



# Five Board of Director Positions Open

## Board of Director Nominations Due March 1

Do you know someone who would make a good director on the board? The election of HEA Board of Director members is rapidly approaching and the deadline for nominations is Monday, March 1st.

There are six positions available for a two year term. Nominees and nominators must be members of HEA, and a nominator must have the approval from the nominee. Nominations must be submitted in writing. Forms may be requested from HEAdquarters (949-6657 or toll-free 866-653-9372 from the Neighbor Islands) or email HEA at [hea.office@hawaiieducationassociation.org](mailto:hea.office@hawaiieducationassociation.org).

If you cannot obtain a form, please submit the nominee's name, address, telephone number, and a brief resume (no more than 150 words) of the nominee along with your own name, address, phone number and signature.

Please send nominations to HEA at 1953 South Beretania Street, Suite 5C, Honolulu, HI 96826. All nominations must be postmarked, delivered in person faxed to HEA's office at 944-2032 or email HEA by March 1, 2021.



## Board of Directors Elections

Board of Director election ballots will be sent to all HEA members on or about March 8th. Along with the ballots, a proxy form for the Annual Meeting will be included. If you have not received your ballot by March 31st, please contact the HEA office. The election deadline is April 9, 2021.

The votes will be tabulated on Monday, April 19th. According to election rules, candidates may send observers on this day. If there are fewer candidates than vacancies, those candidates will be automatically elected. Election results will be presented to the HEA Board of Directors for certification at the Annual Meeting on April 24, 2021. All candidates will be notified of the election results on or about May 3, 2021. All ballots will be stored at the HEA office in a sealed container for thirty days after certification. Any challenge made to these procedures or to the conduct of the election must be made in writing, signed by the challenger, and forwarded to HEA within 30 days after certification.



## Join our email list!

Please call HEAdquarters at 949-6657 or toll-free (866) 653-9372 to provide your email address

or

You may also email us at [hea.office@hawaiieducationassociation.org](mailto:hea.office@hawaiieducationassociation.org)



**June Motokawa**  
President

Aloha Members,

The HEA Board of Directors' wish for you is a 'Continued Safe and Healthy 2021!'

It was a year ago when the Coronavirus was discovered with tragic consequences for millions of people. Today though, I am encouraged by the news of the vaccine and with much hope for the end of the pandemic.

2021 is also the Year of the Ox in the Japanese and Chinese Zodiac calendars. The story is that the Ox was the 2nd animal in line to the Buddha's invitation. It was rewarded for its steady, determined and patient ways. So, let's be like the Ox – steady, determined and patient!

With the determination of the Ox, the HEA Executive Committee – Joan Husted, Justin Wong, Wil Luna and myself – with Executive Director Laurie Togami meet monthly over Zoom to ensure we are in touch with each other and the businesses on hand. Our fellow Board of Directors - Janice Bond, Pili'alo'ha Lee Loy, Joan Lewis, Meredith Maeda, and Jacquie Yanagi - meet quarterly with the Executive Committee on Zoom, the last meeting being held on December 19, 2020.

On that date, a new Business item was approved to enter into a contract and partnership with Olomana Loomis ISC to plan for HEA's Centennial celebration in October of this year and with a plan to reposition the HEA in the education community! A very big task but we can do it! The Board and staff look to you for your help and support as we embark on this journey to transform the HEA.

I am excited! I hope you are, too!  
With sincere appreciation to you!

## Mahalo!

HEA would like to thank the following supporters for their generous contributions to the HEA Scholarship, Endowed Scholarship, and HEA/HSTA-R Scholarship:

- Lynette K. Chung, HEA Scholarship
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- Gretchen Jong, in memory of Ron Toma
- Jane T. Kitazaki, HEA Scholarship
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- Lillian N. Takemura, HEA Scholarship
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- Katherine Toda, HEA Scholarship

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- \$2,000 for high school seniors
- \$1,000 for continuing college students
- \$2,000 for in-service public educators
- Up to \$3,000 total for Ronald K. Toma professional development for in-service educators
- \$2,000 for student teachers sponsored by the Helen MacKay Memorial

### Hiroshi & Barbara Kim Yamashita HEA Scholarship

- \$2,000 for college students

The deadline to submit scholarship applications is April 1, 2021. The Student Teacher scholarship's deadline is June 14, 2021. All necessary papers must be mailed or hand delivered to 1953 S. Beretania Street, Suite 5C by 12 Noon on that day.

For more information, visit [www.hawaiieducationassociation.org](http://www.hawaiieducationassociation.org) or HEA office at 949-6657 or toll-free 1-866-653-9372.

## *Welcome, Olomana Loomis ISC!*



The HEA Board has partnered with local agency Olomana Loomis ISC to help with HEA's marketing and communications for its Centennial Transformation in 2021. The goal of the transformation is to reposition HEA as an innovative and vital organization for current and future Hawaii teachers.

Alan Tang, Chairman, CEO & President of Olomana Loomis ISC, brings extensive experience in supporting other non-profits and companies within Hawaii. His background includes more than 30 years of experience in executive counsel, reputation management, business development, revenue strategy, marketing and data analytics. As a leader and strategist, Alan combines a passion for big-picture thinking and clear, results-driven solutions. His vision for business enterprise, community transformation and leadership development serves as an inspiration to peers and colleagues in Hawai'i, nationally and abroad. Active in the community, Alan has held numerous board leadership positions for organizations and professional associations at the local, regional and national levels.

### VISION

To affirm the professionalism of Hawaii's educators

### MISSION

To strengthen excellence in education:

- Advocate teaching as a profession.
- Support pre-service and in-service educators.
- Advance professional learning for effective teaching.

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