

## Word from our Chapter President Kimi Yuen

Aloha kākou!



2015 is quickly flying by! Hopefully it is treating you all well so far. It's shaping up to be quite a year for our Chapter so let's dive in to our updates!

Mahalo to everyone who attended the APA National Conference in Seattle this year. There were over 50 attendees from Hawai'i in the Emerald City enjoying the sunny weather (yes! sunny!) and the wonderful sessions. We also had a great turnout at our Chapter dinner with 40 of us dining at Palomino Restaurant and Bar. There are some great articles in our newsletter this quarter highlighting some of the events from the conference so please enjoy!

While in Seattle, I also had the privilege of attending the Chapter Presidents Council (CPC) Leadership Meetings and representing our Chapter. The meetings spanned two days just prior to the conference. There was great camaraderie among the chapter presidents and the new format of the meetings allowed us to get to know each other better and to share ideas with one another. Roundtable discussions focused on topics such as improving chapter programs and services, increasing membership, and strengthening outreach to our members.

During the CPC business meeting, some of the issues with which our organization is wrestling at the national level were discussed. The two hot topics involved the financial sustainability of the AICP CM program and the structure of chapter dues. For the CM program, the main recommendations included changes to the CM provider fees and the credit approval process.

With regards to chapter dues, the APA Board of Directors proposed a recommendation that all chapters switch to income-based chapter dues for those members who are also APA National members rather than flat chapter dues; no changes would be made to chapter-only dues. However, this issue proved to be controversial among the chapter presidents so no decisions

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were made at this session. I will be sure to keep you posted on any updates to these and other issues that may come before the chapter presidents at the fall leadership meetings.

Mahalo to everyone who voted on the amendments to our Chapter bylaws. The amendments passed with 54 members voting in favor of the amendments and none against. The revised bylaws have been posted to our Chapter website for your reference. The primary reason for the change is to convert our election process to match National's consolidated elections. Please be sure to read the article by Tessa on the changes to this year's elections which will be managed by APA National.

In conjunction with the change in the election schedule, we will be shifting the date of our annual meeting to July or August this year since we will not be installing any new officers until January 1, 2016. Our Program Committee has been busy planning some fun activities for our annual meeting this year. Stand by for the party, I mean, meeting announcement!

Please also keep your eyes on your inbox as the call for entries for our annual Chapter Awards Program will be released shortly. We understand that the awards ceremony is tentatively scheduled for the first lunch reception at HCPO this year. The conference theme is Island Futures and we will be including a new GIS awards category in honor of the joint conference with HIGICC. We are also working with conference organizers to offer both law and ethics sessions for our AICP members. For more information on the conference, please check out their website: <http://www.islandfutureshawaii.org/>

Last thing, if you haven't already, please be sure to "like" our Chapter Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/apa.hawaii.chapter>

As always, please feel free to email me with any thoughts or questions at [apahi.yuen@gmail.com](mailto:apahi.yuen@gmail.com).

Mahalo!  
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