

HILA Board Meeting
Minutes July 15, 2015

Present: Erin Lee, Ty McDonald, Hugh Landes, Chris McCullough, Garrett Webb, John Marshall, Micah Barker, Ken Sugai

1st Order of Business: Garrett set up a mail chimp account for sending mass emails from HILA. Also, Garrett created the an email address for ongoing LICT correspondence: getcertifiedhawaii@gmail.com

2nd Order of Business: Employment Training Fund: Garrett is preparing to submit an application for micro grants to provide funding from the ETF. Funding would pay for up to 50% of the LMT class fee's and LICT testing for qualified candidates who are landscaping employees or sole proprietors with a GE Tax License.

3rd Order of Business: Recent LICT Certification Testing: This years LICT testing resulted in 8 new LICT Ornamental Maintenance and 4 new LICT Softscape professionals. Erin is authorized to provide volunteer judges of LICT field tests \$50 gift certificates for their help with this years testing.

4th Order of Business: LICT Written Retake Exam: Erin and Garrett scheduled to hold a retake for LICT written exams on July 30th, 3:30pm at Wahi Malama room at Hualalai.

5th Order of Business: HILA Annual Conference: Ty reported that increases in expenses to hold the HILA Annual Conference has reached a point we should look at raising the price we charge for admission. Micah will see if Nephi Casuga will fill the last conference speaker slot, presenting his smart water meter technology.

6th Order of Business: Website; Blurbs: Ty agreed to provide Garrett a blurb about this years upcoming Annual Conference. John is preparing a blurb for the website regarding HILA scholarships. Garrett will convert unused "EVENTS" webpage to "SCHOLARSHIPS" webpage.

7th Order of Business: LICH Annual Conference 10/8/15: Chris and Erin will attend the LICH conference. There is one more open slot if any other HILA Board would like to attend the LICH conference.

8th Order of Business: Accounting Software: Erin is authorized to purchase and update HILA's accounting software to a newer version of Quickbooks.

9th Order of Business: MIDPAC Horticultural Conference: HILA has a booth at this event on July 24th, 2015 at Hapuna Prince. Garrett suggests we offer LICT certification informational materials to attendees. Garrett wants to offer LICT Interior and Certified Manager of Interior and Exterior Landscape.

10th Order of Business: Commercial Pesticide License: Garrett met with and discussed commercial pesticide licensing with Department of Agriculture. DOA supports HILA in this licensing program and suggests we model a licensing program off of California's IPM program. DOA would help facilitate the creation of this program but is not interested in regulation or oversight of licensees.

11th Order of Business: Greenwaste: HILA will request that the county reopen the Kealakehe Transfer Station for green waste disposal at a fee to the West Hawaii landscape industry. Ken has noted an increase in roadside dumping of green waste which poses certain community and environmental hazards such as brush fires.

12th Order of Business: Improving LMT classes: Micah has suggested that some LMT classes should be more hands-on so that students who do not learn as well through lectures and presentations have an equal opportunity to increase their education levels. Micah will provide a written up detail of how we may add hands on components to the irrigation, pruning and soils classes, and also the addition of safety training to the program.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Wednesday August 12th 3:30pm at Hualalai construction office.