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Word from our President

Aloha kākou!



Not sure how the first quarter of 2016 has already quickly flown by but I hope everyone has been well and enjoying the chilly wintery weather that has been gracing the isles.

As many of you know, the APA National Conference is right around the corner. It will be in Phoenix this year on April 2-5. Those of us attending from Hawai'i will be enjoying the Arizona Diamondbacks home opener against the Colorado Rockies as well as a pau hana after the conference but prior to the game. If you are planning to attend but haven't been receiving my emails, please email me at apahi.yuen@gmail.com and I will add you to our contact list.

In February, we held our annual directors forum featuring the past executive directors of the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA). Cal

Chipchase did a fantastic job moderating the panel and attendees were treated to wonderfully candid discussions about the past and future issues facing HCDA. A big mahalo to Rex Johnson, Jan Yokota, Dan Dinell, and Tony Ching for participating on our panel!

On March 23, we will be having a special lunch program on the draft update of the O'ahu Regional Transportation Plan. Mike Galizio and Amy Ford-Wagner from OMPO will be presenting and seeking input on the draft plan. If you aren't able to attend, please visit their website for more information:

<http://www.oahumpo.org/get-involved/public-review-and-comment/>

To our AICP members, our sincerest apologies for any trouble you may have been experiencing recently in registering your CM credits. APA National updated the reporting requirements and so our CM Chairs are diligently working to remedy the situation. All of our past programs are being submitted for credit so please check your emails for an announcement from us when the issues have been resolved.

Lastly, please check out the save-the-date announcement from the County of Kaua'i on HCPO 2016 in this issue of the newsletter. Hosted by Mike Dahilig and his spirited planners, it promises to be a good time on the Garden Isle, I mean, educationally enlightening! The conference will be on September 21-23, 2016 at the Grand Hyatt in Po'ipū. We are working with their team to offer both law and ethics sessions for our AICP members and as a special treat, APA National President, Carol Rhea, will be in attendance and speaking this year! Hopefully you can join us in Po'ipū!

Mahalo!
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