



# Hawaii State Association of Counties

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



**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL HSAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
January 19, 2016, 10:00 a.m.  
Honolulu Hale, Committee Meeting Room  
530 South King Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The HSAC General Membership meeting was called to order by HSAC President and County of Kauai Council Chair Mel Rapozo at 10:03 a.m. The following members comprising a quorum were present:

County of Kauai: HSAC President Mel Rapozo, County of Kauai Council Chair

County of Hawaii: Vice President Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, County of Hawaii Councilmember

City and County of Honolulu: Secretary Ikaika Anderson, City and County of Honolulu Council Vice Chair

County of Maui: Treasurer Michael Victorino, County of Maui Councilmember

Others Present: Councilmember Mike White, County of Maui Council Chair;  
Councilmember Gladys Baisa, County of Maui;  
Councilmember Don Couch, County of Maui;  
Councilmember Stacy Crivello, County of Maui;  
Councilmember Riki Hokama, County of Maui;  
Councilmember Greggor Ilagan, County of Hawaii;  
Councilmember Margaret Wille, County of Hawaii.



Honolulu staff Doug Chun, Legislative Analyst, Office of Council Services;  
Honolulu staff Brandon Mitsuda, Council Liaison, Honolulu City Council Administrative Support Services;  
Honolulu staff Francisco Figueiredo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Ikaika Anderson;  
Honolulu staff Shirley Ann Templo, Legislative Aide, Office of Councilmember Joey Manahan;  
Honolulu staff Jim Williston, Assistant Director, Office of Council Services;  
Kauai staff Aida Okasaki, Legislative Assistant, Council Services Division;  
Maui staff Kit Zulueta, Communication Director, Office of Council Services.

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

In response to questions, President Rapozo clarified that the only voting members of the General Membership are the same four members that make up the Executive Committee.

The Membership approved the agenda.

## III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. The Executive Committee at its June 24, 2015 meeting approved proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties, Inc., which amend Section 5 to include term limits of officers, to be effective July 1, 2015. The new language was further amended at this same meeting to replace the word "officer" with "county."

At this point, a discussion ensued around a possible scenario where a new councilmember is appointed to the HSAC Executive Committee and the possible negative impacts of having an inexperienced member on the Committee. During the discussion, it was noted that: 1) The intent is for each County Council to appoint the best-qualified member to serve each year, 2) Because there is no guarantee that a new person will never be appointed, it's expected that the other members and staff will rally around and support any new and inexperienced HSAC Executive Committee member, and 3) HSAC is not unique in this regard, since the process in other governmental organizations, including NACo, may also result in inexperienced members being appointed from time to time.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve this proposed Bylaw amendment.

- B. The Executive Committee at its September 30, 2015 special meeting approved proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the Hawai'i State Association of Counties, Inc., which amend Section 5, Paragraph 2, as follows:
1. A new slate of officers for the term beginning in 2015; and
  2. Adding a rotation schedule for the slate of officers.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve this proposed Bylaw amendment.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion regarding the 2016 HSAC Legislative Package.

A brief discussion ensued that made note of the following points: 1) All four counties have approved the HSAC Legislative Package, 2) Unfortunately, HSAC was unable to meet the legislative deadlines for getting its package to the legislature this year, 3) Failure to meet legislative deadlines does not prevent HSAC from informally presenting its legislative package at the Capitol luncheon scheduled for later today, and 4) The Speaker of the State House of Representatives has verbally committed to introducing the package on HSAC's behalf, despite the missed deadlines.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to receive this item.

A second motion was made, seconded, and approved to add an action item (B.) to allow the General Membership to vote on the unofficial HSAC package.

A third motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the unofficial HSAC package, present the preliminary package to the Legislature on behalf of the General Membership, and have the HSAC Executive Committee officially approve the HSAC package, after the fact, at its next Executive Committee meeting in February.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Discuss and approve the following proposed HSAC Slate of Officers for Fiscal Year 2015-2016:

1. President: Michael P. Victorino, Maui County Council  
Gladys C. Baisa (Alternate)
2. Vice President: Dennis "Fresh" Onishi, Hawai'i County Council  
Danny Paleka (Alternate)
3. Secretary: Mel Rapozo, Kaua'i County Council  
Ross Kagawa (Alternate)
4. Treasurer: J. Ikaika Anderson, Honolulu City Council  
Joey Manahan (Alternate)

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve this item.

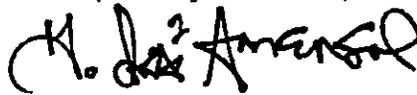
VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Rapozo read a framed proclamation honoring Councilmember and past NACo President Riki Hokama for his service on the local and national level. Each member of the General Membership took the microphone in congratulating and thanking Councilmember Hokama for his invaluable service.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



IKAIKA ANDERSON  
Secretary  
Hawaii State Association of Counties