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Amended Bylaws and New Election Schedule

Our APA Hawaii Chapter Bylaws were recently amended to update the provisions pertaining to the nomination and election of our Chapter officers to follow the process and procedures established by APA National. The amended Bylaws, as approved by a vote of the Chapter members, are posted on our Chapter website link: http://www.hawaiiapa.org/pdf/APAHI_Bylaws_Amended_5.8.15.pdf Mahalo to everyone who participated in the vote to amend our APA Hawaii Chapter Bylaws!

With the adoption of the amended Bylaws, we kicked off the nomination period for three positions with terms starting in January 2016. This year the offices of President, Vice President, and Director-at-Large are up for election. If you are interested in nominating yourself for Chapter President, Vice President, or Director-at-Large, please go to <http://planning.org/elections> and click "Potential Candidates, Apply Now". Please note that per our Bylaws, Chapter-only members are not eligible to run for these positions. The deadline for nominations is **June 4, 2015**. The full schedule for the nomination and election process is provided below.

- May-June 4 - Call for nominations
- June 30 - Candidates slated
- August 6 - Voting begins
- September 10 - Voting ends
- September/October - Announcement of results
- January 1 - New terms begin

Mahalo to our current officers for their service! They are: President Kimi Yuen, Vice President Dean Minakami, and Director-at-Large Kristen Nishimura. If you have any questions, please contact this year's election coordinator, **Tessa Munekiyo Ng** at apahi.secretary@gmail.com or **(808)983-1233**.

APA Awards

The APA Hawaii Chapter will soon be accepting nominations for the 2015 Chapter Awards Program. The annual awards are given to recognize individuals, communities, private organizations, public agencies, and professional planning and design firms whose work exemplifies the planning profession's highest goals and ideals. The awards program further serves to raise public awareness of the benefits of good planning by showcasing significant contributions that planning practitioners, professionals and community groups make to the State of Hawaii. Nomination forms will be distributed to the Chapter membership shortly with the deadline for nominations in mid-July. The Awards Presentation will be on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at the Hawaii Congress of Planning Officials conference.

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