

# Minutes - Board Meeting 2/2/23

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2 February 2023 / 3:30 PM / Kukio Conference Room

## ATTENDEES

Sarah Kamanu, Erin Lee, Ty McDonald, Ka'uhane Morton, Christian Renz, Tony Savarese, Garrett Webb, Russell Galanti(Video Call)

## AGENDA

### First order of Business - Subcommittee updates

- Christian briefed the board on some developments at LICH
- There is a new president of LICH, Jay Deputy
- There is a grant available for workforce training that Christian and Russell Galanti are going to pursue for funds to potentially help build the TLC program
- Christian and Molly Murphy have completed some work on their portions of the TLC program. They'll share their work with the Subcommittee shortly, probably through email.
- The board needs to find TLC course developers for the "Turfgrass" and "Soil Science" sections
- Ty offered to work on the Big Island "Soil Science" section but pointed out that there will be differences island to island. There was discussion about making a general section and then island-specific sections could be written later.
- Christian brought up James Keach, the Kauai extension agent, as somebody that could possibly help with a Kauai-specific soil section
- Russell offered to help with the Oahu-specific soil section
- Jonathan Deenik was brought up as somebody that could help develop coursework. Russell will try to reach out to him
- Larry Borgatti will work with Tony on a hands-on class for Kauai. Tony hasn't heard from Larry yet.
- Cliff Vianzos offered to help HILA by teaching classes on Maui and on any other island.

## Second order of Business - HILA updates

- Garrett is looking into ETF funds for upcoming training and conferences
- Erin gave the board a financial briefing covering 2022 with a detailed Profit and Loss Statement
- HILA currently has 35 members
- Erin asked Garrett if there was a way for Stripe to display whether a payment was a renewal. Garrett said no.
- The board discussed giving out future scholarships
- Ka'uhane volunteered to manage the scholarship program
- Erin said that one thing that stood out from the Profit and Loss was that conference costs have gone way up
- Ty said that we have time to look into using our own A.V. equipment before the next HILA conference. Russell and Tony could help.
- The board discussed how to structure future Profit and Loss Statements and how we want to break out each category. Erin provided everybody a sample statement from 2008.
- The board had a thorough discussion of what updated line items HILA should have starting in 2023 on its Profit and Loss and which items we should drop from the 2008 template
- Erin will update the template and share it with the board for feedback
- Christian will reach out to some of our sponsors to see who would be willing to become annual recurring sponsors instead of HILA needing to call for a fresh sponsorship payment every year
- Christian brought up that the HILA board could always benefit from new members and perspectives
- Erin agreed and said that we should collectively reflect on the purpose, vision, and future of HILA
- Christian said that community outreach and the social community aspect of HILA are important things to focus on in addition to the education program.
- Ka'uhane said, in that same theme, that HILA should participate in some form in the "Grow Hawaiian" festival on February 25th. It could also be a potential place to recruit new HILA board members or volunteers.
- Erin shared an article about plastic waste. Ka'uhane suggested HILA could educate people about recycling and cutting down waste. And also

that HILA should be open to exploring more topics and ideas that keep our education relevant and progressive.

## **NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday, 3/2/2023 at the Kukio conference room at 3:30