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



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MINUTES  
HSAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
June 22, 2011  
Grand Wailea Resort  
Wailea, Maui, Hawaii

I. CALL TO ORDER

The HSAC General Membership meeting was called to order by President Mel Rapozo at 9:03 a.m. The following members comprised a quorum:

County of Kauai:	President Mel Rapozo
City and County of Honolulu:	Vice President Stanley Chang
County of Hawaii:	Secretary Angel Pilago
County of Maui:	Treasurer Joseph Pontanilla
Others present:	Various attendees of the HSAC annual conference and members of the general public were also present

II. MINUTES

Secretary Pilago made a motion seconded by Treasurer Pontanilla to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2010 General Membership meeting.

The motion was approved.

III. TREASURER'S REPORTS

Vice President Chang made a motion seconded by Treasurer Pontanilla to approve the following Treasurer's reports:

- A. Report for May 2010
- B. Report for June 2010
- C. Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2010



- D. Report for July 2010
- E. Report for August 2010
- F. Report for September 2010
- G. Report for October 2010
- H. Report for November 2010
- I. Report for December 2010
- J. Report for January 2011
- K. Report for February 2011
- L. Report for March 2011
- M. Report for April 2011

#### IV. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Secretary Pilago made a motion seconded by Vice President Chang to approve the following Executive Committee meeting minutes:

- A. Executive Committee Meeting of June 24, 2010
- B. Executive Committee Meeting of August 23, 2010
- C. Executive Committee Meeting of September 27, 2010
- D. Executive Committee Meeting of October 18, 2010
- E. Executive Committee Meeting of December 13, 2010
- F. Executive Committee Meeting of January 10, 2011
- G. Executive Committee Meeting of April 8, 2011
- H. Executive Committee Meeting of May 13, 2011

#### V. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following reports of the Executive Committee were received and filed:

- A. The Executive Committee at its June 24, 2010 meeting, approved HSAC Secretary, Dennis Onishi's request to discuss Video Conferencing of HSAC Executive Committee Meetings at the next HSAC Executive Meeting.
- B. The Executive Committee at its June 24, 2010 meeting, approved the slate of officers for fiscal year 2010-2011:
  - 1. President Derek S.K. Kawakami (Kauai County)
  - 2. Vice President Nestor Garcia (City & County of Honolulu)
  - 3. Treasurer Joseph Pontanilla (Maui County)
  - 4. Secretary Dennis "Fresh" Onishi (Hawaii County)
- C. The Executive Committee at its June 24, 2010 meeting, approved the nominees to the NACo and WIR Board of Directors for fiscal year 2010-2011:

1. Nestor Garcia (NACo Presidential Nominee)
  2. Derek S.K. Kawakami (NACo)
  3. Joseph Pontanilla (NACo)
  4. Dickie Chang (WIR)
  5. Dennis "Fresh" Onishi (WIR)
- D. The Executive Committee at its June 24, 2010 meeting, approved the three NACo 2nd Vice Presidency Candidates:
1. Burrell Ellis
  2. Joe Giles
  3. Chris Rodgers
- E. The Executive Committee at its August 23, 2010 meeting, approved proposed amendments to Sections 5A and added a new Section 6 to the HSAC Bylaws, which would (1) clarify that the NACo President has the sole discretion to appoint an at-large director from the State of Hawaii to the NACo Board of Directors, and (2) would require the HSAC Executive Committee to give due consideration to equal representation of the four counties when nominating directors to the NACo and WIR Boards.
- F. The Executive Committee at its August 23, 2010 meeting, approved amending the budget under "Adjustments for Travel & Related Expenses" from \$3,500 to \$10,113, and supplemented "NACo Travel-Board" by \$3,500 for a new total of \$14,300.
- G. The Executive Committee at its August 23, 2010 meeting, approved inclusion of Resolution 10-121, CD1 – Relating to the inclusion of a proposal in the 2010 USAC Legislative Package to treat certain crimes as felonies where the perpetrators use replica guns in the commission of crimes.
- H. The Executive Committee at its September 27, 2010 meeting, approved a proposed amendment to Section 5A of the HSAC Bylaws to ensure that the NACo Presidential appointee to the NACo Board of Directors shall be a member nominated by the HSAC Executive Committee.
- I. The Executive Committee at its September 27, 2010 meeting, approved seven Bills to be included into 2011 HSAC Legislative Package:
1. A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOMINATION PAPERS
  2. A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUARIUM AQUATIC LIFE
  3. A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND

4. A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
  5. A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE
  6. A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTIES (appointment of county liquor administrators)
  7. A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COUNTIES (appointment of county personnel directors of neighbor island counties)
- J. The Executive Committee at its October 18, 2010 meeting, appointed Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino as its representative on the NACo Membership Standing Committee.
- K. The Executive Committee at its October 18, 2010 meeting, approved the following inclusion into the 2011 HSAC Legislative Package:
1. A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING
  2. RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN THE COUNTIES' SHARE OF THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX
- L. The Executive Committee at its December 13, 2010 meeting, approved the following proposals to be included in the final Draft of the 2011 HSAC Legislative Package:
1. PROPOSED BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (ERS) BOARD OF TRUSTEES
  2. PROPOSED BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND (EUTF) BOARD OF TRUSTEES
  3. PROPOSED BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HOUSING
  4. PROPOSED BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NOMINATION PAPERS
  5. PROPOSED BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE (ASSAULT AGAINST FIREFIGHTERS AND WATER SAFETY OFFICERS)

6. PROPOSED BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PENAL CODE (REPLICA GUNS)
7. PROPOSED RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO PRESERVE THE COUNTIES' SHARE OF THE TRANSIENT ACCOMMODATIONS TAX

All of the above were included in the 2011 HSAC Legislative Package and transmitted to the State Capitol on December 23, 2010.

- M. The Executive Committee at its April 8, 2011 meeting, approved HSAC's Operating Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012.
- N. The Executive Committee at its April 8, 2011 meeting, approved Honolulu Councilmember Romy Cachola's nomination to the NACo Transportation Steering Committee.
- O. The Executive Committee at its April 8, 2011 meeting, approved the reappointment of Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino to the NACo Environment, Energy and Land Use Steering Committee.
- P. The Executive Committee at its April 8, 2011 meeting, approved Maui County Council Chair Danny A. Mateo's request for seed money of \$4,500 to be used toward the 2011 HSAC conference.
- Q. The Executive Committee at its April 8, 2011 meeting, endorsed 2nd Vice President Candidate Commissioner Linda Langston.

#### VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The following reports of the Executive Committee were received and filed:

- A. Discussion on opening membership to corporations per HSAC bylaws.
- B. Discussion on a proposal for an Executive Director of HSAC.
- C. Discussion on a proposed fee structure for HSAC Corporate/Associate membership.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and approval of the proposed amendments to the HSAC bylaws

Treasurer Pontanilla reported that in its August 2010 meeting the HSAC Executive Committee approved amendments to the bylaws section 5A, which clarified that HSAC may only nominate two directors to the NACo board and that a third appointment to the board is at the sole discretion of the NACo President. The Executive Committee also approved a new section 6 to give due consideration to equal representation to all four counties when nominating representatives to the NACo and WIR boards. Treasurer Pontanilla also noted that the changes, as adopted by the Executive Committee, were included in hand-outs to the members for review.

Secretary Pilago stated that he supported the amendments and would vote to approve the amendments to the bylaws as proposed.

G. Riki Hokama was recognized by the President and made a statement in favor of clarifying the NACo President's sole discretion in appointing at-large directors. He emphasized that appointees apply directly to the President of NACo for the appointment.

Treasurer Pontanilla stated that the amendments were made to conform the HSAC bylaws with the appointment procedures of NACo and to remove ambiguity as to who appointed a third director on the NACo board.

The proposed amendments to the HSAC bylaws, as previously adopted by the HSAC Executive Committee on an interim basis, were approved.

B. Discussion of the 2012 HSAC Legislative Package (Timeline)

Treasurer Pontanilla made a motion seconded by Vice President Chang to approve the timeline as follows:

September 2, 2011: Councils to submit proposals to HSAC  
Mid-September, 2011: HSAC initial approval of package  
October 14, 2011: Councils approve package

The motion was approved.

C. Discussion and approval of the HSAC Operating Budget for fiscal year 2011-2012

Secretary Pilago made a motion seconded by Treasurer Pontanilla to approve the HSAC 2011-2012 operating budget.

The motion was approved.

- D. Discussion of proposals received by the Treasurer regarding financial consulting services.

Vice President Chang made a motion seconded by Treasurer Pontanilla to approve Carbonaro DeMichele CPAs to provide auditing for HSAC.

The motion was approved.

## VIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. Discussion and approval of the HSAC Executive Committee slate of officers for fiscal year 2011-2012.

The item was deferred.

- B. Discussion and approval of the nominees to the NACo and WIR board of directors for fiscal year 2011-2012.

The item was deferred.

- C. Discussion and approval of the 3 NACo Steering Committee Appointees

- 1. Vice President Chang made a motion seconded by Treasurer Pontanilla to approve Honolulu Councilmember Tulsi Gabbard as an appointee to the NACo Economic Development Steering Committee.

The motion was approved.

- 2. Vice President Chang made a motion seconded by Treasurer Pontanilla to approve Honolulu Councilmember Romy Cachola as an appointee to the NACo Transportation Steering Committee.

The motion was approved.

- 3. Secretary Pilago made a motion seconded by Vice President Chang to approve Maui Councilmember Michael Victorino as an appointee to the NACo Environment, Energy, and Land Use Steering Committee.

The motion was approved.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A member of the public requested that the General Membership address the potential withdrawal of Hawaii County from HSAC, as currently being considered by Hawaii County Council.

President Rapozo stated that if such action were taken HSAC would exist as a three county organization and HSAC would lose a NACo board seat due to lack of full state participation.

Secretary Pilago informed members that Hawaii County was not given due consideration for an appointment to the NACo board of directors and consequently the Hawaii County Council believes HSAC must work to achieve the due consideration as stated in the HSAC bylaws. He stated that he believed that the current HSAC board members could work out a solution that would be fair to all HSAC members.

President Rapozo stated that he believed HSAC is most effective when all counties participate in the organization.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Very truly yours,



STANLEY CHANG  
Secretary  
Hawaii State Association of Counties