



VOLCANO ART CENTER

WHERE PEOPLE, ART AND NATURE MEET

OUR MISSION

Volcano Art Center (VAC) is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization founded in 1974 to develop, promote and perpetuate the artistic, cultural and environmental heritage of Hawai'i's people through the arts and education.

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MEMORANDUM FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of our Chairman Hugh Jenkins, please find attached the Proxy Ballot for the upcoming Annual General Membership Meeting on **Sunday, September 27 at 3pm** at our Niaulani Campus in Volcano Village, in the Hale Ho'omana Multipurpose room.

Note the date of **September 23** as the deadline for either mailing or emailing to us your Proxy or Nominations. Also attached is our preliminary agenda for the Annual Meeting.

Finally, an invitation has been extended to ALL GALLERY ARTISTS for a complimentary headshot photograph by Jesse Tunison to be used in our upcoming online gallery or for your individual promotional purposes.

Mahalo for your support and patronage. We look forward to seeing you on the 27th!

Michael A. Nelson

Executive Director



2015 Annual Membership Meeting
Sunday, September 27, 2015
3:00 pm
Hale Ho'omana @Niaulani Campus

AGENDA

Meeting call to order at 3:00 pm by Board Chairman Hugh Jenkins with introductions of board and staff members present. Recognition of any special guests.

REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report – Lynda Getz and Accounting Manager – Steve Petruzzo
- Executive Director Report – Mike Nelson
- Committees Report – Vice President Emily Herb
- Chair's Report – Chairman Hugh Jenkins reviews the year at a glance, programs, events and outlook for 2016.

New Business – Board of Directors Elections

- Review of Ballots & Nominations
- Call for Nominations from the Floor
- Introduction of Candidates
- Collection and counting of ballots.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The 2015 Annual Report will be distributed in November following review from our auditors.
- 2016 Annual Meeting will take place in May. At that time additional board nominees will be presented as board member tenures are modified.
- Floor open for discussions, comments, questions from membership.
- Confirmation of board election

4:30 pm – Meeting Close – Social Hour



VOLCANO ART CENTER
PROXY BALLOT: Election of Board Members

If you are unable to attend the annual meeting on Sunday, September 27, please complete and return this ballot by US Mail or Email no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, September 23, 2015.

BY USMAIL: Volcano Art Center, P. O. Box 129, Volcano, HI 96785
BY EMAIL: INFO@VOLCANOARTCENTER.ORG

Ballots with more than one voting designation, and/or more than one ballot signed by an eligible member will be disqualified. If you have a dual family membership or above, please submit two ballots; each ballot must be signed by an individual who is included in the membership.

If you appoint the VAC Board Chair to vote your proxy, we must receive your completed ballot by 5 pm on Wednesday, September 23, 2015. If you appoint another person to vote for you at the meeting, either deliver the completed proxy authorization to VAC by noon on September 23, 2015, or have your designated proxy holder present your signed proxy on September 27 by 3:00 pm at the meeting check-in table to obtain a ballot.

Voting Designation (check and fill your name on the first line of your selected designation)

I, _____, vote for the candidates as indicated below;

I, _____, designate _____ to vote on my behalf;
(VAC member who will be present at the meeting)

I, _____, designate VAC Board Chair Hugh Jenkins to vote for the candidates recommended by the VAC Board of Directors.

I, _____, designate VAC Board Chair Hugh Jenkins to vote for the candidates as I have indicated below.

Candidates (you may vote for those listed and/or write in a recommended candidate you will sponsor)
Each position will be for a **TWO** year term.

- Desiree Moana Cruz
- William Hamilton
- Fred Hee
- Jessie Tunison
- _____

Please **print** your name for membership verification _____

Your signature: _____ Date Emailed or USPS Mailed _____



2015 BOARD NOMINATION BIO'S

Desiree Moana Cruz

- Desiree, a resident of the Hamakua Coast has been an active member of the Volcano Art Center board since 2013. We are delighted she has agreed to stand for election of another two year term.
- Best known for her many activities as an entertainer, travels with the Hawaii Visitors Bureau as well as maintaining our hula kahiko series, Aloha Friday demonstrations on the VAC gallery porch.
- Recently Desiree has expanded her activity with several other members of the board and staff to direct our Cultural Committee events and activities in the promotion and preservation of the Hawaiian Cultural activities

Fred Hee

- Born and raised in Honolulu, HI,
- Vietnam Veteran / Education: University of Hawaii BBA 1977, University of Hawaii BS 2001
- Working for the University of Hawaii, Institute of Astronomy as a software specialist since 1999. Living in Volcano, HI.
- My reason for wanting to become a member of the Board of Directors:
I have been working on the music committee since this past summer with Mike Nelson and other members of the committee. The music venue has been an enjoyable experience leading me to believe that Mike will be taking the art center into a very community oriented direction.

William Hamilton

- Born 1947, Grew up in Portland Oregon area
- Drafted in US ARMY 1966 spent several years as an Engineer Company Commander with duty rotations in Vietnam, various locations in the Pacific and a tour in Iraq.
- After release from active duty Bill remained in the Military reserve while operating his own construction business on Maui. As business slowed he turned to woodworking, furniture making, restorations and a variety of woodcrafts.
- While on Maui Bill was an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Maui Historical Society and Maui Visitors Bureau. Bill is an active member in Volcano Rotary and VFW along with volunteering at Cooper Center.

Jessie Tunison

- Jesse Tunison is a photographer, cinematographer, and producer based on the Big Island of Hawai'i.
- In 2008, Jesse began working as a professional photographer and producer. By June of that year Jesse also began to produce his first independent full length film entitled "Rx." Rx was released two years later in 2010.
- Since 2010 Jesse has worked on an array of small projects from creating advertising campaigns for small businesses in Hawai'i, to photographing for large corporate companies in the US Mainland and creating magazine content. Jesse has also worked alongside Hawai'i's recording artists from traveling on the road with the artists, to creating album covers and has worked with our VAC website development team for photography and our online gallery and promotional materials.