



I ulu no ka lālā i ke kumu.

The branches grow because of the trunk.

Without our ancestors we would not be here.*

*Selection no. 1261 from Mary Kawena Pukui's 'Ōlelo No'ēau: Hawaiian Proverbs and Poetical Sayings
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ASSOCIATION OF HAWAI'I ARCHIVISTS

Minutes of Board Meeting, March 14, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Present: Mary Company, Cynthia Engle, Kelsey Karsin, Carol Kellett, Eric Page, Toni Palermo, Mokihana Renti Cruz, Tonia Sutherland

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Cynthia Engle.
- II. **MINUTES.**
 - A. Minutes from the February 7, 2022 board meeting were approved with corrections.
- III. **TREASURER'S REPORT & MEMBERSHIP.**
 - A. Treasurer's report
 1. AHA got a lot of new memberships so the bank account balance has increased by about \$500.
 - B. Membership
 1. There are now 114 members total (99 Individual, 11 Institutional, and 4 Student).
- IV. **COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

The Board discussed which committees (listed below) to focus on for the year.

 - A. Annual Meeting/Conference
 - B. Elections
 - C. Membership
 - D. Community Service
 - E. Education
 - F. Holiday Social
 - G. Site Visits/Tours
 - H. Website/Social Media
 - I. Neighbor Island outreach

- V. SAA-Student Chapter.
 - A. No news to report
- VI. OLD BUSINESS.
- VII. NEW BUSINESS.
 - A. List of officers
 - 1. Cynthia Engle–President
 - 2. Toni Palermo–Vice President
 - 3. Carol Kellett–Treasurer
 - 4. Mokihana Renti Cruz–Secretary
 - B. HB 2449 & ADVOCACY
 - 1. Most board members want to provide information rather than taking a positive or negative stance.
 - a) The law as written was not written in consultation with the Hawaii State Archives, which is why it is broad. Adam Jansen (Hawaii State Archivist) is working with the legislators to clarify the language to exclude the University of Hawaii and to get executive branch departments to transfer appropriate documents to the Archives.
 - b) A board member suggested that AHA support the bill. However, there has been enough opposition that the bill might not be heard by the legislature even if AHA says something.
 - c) Another board member asked why the bill asks for Native Hawaiian records specifically to be transferred. The board did not know.
 - d) Two board members brought up community concerns that the Archives is being too aggressive, and that the specific call for Native Hawaiian records may lead to the Archives taking materials from other organizations.
 - e) Another board member expressed disappointment that the Archives didn't reach out to other organizations for support in the process earlier. A second board member suggested that AHA works with the Archives to craft a better bill.
 - f) Cynthia can write to the members who drafted the opposition letter and let them know that AHA supports all archives, and will share information about the bill but will not write in opposition to it.
 - (1) But also perhaps AHA can broaden and do more programs related to the legal process/law/copyright this year?
 - (a) Tonia suggested that she can hold a records management workshop.

- (2) Or AHA can create a legislation committee? This may mean replacing the Neighbor Island committee and Community Service committee with the new Legislation committee?
 - (a) AHA needs to keep the Elections committee and the Annual Meeting committee. Everything else is flexible.
 - (b) Toni suggested creating a tip sheet instead of creating a whole committee.
- (3) Cynthia will redo the list of committees to make space for a legislation committee.

C. BOARD LOGISTICS

1. Access to shared drive
 - a) All Board members have access to the google drive.
2. Meeting times
 - a) The next meeting will be in April, but after that meeting the board will meet bimonthly.
3. New members need to fill out the contact information form for the DCCA filing and the conflict of interest form and return it to Carol.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Campany, Secretary