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Word from our President

Paul Luersen, AICP

Aloha Hawai'i Chapter Members!

In our 50th anniversary year, it is a good time to reflect on the past to give us a perspective on the present and future of planning in Hawai'i. Our website gives an historical overview of the chapter - <http://www.hawaiiapa.org/about/about.htm> - beginning with the founding of our chapter in 1962 soon after statehood. In the past, the planning profession, through its involved planners, has helped shape major land use policy decisions that have preserved the great places in Hawai'i of today that we now perhaps take for granted. Have you ever wondered what might have been if we didn't have an active planning profession in Hawai'i?

If you would like to share your thoughts or experiences with the Chapter, send me an email by **August 31, 2012**.

Annual Meeting

On July 13, over 35 APA members attended our annual meeting at the Plaza Club in downtown Honolulu. There were a number of members who were recognized for milestones or their contributions. Here's a summary of the key topics covered at the meeting.

New and Outgoing Officers

Our newly elected officers were installed for their two-year terms:

- Gene Dashiell, Director-at-Large
- Hilarie Alomar, Treasurer

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- Kristen Nishimura, Secretary

Thank you to Robyn Loudermilk (secretary), Allen Kam (treasurer), and Stephanie Roberts (director-at-large) for their hard work serving our Chapter in these positions over the past two years.

Scholarships

Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to DURP Students: (See related article in this e-Blast edition)

- Jacqueline Kozak Thiel – a MURP student and the chapter's Student Representative
- Jiwnath Ghimire – a PhD candidate at DURP

Donors who have so far made a contribution to our scholarship fund during our 2012 fund drive were recognized. The fund is always open for contributions. Thanks to the following donors:

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| Thank You! | Kem Lowry | Ralph Portmore | Vince Shigekuni |
| Daniel Yasui | Peter Flachsbart | Amy and Paul Luersen | Emory Grace Lee |
| Bruce Tsuchida | Earl Yamamoto | Byrnes Yamashita | Henry Eng |

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AICP Members

Peter Flachsbart, our Professional Development Officer since 1983, announced that eleven of Hawai'i's planners became members of AICP this past school year. As you all know, Peter contributes his time to provide training and advice to all members who want to take the AICP exam. The Fall 2011 AICP class was featured in our Winter 2011-12 e-Blast edition, while the Spring 2012 AICP class is featured in this current e-Blast. See related article in this edition.

Spring 2012 AICP Planners:

- Michael Donoho, Kukui Planning Company, LLC
- Dane Sjoblom, Helber Hastert and Fee
- Kimberly Skog, Munekiyo & Hiraga, Inc.
- Lisa Ellen Smith, County of Kaua'i Planning Department
- Ulalia Woodside, Kamehameha Schools

Fall 2011 AICP Planners:

- Livit Callentine, Maui County Planning Department
- Jennifer Maydan, Chris Hart & Partners
- Catie Cullison, PBR Hawai'i
- Michael Shibata, PBR Hawai'i
- Kristen Nishimura, AECOM Design + Planning
- Christopher Stoll, AECOM Design + Planning
- Kimberly Evans, Kauwahi Planning LLC
- Tessa Munekiyo Ng, Munekiyo & Hiraga (passed in CA)
- Marie Williams, County of Kaua'i Planning Department

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Collaboration with Other Professional Organizations

Ralph Portmore, our Certification Maintenance committee co-chair, and Stephanie Roberts, our program committee chair, provided an update on local training opportunities through our luncheon program and other conferences/workshops. A key message is that the APA Hawai'i chapter is building relationships with other allied professional organizations to share technical information and to get to know each other in what we all know is a small community. Many of the events are eligible for CM credits.

Public Issues

Our public issues committee, co-chaired by Dean Minakami and George Atta, is our largest committee with over 20 members. I believe this shows a strong desire by our members to be involved in shaping public policy for the betterment of our community. Two pieces of legislation for which we submitted letters of support recently became law: the statewide climate adaptation policy and the City and County of Honolulu's Complete Streets ordinance.

HCPO 2012

APA Hawai'i is a conference partner with the City and County of Honolulu for HCPO 2012. This is a great honor and opportunity for the chapter to be involved in making the conference a success. It is the one statewide event where all planners, and others interested in planning issues, can gather to learn about current planning issues in Hawaii, to exchange viewpoints, and to get to know each other better. Our CM committee will be submitting many of the conference sessions for CM credit. A save-the-date notice has been sent to you all.

**Please plan of attending the HCPO conference at Ko Olina Resort
from September 12-14, 2012**