



## HAWAI'I PSYCHIATRIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Monthly Membership Meeting

April 20, 2011

Mission: Helping Hawaii's Psychiatrists Provide the Highest Quality Care

Members Present:

Jeffrey Akaka, MD (Chair), Greg Prior, DO (Immediate Past President) Iqbal Ahmed, MD (Assembly Deputy Rep), Linda Nahulu, MD (American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Psychiatrists Assembly Rep), Lauren Hodge, MD (MIT Rep), Ryan Lundsford, MD.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Dr. Hodge gave a report on the HPMA MITs involvement in setting up two MIT functions at the Annual Meeting.

First, on Saturday and Sunday (May 14-15, 2011) from 8:00am-2:00pm, a hospitality suite will be available in the Ala Moana Hotel, across the street from the Convention Center for MITs attending the Annual Meeting. Along with water and light snacks, it will also feature a WIFI Connection and three laptops. Volunteers will be needed to provide security for the laptops during those hours (hiring security was cost prohibitive)--please contact Dr. Hodge if you can cover for an hour or two. Video can be run in the suite continuously, interspersed with the PowerPoint, which may be useful for recruitment.

Second, on May 16, 2011, from 11:00am-3:00pm, there will be a BBQ at Ala Moana Park, with enough food for 300 people.

Financial support from the APA has been secured to support the hospitality suite and BBQ.

Motion: Shall the HPMA set aside \$200 to be held in reserve if needed, to assist the MITs of the HPMA in meeting the costs of their Aloha BBQ for visiting MITs at the Annual Meeting?  
Motion Passed Unanimously.

On Friday, May 13, 2011, one day before the official start of the Annual Meeting, a golf tournament to benefit the American Psychiatric Foundation and the Waipahu Aloha Club will be held at the Waikele Golf Club with a 7:00am shotgun start. Entry fee that includes cart and green fees, plus banquet at 2:00pm and hole in one and other contests, is \$150. (\$175 if you take the round trip shuttle from the Hilton Hawaiian Village). Visit [www.waipahualohaclub.org](http://www.waipahualohaclub.org) or [www.psychfoundation.org](http://www.psychfoundation.org) to register online with a credit card, or for instructions on where to send a check. Deadline is May 4.

Motion: Shall the HPMA support the Waipahu Aloha Club and American Psychiatric Foundation as a sponsor of the Hawaii Aloha Classic Golf Tournament in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the APA, in the amount of \$500? Motion Passed.

Recognizing elected officials who are outstanding in their efforts on behalf of patients who suffer from psychiatric disorders is important.

Motion: Shall the HPMA establish an award called the “Legislator of the Year” award to be given for outstanding integrity and service on behalf of eliminating discrimination against people who suffer from Psychiatric Disorders? Motion Passed Unanimously.

Several elected officials were considered, but the one legislator who was felt clearly most qualified for this award, not only this year but last year as well, was Hawaii State House Health Chair, Representative Ryan Yamane. Against tremendous pressure, he took a stand and refused to let crash course prescribing bills, from both the house and the Senate, advance out of his committee.

Motion: Shall the HPMA award its first inaugural Legislator of the Year award to Hawaii State Representative Ryan Yamane? Motion passed unanimously.

A plaque will be presented to Rep. Ryan Yamane at the Assembly of the APA.

The effort to bring the APA to Hawaii for this 2011 Annual Meeting began in 1998. Members of the HPMA, joined by 7 members of the Hawaii State Legislature, met with leaders of the APA to encourage them to consider bringing the Annual meeting to Hawaii. Two legislators of those original 7 remain in the Hawaii Legislature, Representative Jerry Chang, and Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland.

Motion: Shall the HPMA recognize Representative Jerry Chang and Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland for the Aloha they showed to the leadership of the APA that resulted in the selection of the Hawaii Convention Center as the venue for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the APA. Motion Passed.

A certificate or plaque of recognition shall be presented to Representative Jerry Chang and to Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland at the Hawaii Convention Center during the Assembly Reception.

Nominations for Officers: We have received notice of interest in serving from a few HPMA members, but nominations remain open for all positions. Please send an email if you have an interest in serving to the HPMA Office at [hpmasbims.com](mailto:hpmasbims.com), with a cc to Jeffrey Akaka at [jakaka@gmail.com](mailto:jakaka@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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President, HPMA