

Hawaii State Association of Counties

Counties of Kauai, Maui and Hawaii, City & County of Honolulu



MINUTES
HSAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
June 20, 2013
Kauai Beach Resort
Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC General Membership meeting was called to order by President Rapozo at 9:11 a.m. The following members comprised a quorum:

County of Kauai: President Mel Rapozo

County of Hawaii: Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi

City and County of Honolulu: Secretary Stanley Chang

County of Maui: Treasurer Michael P. Victorino

Others Present:

- Hawaii County Council Chair J Yoshimoto
- Hawaii County Councilmember Karen Eoff
- Hawaii County Councilmember Greggor Ilagan
- Hawaii County Councilmember Dru Kanuha
- Hawaii County Councilmember Valerie Poindexter
- Honolulu City Council Chair Ernest Martin
- Honolulu City Councilmember Ikaika Anderson
- Kauai Councilmember Gary Hooser
- Kauai Councilmember Nadine Nakamura
- Maui County Council Chair Gladys Baisa
- Maui Councilmember Elle Cochran
- Maui Councilmember G. Riki Hokama

State Representative Derek Kawakami

Hawaii County Clerk Maile David
Kauai County Attorney Al Castillo
Kauai County Clerk Ricky Watanabe
Kauai County Fire Chief Robert Westerman



Honolulu staff Denisse Gee
Honolulu staff Kimberly Ribellia
Honolulu staff Warren Senda
Kauai staff Ashley Bunda
Kauai staff Amy Esalu
Kauai staff Eddie Topenio, Jr.
Maui staff Kirsten Hamman
Maui staff Josiah Nishita

Richard Jose, IBEW Local 1186
Brian Lee, IBEW Local 26
Kekoa McClellan, Pelatron, Inc.
Chris Rodgers, President, NACo

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Membership approved the agenda.

III. MINUTES

The Membership approved the following item, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary:

- A. June 22, 2012 General Membership meeting minutes

IV. TREASURER'S REPORTS

The Membership approved the following items, as submitted by the HSAC Treasurer:

- A. June 2012 Report
- B. July 2012 Report
- C. August 2012 Report
- D. September 2012 Report
- E. October 2012 Report
- F. November 2012 Report
- G. December 2012 Report
- H. January 2013 Report
- I. February 2013 Report
- J. FY 2014 Proposed annual operating budget, as amended
- K. March 2013 Report
- L. April 2013 Report
- M. May 2013 Report

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The Membership approved the following items, as submitted by the HSAC Secretary:

- A. June 22, 2012 minutes
- B. July 27, 2012 minutes
- C. August 31, 2012 minutes
- D. September 11, 2012 minutes
- E. October 12, 2012 minutes
- F. November 19, 2012 minutes
- G. December 13, 2012 minutes
- H. January 15, 2013 minutes
- I. February 4, 2013 minutes
- J. March 19, 2013 minutes
- K. April 26, 2013 minutes
- L. May 6, 2013 minutes

VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Membership received and filed the following items, as reported and submitted by the Executive Committee (Committee):

- A. The Committee approved on June 22, 2012 the proposed nominees for various National Association of Counties (NACo) steering committees.
- B. The Committee approved on June 22, 2012 proposed amendments to the FY 2013 HSAC annual operating budget.
- C. The Committee approved on June 22, 2012 funding for HSAC to host hospitality suites for future Western Interstate Region (WIR) conferences.
- D. The Committee approved on July 27, 2012 a proposed amendment to the FY 2013 HSAC annual operating budget to fund a hospitality suite at the 2012 NACo annual conference to promote the 2015 WIR annual conference.
- E. The Committee approved on September 11, 2012 proposals submitted by the Hawaii County Council to be included in the 2013 HSAC legislative package.
- F. The Committee approved on September 11, 2012 proposals submitted by the Honolulu City Council to be included in the 2013 HSAC legislative package.

- G. The Committee approved on September 11, 2012 proposals submitted by the Kauai County Council to be included in the 2013 HSAC legislative package.
- H. The Committee approved on October 12, 2012 Honolulu City Council Vice Chair Ikaika Anderson as the HSAC representative on the Hawaii Sister-State Committee.
- I. The Committee approved on October 12, 2012 Honolulu Councilmembers Stanley Chang and Breene Harimoto as the HSAC representatives on the Board of Advisors of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.
- J. The Committee approved on October 12, 2012 a proposal submitted by HSAC President Mel Rapozo to be included in the 2013 HSAC legislative package.
- K. The Committee approved on October 12, 2012 a proposal submitted by the Maui County Council to be included in the 2013 HSAC legislative package.
- L. The Committee approved on November 19, 2012 the 2015 WIR annual conference Request for Proposal.
- M. The Committee approved on January 15, 2013 a proposed amendment to the HSAC bylaws regarding travel expenses.
- N. The Committee approved on January 15, 2013 proposed amendments to the FY 2013 HSAC annual operating budget regarding travel expenses.
- O. The Committee approved on January 15, 2013 the Kauai County Council's request for \$3,000 seed money to open a checking account and place a venue deposit for the 2013 HSAC annual conference.
- P. The Committee approved on January 15, 2013 the final 2013 HSAC legislative package.
- Q. The Committee approved on January 15, 2013 the incoming NACo and WIR Board of Directors for the remainder of FY 2013.
- R. The Committee approved on February 4, 2013 the draft "HSAC Audited Financial Statements (with Independent Auditors' Report) for the years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011."
- S. The Committee approved on March 19, 2013 proposed recommendations and actions based on the "Audited Financial Statements (with Independent Auditors' Report) for the years ended June 30, 2012 and 2011."

- T. The Committee approved on April 26, 2013 a proposed amendment to the HSAC bylaws to include ground transportation in the definition of "travel expenses."
- U. The Committee approved on May 6, 2013 a proposal regarding HSAC lobbying efforts during the 2014 state legislative session.
- V. The Committee approved on May 6, 2013 the proposed HSAC Officer Slate, and the NACo and WIR Board of Directors for FY 2014.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Approval of the proposed amendment to the HSAC bylaws regarding travel reimbursements for Committee members to testify on measures included in the HSAC legislative package, as approved by the Committee on January 15, 2013.

This item was approved.

- B. Discussion and Approval of the proposed amendment to the HSAC bylaws to include ground transportation in the definition of "travel expenses," as approved by the Committee on April 26, 2013.

This item was approved.

- C. Discussion and Approval of the FY 2014 HSAC operating budget.

This item was approved.

- D. Discussion and Approval of the 2014 HSAC legislative package timeline, as follows:

- i. August 30, 2013 – Deadline to receive proposals from each county to be included in the 2014 HSAC legislative package.
- ii. September 13, 2013 – Schedule Committee meeting to discuss and act on all county legislative proposals. Legislative proposals approved by the Committee will then be forwarded to each County Council for consideration.
- iii. November 8, 2013 – Deadline for the counties to approve the proposed 2014 HSAC legislative package.

- iv. November 22, 2013 – Schedule Committee meeting to approve the final 2014 HSAC legislative package.

This item was approved.

Maui County Councilmember Hokama suggested that the General Membership meet a second time to further discuss the 2014 HSAC legislative package. He opined that greater collaboration and unification between the counties would result if the General Membership met more often. He further suggested that the county Mayors should be invited to future General Membership meetings. President Rapozo proposed that the General Membership meet again in October.

Maui County Council Chair Baisa informed the General Membership that Maui County submitted a proposal to the Committee to hire a lobbyist to represent HSAC during the 2014 legislative session. She opined that HSAC has a thus untapped potential to be the Counties' most effective lobbying force at the state legislature. She further informed the General Membership that the Committee recently approved the proposal to hire a lobbyist. She concluded by stating that swift action must be taken on this proposal to meet the 2014 legislative session deadlines.

President Rapozo stated that the remaining pending issue is determining the funding mechanism for Maui County's lobbyist proposal. He opined that hiring an established lobbyist with a proven track record of success at the state Legislature will be expensive. He opined that there are at least two legislative issues that should have support from all four counties: 1) Increasing the counties' share of the transient accommodation tax (commonly known as TAT); and 2) Making permanent certain county protections from liability on improved lands and from damages resulting from rescue, resuscitative or other lifeguard services.

Hawaii County Councilmember Ilagan proposed that instead of hiring a contract lobbyist, HSAC monies should fund the transportation and hotel costs for individual county Councilmembers to travel to Oahu on a more frequent basis to lobby at the state Legislature. He opined that the state Legislature would pay closer attention to county issues if county Councilmembers acted as HSAC lobbyists.

Secretary Chang proposed using the NACo Prescription Drug Marketing Fees to fund a contract lobbyist to represent HSAC interests during the 2014 HSAC legislative session.

IX. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Discussion and Approval of the FY 2013 Committee officer slate as follows:

- i. President: Mel Rapozo, Kauai County Council
Ross Kagawa, Kauai County Council
(Alternate)
- ii. Vice President: Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, Hawaii County Council
Greggor Ilagan, Hawaii County Council
(Alternate)
- iii. Secretary: Stanley Chang, Honolulu City Council
Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council
(Alternate)
- iv. Treasurer: Michael P. Victorino, Maui County Council
G. Riki Hokama, Maui County Council
(Alternate)

This item was approved.

B. Discussion and Approval of proposed NACo and WIR Board of Directors for a term beginning August 2013 and ending July 2014, as follows:

- i. NACo Board of Director
 - a. Michael P. Victorino, Maui County Council
 - b. Gary L. Hooser, Kauai County Council
- ii. WIR Board of Director
 - a. Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, Hawaii County Council
 - b. Mel Rapozo, Kauai County Council

President Rapozo informed the General Membership that in FY 2014 the Honolulu City Council will receive a NACo "At-large Board of Directorship" which is appointed at the discretion of the sitting NACo President. He reminded the General Membership that traditionally one of the counties in the state of Hawaii is appointed by the NACo President to an At-large Board of Director position. He clarified that HSAC bylaws do not specify that a particular county receive a particular Board of Director position.

Vice President Onishi proposed that the HSAC bylaws be amended to specify that each of the four counties be assigned to one of the four above Board of Director positions. He explained that such an amendment would ensure that every county has representation on a NACo or WIR Board of Directors, since the NACo At-large Board of Director position is appointed solely at the discretion of the sitting NACo President and is not a guaranteed position.

This item was approved.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NACo President Chris Rodgers thanked all the conference participants for their service and loyalty to the NACo organization and its affiliates. He reminded the General Membership that Maui County Councilmember Hokama will ascend to the NACo Presidency in two years.

President Rapozo emphasized that NACo is the single most important organization representing the counties' interests on the federal level.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Very truly yours,



STANLEY CHANG

Secretary

Hawaii State Association of Counties