

## HILA Board Meeting

Minutes December 08, 2016

Present: Erin Lee, Ty McDonald, Hugh Landes, Chris McCullough, Garrett Webb, Micah Barker, Jennifer McDaniel, Lynnett Tohara

**1<sup>st</sup> Order of Business:** Lynnett Tohara is the new Section Chair for Irrigation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Order of Business: 2017 LMT & LICT schedule:** LMT classes begin 3/23/17, and the last class is 5/25/17 located at HCC Palamanui. The TPI is scheduled for 6/3/17 at Hualalai pending location approval by the resort. LICT tests are scheduled on 6/8/17 for the written test at Palamanui and 6/10/17 for the field test (tentatively at Kainaliu unless Palamanui is set up for field testing.)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Order of Business: 2017 Irrigation school:** Will be taught by Martin Miyashiro on 5/19/17 and 5/20/17 at Palamanui.

**4<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: LMT Class price and included training manual:** For candidates that sign up for all ten LMT classes we will include a PLANET Ornamental Maintenance training manual. To justify this added cost, the HILA Board approves a price increase of the LMT series from \$325/\$375 (member/non member full ten class series) to \$375/\$425. Ty/Garrett will order 20 manuals to have on hand before classes start.

**5<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: Scholarships;** Erin provided Jennifer (scholarship chair) with a scholarship application form, which needs to be updated with the current year information and sent out to schools. Jennifer suggests partnering with an umbrella organization such as the Hawaii Community Foundation in searching for applicants and getting the HILA scholarships out to potential applicants.

**6<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: TPI-LICH expenses;** Garrett has requested, on behalf of LICH, that the expenses incurred by Garrett/LICH to put on the TPI in Kona, be paid for by HILA. The HILA Board approves this request with a budget of \$600.

**7<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: HILA officer liability;** Hugh asks (Garrett) whether HILA officers are covered and indemnified from liability arising from accidents happening at the HILA sponsored classes or tests, which are currently insured only under LICH's liability policy. Garrett will inquire with the LICH insurance carrier and report back to HILA.

**8<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: HILA membership;** Erin has volunteered to send out membership renewals to existing HILA members. Chris has suggested HILA reach out to attract new members, Board members, and new or interesting speakers for future events.

**9<sup>th</sup> Order of Business: 2017 HILA & LICH conference;** 2017 LICH conference is scheduled for Thursday 10/5/17. HILA will also put on a conference in 2017 and Erin suggests we give it a practical, how-to, focus.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup> at Hualalai. Erin will confirm location.