



Re-elected Directors Announced at Annual Meeting

Current directors who have been re-elected for another two-year term are: Mr. Meredith Maeda, retired administrator, Mrs. June Motokawa, retired educator and Mr. Ron Toma, retired administrator from the Department of Education.



Meredith Maeda



June Motokawa



Ron Toma

Mahalo!

Mahalo to Dr. Mitsugi Nakashima and Mrs. Gail Tamaribuchi who will be concluding their terms on the board on June 30, 2018. Dr. Nakashima has generously served four years on HEA's Board of Directors. He also served on HEA's Personnel, Finance, and Strategic Planning Committees. Mrs. Tamaribuchi has served on HEA's Board of Directors for five years and served on HEA's Executive, Programs, Scholarship and Website Committees. She was instrumental in developing the new HEA website. HEA is grateful that Mrs. Tamaribuchi has volunteered to continue to chair the website committee.



Mitsugi Nakashima



Gail Tamaribuchi



June Motokawa
President

President’s Message

Firstly and as always I thank you for your commitment and belief in the Hawaii Education Association and its future. Your work, your time and thinking is much valued by me. I thank too, all who have supported and given generously to the HEA fund development program throughout the years. I am grateful.

This FY 2017-2018 has been spent working with Consultant Linda Ezuka through the strategic process to support the viability and

growth of the HEA in whatever form it may take. One of the first steps was to streamline HEA’s business operations with an eye toward reducing expenses and reducing our carbon ‘footprint’. Laurie and Normita have done a yeoman’s job in clearing the files and completing the digitizing of the office.

In an effort to further reduce expenses we continue to look for an office space and a move in the near future. We are working with a realty company and have visited a site and reviewed other office spaces through the company’s listings. Thank you, Laurie for a job well done in listing the expenses associated with moving and also the time spent leading and studying the IT issues and needs in the office.

Through the survey that was sent to our members and the HSTA members, we found that the questions we asked were rather broad. However, the results confirmed for us that we do have an understanding of the needs and dreams of the membership. The result being the confirmation of the HEA programs – TAAC, scholarships and professional development. The strategic budget process will help us determine whether to continue, remove, or to expand these programs and/or perhaps partner or merge with other organizations with similar programs.

We have not interviewed our members through a focus group process as we initially planned due to time. The Board is authorized to decide if there is a need for a face to face input.

The three Strategic meetings facilitated by Linda Ezuka brings us closer to some decisions about HEA’s future. The next steps or pathways will be through an Implementation (some call it Action Planning) and cost analyses process that hopefully bring us a sense of the real and upfront look at who HEA will and can be.

The continued work of the staff and committees is acknowledged. Thank you, All!

VISION

“To affirm the professionalism of Hawaii educators.”

MISSION

“To strengthen and support excellence in education by:

- Advocating teaching as a profession.
- Awarding scholarships for pre-service and in-service educators.
- Advancing professional learning for effective teaching.”

Mahalo!

HEA would like to thank Yaeko Kunishige for her generous contribution to the HEA Endowed Scholarship Program, in memory of Yoshio Nekoba.

Thank you for your continuing support!



HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY!



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If you would like to honor or memorialize someone who has played a special role in your life, consider making a special contribution to HEA in his or her name. Your special contribution will be acknowledged in the pages of *Accent Hawaii*.

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