

HILA Board Meeting

Minutes December 9, 2015

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

1st Order of Business: LICH Dues. Garrett inquired whether HILA would willing to pay annual dues to LICH.

2nd Order of Business: ETF: Garrett/LICH has been approved to offer financial assistance through the States Employment Training Fund with any classes and testing administered by LICH. ETF will pay up to 50% of the class or test fees for qualifying candidates or up to \$500. Employers paying for employees to attend or self employed professionals with a GE license qualify for ETF.

3rd Order of Business: ETF & HILA: Garrett proposed to the HILA Board that LICH administer LMT classes (which are currently administered by HILA) so that prospective candidates could benefit from ETF financial assistance and pay a lower class fee. The HILA Board is concerned about an increased administrative work load and a decrease in HILA revenue from LMT classes if LICH were involved in administration of the classes. An ETF program might necessitate a price increase for LMT classes, which is undesirable as it may be too expensive for non-ETF participants.

4th Order of Business: Phased Implementation of ETF: The HILA Board suggests LICH proceed in 2016 with two ETF supported classes: an irrigation class, and the TPI/LICT test, which LICH already administers, and we revisit at the end of the year whether LICH administered EFT could be expanded into HILA's LMT training classes in 2017.

5th Order of Business: LIC T Test Fee: The cost for the LIC T exam, administered by LICH is now \$300. Up from \$275.

6th Order of Business: Ongoing LIC T Support: Erin suggests HILA and LICH need to help keep current LIC T's certified & interested in the program by offering classes, speakers, and events with or without CEU's. LICH plans to offer an Irrigation class with Martin Miyashiro this spring on the Big Island.

7th Order of Business: HCC Palamanui: Calley Oneil, landscape designer at Palamanui, has extended an opportunity to HILA to be a part of the development of an

educational and training landscape site. The HILA Board would like to schedule a viewing of the grounds and possible sites. Garrett will need to provide maps of needed areas for LICT field testing. HCC Palamanui could potentially serve as a permanent site for both LMT classes and LICT testing.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Wednesday January 6th, 3:30pm at Hualalai construction office.