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Happy New Year to all,

This is a year of transition for APA Hawaii Chapter, with new leadership and many new opportunities to create value for our members. The National Conference is in Seattle this year, so we should have a great showing of Hawaii planners.

APA National has decided that all elections, including those at the chapter level, must be on a January schedule by 2016. APA Hawaii's elections are effective on July 1, a mismatch. To align our chapter with the new national schedule, in October 2014 I announced to the Chapter Executive Committee that I was planning to resign as chapter president a few months early, effective January 2015. **Kimi Yuen**, our Vice President, has been an active contributor to the Chapter for many years and is more than ready to take over as President. On January 22, the Executive Committee ratified Kimi as President, **Dean Minakami** as Vice President, and **Kristen Nishimura** as Director-at-Large. I will continue to be active as Past President.

In the next few months we will be asking APA Hawaii members to ratify a change in the chapter bylaws to change the wording about elections. We hope you will take a moment to vote when you see a survey appear in your email inbox.

It's been fun!



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