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The Honorable Linda Lingle
Governor, State of Hawai'i
Executive Chambers
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Lingle:

On behalf of the Regents Candidate Advisory Council (RCAC) and in conformity with the provisions of Act 56, 2007 Session Laws of the State of Hawai'i, and Act 9, 2008 Session Laws of Hawai'i, the following candidates are presented to you for consideration to fill the East Hawai'i vacancy due to the resignation of Regent Harvey Tajiri.

- Clifford C. Dias
- Patrick W. Naughton

To make these candidate presentations, the RCAC complied with the statutory requirements and assessed candidates in a fair, independent, and nonpartisan manner. All candidates, as required by Act 56, were asked to disclose any existing or anticipated contracts or financial transactions with the University of Hawai'i. Finally, with the assistance of a nationally-recognized firm, the RCAC had background checks performed on each candidate being presented. Based on the background checks, the RCAC concluded that there were no findings to indicate that any of the candidates being presented would not be able to discharge the responsibilities as a member of the Board of Regents.

Brief biographies drafted by the candidates are attached. Simultaneous with this presentation of candidates to you, the RCAC, as required by Act 56, is making the same information publicly available through the University of Hawai'i. The candidates have authorized the public release of their respective biographies to the media.

We respectfully request that you submit to the Regents Candidate Advisory Council, in writing, the terms of each nominee upon confirmation by the Senate.

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

Sincerely,



Roy Y. Takeyama
Chair, Regents Candidate Advisory Council

Attachments

- c: Members, Regents Candidate Advisory Council
Senator Colleen Hanabusa, Senate President
Representative Calvin Say, House Speaker
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education
Representative Jerry Chang, Chair, House Committee on Higher Education
Regent Howard Karr, Chair, Board of Regents
President M.R.C. Greenwood, University of Hawai'i

Clifford C. Dias

Cliff Dias was born and raised in Hilo on the Big Island of Hawaii. He graduated from St. Joseph School in 1967 and left the island for the University of Portland, Oregon enrolled in the School of Business.

Dias briefly left the University to enlist in the Army Reserve during the Vietnam era. He was accepted into the Oregon Military Academy receiving his military commission and eventually achieving the rank of Captain, U. S. Army. He graduated from the University of Portland in 1972 with a B.B.A., Bachelors of Business Administration majoring in Marketing.

Unfortunately, upon graduation from the University of Portland, jobs were scarce and limited on the Big Island and so a sacrifice was made to leave his Ohana and friends and make a career on the mainland. To go from palm trees to fir trees would broaden his horizon, though. Dias entered the field of banking in 1973 and eventually rose to the top post of any bank; that of President/CEO of a multi-billion dollar financial institution in Oregon. He retired in 2006 after eleven years at OnPoint Community Credit Union which included spending over twenty years in commercial banking with such institutions as Wells Fargo and Bank of America.

Along the way of a very successful career, Dias served on many boards such as the American Red Cross and Rotary Club as well as volunteering for many projects such as winterizing homes for the low-income and elderly. He also received many awards such as the "My Boss is a Patriot" award from the Department of Defense.

While President/CEO, Dias leaves a legacy that included a number of significant accomplishments. At the height of these accomplishments is that the company he headed was named one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For in Oregon", for five years in a row, an unprecedented record that remains in place today.

Also, near his retirement in 2005, OnPoint was selected as one of "Oregon's Most Admired Companies" in a statewide survey. Over 800 Oregon CEO's ranked companies on innovation, branding and marketing, quality of management, community involvement and quality of products and service.

Among his colleagues, Dias has been described as a "people oriented, customer focused, results driven leader". He is particularly proud of the fact that OnPoint weathered extremely well the financial storm of 2008/2009 because of the very positive and strong financial condition in which he left it.

In 2008, Dias was asked to serve on the North Hawaii Community Hospital, a 40 bed acute care hospital located on the Big Island.

And in 2009, Dias was informed that he was selected as a "Significant 75" graduate out of 8000 graduates from the University of Portland School of Business.

Patrick W. Naughton

Patrick Naughton has been a resident of Hawai'i since 1947 and grew up in Honolulu. His father was a UH professor of Chemistry and like all his siblings he, too, is a UH graduate. He received his commission as a lieutenant through the UH Army ROTC program and is a Vietnam combat veteran, twice being decorated for valor. Naughton holds a master's degree and a PhD in Geography as well as a master's degree in higher education.

Prior to returning to UH in 1980, Naughton taught high school in Jamaica and was an assistant professor at the University of the West Indies and Memorial University of Newfoundland. He worked as an academic administrator at various UH campuses for over 20 years. During this time he was the provost (now titled chancellor) of Hawai'i Community College in Hilo for nearly five years and spent 10 years as an administrator with the Office of the Chancellor for Community Colleges. While with the Chancellor's Office he was loaned to the DOE Superintendent's office to provide leadership for the School-to-Work program and also to the State Postsecondary Education Commission to coordinate a financial aid monitoring program.

After retiring from UH in 2001 Naughton moved to Montana for five years where he was the economic development director of a small county and then a fundraiser for Montana Tech University. He returned to Hilo in 2006 and was a very successful fundraiser for St. Joseph School for three years. He now runs a small nonprofit that provides tutoring for children with dyslexia and other reading disabilities.

Naughton has two adult children, both UH graduates. His son is a serving Army officer in Iraq and his daughter is a special education teacher in San Diego. He is actively involved in the Hilo community with the Lions and is a member of the Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce.