

FINALISTS

HONOLULU COUNTY SEATS

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Mālia Ka'aihue

Mālia Ka'aihue is the President of DTL, a Hawaiian strategy studio she co-founded in 2014. DTL's core services are design, communications and planning. Using her expertise in Hawaiian history, politics and language, Mālia develops and executes strategies that are culturally appropriate, community minded, and relevant to her clients. DTL is one of four companies Mālia founded and is active in.

Mālia is a highly recognized entrepreneur and an award-winning author who is deeply involved in the Native Hawaiian Community. She attended the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where she received a bachelor's degree in Hawaiian Studies and Language, as well as master's and doctoral degrees in Political Science.

She currently serves as a board member for the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Reach the Runway, Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'O 'Ānuenue, and Nā Kama Kai—an ocean safety non-profit she founded with her husband in 2008.

Over the last several years, Pacific Business News has recognized Mālia as a Woman to Watch in 2013, Forty Under 40 Class of 2016, and most recently as an Industry Leader in 2017. Mālia was a Pacific Century Fellow in 2015 and an Omidyar Fellow in 2017.

Bill Melohn

Bill's career has been focused on designing network protocols and building teams of engineers who helped define the Internet and IP based distributed systems. As a technology consultant he continues to focus on the development of the people, ideas, and organizations that are setting out to improve the world as profitable businesses. He also uses his interests, skills and experience to give back to the community.

Bill's first exposure to a lifelong interest in telecom was on the Mānoa campus in 1976. As an 'Iolani student he had the privilege to observe and interact with the team doing Project Aloha. This project was a forerunner to modern communications technologies such as Ethernet and the Internet protocols and services. He received his B.S. in Computer Science/Business Administration at USC, where he worked as a researcher and developer in these areas.

Throughout a three decade career in Silicon Valley, he focused both on advancing the state of the art in networking, but also on giving back to his community through the arts. Examples are:

- Directing and instructing volunteers doing television production for PBS
- Learning to fly and then inspiring kids to become airplane pilots through the EAA
- Learning about viticulture and consumer marketing by volunteering at a local winery

In his previous role as Vice President/Chief Technology Officer for Network Systems at a Dow 30 company, Bill had the responsibility to support University research, build collaborations between the academic and industrial worlds, and focus on fair commercialization of ideas and synergy between researchers and developers worldwide.

Over the past 4 years Bill has served on the board of XLR8UH, Mānoa's nationally recognized venture accelerator. He has acted as a mentor for several early stage UH affiliated companies and demonstrated his desire to encourage local entrepreneurs, in synergy with the Hawai'i Innovation Initiative (HI2), which is a key goal of the UH system strategic plan.

He has also worked to provide advice and support to the UH College of Engineering, both as a member of the Dean's advisory council, and as a member of the search committee looking to find a new leader for the college.

Bill volunteers with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he is the District Flight Safety Officer, as well as an Aircraft Commander and Flight Examiner. AuxAir augments Active Duty aviators, in many ways:

- Doing search and rescue missions to find missing mariners
- Patrolling the state's waters watching for pollution
- Protecting the Humpback Whale Sanctuary
- Transporting injured native endangered seabirds to get medical attention

He also serves as the Aviation Support Network volunteer for the Daniel K. Inouye Honolulu International Airport, working with the FAA and state to keep our airports, aircraft, pilots, and public safe.

He and his family support UH in several ways:

- As donors to the UH Cancer Center, where they serve as members of the Director's Circle
- With the UH Music Department, where they provide an endowment for community performance of music featuring our best local students.
- Bill has had the honor of giving a few lectures at Manoa on the history of the Internet, and its major protocols
- The Melohn family has enjoyed performing with the UH Choirs

Hawaii is the place Bill grew up with his grandparents and parents and kept in his mind as he lived across the country and travelled the world to develop his ideas beyond his wildest dreams. Along with his wife Trudi, who is active in the performing arts and web services, they have been happily living on Oahu for the last 6 and a half years. He feels fortunate to be able to return, share his experiences, knowledge, and energy to try to make our state and its eponymous University a better place for all. He says "It's good to finally be home to stay!"

Jeffrey Portnoy

Jeffrey Portnoy was born in Brooklyn, New York. He graduated from Syracuse University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in political science and a minor in journalism. He attended Duke University School of Law where he received his juris doctorate in 1972.

In June of 1972, Jeff moved to Hawaii and began employment as an associate attorney at the law firm of Cades Schutte Fleming and Wright (now Cades Schutte LLP). He served as chairman of the firm's litigation department for three decades and served on the firm's management committee for more than two decades.

He has numerous law-related accomplishments, including membership in the prestigious American Board of Trial Advocates; chair of the United States District Court Advisory Committee from 1992 to 1996 and chair of the United States District Court Magistrate Selection Panel in 1990. Portnoy was also selected by the judges of the United States District Court to serve as a lawyer representative to the Ninth Circuit to serve as the sole Hawaii attorney member to the Ninth Circuit Advisory Board from 2005 to 2008; elected president of the Hawaii State Bar Association in 2007, elected as the representative from the Hawaii State Bar Association to the American Bar Association House of Delegates from 1994 to 1996; appointed by the Hawaii Supreme Court to serve on the Supreme Court Disciplinary Board; served on the Judicial Selection Commission from 2012 to 2014. He also served as president of the Hawaii Chapter of the Federal Bar Association from October 2014 to September 2015.

He is presently the Vice Chair of the Board of Regents and the chair of the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. He also serves as the Board's liaison to the All Campus Counsel of Faculty Senate Chairs. He currently is a member of the Personnel Affairs Committee, Board Governance and Independent Audit Committee. In the past he has served on the Planning & Facilities Committee and Academic & Student Affairs Committee.

He is a board member and/or officer for several non-profits, including the Manoa Valley Theatre, The Hawaii Theatre Center, and the Hawaii Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Edward J. Shultz

Edward J. Shultz is a retired University of Hawaii professor who received both an MA and PhD from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and taught at Leeward Community College, UH West O'ahu, and then UH-Manoa. At UH-Manoa, besides being a faculty member, he was the Director of the Center for Korean Studies, the Interim Dean of the School of Pacific and Asian Studies, and Assistant Vice Chancellor for International Education and Exchange. Subsequent to his retirement from UH in August 2013, he taught for a year at a university in Korea, and then returned to be Interim Chancellor of Hawaii Tokai International College for six months.

Shultz grew up on the East Coast and in his junior year in high school he went to school in Norway. This probably became the catalyst for his interest in international studies. Also while in high school he became an Eagle Scout. At college he studied Chinese for three years and on graduating in 1966, he came to Hawaii for Peace Corps training in Hilo to prepare to work in Korea.

Following Peace Corps Shultz matriculated at UH-Manoa receiving first an M.A. in 1970, and then a PhD in 1976 in Asian history. As a graduate student, he was the beneficiary of a number of grants including an East-West Center fellowship (69-71) and a Fulbright grant (73-74). These grants also enabled him to return to Asia and Korea for additional study.

Even before receiving a PhD, Leeward Community College hired Shultz as an instructor, and when West O'ahu opened in 1976, he became one of the four founding faculty. Within the UH system, besides teaching at the three campuses noted above, Shultz has held positions from a teaching assistant through a full professor in addition to a number of administrative responsibilities. He received several different grants to research for extended times in both Korea and Japan. In Hawaii both community service and international cooperation remained especially important to him. In 2004 he received the Clopton award for distinguished community service. From 2012 to 2018 he was president of the East-West Center Alumni Association. Hawaii and the University of Hawaii have been his home and an important part of his life for over 50 years. And it has also been the home of his family.

While in grad school Shultz married a Kamehameha graduate and high school history teacher and they subsequently had two sons. All have benefited from graduate degrees at the UH and when their sons married, their wives also enjoyed graduate degrees from UH. In essence Shultz has lived locally, played locally and thought nationally and internationally.

Hawaii and the University of Hawaii have been integral to Shultz's life. He would like to continue to be a part of the University of Hawaii and contribute to both the UH and the State of Hawaii. If selected to serve on the UH Board of Regents, Shultz will bring this background, especially in international education and Asia, and this commitment to continue to enhance the University of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii.

David K. Tanoue

David is currently a Vice President of R.M. Towill Corporation, and manages its Planning and Surveying departments. As an executive member of the company he provides leadership, develops and administers company policies, and has oversight of the company's legal and transactional matters.

Immediately prior to working at R.M. Towill Corporation, he was the Director of the City and County's Department of Planning and Permitting (from 2008-2012) and the Deputy Director (from 2005-2008). In addition, from 2001 to 2004 David was a Senior Deputy Corporation Counsel responsible for providing legal counsel to the Department of Planning & Permitting, the City Council Zoning and Planning Committees, Honolulu Planning Commission, and the Board of Water Supply. Working at the City in high profile, and often times contentious positions, he is familiar with the challenges, as well as the rewards, that public service affords.

David's private sector legal experience includes being General Counsel and Director of Contracting for a local architectural firm; and commercial and business litigation practices with private law firms.

With his years of land use and development experience and an intimate knowledge of legislative, regulatory, and agency processes and perspectives, David is frequently asked to participate in forums and discussions, as well as sought for advice on topics that include affordable housing, real estate development, entitlements, and land use.

David was born on Wake Island but raised on the Island of Maui. Both his parents are from rural Hana, Maui and many of his extended ohana still reside there. He is a graduate of Baldwin High School and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree in Biology. David also attended the William S. Richardson School of Law and received his J.D degree in 1990.