity to meet their government relations, fundraising, and business development needs.

Lyons currently serves as a board member of the Maui Economic Development Board and the J.W. Cameron Center. Other recent community activities include organizing candidate forums, collaborating with Bank of Hawai'i in their support of nonprofits in Maui County, and funding scholarships for local high school students. Lyons also serves on the Maui County Board of Water Supply. He is the co-president of the Rotary Club of Kahului.

Lyons has worked for businesses and nonprofits in Hawai'i and abroad. Native ecosystem conservation in Hawai'i and the Pacific has been central to Lyons' career. Early on he was an employee of the Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i under the Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit. Working for The Nature Conservancy on

Maui as Natural Resource Manager and as Maui Director he was responsible for supervising conservation programs covering 150,000 acres of native forested watersheds. Later Lyons led the newly-formed Palmyra Atoll Program for four years. A highlight of this experience was resolving long-held disputes and establishing trust and cooperation as he led the nine-member Palmyra Atoll Research Consortium and US Fish & Wildlife service in developing operating protocols and establishing conservation and science priorities. During this time he also operated a major-gifts fundraising program – raising over two million dollars to support global conservation efforts. After leaving The Nature Conservancy Lyons served as Interim Executive Director at the Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, and first as Associate Director and then as Interim Executive Director for the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, before founding Kapalaea Consultants LLC.

Born and raised in Makawao, Maui, Lyons attended high school at Seabury Hall and received a B.A. in Sociology from the University of Puget Sound. After graduation Lyons worked in Tacoma, Washington for several years before traveling extensively in the Pacific and Asia. In addition to studying in Copenhagen at Denmark's International Study program during college, he later lived and worked in Denmark for several years before returning home to work on Maui. Lyons' mother was born and raised in Denmark and his father's family has been part of the Maui community for seven generations.

Lyons lives in Makawao with his wife Kiera Strohm-Herman and their two young daughters. In his spare time he enjoys family activities, hiking, Crossfit and SCUBA diving.

HELEN F. NIELSEN

A resident of Maui for close to thirty years, Helen Nielsen has a passion for community service and environmental sustainability. A homeowner in remote Kaupo in the Hana District of Maui, her home has been off the grid for decades, with 100% independent infrastructure, utilizing solar power with rainwater catchment. Helen grows fruit trees and vegetables, and raises honeybees and chickens.

Helen is employed by the United States Senate as a Field Representative for Hawaii's US Senator Brian Schatz.

Helen is co-owner/manager of commercial properties in Wailuku, Maui and Waimea, Hawaii. She worked as a reports analyst for WR Grace & Co. headquarters in NY City and as administrative manager for the Artkraft Strauss Group of communications, advertising and construction companies in New York.

Taking land conservation to a new level for Hawaii, in 2001 Helen was a founder of the Maui Coastal Land Trust (MCLT) and served on its board. By bringing together a broad coalition of businesses, land owners, environmentalists and labor, MCLT has protected over 14,000 acres in Maui County. MCLT garnered recognition as a leader in land conservation by federal, state and county officials.

Due to the success of the MCLT, major funders and land conservation groups requested that MCLT spearhead efforts to merge similar local organizations into a statewide non-profit. Working with these groups throughout the state as well as federal, state and local governments, business and civic leaders, the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (HILT) was formed in 2011, merging non-profits from Kauai, Oahu, Maui and Hawaii Island. Helen served as the transition leader and first board president of HILT. The purpose of HILT is to preserve iconic lands by identifying and creating sustainable partnerships to protect unique and endangered resources in Hawaii.

Helen's exemplary work with land conservation, as well as her consensus-driven and inclusive leadership style, has been widely lauded and she has been honored by the Maui County Council, the Rotary Club, and Maui County's Commission on the Status of Women.

In addition, Helen is a long-time volunteer with several other local non-profits. She has served as President of the Maui Japanese Chamber of Commerce. In this role, Helen participated in several community-building projects in Fukuyama as well as on Maui.

Helen serves as a member of the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (Ham Radio Operator Extra Class license KH6T). She holds an FAA private pilot license.

Helen has also served on the Maui County Salary Commission and the Maui Economic Development Board's (MEDB) committee on Economic Development for Maui County.

She attended Kingsborough Community College and Pace University, both in New York, studying business.

Helen is an abstract painter and enjoys travel, art, music and cooking for and hosting friends and acquaintances of varied and diverse interests.