

1 **HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION – RETIRED**
2 **22nd Annual Delegate Assembly**
3 **Friday, April 29, 2016**
4 **Honolulu Country Club**
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6 **PROCEEDINGS**
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8 The 1st Vice President of HSTA-Retired, Yvonne (Linda) Tavares, introduced
9 Haunani Kauahi who opened the Delegate Assembly with an `oli or chant welcoming
10 the delegates.
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12 Linda introduced the HSTA-R President, Vaughn Tokashiki, to preside over the
13 assembly.
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15 **FIRST BUSINESS SESSION**
16 **9:10 AM**
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18 **A. CALL TO ORDER**

19 President Vaughn Tokashiki called the first business session to order at 9:10 AM on
20 April 29, 2016. Glenn D. Fernandez, HSTA–R secretary, was the recording secretary
21 for the delegate assembly.
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23 **B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

24 Roger Takabayashi emphasized the importance of supporting the NEA Fund for
25 Children and Public Education and explained how to complete the outside of the
26 envelopes and that Susan Hagiwara and Kathy Tanaka would seal envelopes after
27 the contents were logged. Delegates could assign credit to members attending the
28 NEA-R Annual Meeting and NEA RA. The names of those attending the NEA-R/NEA
29 RA were posted on chart paper. Beverly Gotelli explained that those who arrived
30 today from the neighbor islands are on the lists to return to the airport. All others
31 had to sign up for ground transportation. Oahu District Delegates were asked to help
32 with airport drop off. Joanne Ing promoted the 2016 Arthritis Walk and explained
33 that the location was moved from the Honolulu Zoo to the University of Hawaii at
34 Manoa Student Center. The President announced that new business items and
35 resolutions from the delegates were to be turned in to Bylaws and Resolutions, co-
36 chair Roberta (Sally) Mangca, by the end of the First Business Session. Other:
37 vouchers and evaluations.
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39 **C. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

40 President Vaughn Takashiki welcomed the assembly and recognized new delegates.
41 He introduced guests: Rod Shinno and Brenda Shiroma from HSTA-VEBA Trust;
42 Attorney Jeffrey Piper; past presidents of HSTA – Sharon Mahoe, June Motokawa,
43 Karen Ginoza, Roger Takabayashi, and Wil Okabe; former HSTA Executive Director,
44 Joan Lee Husted. He also recognized past HSTA-R president and present office
45 administrator, Justin Wong.

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D. CREDENTIALS REPORT

Sandra Low gave the Credentials Report. There were 88 delegates at 9:20 AM. Six (6) would be late and four (4) were absent.

E. ADOPTION OF PROGRAM

The program was adopted with flexibility by the delegation. BEVERLY GOTELLI/GARY KAKU ADOPTED.

F. ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES

The delegates adopted the standing rules. DEBORAH GUNNING/BRENDA CARVALHO ADOPTED.

G. APPROVAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF 2015 DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

The assembly approved the Proceedings of the 2015 Delegate Assembly. BEVERLY GOTELLI/JEANNE FUKUOKA APPROVED.

H. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 501 (c) (4) JEFFREY PIPER, ESQ

HSTA-R Attorney Jeff Piper explained the impetus for the incorporation of HSTA-R as a non-profit social welfare organization and recounted the five-year saga to receive the IRS tax exempt designation for HSTA-R, its districts and its community clubs.

I. HSTA-R FINANCE COMMITTEE AND 2016-2017 HSTA-R BUDGET

Beverly Gotelli, treasurer, reviewed the Income Statement – Cash Basis/Unaudited February 2016 – Report. Rod Shinno, Charlene Acohido and Brenda Shiroma, from HSTA-VEBA/Benefit Plan Solutions assisted the treasurer in answering questions about the February report, as well as the summary of the income statements from September 2015 to February 2016. The treasurer introduced the proposed 2016-2017 HSTA-R Budget that included an increase in HSTA-R dues and made a motion to accept the proposed budget. No second was needed because the Board of Directors approved the proposed budget. The HSTA-R dues would increase from \$45 to \$48. When the NEA-R dues are included, each member’s dues would increase from \$75 to \$78. About 60% of our members are NEA-R Lifetime subscribers and do not pay NEA-R dues. The treasurer explained that the dues increase would partially cover the continued reconciliation of expenses by Benefit Plans Solutions and the hiring of half-time staff to take over the duties of office administrator, Justin Wong, who is a volunteer. She emphasized that the board of directors fulfilled its fiduciary responsibility in approving the dues increase.

J. DOOR PRIZES

Yvonne (Linda) Tavares, 1st Vice-President, Membership chair and Delegate Assembly chair, secured gifts from NEA and Farmers Insurance for each delegate. Delegates received tickets when they registered. The delegate assembly committee awarded door prizes.

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93 **THE SECOND BUSINESS SESSION**
94 **10:46 AM**

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97 **A. MEMORIAL SERVICE**

98 Lorraine Hora read the list of seventy-six (76) HSTA-R members who passed away
99 during the past year, April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016.

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101 **B. STATE OF HSTA-R BY PRESIDENT VAUGHN TOKASHIKI**

102 Mr. Tokashiki remembered Ronald Bright, his high school teacher who died this
103 year. He reviewed the accomplishments of HSTA-R and set goals for the next two
104 years.

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106 **C. 2016 HSTA-R DELEGATE ASSEMBLY REPORTS**

107 Reports from the officers, committees, districts and community clubs were included
108 in each delegate's packet.

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110 **D. ELECTIONS - NOMINATIONS/CANDIDATE SPEECHES**

111 Clarice Roby, elections co-chair, reviewed the elections guidelines. Nominees for
112 each office were posted on chart paper.

- 113 1. Clarice opened the nomination for HSTA-R president by reading Vaughn
114 Tokashiki's name. There was a motion to close the nominations and a second.
115 The nominations were closed. Vaughn Tokashiki was elected President for
116 2016-2018.
- 117 2. Clarice opened the nomination for HSTA-R 1st vice-president by reading
118 Yvonne (Linda) Tavares's name. There was a motion to close the
119 nominations and a second. The nominations were closed. Yvonne (Linda)
120 Tavares was elected 1st President for 2016-2018.
- 121 3. Clarice opened the nomination for HSTA-R 2nd president by reading Jeanne
122 Fukuoka's name. There was a motion to close the nominations and a second.
123 The nominations were closed. Jeanne Fukuoka was elected 2nd President for
124 2016-2018.
- 125 4. Clarice opened the nomination for HSTA-R secretary by reading Glenn D.
126 Fernandez's name. There was a motion to close the nominations and a
127 second. The nominations were closed. Glenn D. Fernandez was elected
128 secretary for 2016-2018.
- 129 5. Clarice opened the nomination for HSTA-R treasurer by reading Beverly
130 Gotelli's name. There was a motion to close the nominations and a second.
131 The nominations were closed. Beverly Gotelli was elected treasurer for 2016-
132 2018.
- 133 6. Clarice opened the nominations for two (2) at-large HSTA-R directors by
134 reading Jean Dobashi's name and Carol Nitta's name. There was a motion to
135 close the nominations and a second. The nominations were closed. Jean
136 Dobashi and Carol Nitta were elected at-large directors for 2016-2018.

138 **E. FOCUS GROUP PRESENTATION**
139 HSTA-R treasurer and chair of the Finance Committee, Beverly Gotelli, introduced
140 Barbara Ankersmit from the Anthology Group, formerly Q-Mark, to present the
141 findings of the focus group activity.

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143 **F. ANNOUNCEMENTS**
144 Beverly Gotelli announced that one more driver was needed for airport drop off.
145 President Tokashiki announced that it was time for lunch.

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147 **THE THIRD BUSINESS SESSION**
148 **12:44 PM**

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150 **A. ELECTIONS REPORT**
151 Elections were completed during the second business session.

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153 **B. BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**
154 There were none for 2016. Roberta (Sally) Mangca, Bylaws and Resolutions co-chair,
155 made a motion to take from the table Proposed Amendment 15-4 ARTICLE X –
156 ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES Section 1 Standing Committees. President Vaughn
157 Tokashiki, president and the maker of the proposed bylaws amendment, made a
158 motion to withdraw 15-4. Proposed Amendment 15-4 was withdrawn.

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160 **C. RESOLUTIONS: NONE**
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162 **D. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS: NONE**
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164 **E. INSTALLATION OF ELECTED OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**
165 George Butterfield read the oath of office and installed the officers and two at-large
166 directors for 2016-2018.

167 President – Vaughn Tokashiki
168 1st Vice President – Yvonne (Linda) Tavares
169 2nd Vice President – Jeanne Fukuoka
170 Secretary – Glenn D. Fernandez
171 Treasurer – Beverly Gotelli
172 At-Large Director – Jean Dobashi
173 At-Large Director – Carol Nitta

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175 **F. DISTRICT OF THE YEAR AWARDS**
176 Justin Wong announced the winners.
177 1. District Membership Awards: Hawaii and Maui Districts
178 2. District Communications Award: Hawaii District
179 3. District Program Award: Oahu District
180 4. District of the Year 2nd Place: Hawaii District
181 5. District of the Year: Oahu District

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183 **G. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

184 Justin Wong announced the winner, Stephen Ono, for his years of service in various
185 capacities, but especially in the area of government relations and legislative
186 activities.

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188 **G. ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT – THE FUTURE OF HSTA-RETIRED**

189 Beverly Gotelli, chair of the focus group, introduced the activity by reading the
190 directions and answering questions. Each table received a focus question and was
191 charged with listing and prioritizing the list of activities to improve participation in
192 leadership roles, communications, pre-retirement workshops, volunteerism and
193 membership services and benefits. Each group shared its work.

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195 **H. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

196 \$2,850 was collected for the NEA Fund for Children and Public Education. Linda
197 Tavares gave away more door prizes. President Tokashiki acknowledged the hard
198 work of the delegates and all those who contributed to the success of the delegate
199 assembly. He reminded everyone to turn in evaluations to registration and their
200 vouchers to Beverly Gotelli today or to mail later. Bev read the list of drivers for
201 transportation to the airport and assigned neighbor island delegates. The final
202 Credentials Report included 92 delegates at 2:15 PM.

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204 **I. ADJOURNMENT**

205 The 2016 HSTA-Retired Delegate Assembly was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

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207 *Delegates were reimbursed for the following expenses: mileage to and from home and*
208 *the meeting site or neighbor island airport, and airport parking.*

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210 Faithfully submitted,

211 Glenn D. Fernandez

212 HSTA-Retired Secretary