ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS

HISTORY
PREFACE

The Hawaiian civic club movement was the fulfillment of a dream for Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole (26 Mar 1871 – 7 Jan 1922), who was born in Koloa, Kauai Island. In 1895 he joined Queen Liliuokalani to help re-establish her government that ended unsuccessfully. Prince Kuhio served as congressional delegate from 1902 to 1922, during which time he secured Congressional approval of $27 million for the establishment of Pearl Harbor and Hawaii National Parks; represented the Territory of Hawaii and introduced the first statehood legislation. He fathered the Hawaiian homestead program initiated by Congressional Act in 1921, and was anxious that his people know more about government and the community at large to carry on the tradition of civic responsibility that he felt was vital to the development of Hawaii and its people for a better way of life. John Lane, John Wise and Noah Aluli were among those principally involved in the planning and formation of the pioneer Hawaiian Civic Club that began in 1917 to support initiatives that benefit the native Hawaiian community. This resulted from Prince Kuhio’s concern over the decline in spirit and devastating spike in the mortality rate of the Hawaiian people, and the fear that they would not have the educational skills to protect their interests. Specifically, Prince Kuhio believed that the future of the Hawaiian community and its people could be protected and promoted only through an organized effort by Hawaiian leadership. He believed that the Hawaiians should help their young people secure an education that would enable them to compete successfully in the new cultural environment introduced to Hawaii in the 19th century. Thus the Hawaiian Civic Club was formed with the objective of providing scholarship aid for the education of Hawaiian students; of preserving and promoting the Hawaiian heritage, traditions, language and culture; of promoting and supporting organizations interested in improving the conditions of the Hawaiian people and community at large as well as legislation beneficial to the Hawaiian community; and of perpetuating the values that dignify all human life, which are the moral and ethical foundation of our cultural expressions that comprise a unique, rich and enduring legacy of the first people of Hawaii nei.

In 1918, Prince Kuhio chose as the first president of the organized Hawaiian Civic Club (now called the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu and often referred to as the “mother club”) a rising young Hawaiian attorney and a recent college graduate, William H. Heen, Esq., whose subsequent career in politics and government spanned more than 40 years. Further, Prince Kuhio recognized the need for an organized group of Hawaiians to assist the government in the development of the Hawaiian Homestead program of some 948,000 plus acres. The Congressional Act in 1921, written and sponsored successfully by him, was subject to amendments that changed the original intent, much to his dismay. In the 1930s several heavily populated Hawaiian communities organized Hawaiian civic clubs with the same objectives as the mother club, similar constitutions and bylaws, and operated most effectively that included among the serious business activities, conducting Hawaiian observances, celebrations and traditional festivities. In the subsequent decade, the movement experienced a tremendous surge forward so that by 1959 there were enough clubs to warrant the formation of councils throughout the islands. The first Executive Committee included David Bent, William C. Kea [Honolulu], William I. Kanakanui [Waialua], Jay Landis [Waianae], Gulstan Poespo [Wahiawa], George Richardson [Ewa] and Gabriel Weisbarth [Nanaikapono]. Each of these men and those who followed in serving leadership roles of the organization were not only respected by the Hawaiian community, but were established leaders in civic affairs in the community-at-large. Their experience in organizational work gave the Association stability and maturity as it steadily grew into an important nationwide civic organization that was set upon the principal of decentralization – the autonomy of the individual club was and is preserved; the major functions were to provide scholarships to needy Hawaiian students; and a forum for free discussion of Hawaiian issues about which all chartered clubs are concerned; and to serve as a vehicle for the verbalization of Hawaiian opinion and action. One scholarship program started by the Association in 1975 now provides about $1 million in graduate and undergraduate scholarship aid; and many recipients have pursued their education in the fields of medicine, law, education, aerospace science, optometry, oceanography to name a few. The programs of clubs vary widely and depend largely on the needs of their respective communities in which they serve. Dues of the clubs are relatively nominal but all clubs put a premium on membership as they continue a variety of projects to attract new members and sustain current membership. Membership has always been open to people interested in the Association’s mission, objectives and purposes. One of the entertaining functions of the Association is the Aha Mele, an event held at annual conventions to promote and perpetuate Hawaiian a cappella choral singing, which developed in the 1820s under Rev. Hiram Bingham’s tutelage and climaxed in the latter half of the same century with the formation of robust church choirs and glee clubs, the legacies of which are still with us today. The Aha Mele is laced with a competitive spirit among its participating clubs.

The organization has established a reputation of serious consideration on community issues and mana’o of the membership as it convenes annually at locations where clubs are represented; and has been respected as a valuable resource by other organizations, agencies, the State Legislature, and U.S. Congress. In fact, many resolutions adopted by the Association’s delegation at convention have served as the basis for proposed state and federal legislation that have survived the heaviest scrutiny, and were subsequently enacted.

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In 1959 the first convention of the Hawaiian Civic Clubs (also called the Territorial Council of Hawaiian Civic Clubs or “Supreme Council” back then) was held for one day at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel in Honolulu, Oahu Island on 18 April. The event was dedicated in memory of Samuel Wilder King. Six Oahu clubs were represented by 83 delegates, namely, Ewa (organized 4 May 1948); Honolulu (organized 7 December 1918); Koolaupoko (organized 10 August 1937); Nanaikapono (organized 12 May 1948); Waialua (organized 9 February 1934) and Wahiawa (organized 15 June 1935) [both were registered at convention as one club] -- Waialua-Wahiawa; and Waianae (organized 15 June 1935). The keynote speaker was William H. Heen. Also during this convention, the “Supreme Council” formed 4 district councils: Oahu, Maui-Molokai, Hawaii, and Kauai, and the other seven island clubs included HCC of Hamakua (organized 2 July 1937); HCC of Hilo (organized July 1929); Kona HCC (organized February 1952); Waimea HCC (organized 31 December 1949); Lahaina HCC (organized 18 October 1935); Molokai HCC (organized 9 February 1959); and Kauai HCC (originally called Kapaa HCC, organized in 1937). The 83 delegates were:

Anne Aiona          Sam Harris          Mary Kialoa          Gulstan Poepoe *
Charles Akana       Flora Hayes        Walter Kim          Jarrett Plumer
Lang Akana          Peter Holiona       Moses Konia         Marcella Quatedaum
Bill Amona          Mary Ann Hussey     Sarah Konia         Jacqueline Raposa
Margaret Apo        Thomas Hussey      Rev. Solomon Kuni   George Richardson *
Henrietta Austin    Isabella Jacinth   Jay Landis          Lawrence Robinson
David Bent *        William Jacinth    John Landham        Mary K. Robinson
Jacob Bright        William Jarrett    Lurlene Lee         Lenore Seto
Quincy Choy Foo     Edwin Jones        Herman Lemke        Gilmer Shingle
Frances Cobb-Adams  James Kahalewai    Joseph Leong        Chris Soares
John Dana           Alice Kalahui       Carlos Long        Leon Sterling Jr.
Roy DeCoite         Beatrice Kamai      Elia Long          Edna Stevens
Julia Dias          Agnes Kanahele     Joseph Low          Cardinal Thomas
Joseph L. Dwight Sr. William I. Kanakanui * Guy MacFarlane
Joseph L. Dwight Jr. Sarah Kawailima     William Mahi        Margaret Tilton
Rosalie Dwight      Philemina Kawelo   Lillian Markham    Florence Todd
Adeline Estene      William C. Kea *   Gordon May          Kaniau Torris
Harriet Farden      Alexander Kekahuna  Alex Meyers         Hilda Van Gieson
Irene Ford          James Kekahuna     Liliuokalani Morris James Wade
Margaret Galdera    Momi Kekahuna     Violet Nakea        Gabriel Weisbarth *
Joseph Hanchet      Msgnr. Charles A. Kekumano William Paia

* Executive Committee (delegates-at-large)

There were 6 committees at convention, namely, Executive Committee, Legislation, Organization & Objectives, Registration & Credentials, Resolutions, and Rules of the Convention. The convention chairman, William C. Kea [Honolulu] who was an executive of Hawaiian Telephone Company and a leader for many years in the community-at-large, was elected president for one year starting after this convention through the next convention in 1960, and Joseph Dwight Sr. [Nanaikapono] was elected Vice President. As the territory became a state of the U.S.A. this April, HCC of Honolulu recommendations were adopted by the delegation to have the local government change the official seal from “Territory” to “State” and the year “1900” to “1959”; use the motto “Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono;” select the kukui tree as the state fauna, and the red hibiscus (koki’o ula aloalo) as the state flora. One of the hottest issues was opposition to House Bill 9 that limited the holding of real property by charitable and trust estates, as the delegates agreed that “any attempts to disfranchise the rights of Hawaiian charitable trusts” would adversely affect the Liliuokalani Trust, Lunalilo Trust, the Bishop Estate that supports the Kamehameha Schools, and other Hawaiian estates that benefit the Hawaiian people. The
convention ended with a gala luau at the St. Louis Alumni Clubhouse that was well attended. The Honolulu Star Bulletin issue of 20 April 1959 posted the major highlights of the convention. The HCC of Honolulu announced in their newsletter that members Haleakala I was chosen as Lei Queen of the C&C of Honolulu and Brucella Halani Berard as one of her attendants.

Of note, in 1959 when Hawaii became the 50th state of U.S.A., the Hawaii government logo was changed to include the rising sun and replacing the twins Kamanawa and Kameeiamoku with a male chief depicting Kamehameha I and a female depicting liberty (center below). The logo of the Association is shown on the far right and is similar to the traditional rendition on the far left.

In 1960 the convention was held in February. The Executive Committee (also known as Committee at Large) was represented in meeting by the executives of the Association, clubs and councils, which was chaired by the Association president. Other committees at convention were Legislation, Organization & Objectives, Registration & Credentials, Resolutions, and Rules of the Convention. Central Maui HCC (organized 10 January 1960) was chartered in February 1960; and Kailua HCC (organized 4 August 1958) was accepted into the organization in December 1960 by the Association. Sen. Harry M. Field [Central Maui] was elected president of the organization for one year starting after this convention through the next convention in 1961. William C. Kea became the immediate past president.

In 1961 the convention was held at the Wailuku Hotel, Maui Island as a three day event, 7-9 April, with general sessions at the Baldwin High School; and 18 clubs with over 300 people were in attendance: Central Maui, Lahaina, Lanai (organized in 1961), Molokai, Ewa, Honolulu, Koolauloa, Koolaupoko; Wahiawa and Waialua [they were registered as separate clubs by this time], Waianae, Kailua, Nanaikapono, Kauai, Hamakua, Hilo, Kona, and Waimea. The theme was “E Makaala Kakou” -- The Hawaiians have reached maturity; and the convention was dedicated to Mrs. Kapiolani Kawananaakoa (Harry M.) Field. The official name of the organization was by now called the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. Lanai HCC and Kailua HCC each received a charter by the Association at the Friday, 8 April 1961 general session in order that they may have representation at the convention including committee meetings, which were held after dinner on Friday. Keynote speaker was convention chairman Raymond X. Aki [Kauai], and other prominent speakers were Dr. George H. Mills [Koolauloa], and Hon. Lt. Gov. William S. Richardson [Honolulu]. Election of Supreme President and officers was held, and Sen. Harry M. Field was re-elected for one year beginning after this convention through the next convention in 1962. William C. Kea remained as the
immediate past president. Installation of the newly elected Association board members was held at the Saturday luau, 8 April 1961.

In 1962 it was election year for the Association. The term of its officers was changed to two years at this convention and Msgr. Charles A. Kekumano [Wahiawa] was elected president starting after this convention through the 1964 convention. Sen. Harry M. Field became the immediate past president.

In 1963 the Association president was Msgr. Charles A. Kekumano and Sen. Harry M. Field was the immediate past president. Several actions of the Association were made at its board meeting of 26 January: The 6 committees approved to do business at convention were Budget, Entertainment, Legislative, Public Relations, Registration & Credentials, and Resolutions; and convention committees were Mele Hoolaulea and Rules. Also approved at this meeting was the policy that each club be entitled to one representative in each committee that met at convention; and, at the discretion of the committee chair, anyone not a member of a committee could also speak at committee meeting for no more than 5 minutes. Hanalei HCC (organized 26 March 1956) was chartered by the Association on 7 February 1963, making it the 19th club in the Association at convention. The annual convention, co-hosted by Hawaii Council, was held at Kona Hotel in Holualoa, Hawaii Island 18-21 April, under the theme “Kulia I Ka Nuu” (strive for the highest) which was dedicated to the youth of Hawaii. Gov. John A. Burns was the keynote speaker at the Friday evening buffet dinner held 19 April 1963, followed by the Mele Hoolaulea. The Mele Hoolaulea was initially sponsored by Mr. Richard Smart of Parker Ranch, Hawaiian Airlines, Aloha Airlines, and the Association. A Presidents Committee meeting, formerly called the Committee-at-Large, was held at breakfast on Saturday, 20 April 1963.

In 1964 the convention was held 14-16 February at Roosevelt High School and more than 900 members from a federation of 18 clubs attended. Keynote speaker was Honolulu Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell; and a panel of Democratic legislators headed by Rep. Walter N. Heen [Honolulu] and David K. Trask, Hiram Kamaka, and T. C. Yim discussed the role of the Association and clubs in the political arena as it benefited the mission and direction of the Hawaiian civic club movement. The new committee added to this convention was Constitution & Bylaws; and Presidents Committee was a convention committee. The business end of the convention resulted in recommendation by the delegation that the State Legislature form a commission to study the land reform problems and report to the 1965 Legislative session. Election of officers was held this year, and George H. Mills MD [Koolauloa] was elected president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs for one year (despite the fact that the term of elective office was changed to two years at the 1962 convention), whose term began after this convention through the next convention in 1965. Msgr. Charles A. Kekumano became the immediate past president. Pearl Harbor HCC (organized 3 December 1963) received its charter at the Association board meeting on 16 April 1964. Queen Emma HCC (organized 16 June 1964), received its charter by the Association on 16 June 1964. Prince Kuhio HCC (organized 1 February 1964), received its charter on 17 June 1964. Waikiki HCC (organized 9 July 1964) received its charter on 1 August 1964. Puuolua HCC (organized 4 September 1963) received its charter on 4 September 1964.

Following is an excerpt from the HCC of Honolulu radio broadcast script of 31 May 1964 in memory of Senator Harry M. Field who passed away: “Sen. Harry Field’s leadership role in last year’s Maryland Ground
Rent Bill controversy was widely understood by the large segment of the community who were deeply concerned about the bill’s effect on trusts and inheritances left by Hawaiian ali`i to provide benefits of a social and education nature to their descendents. His interest in the affairs of the Hawaiian Homes Commission was also widely known but perhaps what was not known was his extensive knowledge of the history of the commission and the legislation governing it. Sen. Field, perhaps, understood the nature and purpose of the Hawaiian Homes Commission better than anyone else. He had made such a thorough study of the program and its legislation over the years that he was extremely conversant on various changes made and the reasons for them. His role in influencing Hawaiian Homes legislation was considerable though unpublicized. Sen. Field was never interested in personal publicity and had a tendency to shun it. His counsel, however, in Hawaiian Homes matters, was considered valuable and was sought frequently by those interested in the improvement of the program. Sen. Field was one of the early moving forces behind the development of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. He served a term as the Association President and spent a good deal of his time during his term putting the Association on its feet, giving it a degree of maturity, establishing its method of bookkeeping and record keeping on a businesslike basis. Sen. Field’s devotion to the civic club movement was deep for in its development he believed that the various segments of Hawaii’s extensive Hawaiian community would be brought together in a major effort to preserve the strengths of Hawaii’s heritage - a cause to which he dedicated himself as one of the founders of Aloha Week, as a major influencing factor in the development and growth of the Lahaina Whaling Spree. Sen. Field was anxious to see the day when the Hawaiian community would act in unison for the betterment of the community as a whole. He like many of his predecessors in this area became concerned over the lack of communication which existed between the civic clubs and often gave thought to the development of a newspaper or magazine or newsletter. This was one of the projects Sen. Field hoped the Association might one day undertake. Sen. Field’s devotion to the island of Maui was and no doubt will always be legendary. He was especially fond of his place at Kula. His presence on the “Valley Island” will be sorely missed.

In 1965 there were 14 clubs in Oahu Council: Ewa, Honolulu, Kailua, Koolauloa, Koolaupoko, Nanaikapono, Pearl Harbor, Prince Kuhio, Puuloa, Queen Emma, Wahiawa, Waialua, Waianae, and Waikiki. Hawaii Council had 5: Hamakua, Hilo, Kohala, Kona, and Waimea. Maui Council had 4: Central Maui, Lahaina, Lanai, and Molokai. Kauai Council had 1: Kauai. The convention, coordinated by John S. Wilmington III [Central Maui] and dedicated in memory of Sen. Harry M. Field, was held 29-31 January 1965 at the Baldwin High School Auditorium (general sessions) and Kahului National Guard Armory (committee meetings and Saturday luau). The Association president, George H. Mills MD [Honolulu], chaired the convention that was attended by more than 300 delegates. Msgr. Charles A. Kekumano [Honolulu] was the immediate past president; the secretary was Marie Leimomi Ruane [Wahiawa]; treasurer was Solomon Halualani [Koolaupoko]; and council officers on the Association board of directors were: Oahu - AHCC Vice President Isaac Smyth [Waianae], AHCC directors Joseph L. Dwight Sr. [Nanaikapono], Frank Antone, and James K. Trask Sr. [Kailua]; Hawaii – AHCC Vice President E.C.H. “Hobie” Van Gieson [Hilo], AHCC director Thomas Mahaulu; Maui – AHCC Vice President Anthony Fernandez [Lanai], and AHCC director John Wilmington III [Central Maui]; Kauai – AHCC Vice President Gabriel I [Kauai]; and AHCC director James Burgess [Kauai]. The committees met on Friday and reported on Saturday. They were: Budget & Finance, Public Relations, Legislative, and Constitution. Keynote speaker at the Saturday general session was State Sen. George R. Ariyoshi whose address appealed to landowners to improve the leasehold system to prevent the necessity of mandates from the Legislature, offering a fixed lease rental proposal that would discourage such mandates from the government. The delegation supported Act 4 of the 1965 Legislature, which
introduced an educational program feature in the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; and assistance to the Kamehameha Schools’ summer extension program. The Mele Hoolaulea, chaired by Kelvin Kai, was held at Baldwin High School auditorium on Friday evening where seven clubs competed to Charles E. King’s song, “Kamehameha March.” Kailua and Central Maui HCCs tied in first place before a packed crowd of 1200. Election of officers apparently reverted back to a one-year term, because Dr. George H. Mills was re-elected for one year as the Association president from February 1965 through the next convention in 1966; Msgr. Charles A. Kekumano remained as the immediate past president. The Saturday luau, held at the Armory, cost each person $3.50!

In a lecture on 1 March 1965, the second of eight weekly lectures on “The Role of the Hawaiian in the Modern Community,” sponsored by St. Andrew’s Cathedral and held at Tenny Hall, Dr. George H. Mills, then president of the Association of HCCs, said in part, “The modern Hawaiian is anxious to be identified as a Hawaiian. But he is equally anxious to take his place in society on an equal competitive footing, economically, socially, and culturally, with all other ethnic groups in Hawaii... In the civic club, we know that our prime civic responsibility is to continue to contribute to the greatest educational system in the world. Herein lies the destiny of the Hawaiian people... Most of the Hawaiian civic clubs have scholarship funds for Hawaiian youths including school dropouts; and leaders continually impress on members the necessity of a basic high school education. The Association’s efforts are also directed at Hawaiian history and culture, for the Hawaiian civic clubs has a responsibility as do other Hawaiian groups to maintain, restore and preserve Hawaiian culture for posterity... Hawaiians are capable of excelling in every field of endeavor; and the self-image of the Hawaiians should be restored to point out the intrinsic values of Hawaiian culture. We are seriously interested in allowing Hawaiians full participation and responsibility as active citizens and productive individuals in this dynamic society.” In a separate report on 1 April 1965, Pres. Mills stated that the Hawaiian civic clubs currently aid 125 students; two of the clubs have additional projects dealing with the high school dropout problems, namely, Kailua HCC and Molokai HCC.

Activities of the 24 Hawaiian civic clubs chartered by the Association centered principally in two areas of the organization’s objectives, namely preservation and promotion of the Hawaiian culture, and education. Clubs actively participated in Kuhio Day celebrations in all islands and gave splendid support to the Kamehameha Day Celebrations Commission in the annual Kamehameha Day events. Choral groups from many clubs participated in community-wide events in their respective locales; and many clubs continued work on locating and identifying Hawaiian historical sites. The Association gave its support to a significant piece of legislation adopted by the Third State Legislature, which is now a reality, namely, Act 4 under which boys and girls in Hawaiian homesteads are given an opportunity to travel between the islands in a program specifically designed to broaden their educational experiences and give them a greater scope of the world around them. Clubs also gave support and, in some instances provided teachers for the Kamehameha Schools’ annual six-week summer extension program conducted on all islands. In many cases, club requests resulted in the establishment of a Kamehameha extension school program in the locale of the civic club. A survey conducted by the Association showed that the combined effort of all 24 clubs provided more than $20,000 annually in scholarship funds for young people who show education promise and high motivation. Many clubs developed and implemented civic programs specific to the needs of their community; a number provided the initiative and leadership for Aloha Week programs conducted in the fall of 1965. Many sought out community leaders and specialists to discuss important civic concerns with club memberships. Several joined in Christmas programs in December, primarily bringing happiness into the hearts of those a little less fortunate than most.
In 1966 the annual convention represented by 24 Hawaiian civic clubs was held 15-17 April in Honolulu, Oahu Island, and Betty Lou Akana [Queen Emma] was the convention chair. Dr. George H. Mills [Honolulu] was Association president. Other members of the Association board were: Immediate Past President Msgr. Charles A. Kekumano [Honolulu], Secretary Marie Leimomi Ruane [Wahiawa], Treasurer Solomon Halualani [Koolaupoko]; Oahu Council – AHCC Vice President Isaac Smythe [Waianae], AHCC Director James Trask [Kailua], AHCC Director William Paia [Koolaupoko], and AHCC Director Hardy Hutchinson [Honolulu]; Hawaii Council – AHCC Vice President E.C.H. “Hobie” Van Gieson [Hilo], and AHCC Director Pilipo Springer [Kona]; Maui Council – AHCC Vice President Anthony “Sonny” Fernandez [Lanai], and AHCC Director John Wilmington III [Central Maui]; Kauai Council – AHCC Vice President James Burgess [Kauai], and AHCC Director Ralph Makanani [Kauai]. More than 600 attended the convention, which met at the Hawaiian Village Dome where most of the business and meetings were held. Koolauloa HCC (organized 14 June 1924), Kohala HCC (organized on 16 April 1966) and Prince David Kawananakoa HCC (organized 23 February 1966) were chartered at the 16 April 1966 general session. The addition of the latter, a Hilo based club, added historical significance to the movement as Prince David was the brother of the movement’s founder, Prince Kuhio. The Royal Hawaiian Band rendered musical selections as prelude to the general sessions on Friday and Saturday morning; and the Kamehameha School boy concert glee club rendered musical selections as interlude to the Friday general session. In his presidential report, Dr. Mills stressed the importance of the Association’s continued assistance in the Kamehameha Schools’ summer extension program. Keynote speakers at the Friday general session were Hon. Gov. John A. Burns and City & County of Honolulu personnel director Richard Mossman on behalf of Mayor Neal S. Blaisdell. Guest speakers at the Saturday general session were Dr. Thomas Hamilton, UH President; Thomas Hitch, First National Bank Vice President; and Dr. James Bushong, Kamehameha Schools President. Only 4 of the committees, Budget & Finance, Public Relations, Legislative, and Constitution & Bylaws, met on Friday and reported results of their deliberations at the Saturday general session. The delegation adopted resolutions recommending: No further action be taken on the controversial proposed national park on Kauai until the public is fully informed on the development; the Legislature submit proposed amendments to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to the Association for consideration; the Hawaiian Homes Commission award its available agriculture lands at Waimea, Hawaii Island to qualified and waiting applicants; the Legislature assure that the red hibiscus be retained as the State flower, opposing recent moves to change it to the red anthurium; the Association assist Molokai Island in improving or replacing deteriorating facilities for the youth (Hoolehua gym; school transportation program; Molokai Forestry Camp), improving Puukapele Road, and developing Kapuaia Grove as a historical park. Chief Justice William S. Richardson was named the Outstanding Hawaiian; and Benjamin A. Hussey [Molokai] was named the Outstanding Civic Club Member. The Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Clubs were Molokai HCC and Prince Kuhio HCC. The Saturday luau was held at the Honolulu International Center (currently known as the Neal Blaisdell Center). Election of officers was held this year, and George H. Mills MD was re-elected to a third one-year term as president of the Association through the next convention in 1967. Msgr. Charles A. Kekumano remained as the immediate past president. After convention business, the Saturday finale was a luau. The Presidents Brunch was held on Sunday, 17 April, climaxing the convention program this year.

On 12 August 1966, Dr. Mills spearheaded a group discussion regarding resolutions adopted at the Association convention in April in preparation for a State legislative meeting on Molokai Island on Saturday, 20 August 1966. Included in the discussion were House Reps D. G. “Andy” Anderson, and Ernest Heen Jr.; AHCC Legislative Committee chair Whitney T. Anderson; and Oahu Council Legislative Committee chair Myron
“Pinky” Thompson. The target of discussion were: AHCC Resolutions 66-02, 66-04, and 66-14 regarding the people’s objection to Legislative Bill 557 on the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act as it relates to supporting the needs and welfare of the homestead beneficiaries, and the deteriorating conditions of facilities impairing use by the homesteaders on Molokai, and the disconcerting clause stating “only land not used by the Hawaiian people will be leased to people other than Hawaiian”; Act #97, the portion that relates to education and funding thereto, and the fact that the Department of Public Instruction was using unqualified teachers to educate students in the Hawaiian homesteads; and two other Legislative Bills on child abuse and shoreline setback. Resolutions 66-01 and 66-07 from HCC Honolulu and Kauai HCC, respectively, were in conflict with each other referencing the proposed national park on Kauai homestead land, and were not acted on but returned to the makers for further study and rework. HCC of Waimanalo (organized 16 August 1966) was chartered by the Association on 19 November 1966.

In 1967 the annual convention represented by 26 Hawaiian civic clubs and attended by 514 registered people was held Thursday through Saturday, 9-11 February at the Kauai Surf Hotel, Kauai Island, co-chaired by Hannie Anderson [Kailua] and Joseph Kauaiwai [Kauai]. The Association Board of Directors included: President George H. Mills MD [Honolulu], Immediate Past President Charles A. Kekumano JCD [Honolulu], Secretary Marie Leimomi Ruane [Wahiawa], Treasurer Solomon Halualani [Koolaupoko]; Oahu Council – AHCC Vice President John McCandless [Kailua], AHCC Director Hardy Hutchinson [Honolulu], AHCC Director Alex Kekahuna [Waianae], AHCC Director William Paia [Koolaupoko]; Hawaii Council – AHCC Vice President Pilipo Springer [Kona], AHCC Director Marge Kealanahele [Waimea]; Maui Council – AHCC Vice President John Wilmington III [Central Maui], AHCC Director Francis Wong Leong [Molokai]; Kauai Council – AHCC Vice President Arthur Kinney [Kauai], AHCC Director Ralph Makanani [Kauai]. Thursday was when the golf and bowling tournaments were held; as well as the Presidents dinner that evening. Keynote speakers at the Friday general session were Hon. John A. Burns, Governor, and Hon. Antone Vidinha Jr., Kauai County Chair. The Mele Hoolaulea, chaired by Kihei Brown [Prince Kuhio], was held Friday evening. There were 9 committees that met on Friday and reported on Saturday during the general session, namely, Constitution & Bylaws, Entertainment, Finance & Budget, Historic Sites, Legislation, Presidents, Public Relations, Registration, and Resolutions. Saturday’s general session had two guest speakers, namely Dr. Roland Force, Bishop Museum director, and Russell Apple [Kona], superintendent of Puuhonua o Honaunau National Historic Park. Election of officers was held this year, and George H. Mills MD was re-elected to a fourth one-year term as president of the Association starting after this convention through the next convention in 1968. Msgr. Charles A. Kekumano remained as the immediate past president. The installation of officers and Outstanding Awards were presented at the convention luau on Saturday evening. The Honolulu Paper Co. was acknowledged with much appreciation for donating significantly the important materials and supplies necessary to help the Association conduct the convention at a minimal cost. Also, the Pacific Savings and Loan Association expressed their privilege of making available to various Hawaiian civic clubs their second floor meeting room facilities at the Waialae Shopping Center office building. King Kamehameha HCC (organized 6 January 1966) was chartered by the Association on 6 April 1967.

In 1968 the election of officers for a two-year term starting after convention this year through the next convention in 1970 was held at convention and Pilipo Springer [Kona] was elected president of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. George H. Mills MD
became the immediate past president.

**In 1969** the Association president was Pilipo Springer [Kona] and George H. Mills MD was the immediate past president. Hannie Anderson [Kailua] and Irma Chillingworth [Kona] co-chaired the convention that was held 6-8 February at Hale Halawai in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii Island and the convention was dedicated to Princess Liliuokalani Kawanakoa. Of the 29 clubs represented at convention, 16 were from Oahu Council, 6 from Hawaii Council, 4 from Maui Council, and 3 from Kauai Council including Kaumualii HCC (organized 10 March 1968) that was chartered by the Association on 7 February 1969. Kalihi-Palama HCC (organized 19 November 1969) was chartered by the Association on 19 November 1969 and became the 17th club of Oahu Council to have a place in the delegation. Hon. Shunishi Kimura, Mayor was a guest speaker; and Hon. John A. Burns, Governor, was the keynote speaker. On Friday, the 1967 Outstanding Awards were presented; and on Saturday, the 1968 Outstanding Awards were presented. On the agenda for Saturday after the general session was the dedication of Hale O Keawe at Honaunau.

**In 1970** the convention was held 6-8 February, and Pilipo Springer [Kona] was the Association President. The convention was dedicated in memory of the AHCC Education Committee Chair and master body surfer, George Kaonohiokalaikekiipoohiwiokane Malama [Kailua]. Of the 31 clubs represented at convention, 17 were from Oahu Council, 7 from Hawaii Council, 4 from Maui Council, and 3 from Kauai Council. Guest speaker was Hon. Frank F. Fasi, Mayor welcomed the organization to Oahu Island; and keynote speaker was Hon. John A. Burns, Governor. Kalihi-Palama HCC, previously chartered at the Association board meeting of 19 November 1969, received its charter certificate at this convention under new business. The HCC of Ka‘u (organized on 2 August 1969) received its charter certificate under new business at the Saturday general session on 7 February 1970. There were 9 committees that held meetings on Friday; and reported at the general session on Saturday. The Mele Hoolaulea was held on Friday evening and HCC of Waimanalo was the winner. The Prince Kuhio Essay contest winners participated in the Saturday general session. Election of officers for a two-year term through convention in 1972 was held, and David K. Trask was elected Association president. Pilipo Springer [Kona] became immediate past president.

**In 1971** AHCC president David K. Trask chaired the convention held on 4-6 February at the Maui Beach Hotel; and it was dedicated to founder Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole. Pilipo Springer [Kona] was immediate past president. Of the 31 clubs represented at convention, 17 were from Oahu Council, 7 from Hawaii Council, 4 from Maui Council, and 3 from Kauai Council. Guest speaker was Goro Hokama, chair of the Maui County Council; and keynote speaker was Hon. John A. Burns, Governor. There were 8 committees that held meetings on Friday, and reported at the general session on Saturday. The Kuhio Pageant depicted the lineage of our ali‘i, which was directed by Pilipo Springer. Twelve choral groups participated in the Mele Hoolaulea, chaired by John Spencer [Waimea], and the contest song was “Pua Roselani” composed by Charles E. King and arranged by John Spencer. This was the ninth annual Mele held since the Association was formed, and master of ceremonies was Hardy Hutchinson [Prince David]. HCC of Waimanalo directed by Nani Rodrigues won first place and got to keep the perpetual award for another year; and Kailua HCC came in second. Interestingly, the Maui newspaper interjected Ewa HCC choral director George Hookano’s “bit of comic relief in the otherwise solemn Mele with his flamboyant gesticulations.” The Prince Kuhio Essay contest
In 1972 the HCC of Laupahoehoe (organized on 11 July 1971) and Hoolehua HCC (organized 12 May 1971) received their charter certificates at the Association board meeting on 10 February 1972. David K. Trask, as the outgoing president during this election year, chaired the annual convention held 11-13 February at the Ilikai Hotel, Oahu Island. Elaine Mullaney [Queen Emma] was named the Outstanding HCC Member; Clara Kahumoku [Kona] received the Outstanding Hawaiian Award; and Thelma Lindsey [Waimea] received the Prince Kuhio Award on behalf of the Waimea HCC. The Mele Hoolaulea, chaired by John Spencer [Waimea] who by the way was the composer of the popular mele “Waika,” that has been in the repertoire of many recording artists today, was held on Friday when 15 clubs participated in the contest song “Lei Gardenia,” arranged by Charles E. King. Central Maui HCC led by Frank Tavares was the first place winner. George H. Mills MD was elected to serve a two-year term through the 1974 convention as president of the Association. David K. Trask became immediate past president. Others elected to the Association board were: E.C.H. “Hobie” Van Gieson, first vice-president; Whitney T. Anderson, second vice president; Leimomi Ruane, secretary; Solomon Halualani, treasurer; Oahu Council president, Mary K. Robinson and AHCC directors, George Richardson, Tate Robinson and Walter V. Rodenhurst III; Hawaii Council president, Clara K. Kahumoku and AHCC director Mrs. Jack Chillingworth; Maui Council president Francis Wong-Leong and AHCC director Melvin McGuire; and Kauai Council president John Ilalaole Jr, and AHCC director Lydia Smith.

In 1973 the organization’s president George H. Mills MD chaired the convention on 1-3 February at the Hilo Lagoon Hotel, the first time the convention was held in his home town Hilo. The theme was “Na Kupa Aloha,” and the convention was dedicated in memory of Tate Robinson (1907 – 1972) [Prince Kuhio], a former Association board member. Breakfast meetings on Friday and Saturday included guest speakers Russell Apple [Kona] of the National Parks Service, who spoke on the significance of Puukohola Heiau National Historic Site; and David Heaukulani of the Hawaiian Community Information Center, who spoke on the census of Hawaiians and part Hawaiians. Guest speaker was Fred Erskine, board chair of the state agriculture department, who spoke on the future of agriculture in Hawaii. Keynote speaker was William Among, Hawaiian Homes Commission director who spoke on the plans and potential problems during the next half century of the Hawaiian homes programs. There were 9 committees that met on Friday and reported their deliberations at Saturday’s general session: Budget & Finance, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, Historic Sites, Hawaiian, Legislative, Presidents, Public Relations, and Resolutions. A breakfast meeting was held on Saturday prior to the general session in which the Association board, councils and club presidents attended where David Heaukulani, also the project coordinator of the Hawaiian Community Information Center discussed “Census – Hawaiians, Part Hawaiians.” Gladys Brandt [Prince Kuhio] was the Prince Kuhio Essay Contest chair. The Prince Kuhio Essay Contest winners presented their essays at the Saturday general session, along with the Outstanding and Prince Kuhio awards. The convention luau was held at the Hilo Civic Auditorium on Saturday evening. Alii Pauahi HCC (organized 2 December 1973), sponsored into the organization by Prince Kuhio HCC, received its charter by the Association on 8 December 1973. This year, plans were underway to form a Hawaiian Civic Political Action
Committee (HACPAC), the political arm of the Association as a separate organization, having its own constitution and bylaws, executive body and membership; and its purpose was to lobby any legislative activities on behalf of the Association.

In 1974 the annual convention chaired by Hannie Anderson [Kailua] was held on 7-9 February at the Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, and the theme was “Ku Lokahi Kakou.” She was very much attuned to the tourism trends in Hawaii nei. The change from April to February was driven by a spike in tourism and high cost in hotel and other fare rates. George H. Mills MD was the Association president, and council presidents were: Clara Kahunamoku [Kona] – Hawaii, Lydia Smith [Kaumualii] – Kauai, Francis Wong Leong [Hoolehua] – Maui, and Mary K. Robinson [Prince Kuhio] - Oahu. At this convention, 34 clubs were represented and a three-hour workshop was held on Thursday for all registered attendees. Activities included golf, cribbage, kamau, konane, and bowling; and a fun fest, which all were also held on Thursday, 7 February. Guest speakers at the Friday general session were: Hon. William Richardson, Hawaii Supreme Court Chief Justice who spoke on the courts and their significance to the Hawaiians today; Francis Keala, Honolulu Chief of Police, who spoke on law enforcement, where can the HCCs provide meaningful support; and Hon. Patrick K.S.L. Yim, Family Court Judge, who spoke on the family court as a community resource for today’s Hawaiian family; and Mr. Richard Lyman Jr., President of the Board of Trustees of Kamehameha Schools who spoke on the significance of Bishop Estate lands in the education of Hawaiian children. There were 9 committees at convention by now, the two new ones were: Historic Sites and Hawaiiana. The Aha Hookuku Mele jointly chaired by John Spencer [Kona] and Kihei Brown [Prince Kuhio] was held on Friday evening. The breakfast meeting on Saturday featured Herbert Kane who spoke on the Polynesian Voyaging Society expedition to Tahiti. The three Oahu Island Prince Kuhio Essay winners who based their writing on the theme “Prince Kuhio’s Accomplishments – Legacy or Loss” were recognized and the first place winner gave the speech at the Saturday general session. This award was initially sponsored by the Prince Kuhio HCC. The Outstanding awards were also presented during Saturday’s general session including Outstanding Hawaiian; Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club; Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club Member; and the Prince Kuhio Award. The Association financially sponsored the Outstanding Awards; and the Bishop Museum financially sponsored the Prince Kuhio Award during their infancy. Makakilo HCC (organized on 13 October 1973) received its charter by the Association on 8 February 1974. This was election year for the organization, and Dr. Mills was re-elected to serve another two-year term. Kawaihau HCC (organized in 1973) received its charter by the Association on 6 April 1974.

In 1975 George H. Mills MD was the Association president, and David K. Trask was the immediate past president. The council presidents were: Lily Pa [Hilo] – Hawaii, Lydia Smith [Kaumualii] – Kauai, Joan Farren [Central Maui] – Maui, and Walter Rodenhurst Jr. [King Kamehameha] – Oahu. The annual convention was held at the Kauai Surf Hotel, Lihue, Kauai Island on 30 January – 1 February. The theme was “Ko Kakou Hooilina Hawaii,” and the convention was dedicated to Arthur Kailua Kinney. Of the 38 clubs in the organization one club was from the U.S. continent -- Aha Hui Kalakaua HCC (organized in May 1973), was chartered by the Association on 1 February 1975; and this was its first convention led by Roy L.
Benham, President. Chartered that day also was the Kualoa-Heeia HCC (organized in April 1974 with part of the Koolaupoko HCC membership). Activities included golf, cribbage, konane, kamau, and bowling; historic sites tour and a fun fest, which were held on Thursday, 30 January. The three Kauai Island Prince Kuhio Essay winners were recognized and first place spoke at the Friday general session; and the Aha Hookuku Mele was held that evening with the contest song, “Ka Ua Loku,” a Kauai favorite, arranged by Leila Hohu Kiaha [Kailua]. The Outstanding awards presented during Saturday’s general session included Outstanding Hawaiian; Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club; Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club Member; and the Prince Kuhio Award.

At one of the Association Board of Directors meetings, board member Whitney T. Anderson recommended that a policy manual and convention & meetings guidelines be developed in order that current and new leaders may have a better understanding of their role and responsibilities in the organization and at convention.

In 1976 the annual convention was held 5-7 February at the Kamehameha Schools, Honolulu, and the theme was “Hoolaha Na Mele Hawaii.” George H. Mills MD was the Association president, and council presidents were: Lily Pa [Hilo] – Hawaii, Lydia Smith [Kaumualii] – Kauai, Joan Farren [Central Maui] – Maui, and Walter Rodenhurst Jr. [King Kamehameha] - Oahu. 37 HCCs were represented at convention. Activities included golf, cribbage, konane, kamau, and bowling; historic sites tour and a fun fest, which were held on Thursday. Recalling the past five years of lively involvement on the floor by HCC members Charles Rose [Laupahoehoe], Renwick “Joe” Tassill [Hoopuloa], Dante Carpenter [Hilo], Arthur Hoke [Ka’u], and Walter Victor [Laupahoehoe], Pres. Mills this year appointed Joe Tassill as lead sergeant-at-arms, who took his post seriously and served the Association well at this and future conventions. The pu heralded the opening of the general session followed by a pahu ceremony presented by the Queen Emma HCC. The delegation at this convention voted unanimously to conduct a one year survey among club members to determine feasibility and effectiveness of the Hawaiian Civic Political Action Committee (HACPAC). The first Prince Kuhio Song Composition contest was held this year chaired by Betty Jenkins [Alii Pauahi], and the winning composition was awarded during the general session. The Outstanding and Prince Kuhio awards were also presented during the Saturday session, and Elaine Mullaney [Queen Emma] was named Outstanding Hawaiian of the Year; Louise Kong [Waianae] was named Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club Member. The legislators at the State Capitol at this year’s session also singled out Queen Emma HCC, winner of the Association’s Prince Kuhio Award for the third consecutive year, in a signed proclamation for its enhancement, perpetuation and inspirational continuation of Hawaiian culture and heritage. This was election year for the organization, and Whitney T. Anderson was elected to serve a two-year term after this convention 1976 through convention in 1978. Installing officer was Hon. William S. Richardson, Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, and this event took place prior to the close of the Saturday general session.

On 27 March, Oahu Council joined forces with the Association and sponsored the Prince Kuhio Parade that was staged along the Lunalilo Home Road; and dedicated the event to Na Kupuna o Lunalilo. The 23 Lunalilo kupuna guests of honor, seated at the covered reviewing stand with expectant looks, broke into song and gaiety before the start of the parade, setting the mood of happiness for all within their proximity. Napua Stevens Poire was the parade commentator. The color guard, Royal Hawaiian Band and grand marshal units led the parade. Brightly colored muumuus and aloha shirts were worn by the members of the Kalihi-Palama HCC, Puuloa HCC, and Waikiki HCC; pa’u units and a mounted unit by Kailua HCC; military and school bands; and the event concluded with floats, “one of which was a stunning ‘living portrait’ of Prince Kuhio” (said the Honolulu Advertiser), created by Kailua HCC.

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and whose member Sam Malina posed as the Prince. This year the Association newsletter began its publication, a brain child of Mikilani Ho [Kailua], and Kalihi-Palama HCC whose president at the time was Susie Pine -- the only club that responded to the call -- sent in not one but four newsletter names to choose from and the vote by ballot was in favor of *Nuhou I Ka Makani*. ‘A’alii ku-makani, commonly called ‘a’alii, was chosen as the logo of *Nuhou I Ka Makani* not only because of the play on words but also because of its positive qualities. A royal plant that stands up against the wind, as its name translates, is often found in dry windswept places where few plants grow. Indigenous to Hawaii, ‘a’alii is sacred to the hula goddesses Laka and Kapo. A red dye was made by placing the bright red capsules in an ipu and dropping hot stones among them. The attractive cluster of knobby capsules on the stem appear in shades of red ranging from pink to dark burgundy and in shades of yellow, all of which were a favorite for making lei. The leaves were used medicinally by crushing them and applying them to rashes and itches. Strong, adaptable and useful, the ‘a’alii was determined as a fitting symbol for the Association newspaper.

**In 1977** the annual convention was held at the Kona Lagoon Hotel on 3-5 February, and the convention was dedicated to Francis Hyde II Brown (1892-1976) [Prince Kuhio]. The theme was “E malama a’e hooikaika kakou i ka waiwai o ke kulana naauao me no hana no’eau o ka wa kahiko i keia la a mau loa aku” (Our rich cultural heritage of yesterday we strive to preserve today for tomorrow). Whitney T. Anderson was the Association president, and Dr. George H. Mills the immediate past president. The council presidents were: Lily Pa [Hilo] – Hawaii, Lydia Smith [Kaumualii] – Kauai, Louise Borsella [Molokai] – Maui, and Mary K. Robinson [Prince Kuhio] – Oahu. The usual five sporting events and the Hoolaula were held on Thursday. On the historic sites tour, members saw for the first time the deplorable and deteriorating condition of the privately owned 0.517 acre of land that included the Kamehameha I birth site. A resolution was passed requesting that royal palm trees be planted around the statue of Kamehameha I at Aliiolani Hale in Honolulu, as the original trees planted by Kamehameha IV and V were cut down ten years ago in a hoax. Keynote speaker at the Friday general session was Richard Lyman of Bishop Estate, who spoke on the historic sites within the estate’s holdings. He also confirmed the neglected status of the Kamehameha I birth site, and encouraged the Association to do something about it. The state comptroller wrote a letter to the Association on 21 October 1977 stating that the judiciary building was under restoration and the consultant of that project was requested to include plans for replanting the palms. Other guest speakers were George Helm, who spoke on the issues of Kahoolawe and experiences with the law; Kenneth Emory of the Bishop Museum, and Russ Apple [Kona] of the National Park Service and writer of the news article “Tales of Old Hawaii.” The Aha Hookuku Mele was held that evening with rarely performed hula selections by the HCC of Ka‘u members during the intermission; and Waimea HCC won the contest for the second consecutive year. Second place mele went to Kawaihau HCC of Kauai Council; and third place mele went to King Kamehameha HCC of Oahu Council. In light of this year’s theme, 1121 members representing 40 clubs were in attendance at this year’s convention, and although the Association remained status quo in the past regarding military use of Kahoolawe Island, the delegates unanimously pushed for completion of the Kahoolawe study, and compliance of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 in registering eligible sites on Kahoolawe Island, which has the quality and density of historic findings that appear to be second only to the Kona Coast on Hawaii Island where historic Kamoa Point is also in jeopardy and on this convention’s agenda as well.
Among other actions, the Association voted to support the Bishop Estate in its fight against legislation that would affect the estate’s land leases. As the Bishop Museum has been in financial trouble, the Association supported the museum’s attempt for State assistance by resolution to the Legislature. The Hawaii Island Prince Kuhio Essay presentation, chaired by Jalna Keala, was held during the Saturday general session. Edith Kekuhikuhipuuoneonalii Kohala Kanakaole received the Outstanding Hawaiian of the Year award; Joseph Leong [Waialua], club president, received the Outstanding HCC Member award; Kaumualii HCC of Waimea, Kauai Island, received the Outstanding Club of the Year award; and the Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole award went to the Ka’u HCC. The delegation at the past convention voted unanimously to conduct a one year survey of the Hawaiian Civic Political Action Committee (HACPAC), the political action committee formed as a separate organization by the Association in 1973. Other resolutions were adopted: one honoring Henry A. Walker and AmFac Inc. for restoring the Ahuena Heiau of Kamehameha I at Kailua Kona; another opposing proposed changes in state regulations that would allow more water in the content of commercial poi; and another praising Konawaena School for instituting Hawaiian language classes. Under new business, Ahahui o Liliuokalani HCC (organized 4 April 1976) that was previously accepted into the Association at the board meeting of 14 July 1976 received its charter certificate in the Saturday general session on 4 February 1977. This club was formed through the efforts of Marlene Sai, and sponsored by the Prince Kuhio HCC. It was presented with a portrait of Queen Liliuokalani by Ahahui Kalakaua HCC (the first club organized outside of Hawaii); the keeper of the portrait would be the club president, and it has been a symbol of attention at all of the club’s installation ceremonies, presentations of awards and grants, annual AHCC conventions, and other special events. The 4000 member Association had 40 clubs (2 from California) by this time. A new committee was formed this year, Name Bank Committee, which would research, collect and maintain names of qualified people of Hawaiian ancestry who are eligible for recommendation to any of the boards, commissions, and agencies within the counties and the state. The chair to that committee was Barbara Robello [Prince Kuhio].

Pres. Anderson conducted a quarterly board meeting in Kalaupapa, Molokai Island during the 16-17 July weekend where 40 board and club members and guests of the Association learned much about the history of the Kalawao peninsula from the residents including a visit through the settlement and a meeting with fourteen representatives of the 100 residents who lived there to share their mana’o. On this trip was then Sen. Jean King whose long-term plan was to seek legislative assistance in preserving the settlement as a national historic site after the last resident is gone, which would guarantee protection and preservation from development. After the bill was passed by the legislature, spearheaded by King and the Association’s Historic Sites Committee...
chair Fred Cachola [Waianae], she put $25,000 into the budget for that purpose and directed Jalna Keala to do the follow up. Jalna worked with Fred Cachola in the research of the site; and Fred communicated with the owners of the parcel, who eventually conveyed it to the State at no cost but wished to remain anonymous. Fred and Jalna drafted language for the bill, Fred brought testimony and testifiers to the hearings, and it went through the legislature with relative ease and funds intact. Although not part of the statute, it was an expressed desire that only native Hawaiians be allowed to clean and construct the birth site. Armstrong Yamamoto became foreman of the crew working on the project. Born and raised in Kohala, part-Hawaiian Yamamoto was an acknowledged expert on Kohala history and natural resources. He and his crew brought a sense of sacredness and spirituality to the everyday work always aware that it was Kamehameha I for whom they labored. A permanent memorial at the Kokoiki, Kohala birth site of Kamehameha I was erected. Samuel C. Amalu, writer in the combined Star-Bulletin/Advertiser newspaper, wrote that after several phone calls found that his physician, brother, several cousins and friends went to Kona the same week and noted he was bewildered about the magnetic draw to that town, not realizing until later that the Association was having a convention there. He admitted knowing “nil” about the Hawaiian civic club movement yet took great liberty in slandering the HCCs based on his bar hopping experiences and assumptions, and not realizing the discredit he gave to his physician and ohana for being a part of this great organization as a result of his article. Pres. Whitney Anderson wrote an answer to Amalu, published in the same newspaper, setting his record straight on the organization’s philosophy and objectives, as well as the achievements thus far. Amalu’s articles about the organization after that episode, whether or not he understood the mission of the Association, have since been dripping with accolades.

In 1978 the 41 clubs maintained their membership totaling more than 4000 collectively (the local newspapers bumped the figure to 6000 members!). The annual convention was held in Hilo on 2-4 February at the Hilo Lagoon Hotel. Whitney T. Anderson [Kailua] was Association president; and Dr. George H. Mills remained immediate past president. First keynote speaker was Billie Beamer, DHHL Director, who spoke on empowerment of the Hawaiian beneficiaries to become self-supporting and disciplined in their land use activities and homestead conditions of their respective leasehold properties; disclosure of history of DHHL properties used for profit by other than Hawaiian beneficiaries without revenue coming in to the DHHL; and plans for construction of 775 new homes and 369 replacement homes by 1980. By the end of her tenure, her administration will have been responsible for one third of the leases ever granted under the program. Gov. George Ariyoshi cited earlier that the program has advanced more in her three years of leadership than in the previous 25 years. Second keynote speaker was congressional delegate, Sen. Daniel Inouye, who urged Hawaiians to proceed with caution in pursuing such issues as reparations until his bill to create the Hawaiian Studies Commission has passed in Congress, but to take an active role in assuring that people who represent their aspirations are appointed to this commission. He also stated that reparations should come in the form of a long-term program to improve conditions rather than a one-time cash payment for Hawaiians who qualify now. His personal discussions with U.S. Pres. Carter on phaseout bombing, increased archaeological study, and limited public access of Kahoolawe Island were favorable. Highlighting the business activities, the delegation approved the five-year master plan that included the 1981 convention to be held on the U.S. continent, a first for any Hawaiian organization; a resolution to support archaeological and historical studies of Kahoolawe Island be continued although a resolution for the Navy to return Kahoolawe’s title and use to the state government was not adopted. Other adopted resolutions were to guarantee lifetime support to leprosy victims; and to back the proposed federally appointed Hawaiian Studies Commission charged with investigating Hawaiian native claims; to urge the state to swap surplus lands free of historic sites with
private landowners of parcels with historic sites needing preservation; the Association would establish an internal Hawaiian language commission to deal with radio/television announcers “maligning” the Hawaiian language; and to support the $100,000 bill pending legislative review, which was proposed by Hawaii Island legislator Kats Yamada. The Ahahui Kiwila Hawaii Kamalii Wahine Victoria Kawekiu Lunalilo Kalaninuiahilapalapa Kaiulani Cleghorn also known as Princess Kaiulani HCC (organized November 1977) of Oahu Council was chartered under new business in the general session on 3 February 1978. This year’s topic for the Hawaii Island Prince Kuhio Essay Contest was “Hawaiian response to 1778,” and the winning essay would be considered for publication in the Journal of Hawaiian History in 1978, and in the Alu Like Inc. newspaper, The Native Hawaiian. Kawaihau HCC of Kapaa, Kauai Island was first place winner of the Aha Hookuku Mele. Dorothy Kahananui Gillette was named Outstanding Hawaiian of the Year; and John Lake [Queen Emma] was named Outstanding HCC Member of the Year.

After 60 years of deliberate non-political activity, extensive work to organize a political action program was accomplished in 1977, and the Hawaiian Civic Political Action Committee (HACPAC) was made official in 1978 (state election year) as a separate entity of the Association with its own constitution and bylaws whose membership was made up of Hawaiian civic club members, their family and friends interested in learning the nature and process of all branches of government, and other important political and government issues. Roy L. Benham [Prince Kuhio] served as its first chairman. Other officers of HACPAC included Charles Rose [Laupahoehoe], vice chair; Jalna Keala [Alii Pauahi], secretary; Ethelreda Kahalewai [Puuloa], treasurer; and directors Rona Rodenhurst [Kaiulani], Bobbee Mills [Koolauloa], Benson Lee [Pearl Harbor], Fred Cachola [Waianae], Arthur Hoke [K’a’u], Hartwell Blake [Kauai] and Francis Wong Leong [Hoolehua]. This was election year for the Association, and Whitney T. Anderson was re-elected as president for another two-year term starting after this convention 1978 through the convention in 1980. On 10 Jun 1978, representatives of the Association were in attendance where the Kamehameha birth stone at Kapakai of Kokoiki, North Kohala, was ceremoniously dignified with a solemn procession, oli, and hookupu. In the July 1978 issue of Alu Like’s newspaper, The Native Hawaiian, Jalna Keala [Alii Pauahi] wrote an interesting article entitled, “Kamehameha birth stone decorated.” The Association fully supported the 1978 Hawaii constitutional convention vote to establish the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in order to ascertain and justify past grievances imposed on Hawaii nei; and the ultimate resolution of those grievances to be determined between the legitimate representatives of the Hawaiian people and the U.S. federal government.

In 1979 Whitney Anderson [Kailua] was the Association president; and Dr. George H. Mills [Koolauloa, Prince Kuhio] remained as immediate past president. Pres. Whitney Anderson advised everyone in his Nuhou I Ka Makani president’s article that the convention was a year ahead of its numeral time, according to William C. Kea, first president of the Association and confirmed by Marguerite V. “Sis” Widemann, as 20 years have past since the first convention was held. This year, therefore, marks the 21st year of the Association convention, the 1st having been held in April 1959 on Maui. The annual convention this year was held at the Maui Beach Hotel on 3-5 May for the 800 registered attendees, and the plenary sessions were at Baldwin High School. The theme was “Ka ike, no’eau, hoolale, eo o ka hoona’auao” (Knowledge, wisdom, insight; the gains of education), focusing emphasis on education. Presenting a cross section of views on this subject was a distinguished panel including Hon. Judge Barry Rubin, Rev. Darrow Aiona, U.S. Rep. Daniel Akaka, and Mrs. Frenchie DeSoto. The convention was dedicated to Mary K. Robinson [Prince Kuhio], Kihei Brown [Prince Kuhio], and James K. Trask [Kailua]. Opening address was given by Gov. George Ariyoshi, and Saturday’s keynote speaker was Maui Mayor Elmer Carvalho. Nine
committees held meetings after the Friday general session, including Budget & Finance, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, Hawaiiana, Historic Sites, Legislative, Presidents, Public Relations, and Resolutions. Dr. Mills was selected as the Outstanding Hawaiian of the Year; also selected as Outstanding Non-Hawaiians of the Year, which is a new award started this year, were his wife, Bobbi Mills [Koolauloa, Prince Kuhio], Pascual Thomas [Waikiki], Zachary Bernardi, and Rhona Roscow. Emily Thomas [Waikiki] was named Outstanding HCC Member; and the Prince Kuhio Award went to Queen Emma HCC as the Outstanding Hawaiian civic club for this year. The Aha Hookuku Mele was won by the Central Maui HCC, directed by Alice Johnson.

In 1980 the annual convention was moved to the fall because the tourist trend was at its ebb during that time and travel costs for kamaaina were favorable. The convention was held at the Kauai Resort Hotel in Wailua on 6-8 November, and 41 clubs were represented. Whitney Anderson [Kailua] was the Association president, and he noted in his address written in the convention booklet that Patrick Cockett of Kauai was the oldest practicing physician of Hawaiian ancestry, an anecdote relative to the convention theme “Laau Lapaau Hawaii: No ka wa kahiko a no heia ao” (Hawaiian herbs of medicinal value: Ancient and modern). Council presidents were: Lily Pa [Hilo] – Hawaii, Lydia Smith [Kaumualii] – Kauai, Bernice Nitta [Lahaina] – Maui, and Benson Lee [Pearl Harbor] – Oahu. The convention was dedicated to Theodore “Teddy” Akana. Ulumaika was added to the sports events held on Thursday, along with the Paniolo Roundup fun fest that evening. This was election year and Whitney T. Anderson was re-elected as Association president for the 1980-82 term. The adopted Resolution 78-07 at the 1978 convention resulted in three club members appointed to the 15-member Kalaupapa Historic Park Advisory Commission, namely, Rev. David K. Kaupu, chairman, Fred Cachola [Waianae], and Gard Kealoha [Honolulu], whose objective was to protect the peninsula from farming and resort development. A major breakthrough in the Commission’s work has been the agreement of the park service to administer the preserve without taking fee simple title, to subordinate its programs to patient desires so long as they survive, and to begin funding the restoration and preservation as soon as an agreement is finalized and concurred by the Secretary of the Interior and Congress. This effort marked the beginning of the Association’s monitoring efforts to ensure these recommendations are met, the protection of the patients is honored, and that this integral part of our Hawaiian history is preserved.

In 1981 Waianae HCC gained national recognition for restoring Kui’i’ili Iloa Heiau at Pokai Bay, after receiving $70,000 from the Legislature. In Pres. Whitney Anderson’s article in the Nuhou I Ka Makani, he reflected on past accomplishments of the Association, including seeking to establish a Hawaiian studies program in public schools; establishment of a degree program at the UH Manoa Hawaiian Studies program; and submitting names from the Name Bank to the federal and state commissions. The annual convention was held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California during 5–7 November with room rates at $54 – 70.00. This location was approved by the delegation at the 1978 convention. There were 41 clubs in the organization this year. This was the first convention represented by Hawaiians to be held outside of Hawaii nei, and 1200 people were registered. The convention registration fee was still $2.00 per person in 1981. The theme was “Eo Na Alii Mai Na Kupuna Mai” (honoring the Hawaiian Monarchy, with special emphasis on Kalakaua and Liliuokalani).
Whitney Anderson [Kailua] was the Association president; and council presidents were: Charles Rose [Laupahoehoe] – Hawaii, Roland Nitta – Kauai, Francis Wong Leong [Hoolehua] – Maui, and Elaine Mullaney [Queen Emma] - Oahu. The sport events and fun fest were held on Thursday, and the convention committee meetings were held after the general session on Friday. HACPAC was recognized as a convention committee of the Association, and held its first meeting with the Resolutions Committee on Friday but reported separately on Saturday. Gov. George Ariyoshi addressed the delegation at the opening session. Keynote speaker was Senate GOP coalition leader D.G. “Andy” Anderson. The Aha Hookuku Mele was held in the eve on Friday also, and the contest song was “Kuu Ipo I Ka Hee Pue One,” composed by Princess Likelike and arranged by Elbert and Mahoe. It’s been said that about 2600 people attended this Friday evening event. During the general session, delegates voted to pledge $40,000 to the Iolani Palace to restore the ali‘i portraits. A visit to the palace could make any member proud to know that their effort through club participation made those gilded frames possible. Outstanding awards were presented at the Saturday morning general session; and a royal holoku ball with banquet was held Saturday evening. The backbone of the convention was a few stalwarts who persevered beyond odds to make this convention a classy success – Al Pelayao, Bryon Bader, George Choi and Wini Smith. During the course of the year, the Association played an active, vocal, and effective role in continually seeking to establish a Hawaiian studies program in public schools; supported the establishment of a degree program at the UH Manoa in Hawaiian studies; and submitted names for appointment to various federal and state commissions in the study of issues that would ultimately benefit the Hawaiian community.

In 1982 the annual convention was held at the Ala Moana Americana Hotel, Honolulu, Oahu Island on 10-13 November. The theme was “Ma Ka Lokahi Ka Ikaika” (In unity there is strength). Whitney Anderson [Kailua] was the Association president, and council presidents were: Charles Rose [Laupahoehoe], Roland Nitta – Kauai, Francis Wong Leong [Hoolehua] – Maui, and Elaine Mullaney [Queen Emma] - Oahu. The 6 sport events were held on Thursday morning, and the fun fest that evening. Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC (organized in February 1982) received its charter certificate during the Friday general session, 12 November 1982, increasing the number of clubs in session to 42. Health screening including blood pressure and diabetes checks, chaired by Pat Davis, began this year as one of the free programs offered to convention attendees. The historic sites tours were to the Waianae Coast, chaired by Louise Kong [Waianae]. The opening ceremony of convention was held on Friday at Iolani Palace, hosted by Abigail K. Kawananakoa, President of Friends of Iolani Palace. HACPAC was recognized as one of the convention committees holding its meeting separately from the others. The Aha Hookuku Mele, chaired by Esther Rhinelander, was held Friday evening and the featured song was “Uluwehi o Kaala” composed by Kanihomau‘ole and arranged by Martha Poepoe Hohu. The Outstanding and Prince Kuhio Awards were presented during general session on Saturday. Keynote speaker was Mr. George S. Kanahele. The Outstanding Awards, chaired by Toni Lee [Pearl Harbor], were presented at Saturday’s general session: Outstanding Hawaiian; Prince Kuhio; Na Hana Lima Noeau; Outstanding HCC Member; and Outstanding Non-Hawaiian. This was election year for the organization, and Benson Lee [Pearl Harbor] was elected on Saturday as Association president for two years from January 1983 through December 1984; the installation of officers was conducted by Dr. George H. Mills [Koolauloa]. At this time, Dr. George H. Mills received unanimous approval by the delegation to receive the title as President Emeritus of the Association. The Aha Aina was held Saturday evening. This year, clubs also participated in the “Na Kii O Na Ali‘i O Hawaii Iolani Palace” following the restoration project of the palace.
In 1983 the President of the Association was Benson Lee [Pearl Harbor], and Whitney Anderson [Kailua] was the immediate past president. Dr. George H. Mills, President Emeritus was also on the board, along with the following officers, directors and staff: First Vice President Lily Pa [Hilo], Recording Secretary Dot Uchima [Kailua], Corresponding Secretary Mikilani Ho [Kailua], Treasurer Irma Farden [Honolulu]; Hawaii Council – President Pele Hanoa [Kaʻu], AHCC Director Elaine Flores [Waimea]; Kauai Council – President Michael Chandler [Kauai]; Director Fred Conant [Kauai]; Oahu Council – President Elaine Mullaney [Queen Emma]; Directors Hannie Anderson [Kailua], Jalna Keala [Alii Pauahi], Marguerite V. “Sis” Widemann [Honolulu]; Maui Council – President John Wilmington III [Central Maui], and Director William Char. To fill the vacancy of second vice president, a closed ballot election was taken by the board at its meeting on 9 November 1983, and Jalna Keala [Alii Pauahi] was elected as second vice president of the Association. The annual convention, chaired by Charles Rose [Laupahoehoe], was held at the Kona Surf Hotel in Keauhou, Kona on 10-12 November under the theme, “I Ku No I Ka Mana A Ke Kahu Hanai” (Traits acquired from those who raise a child). Added to the recreational activities were lei making; and Na Paani included Hu, Palaiʻie, 'Ulu maika, and Moa paheʻe. At the Thursday Hoolaulea were Hula Wa Kahiko contest, Aloha Shirt contest, and Muumuu contest. The delegation was honored by the presence of the Hawaii Island’s Aloha Week Royal Court during the opening ceremonies. A panel discussion was held based on the theme. There were 9 committees The Hawaiiana Committee was renamed Na Mea Hawaii Committee at this convention. Final payment of all councils to the Alii Portrait Fund was completed this year.

In 1984 the annual convention of the Association was held at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel and Afook-Chinen Civic Center on 15-17 November 1984, and the theme for this event was “Aʻohe He Hana Nui Ke Alu ‘Ia” (No task is big when done together). This was election year and Benson Lee was re-elected as Association president for two years from January 1985 through December 1986. Whitney Anderson remained as immediate past president.

In 1985 Benson Lee was president and Whitney Anderson was immediate past president. The annual convention, chaired by Hannie Anderson [Kailua], was held at the Maui Inter-Continental Wailea 6-9 November, under the theme “Onipa’a” (Be steadfast). This year 43 clubs were in the Association including the new Hui Hawaii O Utah HCC (organized in November 1985) that received its charter by the Association at this convention. A lei contest was held during the time of the sporting / Na Paani events. The play “Hear Me O My People,” starring Marline Sai [Prince Kuhio] was held on Thursday evening. The three mainland clubs – Kalakaua, Liliuokalani, and Ainahau – each gave annual reports with the councils of Hawaii nei. A fashion show was held at the Presidents Luncheon on Friday; and the 9 committees held their meetings that afternoon: Budget & Finance, Constitution & Bylaws, Education, Historic Sites, Legislative, Na Mea Hawaii, Presidents, Public Relations, and Resolutions. The holoku, aloha shirt and muumuu fashion show were held during the intermission of the Aha Mele; and the
results of the lei contest were presented then also. The HACPAC report was presented with the other committee reports on Saturday; and presented as well were the Na Hana Lima Noeau Award; Outstanding Awards; and Prince Kuhio Award.

In 1986 Benson Lee was Association president and Whitney T. Anderson was the immediate past president. This year celebrated the 69th anniversary of the original Hawaiian Civic Club. The annual convention was held 12-15 November at the Kauai Hilton and Beach Villas, and the theme was “Kaulilua I Ke ‘Anu O Wai`ale`ale (High above all others) reflecting King David Kalakaua, who was also known as Kaulilua, acknowledging the sesquicentennial anniversary of his birthday and his achievements in the international arena mirroring the towering grandeur of Mount Wai`ale`ale; but just as important, placing the education of Hawaiian children and preserving Hawaiian traditions as the highest priority of the Association. Mayor Tony T. Kuniura of Kauai County proclaimed in his mayor’s message in the 1986 convention booklet that on 1 July 1986, he issued a proclamation that Kauai County will celebrate the Year of the Hawaiian in 1987, “Hoolako 1987” in honor of the uniqueness of Hawaiians, their culture and the commendable advancements they have made in their rapidly changing homeland and the consistent spirit of aloha despite the influx of different cultures and laws in Hawaii that caused great hardships over time. The Association dedicated the convention to Arthur Kailua Kinney [Kawaihau] and Marguerite V. “Sis” Widemann [Honolulu]. The lei contest was held on Thursday with the sporting / Na Paani events, while the historic sites tours took conventioners to north shore of Hanalei, and Waimea Canyon on the west side. Guest speaker was Mr. Richard Lyman of Kamehameha Schools at the Friday general session and after recess, the Outstanding Awards were presented, followed by meetings of the 8 committees. HACPAC, chaired by John K. Kamalani [Pearl Harbor], presented its report at the time the other committees presented theirs on Saturday. Na Hana Lima Noeau Award, the Kamehameha I No’eau Award, and the Prince Kuhio Award were presented at the Saturday evening Aha Aina. This was election year and Benson Lee was re-elected as Association president for two years from January 1987 through December 1988. Whitney T. Anderson remained as the immediate past president.

In 1987 Benson Lee was the Association president, the first year of his second two-year term. Whitney T. Anderson was the immediate past president. The celebration of the Year of the Hawaiian, themed “Hoolako,” (We are Enriched) and held at the Aloha Stadium on 23 January, was attended by many of the clubs in the Association. The annual convention, chaired by Toni Lee [Pearl Harbor] of the Association and co-chaired by Al Pelayo and Wini Smith of the Mainland Council, was held on 11-14 November at the Union Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada under the theme, “E Alu Like Ana I Ke Ka’ana O Ko Kakou Hooilina I Ola Mau” (Joining together to share our heritage so that it lives on). There were 43 clubs represented. The lei contest and the sporting / Na Paani were held on Thursday. There were 9 committees that met on Friday and reported on Saturday. The newest committee was Health & Human Services. HACPAC also reported on Saturday. Sung at the start of the Friday general session and the end of the Saturday general session were the songs “Hoolako Hawaii” composed and arranged by Wendell Silva.

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HO’OLAKO
We Are Enriched

HO’OLAKO 1987 THEME SONG CONTEST WINNER

“HO’OLAKO HAWAI‘I,” composed by Wendell P.K. Silva won first place in the Theme Song Contest for the Year of the Hawaiian Celebration, Ho’olako 1987. The song was presented to the public on Sunday, 11 January 1987 at the Queen Kapiolani Park Bandstand by Wendell, his two sons, Elizabeth Mai’ihu‘i Brown Park, kumu hula of Hui Parks Hula Studio, ten female dancers and five musicians. – P.K.

HO’OLAKO HAWAI‘I

E ALA E NA ‘OIWI O HAWAI‘I
ARISE O NATIVE CHILDREN OF HAWAII

HO’OKUPA‘A I NEIA ‘AINA
REMAIN STEADFAST TO THIS LAND

E HANA LIKE KAKOU ME KA LOKAHI
LET US WORK TOGETHER HARMONIOUSLY

I KA MAKAHIKI A NA HAWAII
IN THE YEAR OF THE HAWAIIAN.

HUI HO’OLAKO HAWAI‘I ME KE ALOHA
ENRICH HAWAII WITH ALOHA

ALOHA NO KE ONE HANAU E
ALOHA FOR THE HOMELAND

HO’OLOHE I KA LEO A NA KUPUNA
HEED THE ADVICE OF THE ANCESTORS

HO’OLAKO HAWAI‘I ME KE ALOHA.
ENRICH HAWAII WITH ALOHA.

I OLA KAKOU NA HAWAI‘I
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1. NA KUPUNA O KA ‘AINA
   NA MAKUA O KA ‘AINA
   NA MAMO, NA PUA
   MAKA’ALA, OLO, OLO
   //: I OLA KAKOU NA HAWAI‘I ://

   E ALA MAI!
   ‘ELEU MAI!

2. NA HOALOHA O KA ‘AINA
   EIA MAKOU KA ‘OHANA
   MAKAUKAU NA PULAPULA
   MAI KE AO ME KA PO
   //: NO KE ALA HOU O KA LAHUI ://

   PILI MAI,
   E ULU MAI

3. E O MAI NA LAHUI E
   KU KANAKA HAWAI‘I E
   HO ’OLAKO, HO’OLAKO
   ME KA LOKAHI, KU IKahi
   //: I OLA KAKOU NA HAWAI‘I. ://

   E O MAI!
   KU MAI

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In 1988 First Vice President Jalna Keala [Alii Pauahi] served in the capacity of interim President of the Association this year following Benson Lee’s untimely death in January. Whitney T. Anderson continued to serve as the immediate past president. Other members of the Association board of directors included First Vice President Toni Lee [Pearl Harbor], Second Vice President Kina’u Kamalii [Prince Kuhio], Recording Secretary Candice Hurley [Kaiulani], Corresponding Secretary Lily Pa [Hilo], Treasurer Betty Lou Stroup [Prince Kuhio]; Oahu Council - President Lila Medeiros [Pearl Harbor], and AHCC Director Dawn Farm-Ramsey [Honolulu], Educational Community Chairman Dexter Soares [Kalihi-Palama]; Hawaii Council – President Ann Nathaniel [Prince David]; and Kauai Council – President Fred Conant [Hanalei]. The Mainland Council was formed in March 1988 and chartered into the Association at this year’s convention. Historically, the concept of a “Mainland Council” was not welcomed when it first came up in 1974 or 1975. There were arguments on the convention floor about forming such a council -- accepting individual clubs seemed to be okay, but not a council. The resistance from club members in Hawaii nei was never really understood, as almost every club had family on the mainland that created a firm connection; and while the idea simmered for a few years, mainland clubs were organized, were chartered by the Association, and came to convention under individual banners, namely Kalakaua HCC of San Francisco (chartered 1973), Ahahui o Liliuokalani HCC of Southern California (chartered 1975), Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC (chartered 1982), Hui Hawaii o Utah HCC (chartered 1983), and Po’e o Colorado HCC (organized September 1987). Pres. Keala wanted to get the question of a council settled as did the clubs on the continent, so a meeting was held in Las Vegas in March 1988 and attending were Jackie and Colonel Judd, Vic Pang, Victor Jarrett, Eunice Gomes, Ellen Selu and Pres. Keala; Manny Neves attended but had no vote in the matter; his presence was to take information back to Kalakaua HCC. A memorandum of understanding, a non-binding document, was created that allowed the principals to work out any disagreements for a year. After a year a Memorandum of Agreement was completed to solidify details, and to charter a council. After more discussion, the plan was agreed upon, except in the case of Manny who had to take it back to his club. A key element in the agreement was that the headquarters of the Association would always be in Hawaii nei. Another important piece was the new council would pay for its own travel costs to attend the Association meetings. The Mainland Council was chartered at convention in 1988 and Kalakaua HCC chose not to be a member of the Mainland Council, but to retain individual status to the Association. It proved to be the demise of that club as there is no mechanism in the Association’s constitution to allow such a status. They knew and understood this, but the members representing the club at convention made the choice and that was the last time Kalakaua HCC participated. In all the deliberations, the focus was always on getting the council chartered, not on choosing an appropriate name.

The annual convention chaired by Toni Lee [Pearl Harbor] and held 16-19 November at the Kona Surf Resort, Hawaii Island, was dedicated to Benson Waldron Kealaokamalalamalama Lee Sr. (1940 – 1988) [Pearl Harbor]. There were 43 clubs represented at convention; and the convention theme was “E paepae iluna loa ika malamalama” (Hold high the light of knowledge). Added to the sporting events were Na Paani (Hawaiian games) including Hu, Pala ‘ie, ‘Ulu maika, and Moa pahe’e under the chairmanship of Elaine Mullaney [Queen Emma]. There was a lei competition and many entries competed for the winning spot in this new convention activity. The fun fest was held on Thursday, 17 November 1988. Sen. Daniel Inouye addressed the delegation on Friday. The Po’e o Colorado HCC (organized September 1987) was chartered by the Association at the Friday general session, 18 November 1988, raising the number of clubs in the Association to 44 at this time.
The committee reports were presented at the Saturday general session including a report from HACPAC. Of note was the amendments to the Association Constitution & Bylaws as deliberated in the Constitutional Convention held on Wednesday and Thursday at convention, and further recommended by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, particularly the addition of Article VI Sec. 5 – Presidents Emeriti since Dr. George H. Mills had received this title of President Emeritus back in 1982 by unanimous approval of the delegation at the convention general session. The musical competition was by now called the Aha Mele and the contest song was “I Ola Kakou Na Hawaii,” arranged by Maile Verno. The Outstanding, Na Hana Lima Noeau, and Prince Kuhio Awards were presented at the Saturday general session. Added to the committee reports was the HACPAC annual report at that session; that afternoon, HACPAC held a meeting to discuss the events of the past year, including the Lei Hulu Mamo Awards ceremony that honored “Papa” Richard Lyman Jr.; and the plans for the new year. This was election year for the two-year term from January 1989 through December 1990, and Jalna Keala was a shoe-in to the elected post of president of the Association. Installation of officers was done by Judge Brown. Whitney T. Anderson continued as immediate past president. This year, Kalihi-Palama HCC contributed to the Association of Hawaiian civic Clubs Scholarship Fund in honor of Dr. George H. Mills, “a stalwart in the HCC movement and Outstanding physician of Hawaiian ancestry.”

In 1989 Jalna Keala was President of the Association. Whitney T. Anderson was the immediate past president. The State Legislature adopted SCR 106 including appropriations to initiate the Hui Imi Task Force for Hawaiian services. The Association of HCCs was represented in that task force by Pres. Jalna Keala [Alii Pauahi], and by invitation Pres. Emeritus George H. Mills MD [Kailua]. Pres. Keala wanted a Convention & Meetings Committee Guidelines established that would help the board and the committees understand their role and responsibilities as they relate to the convention; and so the Convention Committee chair Walter Rodenhurst [King Kamehameha] charged the committee secretary, Dot Uchima [Kailua] with the task to produce such a working document based on her years of experience as recording secretary of the Association. This document was completed before year end. These guidelines were a “to do” list and not restricted to approval at convention like the Constitution & Bylaws of the Association; but would provide the committees the responsibility to make changes as necessary to meet the current trend. The annual convention was held 17-19 November at the Pacific Beach Hotel, on Oahu. The theme was “E Pupukahi I Pono Ai Kakou,” (Let us unite together in harmony, good thoughts and values, with the intention of resolving things for the betterment of all), and it was dedicated to the memory of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole.

Not far from where this year’s convention took place was situated “Pualeilani,” the estate of Prince Kuhio. He lived there with his wife Princess Elizabeth Kahanu at Hamohamo, a large tract of land owned by Queen Liliuokalani that extended from the seashore now called Kuhio Beach Park, named in his honor, to the Ala Wai Canal. After his death on 7 January 1922, Pualeilani was given to the city. An official memorial plaque was set into a retaining wall along the shore in 1940; and a full-size bronze statue of Prince Kuhio was subsequently erected in Waikiki. The cover design entitled “Lei Ilima” was created by Lance Kaleolani Welborn, and reproduced for the convention booklet with permission from the Mokulana Coloring Book for which it was designed. Recreational activities held on Thursday included historic tours; golf, bowling,
cribbage, kamau, and Na Paani – Oo ihe, ihe pahee, and aeʻo; and the entries to the lei competition were displayed in the ballroom foyer. The Hoolaulea was the Thursday evening social. On Friday, the entries to Na Hana Lima Noeau award were on display. The Las Vegas HCC (organized 28 July 1989) and Queen Kapiolani HCC (organized 23 September 1989) received its charter at the Friday general session, 17 November 1989; welcome address was given by Hon. Frank F. Fasi, Honolulu Mayor; and keynote speaker was Rev. Leon K. Sterling [Kona]; and a recognition luncheon honored all club officers. The newest committee at the convention was Planning Committee; and the Legislative Committee name was changed to Government Relations Committee. The idea that the Presidents Luncheon was an activity to honor the Association president or to be hosted by the Association president is a misnomer – the record was straightened at this time that the Presidents Luncheon was to pay tribute to presidents of all levels in the Association, and was a “dutch treat” occasion. What came out of the business at convention was the adoption of several resolutions; and a policy statement that the Association has a fiscal responsibility to conduct activities at convention in compliance with an approved budget and in a cost-effective manner and that no one is authorized to spend in the name of the Association that has not been previously budgeted except by interim approval of the Executive Committee and ratified at the next Association Board meeting. Following committee reports at the Saturday general session, the Outstanding and Prince Kuhio awards were presented at the Aha Aina that evening: Reynolds N. Kamakawiwoole Jr. [Hamakua] received the Outstanding Hawaiian award; Beatrice H. Krauss received the Outstanding Non-Hawaiian award; Peter S. Ching received the Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club Member award; nominees for the Prince Kuhio Award were Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC and Pearl Harbor HCC.

On 11 October 1989, members of the Association board of directors met with U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye in Honolulu as a followup to the Association testimony submitted at the Hawaiian Home Lands hearings of August 1989. Clubs have received information directly from the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs regarding that and other Hawaiian issues deliberated in Congress. Sen. Inouye stated in the convention booklet, “For thirty years, the Hawaiian civic clubs have gathered together for the purpose of developing leadership and addressing Hawaiian concerns. Today, more than ever before, Hawaiian issues are gaining a national audience. May this convention help to unite the Hawaiian people for the betterment of all.” Oahu Council President Dexter Soares echoed those sentiments in his report, “...We are at the threshold of an exciting and historic era for the Hawaiian community, as witness Sen. Inouye’s congressional hearings on Hawaiian Home Lands, the Native Hawaiian Education Act, the Native Hawaiian Health Act, and growing interest in sovereignty, reparations ...”

In 1990 a meeting was held on 11 January at the State Capitol with Hawaiian legislators regarding the 1989 resolutions adopted at the last convention, particularly Resolution 89-22 relating to the Hawaiian Homes Commission; and Resolution 89-5, an overlap with 89-22 calling for an ad hoc committee to study the HHC Act of 1920 and up-to-date communication concerning developments on the subject. Joseph Leong [Waialua] was a recipient of the coveted Lei Hulu Mamo Award as an Outstanding Hawaiian Politician, sponsored by HACPAC. The annual convention was held 14-18 November at the Pacific Beach Hotel, Oahu Island, and Jalna Keala was President of the Association. The theme for this convention was “Onipaa I Ka Manaʻo” (Hold fast to those goals in which you believe), and 565 were registered attendees representing 43 clubs. The Association, with the generous help of the State Dept. of Health, information booths at convention including the Cancer Research Center, Queen Emma Clinic, and Waianae Comprehensive Health Center in a promotional effort to reduce the statistics of major health problems in Hawaiians such as heart, cancer, diabetes, accidents, and problems with
maternal, infant and perinatal care. Recreational activities held on Thursday included historic tours; golf, bowling, cribbage, kamau, and Na Paani – oo ihe, ihe pahee, and ae’o; and the entries to the lei competition were displayed in the ballroom foyer. The Hoolaulea was the Thursday evening social where the following awards were presented: Lei Contest, Fashion contests, sports and Na Paani. Of the 568 people registered at convention, 259 had voting privileges (delegates and delegates-at-large). On Friday, the entries to Na Hana Lima Noeau award were on display; the keynote speaker at the general session was Thomas Kaulukukui Sr., OHA Board of Trustees Chair. The Convention Committee was a new committee, which changed the Historic Sites and Resolutions Committees to convention committees. What came out of the business at convention was the adoption of several resolutions, such as: Supporting the State’s objective to increase Hawaii’s energy self-sufficiency, and urging a State energy conservation program; requesting to the State the reforestation of Koa in Hawaii; supporting tuition waiver for Native Hawaiians at the UH; meeting with OHA to consider trustee elections by held by island rather than statewide; opposing existing and proposed legislation re conversion of leasehold assets of Hawaiian trusts to fee simple and the protection of native trust assets; and endorsing a full and fair resolution of all controversies surrounding the Native Hawaiian trusts. Na Keiki O Hawaii HCC of Alaska (organized 22 March 1985) received its charter by the Association at this convention on 16 November 1990. This was an election year, and Jalna Keala was re-elected for another two-year term January 1991 through December 1992. Whitney T. Anderson remained as the immediate past president. Installation of officers was held at the Saturday Aha Aina when the Outstanding awards were also presented: Andrew Honore’ “Analu” Berard [Liliuokalani] received the Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club Member award, and Dr. Terry Shintani received the Outstanding Non-Hawaiian award.

In 1991 as a result of a resolution adopted at the 1990 Association convention urging Hawaii State to construct a memorial honoring Pres. Grover Cleveland for his effort to correct the injustice to the Hawaii Kingdom -- the overthrow of the monarchy under Queen Liliuokalani’s reign, a House resolution was introduced in the 1991 State Legislature by Representative Annelle Amaral [Alii Pauahi] who was at the time the JUD vice chair. Following its legislative adoption it was referred to the State Department of Transportation. Both outgoing director Tim Hirata and incoming director Rex Johnson were receptive to the resolution although no funds had been appropriated for implementation. DOT deputy director Joyce Omine, however, was appointed by Johnson to work with AHCC president Jalna Keala to implement this resolution. The memorial was considered to be placed on the grounds of Hale Auhau. The site was perfect considering it was in view of the corner and a block from where the U.S. Marines set up their Gatling guns and cannon located directly across from Iolani Palace. It would be a visual reminder and prominent location of the United States transgression against the Hawaii Kingdom. After preliminary meetings, it was decided that a plaque secured on a pohaku would be sufficient, considering there was a lack of funds for a more substantial memorial. Kahu Charles Yabui of Ka Hale Hoana Ke Akua Church in Kalihi (Annell’s uncle) and Jalna visited the DOT baseyard in Halawa Valley where many huge pohaku were transported from the H3 construction. After circling the pohaku of choice, laying of hands, and talking to it explaining the purpose, destination and the need for safe transport, Kahu Yabui gave a Hawaiian blessing right there at the site. With Omine’s assistance in clearing the paperwork for the transport and placement, the pohaku was moved to the Queen Street site where its surface was prepared to receive the plaque. Dedication of a sculpture and fountain was also to be erected, and Omine made it possible for the pohaku and those monumental pieces could all be done on the same day. Charley Yabui then did the blessing of both. Jalna wrote the inscription on the plaque; and the morning of the blessing, she accompanied Kahu Yabui carrying the calabash of anointing water for him to sanctify the areas that were blessed. The HCC of Honolulu provided the refreshments and moral support; other Hawaiian organizations and a few legislative types were in attendance. Soaking wet from the experience, Jalna was privileged to say a few words about Pres. Grover Cleveland and the site of the 1893 Marine encampment; and the dedication was
completed with quiet dignity and respect. Jalna eventually put Omine in touch with several clubs and some time later an agreement was made to exhibit their Hawaiian handicrafts in display cases at the Honolulu International Airport.

The AHCC Board of Directors Retreat was held 25-26 May 1991 at the Iolani Luahini memorial residence in Napoopoo sponsored by the Abigail K. Kawananakoa Foundation, and coordinated by Annelle Amaral [Alii Pauahi], Planning Committee chair. The objectives of the retreat were successfully carried out, including examining the Association’s responsibility pursuant to the Constitution & Bylaws; reviewing the programs and activities over the past five years to determine the future direction; reviewing the Association’s involvement in past issues affecting the Hawaiian community for future consideration; and establishing goals to respond to the mana’o of the membership and beneficial to the Hawaiian community. The last point was taken to heart by the Kona HCC as it broadened its scope in terms of membership, visibility and accessibility; and built its membership by networking with other Hawaiian organizations that strengthened the bond between them. What also came out of this retreat was that the committees do not necessarily attend all quarterly Board meetings and, therefore, the Executive Committee’s oversight must include an active role as liaison in reporting their activities to the Board; and the importance of having a policy manual for the Association (this is a reiteration of the recommendation made in 1975, which has not yet been accomplished). The 10 committees with oversight responsibilities determined at this retreat included as administrative committees - Budget & Finance, Community Relations, Constitution & Bylaws, Convention, and Planning, all of which the AHCC first vice president oversees; and as program committees - Education, Government Relations, Health & Human Services, Historic Sites and Na Mea Hawaii all of which the AHCC second vice president oversees. The Association was invited to participate in “Hooku’ikahi – Unification,” a Bicentenary commemoration of Kamehameha’s temple of Puukohola (1791-1991), at Kawaihae, Hawaii Island on 17 August, and Lorna Akima [Waimea] was the administrative assistant of the planning committee.

The annual convention was held 6-10 November at the Royal Waikoloan, on Hawaii Island. The convention booklet cover was drawn by Janice Gail [Laupahoehoe] illustrating the theme, “E Ala Mai Na ‘Oiwi Hawaii” (Awaken people of Hawaii). At the Association board of directors meeting on 7 November, it was announced that former Association President Pilipo Springer [Kona] passed away. Approval was made to have the convention video taped by professional photographer Heather Giugni. Jalna Keala was the Association president, and Whitney T. Anderson was the immediate past president. The other officers and directors who represented 42 clubs of the Association were: Recording Secretary pro tem Janice M. E. Akana [Prince Kuhio], Corresponding Secretary Nona Kamai [Waikiki], President Emeritus George H. Mills MD [Kailua], First Vice President H. K. Bruss Keppeler [Honolulu], Second Vice President Reynolds Kamakawiwoole [Hamakua], Treasurer Ethelreda Kahalewai [Puuloa]; Oahu Council of 21 clubs – President Peter Ching [Kailua] and AHCC Directors Walter Rodenhurst Jr. [King Kamehameha], Betty Jenkins [Alii Pauahi], and Shirley K. Holden [Pearl Harbor]; Hawaii Council of 9 clubs – President Ann Nathaniel [Prince David] and AHCC Director Ululani Sherlock [Prince David]; Maui Council of 3 clubs – President A.D. “Sonny” Fernandez [Central Maui] and AHCC Director Bernice Nitta [Lahaina]; Kauai Council of 3 clubs – President Lionel Kaohi [Kaumualii] and AHCC Director Annie Hashimoto [Hanalei]; Mainland Council of 6 clubs – President Kaiwi Pang [Ainahau] and Director Analu Berard [Liliuokalani]. Workshops, the lei contest, and historic site tour were held on Wednesday. The sports and games and health screening were held during the day on Thursday, followed by the annual Hoolaulea in the evening. Displayed amidst the general session on Friday was Na Hana Lima Noeau
workbooks completed by participating clubs. The Kukui Lama Ku kupuna recognition ceremony, created by Pres. Keala, was held on Friday morning at the general session. The Aha Mele topped off the evening with the competition song “Maika‘i Ka Makani o Kohala” sung by participating choral groups. The keynote speaker at Saturday’s general session was Sen. Daniel K. Inouye. The awards were presented at the Aha Aina buffet on Saturday evening: Kulia I Ka Nu’u Award - Dr. Isabella Kauakea Aiona Abbott as the Outstanding Native Hawaiian Non-Civic Club Member; Ka Pookela o Kuhio Award - Aana Cash Mitchell [Ainahau] as the Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club Member; Kalanianaole Award - Richard Smart [Waimea] as the Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club Member for Service to the Community at Large; Kakoo o Kalanianaole Award - Ken Melrose as the Outstanding Non-Hawaiian for Service to the Hawaiian Community; and Pualeilani Award - the Flores Ohana [Waimea] as the Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club Family. The kamau, cribbage and Na Paani were held on Sunday afternoon. Fred B. Conant Jr. (1923 – 1991) was remembered by resolution adopted at this convention; also lauded was Gabriel I as a living treasure of Kauai for his volunteerism and knowledge in things Hawaiian that he willingly shared in educational programs, lectures and workshops. What came out of the business at convention was the adoption of several serious resolutions, like opposing the forced taking of Hawaiian trust lands (Bishop Estate) to create a national park along the Ka Iwi shoreline; supporting the pursuit of federal legislation enactment to re-establish a nation-to-nation relationship with the Native Hawaiian people with the right of the people to seek restitution from the federal government for breaches to Hawaiian sovereignty and self-governance; supporting the pursuit of workshops in the Hawaiian community to review Sen. Daniel Inouye’s draft on the right to sue for breaches of the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust; supporting partnerships among public and private agencies to coordinate much needed services to the Hawaiian people via the state appointed Hui Imi Task Force; and improving the quality of life for native Hawaiians from kupuna to opio as a goal of the Association of HCCs with all clubs assuring health promotion and disease prevention during the ensuing year with a progress report at convention in 1992. Jalna Keala [Alii Pauahi] reported this year in an undated memo to the Hawaiian civic clubs the U.S. Census Bureau’s statistics of Hawaiian population in all 50 states and Washington DC totaling 211,014 with Hawaii having a 65% ratio of that total – 138,742, and California having a 16% ratio – 34,447.

In 1992 a conference sponsored by the AHCC Government Relations Committee and the ad hoc committee on Hawaiian Homes Commission was held on 11 January. Speakers at that occasion included HHC Director Hoaliku Drake; State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Association President Kamaki Kanahele; Dr. Patricia M. Zell of the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs at Washington DC; OHA Chair Clayton Hee; OHA trustee Moses Keale; Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation Senior Officer Melodie MacKenzie; and a representative from the Governor’s office. The topics of that conference included the Hawaiian Homes Trust as to the relationship between U.S. and Native Hawaiians, and the state administration views on Hawaiian homes; and the Public Land Trust as to the status of OHA negotiations with the State. The annual convention would have been held 11-15 November on Kauai Island but Hawaii Council convention chairs Kahea Beckley [Kona] and Andy Wynn [Kona], who despite the unfortunate circumstance of Hurricane Iniki that devastated Kauai Island on 11 September 1992, was able to pull the convention together with only five weeks to plan. Representing the Kauai Council with much gratitude and mahalo nui loa, a four generation family of Kauai Council AHCC director Annie Hashimoto [Hanalei], was able to attend the convention held at the Kona Surf Hotel through the donations, airfare, meals and accommodations received, and the love and concern rendered to Kauai Council by the Association, Hawaii Council, and Mainland Council. Election was held at convention, and H.K. Bruss Keppeler was elected as the new president of the Association for two years from January 1993 through December 1994, and Jalna Keala became the immediate past president. Hawaii council submitted a check of $2,701.58 to the Kauai Council after accounts were reconciled following this convention.
In 1993 H.K. Bruss Keppeler was the Association president, and Jalna Keala was the immediate past president. This year was a very special year for all Hawaiians. The somber centennial commemoration of the overthrow of our beloved nation and Queen (1893), the celebration of the sesquicentennial of La Ho‘iho‘i Ea (31 July 1843), and the declaration of the International Year of Indigenous Peoples have added to the Association’s own Diamond Jubilee (1918). The Ahahui Siwila Hawaii o Kapolei (organized in 1993) received its charter by the Association on 23 October 1993. The Ahahui Kiwila Hawaii o San Diego (organized on 12 October 1993) was chartered by the Association at the board meeting on 27 October 1993. Letters of encouragement and praise were received from several political leaders in Hawaii and abroad as the Association’s annual convention plans began to take shape, and noteworthy remarks are excerpted herein: Gov. John D. Waihee III stated, “The debate in Hawaii has been refocused by the energy evident during this year in which we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. Recognition of Hawaiians as a people with rights to a sovereign land base is moving toward resolution. The issue of sovereignty has taken on a number of forms, shaped by the interests of autonomous organizations. Reaching a settlement that satisfies all of the participating groups will not be easy or immediate, but I am persuaded that it will occur.” U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye stated, “Over the years, I have fought for the rights of all indigenous peoples in our country. Your theme for this year, E Mau Ana Ka Ha‘aheo, is particularly appropriate. I believe that by instilling pride in our indigenous peoples, their unique legacies will survive and flourish. I comment you in your continuing efforts to keep the Hawaiian heritage alive and well on the mainland. Your task is more difficult than most, as you must carry on these traditions far away from Hawaii.” Honolulu Mayor Frank F. Fasi stated, “Your convention theme is an important reminder for Hawaiians to maintain their heritage, and your motto, Pupukahi I Holomua, is the key to success for your efforts to regain your ancestral rights.”

The annual convention was held 29-31 October 1993 at the Stardust Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, and the theme was “E Mau Ana Ka Ha‘aheo” (Enduring Pride). The cover of the convention booklet was designed by Analu and Halani Berard featuring indigenous natives of Hawaii, Alaska, and America; the faces, embraced by the lei maile and ilima, capture the theme of the convention. Photos were courtesy of Anchorage Museum, Baker Collection of Bishop Museum, and Kurt Koegler collection; Frank A. Rinehart (1862-1928). Both Kapolei and San Diego were recognized as new clubs into the Association at the Friday general session. Four workshops were held, namely Na Kii Oni‘oni, Genealogy, Na Mea Hawaii, and Kapa making and display. Keynote speaker was Gov. John D. Waihee III. There were 10 committees at convention, namely, Community Relations; Conventions & Meetings, Finance, Government Relations, Policy & Planning, Benefits & Entitlements, Education, Employment & Housing, Health, and Na Mea Hawaii (Historic Sites Committee was merged into the Na Mea Hawaii in 1993). The recipients of the Outstanding Awards were: Prince Kuhio Award – HCC of Honolulu; Ka Poookela o Kuhio Award – Gladys W.P. Shiroma [King Kamehameha]; Kalaninaoele Award – Leon K. Sterling Jr. [Kona]; Kakoo o Kalaninaoele Award – Jerry Y. Shimoda [nominated by Waimea]; Kulia I Ka Nuu Award – R.M. Keahilapalapaikawekiuolunalilo Poire Allen [nominated by Pearl Harbor]; Pualeilani Award – Rodenhurst Ohana [King Kamehameha]. The Aha Mele contest song was the 1992 Na Hoku Hanohano Awards traditional Hawaiian album and haku mele “E Mau Ana Ka Ha‘aheo,” composed by S. Haunani Apoliona [ Honolulu]. The convention registration fee increase to $30 beginning in 1994 was approved by the delegation at this convention.
E MAU ANA KA HA'AHEO

na Haunani Apoliona

HUI:
E mau ana ka ha'aheo
Ka ha'aheo o ka nohona
Ke ola kama'ahu o ka lāhui
O ka lāhui Hawai'i
E mau ana ka ha'aheo
Ka ha'aheo o ka nohona
Ka lāhui pono'o o nā kai
O nā kai 'ewalu.

Pride shall endure,
Pride in our way of life,
A way that is firm and resolute in our people,
The Hawaiian people.
Pride shall endure,
Pride in our way of life,
For these people of the seas
The eight seas.

Me nāmea 'oi loa
Ma nā wā ma mua
E holomua kākou i kēia au
Ua hiki mai ka wana'ao
No ka ho'ōla
A me ka ho 'āla hou

Using the very best things
From times past,
Let us move forward in this age
The dawn has indeed arrived
For revitalization
And reawakening.

E hō'ā kākou
I ka la ma kūpono
No nā hulu Hawai'i
E kākulu a'e kākou
No ke ea o ka 'ana
Me ke aloha a me ke ahonui.

Let us set a aglow
The flame of justice
For all Hawaiians
Let us build
For the life of the land
With compassion and patience.

In 1994 H. K. Bruss Keppeler was the Association president and Jalna Keala was immediate past president. The Association newsletter *Nuhou I Ka Makani* was revived in March after being dormant since 1981, and its new editor was Charles Rose [Kailua]. The annual convention was held at the Maui Inter-Continental Hotel in Wailea, Maui Island 8-13 November under the co-host leadership of Maui Council President Sonny Fernandez, and attended by 536 people where two workshops and 48 resolutions received by the deadline were deliberated. The two workshops were on Hawaiian land and water rights; and sovereignty. The tour of historic sites on Thursday included Waiola Church, Hale Paahao, Baldwin House, Hau‘ola Store, Kamehameha’s Residence, Courthouse and Banyan Tree in Lahaina, Mokuula Island, Kamehameha Palace, the Carthaginian, Whaler’s Hospital, Lahainaluna School, the Cannery Mall and Honokahua Burial Site, ending with a Hawaiian buffet and entertainment at the Kaanapali Beach Hotel. Keynote speaker was Sol Kahoolalahala, chair of the Hawaiian Sovereignty Election Council. Of the 48 resolutions, 7 were not adopted. Resolution 94-43, urging the 9th circuit court to uphold the will and legacy established by Princess Pauahi to remain self-determining; and 94-44, urging the support of the will of Prince Pauahi, were two adopted resolutions gaining support of the Association at a time when the Honolulu Advertiser prints dirty laundry from inside and outside the walls of the Kamehameha Schools / Bishop Estate; the Association remained neutral but to stay informed on these issues until reports from Judge Yim and the State Attorney General is received before forming any conclusions. The Prince Kuhio Award went to HCC of Honolulu; Ka Pookela o Kuhio Award went to Victor Kaiwi Pang [ainahau], and Leimomi Khan [Honolulu]; the Kalanianaole Award went to Annelle Amaral [Kapolei] and Claire Hughes [Honolulu]; Kulia I Ka Nuu Award went to Robert Tong; Kakoo o Kalanianaole Award went to Jane Pang [Ainahau] and Harry Spoebr; and Pualeilani Award attend to the Sala Ohana [Honolulu]. The Aha Mele winner was HCC of Honolulu on their first try, led by Manu Boyd. The contest song was “Lahainaluna.”

In 1995 Pres. Bruss Keppeler was invited to be part of the faculty for the Ho‘ike’ike Kekahi I Kekahi, a symposium on Native Hawaiian Sovereignty held 7-8 April 1995 at Yale University, which was organized by Na Keiki Ke Aloha, made up of Hawaii students at Yale. HACPAC’s prestigious Lei Hulu Mamo Award was presented on 25 August to former governor John Waihee at the Lei Hulu Mamo Banquet held at Queen Kapiolani Hotel. This award goes to an individual of Hawaiian ancestry for contributions to the Hawaiian community through the political process. Past recipients of this prestigious award either in office at the time of the award or awarded posthumously have been Sen. Daniel Akaka, Sen. Richard Lyman, Sen. George Mills, Sen. Joseph Leong, Rep. Henry Peters, Rep Walter Heen, Lt. Gov. William S. Richardson. The South Kohala HCC (organized January 1995) was chartered by the Association at its board meeting on 7 November 1995. The annual convention was held 8-12 November at the King Kamehameha Hotel in Kona, Hawaii Island, chaired by Walter Rodenhurst [King Kamehameha] and co-chaired by Martha McNicoll [Hilo]. H. K. Bruss Keppeler continued as Association president and Jalna Keala as the immediate past president. The historic sites tour took members along the Mahukona Coast in North Kohala – a hiking experience – that included an ancient
mauka trail, a lifeline for the Hawaiian people; and the Ko’a Holomoana Heiau used by navigators and restricted to women, a one-of-a-kind site on this island with several upright stones, each having a purpose. The convention was represented by 639 registered attendees. The opening ceremonies were produced and conducted by George Naope, which included the beat of the pahu, several hula halau and benevolent Hawaiian societies, outrigger canoes plus crews from the Hokule’a, Hawaii Loa, E’ala, and Makalii. In fact, the double-hulled Makalii brought the Association board members to the entrance of Kamakohonua Bay where they boarded single-hulled canoes and were brought to shore. There they were greeted by Hawaii’s royal court including Na Ohana o Hoona, who live and practice the customs portrayed at convention in the E Ala E (morning blessing); and escorted to Ahu’ena Heiau where they presented hookupu. The royal court and the Royal Order of Kamehameha were to then escort the Association board members to the hotel’s ballroom to officially open the convention; although Naope had not planned to have several board members dunked in the waters near the Ahu’ena Heiau from an overturned canoe due to shift in weight aboard. Of the 31 resolutions deliberated at committee, 3 were not adopted. Of historical note, Kamehameha I died at this heiau on 8 May 1819. There were 11 committees at convention: Administration - Community Relations, Conventions & Meetings, Finance, Government, Policy & Planning; Program – Benefits & Entitlements, Education, Employment & Housing, Health, Na Mea Hawaii, and newest of them, Native Rights. The Aha Aina was held at Hulihee Palace with horse and carriage transportation for the romantic at heart. The contest song at Aha Hookuku Mele was “Kona Kai Opua” composed by Henry Waiau and arranged by Anuhea Brown [Prince Kuhio]; and the winning choral group was Waimea HCC, led by Everett Knowles. Outstanding Awards were presented by chair Louise Peters in the following categories: Ka Pookela o Kuhio Award – Doreen K. Lindsey [Nanaikapono], and Charles K. Kapua [Pearl Harbor]; Kalanianaole Award – Hanalei P. Vierra [San Diego]; Kulia I Ka Nuu Award – Noa E. A. Aluli MD [Honolulu]; Kakoo o Kalanianaole Award – Wallace F. Froiseth [Honolulu], and Michael Matsukawa [Kona]; Pualeilane Award – Springer Ohana [Kapolei]; Prince Kuhio Award – triple winners! Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC, Pearl Harbor HCC and Wailualu HCC; and Na Hana Lima Noeau Award – Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC. As a result of a resolution passed at the 1987 Association convention, urging out-of-state fee waiver for non-resident Hawaiians returning to the University of Hawaii, and with the Hawaii Council, Jalna Keala [Alii Pauahi] and Annelle Amaral [Alii Pauahi], the legislative bill passed in 1995, gave Kaleponi’s na opio the same educational opportunities as their cousins living in Hawaii. There have been “rock laulau” (rock wrapped with ti leaf) placements at historic sites by people who have been under the assumption that it is a Hawaiian tradition. It is not, and the Hawaii National Parks and State Parks have witnessed a growing trend of this problem that is being promoted by the visitor industry as traditional, and is concerned that ancient stone floors and stacked walls were being dismantled, and

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introduction of new rocks to historic sites were evidenced, as well as destruction of surrounding ti and papaya trees have become a nuisance. In December 1995, clubs, councils and the Association joined forces with other Hawaiian organizations to protest a worldwide broadcast of a CNN news 4-part series on Kamehameha Schools / Bishop Estate that was not only one-sided in its report but there were inaccurate statements throughout the series. Ha Hawaii, a nonprofit/non-governmental entity that incorporated this summer 1995, was organized to assist in raising funds for the Native Hawaiian Vote process. Some of the fifteen board members were members of clubs in the Association.

In 1996 the Kona HCC, supported by the Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund, filed a complaint and a motion for preliminary injunction on 2 July 1996 with the U.S. district court against the Army Corps of Engineers and the Hualalai Development Company (owned by Kajima Enterprises, a Japan based company) regarding the excavation of four swimming areas along the Kaupulehu coastline fronting the Four Seasons Resort on Hawaii Island. On 16 August 1996, Kona HCC supported the Association’s presence at the federal hearing to plead their case, including Pres. Keppeler, 2nd Vice President Annelle Amaral, IPP Jalna Keala, and Oahu Council Pres. Ike Kaaihue; and the decision was to grant preliminary injunction against the defending principals. Resolution 93-34 adopted at the Las Vegas convention of the Association opposed HDC’s application to dredge; and from this action, the DLNR named Kona HCC and other Hawaiian organizations in a condition of the Conservation District Use Permit Application to work with the HDC and Bishop Estate (landowners) to develop a working marine resource management plan that would incorporate an ahupuaa action plan (AHCC resolution adopted in 1992). With kupuna input, HDC had all the resource information they needed to preserve the shore. Despite the HDC/Army Corps glowing report to pacify the Hawaiian community, evidence of continued sediment from their dredging operation polluted previously pristine coastline; reef destruction will never by the same; significant cultural sites will never be identified since they no longer exist – all before an ethnographic cultural study could be completed and could be eligible for inclusion in the National History Registry. In August 1996, OHA (who by law must be consulted whenever ceded lands including shore and submerged lands are impacted – and was not consulted in this case) joined Kona HCC as co-plaintiffs in this federal lawsuit. Called by the Hawaiian Sovereignty Election Council, leaders of Hawaiian organizations gathered at the Kamehameha Schools on 24 February 1996 to view the premier showing of a half-hour video documentary that lays out the importance of the Native Hawaiian Vote (formerly known as sovereignty plebiscite) to be held this year. On 16 July 1996, ballots were mailed to all who were registered to vote by 15 August 1996; the results of the Native Hawaiian Vote was scheduled to be announced by the Hawaiian Sovereignty Election Council on the 158th anniversary of the birth of Queen Liliuokalani -- 2 September 1996, but a very small group of mal-contents pulled some legal shenanigans and the results were announced on 11 September instead in front of Aliiolani Hale next to the Kamehameha Statue by HSEC chair Sol Kahoolalahala. Of the 30,000 ballots cast, 21,900 or 73% voted yes to the question; this was a 37% turnout of voters, compared to neighborhood board voter turnout percentage ranging from 10% to low 30%. Interestingly, the state election ballots of 1996 had a question asking whether a state constitutional convention should be held in 1998, just when the Gov. Cayetano announced there were no funds to support a Hawaiian constitutional convention. Pres. Keppeler urged everyone to vote no to the question. Members of the Association who sit on the council include Ululani Beirne [Koolauloa], Analu Berard [Kona], Sherry Evans [Na Keiki] Tasha Kama [Central Maui], Kina’u Kamalii [Prince Kuhio], Mahealani Kamauu [Honolulu], Kaipo Kanahele [Pearl Harbor], Bruss Keppeler [Honolulu], and Charles Rose [Kailua]. The O’o Awards, presented by the Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce at the Ala Moana Hotel on 10 May 1996, went to the following recipients: Charles A. Kekumano [Honolulu], trustee of Queen Liliuokalani Trust; H.K. Bruss Keppeler [Honolulu], attorney-at-law; and Bernard P. Kea [Honolulu]. The Association had gone on record to support that council’s effort.
The annual convention was held at the Ala Moana Hotel, Oahu Island during 6-10 November, and the theme created for this event was “E mohala mau ana na pua oiwí” (Native blossoms continue to bloom forth – Hawaiians will flourish and endure). The booklet chair was Charles Rose [Kailua]; the cover was designed by the Media and Publications Department of Kamehameha Schools. The convention t-shirt drawing was designed by 11-year old Tyffiny Elizabeth Pohaikealoha Keliiaa-Fernandez [Pearl Harbor opio], a student at St. Francis School. There were 46 clubs represented at convention: 22 from Oahu Council; 10 from Hawaii Council; 3 from Maui Council; 3 from Kauai Council; and 8 from Mainland Council. A symposium panel on its theme - 21st Century Challenges - coordinated by Betty Jenkins [Alii Pauahi] and Puaala McElhanney [Alii Pauahi] included the following individuals: Clayton Hee, OHA; Lokelani Lindsey, Kamehameha Schools; Hayden Aluli, Native Hawaiian Bar Association; Laakea Suganuma, Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce; Benton Pang, ahahui Malama I Ka Lokahi; Winona Whitman and Douglas Knight, Alu Like; Kamele Kapaona, Princess Kaualani HCC; Hardy Spoehr, Papa Ola Lokahi; and moderator was Harriet O’Sullivan. Workshops included Genealogy, Lokahi, Olelo Hawaii, and Living our Hawaiian Values; and HACPAC, dedicated to improving the quality of life for Hawaiians through participation in governmental and legislative activities and processes, had an information table at convention. Keynote speakers at the general sessions were USN Vice Admiral Robert Kihune, (Ret.); Tatiana Chariya and Aureana Tseu. The Government Relations Committee chaired by Jalna Keala [Kapolei], had a guest speaker Dr. Davianna McGregor, vice chair of the Hawaiian Sovereignty Elections Committee, who spoke on the path to sovereignty. Chair Louise Peters [Nanaikapono] presented the Outstanding and Prince Kuhio Awards to: Charles L. Rose Jr. [Kailua] – Ka Pookela o Kuhio; Minette N.H. Springer [Kapolei] – Kalanianale; Beatrice Krauss [Honolulu] – Kakoo o Kalanianale; tie winners Ekela Crozier [nominated by Kopalei] and Kia T. Fronda [nominated by Hamakua] – Kulia I Ka Nuu; Bissen Ohana [Liliuokalani] – Pualeilani; HCC of Honolulu – Prince Kuhio; Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC - Na Hana Lima Noeau. There were 20 resolutions submitted on time and 6 late resolutions, and all but one was adopted. The Aha Mele contest song was an Oahu medley arranged by Randie K. Fong for this convention as a tribute to high chief Kakuihewa, including “Leahi,” by Mary Robins and Kalauawa Steart; “Kaimana Hila,” by Charles E. King and arranged by Andy Cummings; and “O Beautiful Ilima,” by Liholiho & Kilioulani, and arranged by A. DeFries. Election was held this year, and Arthur Hoke was elected as Association president for two years from January 1997 through December 1998. H. K. Bruss Keppeler became the immediate past president.

**In 1997** Arthur Hoke was the Association president, and H.K. Bruss Keppeler was the immediate past president. The Lanihuli HCC (organized 23 January 1997) was chartered by the Association at its board meeting on 25 January 1997. The OHA Hawaiian unity gathering, a solemn vigil at Maunaala, was held Friday morning, 18 April 1997. The AHCC contingent was led by 1st Vice President Charles Rose, 2nd Vice President Toni Lee; chanter Wayne Panoke [Kualoa-Heeia] and Wanda Hobbs [Nanaikapono] of the Oahu Council; and Queen Emma HCC who hosted the seating of dignitaries. The point of the vigil was to make clear to legislators that Hawaiians stand united against any action that erodes Hawaiian benefits and entitlements. On 25-27 April, the Association board of directors held a planning retreat called “Charting our Course” at Puuhonua o Malaekahana. The goal of the retreat was to discover common ground and to identify the actions necessary to build our ideal future and support the infrastructure of the Association. This 3-day session was held to complement and further the initiatives identified at the 1991 Naporee retreat. More than 500 Hawaiians met
at Hoomalu ma Kualoa 7-9 February 1997 and worked toward a formal document of agreement called the “palapala ‘aelike.” A copy of the ‘aelike was mailed to all AHCC board of directors and club presidents. A second unity gathering was held on 18-20 April 1997 to discuss areas of the agreement, provide education on issues raised by those topics, and the future of Hoomalu. The third unity gathering was held 24-26 October 1997. Hoomalu coordinator was Kinau Kamalii [Prince Kuhio]. In May 1997, Leimomi Khan [Honolulu] became the new editor of the Nuhou I Ka Makani newsletter of the Association replacing Charles Rose, who resigned. At that time, the circulation totaled 1,100 on the mailing list. On 12 September 1997, HACPAC honored OHA trustee A. Frenchy DeSoto with the Lei Hulu Mamo Award for her involvement in the establishment of OHA, support of the Protect Kahoolawe Ohana; and support to protect Makua. Charles Kapua [Pearl Harbor] was chosen to be this year’s Aloha Week mo’i.

The annual convention was held on 13-16 November at the Town & Country Hotel in San Diego, California, with pre-convention activities planned for 10-13 November. Of interest is the fact that a part Hawaiian named William Heath Davis, was the founder of the New Town of San Diego in 1850 believing that a town closer to the waterfront than the “Old Town” would attract a thriving trade. In 1986 the William Heath Davis House and Park was opened on the original 160 acres (purchased 136 years ago for the development of the town), as a tribute to this pioneer entrepreneur and his contribution to the development of San Diego. The convention theme was “Pupukahi I Holomua” (Unite in order to progress). By that time, the Association had 47 clubs in the organization. The Mainland Council had eight clubs: Aahui Kiwila Hawaii o San Diego, Aahui o Liliuokalani HCC, Aina hau o Kaleponi HCC, Hui o Hawai’i o Utah, Kauwahi Anaina Hawaii HCC – Utah, Las Vegas HCC, Na Keiki o Hawaii HCC – Alaska, and Na Po’e o Hawaii HCC of Colorado Springs. As the Association continues to evoke a priority on education, on Thursday morning co-host Mainland Council had an information booth set up themed “Study Hawaii” and staffed by Hawaii public and private college/university educators who provided information, applications, and resource literature covering Hawaii post-high education and training programs. Workshops included Keeping Hawaiians Healthy, Research Hula & Mele, Post-High Education for Hawaiians, and Cultural Aspects of Hawaiian Names. The Papale Lei Contest was held that afternoon. New name to a current committee was Policy & Planning. At the general session held Thursday, 13 November, the Lanihuli HCC (organized 23 January 1997) was recognized as a new club in the Oahu Council, and it was represented at this convention. The Na Mea Hawaii Award, Kukui Lama Ku, was presented by chair Betty Jenkins [Alii Pauahi], and recognized at that time were kupuna of each council: Oahu Council – Ethel Kaahui [Honolulu], Dorothy Kanani [Waialua], and Clarence and Helen Kelley [Pearl Harbor]; Hawaii Council – Ann Nathaniel [Prince David]; Maui Council – Joan Farren [Central Maui]; Kauai Council – Janet Kahelekomok [Kaumualii]; Mainland Council – Esther Westmoreland [San Diego], and Ellen Sulu [Utah]. There were 35 resolutions accepted for deliberation at committee meetings, 4 of which were late resolutions; 32 of them were adopted and 1 (Resolution 97-16) was withdrawn by the maker. Resolution 97-02 re amendment to the HHC Act to allow homestead applicants on the waiting list to include qualified beneficiaries of at least 25% blood quantum, took the longest deliberation in recent history, on the floor and in two caucuses outside of the general session. A minority report was also filed on it. The original motion to not adopt this resolution, as recommended by the committee, was overturned by the majority on the floor after efforts to amend it was successful. Honored throughout the weekend were recipients of Outstanding and other awards including: Ka Pookela o Kuhio – Marlene K.Y.L. Ebeo [Honolulu]; Kalanianaole – Carol Ann Kalau [Honolulu]; Kakoo o Kalanianaole – Simon K.S.Villarin-Fahilga (nominated by Aina hau o Kaleponi HCC); Kulia I Ka Nuu – Edith K. McKinzie (nominated by HCC of Honolulu); Pualeilani – the Pang Ohana [Aina hau]; Prince Kuhio – Aina hau o Kaleponi.
HCC. The traditional social for the evening this year had a Mexican theme, Noche De Fiesta. Na Hana Lima Noeau displays were on view Friday and Saturday and the winner was Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC. The convention general session reconvened on Friday morning with a keynote address given by Dr. Alyson Burns-Glover, Associate Professor of Psychology, Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon who spoke on the her research of Hawaii and Hawaiian students including a slide presentation; administrative committee reports were also presented at this session, and also the Hui Imi Advisory Council report. This year, videos provided by Frances Aakimaka of Pacific Islands in Communication were on review during the time of the general session, including “Samoan Heart,” Chamoru Dreams,” “Happy Birthday Tutu Ruth,” and “Hawaiian Sting.” Craig Chapman [Lanihuli] gave a slide presentation of the Credit Card Plan – the Affinity Card – which the Association board approved this year as a way to gain income when club members apply for a card and use it instead of cash but pay off the credit with that cash at or before the statement is received; and for every application approved by the NBNA, a dollar is earned per signup by the cardholder’s club and then a dollar per year retention after that; and the Association would earn 15 cents per swipe. The Officers Luncheon (formerly Presidents Luncheon) followed the general session where the Mainland Council provided excellent raffle prizes and entertainment; Pres. Arthur Hoke did have a Presidents Hour on Saturday afternoon, however. By now, added to the list of committees at convention were Employment & Housing, Native Rights, and Benefits & Trusts. Other videos were on review that evening including “But, Not to Touch,” “Stolen Waters,” and “Then There Were None.” The Aha Mele was held that evening and the contest song was “E Nihi Ka Hele,” arranged by Randie K. Fong of Kamehameha Schools. Waimea HCC, a 12-year victor since 1968, won the competition and went home with 1st Place, Olelo Hawaii Award, and the Perpetual Award. This year all participating clubs went home with something as a Consolation trophy was also presented to the club in 4th place. The Aha Aina on Saturday had a “Na Paniolo” theme. Hawaii Maoli Inc., the nonprofit arm holding a 501(c)(3) status was created by the Association this year, which received its charter by the State so that, among other things, it would assist the Association in the conduct of its business. The Association and Oahu Council particularly worked hard along with the Congressional delegation and other state agencies in their communication with the Office of Management & Budget between July and September this year in an effort to amend the Federal Directive 15 – where attempts in the last 20 years were unsuccessful – and one of the impacts to be a realization is the 2000 census when native Hawaiians in the broadest term will be self-identified and no longer combined with other Pacific islanders wherein a clearer collection of data on socio-economic conditions and needs of native Hawaiians nationwide would be recognized. This directive also monitors housing, mortgage loans (because banks are obligated to meet certain federal standards), and has affects on monitoring education representation. Thomas Lyons [Honolulu] donated $1000 for the first place winner of the Aha Mele at convention on Kauai next year. The convention media committee had radio coverage in both San Diego and Honolulu; and Manu Boyd [Honolulu] was the voice that reported daily on the convention activities at KCCN and KGU, with other coverage on KHVN and KRTR. The Honolulu Star Bulletin and Honolulu Advertiser did a piece in their respective newspapers.

**In 1998** Arthur Hoke was Association president and H.K. Bruss Keppeler was immediate past president. The Piilani HCC of Colorado (organized in September 1998) was chartered by the Association on 13 November 1998. The convention was held 10-15 November at Kauai Lagoon Hotel with 531 registered attendees representing 48 clubs. The theme was “Ulu Ana Kakou I Uka I Kai I Ka Lokahi,” (We flourish in unity from the mountains to the sea). The convention was dedicated to the memory of Fred Blakesly Conant Jr [Hanalei]. The Kamehameha Schools was the featured event on Tuesday, producing the native Hawaiian safe and drug free schools and communities program themed “E Ola Pono” (Live the proper way).
Wednesday was mainly for the usual sports and Hawaiian games (Na Paani) and historical tours. Thursday morning there were five 105 minute workshops held at two sets of times so that conventioneers could enjoy at least two workshops that day. The workshops were on Native Hawaiian Scholarships; Hawaiian Convention; Kauai’s chiefly lines, culture, and legends; Kauai salt beds; and Niihau shell leis. Wilcox Hospital was the major supporter of the health screening program. This was the first year the health screening provided very accurate fasting blood analysis for those who had no food for 10 hours or more prior to the test. Also conducted was dental screening and pap smear test by Hoola Lahui o Hawaii. Keynote speakers during the general sessions were former governor John Waihee and former circuit judge Patrick Yim; guest speaker was Kali Watson, DHHL Director, who conducted a PowerPoint presentation on activities of the state agency. The following committees had name changes concurrent with their added responsibilities: Conventions & Meetings, Finance, and Policy & Planning. The Aha Mele was held Friday evening and the contest song was a medley “Namolokama – Kani Uina,” arranged by Les Ceballos of Kamehameha Schools. The Outstanding and Prince Kuhio awards were presented at the general sessions and the winners were: Ka Pookela o Kuhio – Ike Kaahiu [King Kamehameha]; Kalanianaole – Sharon K. Paulo; Kakoo o Kalanianaole – Alex Murakami; Kulia I Ka Nuu – Richard Kane Jr.; Pualeilani – Kawelo ohana; Prince Kuhio – Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC; Na Hana Lima Noeau – Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC. This was election year and Arthur Hoke was re-elected as Association president. H. K. Bruss Keppeler remained as immediate past president.

In 1999 Arthur Hoke was Association president, and H. K. Bruss Keppeler was immediate past president. The HCC of Southern Nevada (organized on 6 March 1999) was chartered by the Association at the board meeting on 10 November 1999. The annual convention, chaired by Martha McNicoll [Hilo], was held 10-14 November at the Royal Lahaina Hotel, Kaanapali, Maui Island with 509 attendees representing the 49 clubs; and the theme was “Ku i Ka Mana” (Perpetuate traditional knowledge). The main pre-convention activities included tours, sports and games, and the Association’s Constitutional Convention. Also on Thursday, the “Molokai Luncheon” featured songbird Myra English as the entertainment; and the lei contests were on that day. The keynote speaker for the Thursday general session was Dr. Manu Meyer; and two successive activities that evening included the annual Hoolaulea, and “Viva Casino Maui.” The keynote speakers on Friday’s general session were Hokulani Holt-Padilla and Leiana Woodside and guest speaker, Dr. Michael Chun of Kamehameha Schools. The Officers Luncheon (aka Presidents Luncheon) had the usual fun and food chaired by the Mainland Council that kept the hype up for those ever-so coveted raffled prizes they are known to provide. The Outstanding and Prince Kuhio Awards were given to: Tieri P.L. Bissen [Ainahau] – Ka Pookela o Kuhio; Victor K. Pang [Ainahau] – Kalanianaole; Ronald Jackson [Kailua] - Kakoo o Kalanianaole; David Nuuihiwa [Ainahau] – Kulia I Ka Nuu; Julian H. Judd Ohana – Pualeilani; Prince Kuhio – Ainahau HCC; Waimea HCC – Na Hana Lima Noeau. The 7 workshops this year were diverse, which were held on Thursday: AIDS education, genealogy, hula sledding, Hawaiian names, lauhala, hooponopono; and a reconciliation panel discussion with Pres. Arthur Hoke serving as moderator. The Aha Mele was held in an open arena under the stars at the Hotel, and the contest song was “No Ka Beauty o Honokohau,” composed by Stacey Mailelaulii Naki and Herbert Kahokuokalani Mahelona who were two of the five judges this year. The winning choral group was HCC of Honolulu. Iolani Palace was in need of 90 new 6’x9’ specially made Hawaiian flags that are used for special occasions and daily use, and asked the Association to kokua the cost of $4500; pledges were
made from the floor totaling $5125. It was agreed that the excess would be split as donations to the other two palaces in Hawaii nei, namely, Hulihee Palace and Queen Emma Summer Palace.

**In 2000** the annual convention was held at the Hawaii Naniloa Resort, Hilo, Hawaii Island, on 7-12 November and the organization was reduced to 48 clubs (HCC of Southern Nevada was not listed in the convention booklet as active). Martha McNicoll [Hilo] was the convention chair. The theme was “Makaala huli a nana i ke kumu,” (Wake up, come to life and turn to the source). Arthur Hoke was Association president, and H. K. Bruss Keppeler was immediate past president. Pre-convention activities included sports, games and tours, and five workshops: The art of Hawaiian quilting; “Malama i na mea waiwai” -- Can Hawaiian cultural tradition and NAGPRA co-exist?; Fountains, flows, flora & fauna…our wild & wondrous world; Maunakea; and Aha Hawaii Oiwi. Keynote speaker was Dr. Clayton Chong. The Outstanding and Prince Kuhio awards were presented on Thursday and the winners were: Lydia K. Fahigla [Ainahau] – Ka Pookela o Kuhio; Charles L. Rose Jr. [Kailua] – Kalanianaloa; Dorothy “Dottie” Thompson [nominated by Hilo & Prince David HCCs] – Kakoo o Kalanianaloa; T. Lani M. Lapilio [nominated by Prince Kuhio] – Kulia I Ka Nuu; Peters Ohana – Pualeilani; Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC – Prince Kuhio; Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC – Na Hana Lima Noeau. That evening’s social was Hoolaulea – Mele Oke. The keynote speaker at the first general session was Dr. Clayton Chong who gave an overhead presentation on breast cancer. The keynote speaker at Friday’s general session was Ku Kahakalau PhD, administrator of Kanu o Kaaina New Century Charter School, Waimea who spoke on the history of the school and its current and future programs; and on Saturday, Dr. Hamilton McCubbin [Prince Kuhio], CEO of Kamehameha Schools talked on common goals like emotional caring, esteem, networking, appraisal and altruism. The Presidents Luncheon (also called Officers Luncheon) was organized by the Mainland Council with their usual flair of excellent raffle prizes. The Aha Mele was held that evening and the contest song was “Keawaiki,” arranged by Randie K. Fong of Kamehameha Schools. The competing groups were Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC, Kona HCC, HCC of Honolulu, and Waimea HCC; and the adjudicating groups were Queen Emma HCC and Prince Kuhio HCC. As this was election year, Charles Rose [Laupahoehoe] was elected as president for two years, January 2001 through December 2002. Arthur Hoke became the immediate past president.

**In 2001** Charles Rose was the Association president, and Arthur Hoke was immediate past president. The tragedy that hit the nation on 11 September left us with a quandary whether or not to have the convention. Many lives were lost in the destruction of the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York, which impacted us locally because there were Hawaiian folks that were directly affected by this terrorist attack. It was Pres. Rose’ wise decision to have the convention, and to dedicate it “to helping each other return to life as we knew it to be; to promote fellowship and well being; to rekindle our well-known Aloha Spirit and compassion for each other.” The annual convention, chaired by Harriett Roxburgh [Prince Kuhio], was held 6-11 November at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Hotel with 48 clubs represented by over 500 registered attendees from Hawaii, Alaska, California, Colorado, Nevada and Utah despite the tragedy on the U.S. nation and the subsequent local economic downturn. The theme was “Ke Alaula o Ka Huliuau” (The dawn of changing times). Lance C. Holden
Kapolei] created the convention booklet cover art piece that befitted the theme this year and also the Hawaiian people. The elements: The dawn, rising out of troubled waters; the outrigger, a symbol of how we got here, a metaphor for how we will continue to work together, looking toward the heavens to find that promise of tomorrow. Co-host Oahu Council, whose convention chair was Wayne Panoke [Kualoa-Heeia], worked hard to provide as pleasant a convention as possible; and Pres. Rose was pleased that the other councils were able to be part of it. Oahu Council president Jalna Keala [Kapolei] quoted Queen Liliuokalani, “I could not turn back the time for the political change, but there is still time to save our heritage. You must remember never to cease to act because you fear you may fail.” This was an exceptional quote befitting today’s challenges, and it complemented most appropriately this year’s convention theme. In preparation for the Association’s constitutional convention, the Oahu Council held its first ever constitutional convention that lasted four days. Maui Council president Lui Hokoana praised all efforts in restoring Lahaina HCC, and although apathy infected the rebirth of this club, the effort continues to seek interested people in the Lahaina area to bring Lahaina HCC to its full glory. And so it was with Lanai HCC whose efforts by Toni Lee [Pearl Harbor] did not go unnoticed; meetings were held to bring interest to the people there to revive this club also. On Wednesday at convention, Kalaeloa was the destination for the historic sites tour, chaired by the Kapolei HCC. The Association constitutional convention, chaired by Paige Barber [Waianae] was also held on Wednesday and a few major changes were made and approved, such as the Association board of directors although titled delegate-at-large would have to be a delegate of their respective clubs in order to cast a vote in business activities at future conventions. Kamau and cribbage were the only games of the day; and 5 workshops were held that day also: Do you have a book in you?; Value, Ethics & Power; Taro Roots; Caring for our Kupuna; and Historic Sites. At the general session that evening, chair Halani Berard [Ka’u] presented the Kukui Lama Ku ceremony. The Ewa and Puuloa HCCs merged to form a new club, Ewa-Puuloa HCC and keeping the earliest organization date between them, 4 May 1948, and new charter date of 8 November 2001. Of note, since its inception 53 years ago, HCC of Ewa had only three presidents – Thomas Akui, George Richardson, and George Kaeliwai. The Queen Kapiolani HCC was dissolved this year due to prolonged lack of participation in club activity. The Outstanding awards chaired by Lani Ryan [Ainahau] were presented at the Thursday and Saturday general sessions and the winners were: Charles P. Burrows [Kailua] for the Ka Pookela o Kuhio Award; Shad S. Kane [Kapolei] for the Kalanianaoe Award; Marjorie Ellen Kerr [Piilani] for the Kakoo o Kalanianaole Award; Kuuleialoha A. Stillman PhD (nominated by Ainahau) for the Kuli I Ka Nuu Award; Mel Johnson Ohana [Ainahau] for the Pualeilani Award; Pearl Harbor HCC for the Prince Kuhio Award; and Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC for the Na Hana Lima Noeau Award. The Aina Hookipa held after the first general session featured Genoa Keawe among other entertainers. The keynote speaker for the Friday general session was Evan Dobelle, president of the University of Hawaii; and guest speakers throughout the weekend were Raynard Soon, chairman of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Kekuni Blaisdell MD, professor of medicine with the John A. Burns School of Medicine, and chair of the Native Hawaiian Health Committee’s IRB; and Clyde W. Namuo, administrator of OHA. Mr. Dobelle gained popularity as he delivered an inspiring address relating to expanding opportunities for Hawaiians from kindergarten through college. His descriptive vision for recognizing the native culture and addressing it responsibly in educational opportunities through research and planning programs built through the UH and Center for Hawaiian Studies was well received. He recognized that partnerships should be developed among the educational institutions that provide learning opportunities to Hawaiians in order to eliminate duplication of effort and to maximize the value of these resources to help Hawaiians; and proposed to present a plan to the governor and legislature on these issues. The new committee by now was Information & Technology and two special committees were on the convention agenda as well: Native Hawaiian Education Council and Hui Imi. The convention registration fee was $30 since 1994, and the delegation approved the recommended increase to $40 starting in 2002. At the second general session, the past presidents of the Association were honored (some of whom are deceased but were represented) including: Mr.
William Kea, Mr. Harry Field, Msgr. Charles A. Kekumano, Mr. Pilipo Springer, Mr. David Trask, George Mills MD, Mr. Benson Lee, Mr. Whitney Anderson, Ms. Jalna Keala, H.K. Bruss Keppeler Esq., Mr. Arthur Hoke. There were 34 resolutions acted on at convention, 12 of which were late; 32 of them actually passed the gauntlet of deliberations and were adopted. Many of them offered sympathy to the victims of the 11 September disaster, honoring our kupuna, and calling for political action at various levels; a strong drive to recognize and use ancient Hawaiian place names and support traditional practices were the focus of several substantive resolutions; a few resolutions also called for cultural monitors on large projects that may affect native Hawaiian sites. Health Committee chair Claire Hughes [Honolulu] presented Hoolehua HCC with a $300 check towards their scholarship fund because they had the largest participation rate in the cancer screening contest, which was sponsored by Imi Hale, a program of Papa Ola Lokahi. The Aha Mele, chaired by Manu Boyd [Honolulu], featured 10 choral groups, and the top 3 competitors were Queen Emma HCC, Kona HCC, and Ahahui o Liliuokalani HCC. Nola Nahulu [Pearl Harbor] led the choral group Kawaiolaonapukanileo in a musical tribute to Queen Liliuokalani.

Pres. Rose was instrumental in having the mailing list updated to improve communications with all Association committees, chartered councils and clubs. Between January and May, a grant application was prepared for submittal to the Administration for Native Americans; and in September it was approved with a grant of $207,568 for 17 months to open an office, hire staff and perform four objectives: Locate, retrieve and preserve in a central repository all materials and documents of the 83 year history of the Association, its chartered councils and clubs; conduct oral history interviews with kupuna and to capture cherished memories of their participation in club activity; revive the Nuhou I Ka Makani, the Association newsletter, to better serve its nationwide constituency; and develop an innovative and creative website for the Association. Tony Ho [Prince
Kuhio], chair of the Association’s Information & Technology Committee, and Darrell Kim of Kamehameha Schools were the webmasters for the Association’s website at www.aohcc.org. Traditionally, the Association’s acronym has been AHCC; but because there were several websites with that acronym, it was necessary to identify the Association’s website as “aohcc” to avoid viewer confusion and so that this organization would stand out. Three staff members were selected to manage Hawaii Maoli Inc., located at Ward Warehouse, 2nd floor: Tomi Chong [Honolulu], Executive Director; Leah Nihipali, Project Assistant; and Kuulei Laughlin [Kailua], Account/Clerk. The Hawaii Maoli office blessing and dedication were held on Friday 14 December 2001. Presiding over the ceremony was Kahu William Kaina [Pearl Harbor]. Twelve editions of the Nuhou I Ka Makani were produced up to this point in time, and all of them can be viewed on the Association website with download capability. Hard copies may be received if members would submit their mailing addresses to Hawaii Maoli Inc. Mahealani Cypher [Koolaupoko], editor of the newsletter, devoted the November issue to the 2001 convention.

In 2002 Pres. Charles Rose personally met with the Mainland Council on 15 June to seek their support by lobbying the congressional delegation of their representative states in the passage of the Akaka Bill granting federal recognition to native Hawaiians. He participated in a roundtable discussion in Washington D.C. on 15-16 July, hosted by the Indian Affairs Committee of the U.S. Senate. In August, he served as a guest panelist at the annual convention of the State Council of Hawaiian Homesteads Association. In September, he spoke at the Council of Native Hawaiian Advancement Conference.

The annual convention was held at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, 11-17 November, the fifth time the Association had a convention on the U.S. continent; and the theme was “Hoomau Ke Ala Pono” (Continue on the pathway of righteousness), composed by Malia Craver from Honolulu; and the artistic convention booklet cover and merchandise logo were created by John P. Kanehailua. Chairing the convention on the Association level was Harriett Roxburgh [Prince Kuhio] and on the Mainland Council level was Mohala Reed [Liliuokalani]. For the first time, a Kupuna Conference was held to honor the seniors of the Hawaiian community and club membership at convention. Pres. Rose stated in his letter to convention attendees, “In my view, this theme is a very appropriate one. Everyone is well aware of the various efforts now taking place to diminish current programs benefiting our people. We are in a constant struggle to protect and preserve our Hawaiian cultural practices. It seems that everywhere we turn we are confronted with efforts to attack our very existence. We are always on the defense, always forced to protest various actions that threaten us. We must design ways and means to stop and prevent these attacks. Many people feel that the most effective way is for our people to form an entity to represent us that is outside of governmental control.” For that reason, he invited several Hawaiian organizations to participate in a special session at convention on Wednesday to discuss unity and the process for forming our own governmental entity in the hope that a common bond would be secured “to work together and develop a plan for the Hawaiian people.” In the second general session, the delegation accepted the OHA proposal for the Association to participate in this process of self-determination with other native Hawaiian organizations, agencies, and individuals. Workshops included: Hawaiian Homelands Issues and Trends; Laau Lapaaau / Native American Healers; Protecting the Sacred Temple Mauna Kea; Oral History; Resource Management of Kahoolawe Island; and Kamehameha Financial Aid. At the general session that evening, Pres. Rose introduced the Association officers and staff: 1st Vice President Antoinette Lee [Pearl Harbor], 2nd Vice President Paahana Bissen [Ainahau], Recording Secretary Dot Uchima [Kailua], Corresponding Secretary Lora Contreras [Queen Emma], Treasurer Alberta Low [Pearl Harbor], and Immediate
Past President Arthur Hoke [Hilo]. Chair Halani Berard [Kaʻu] presented the Kukui Lama Ku ceremony; and recipients of the Outstanding and Prince Kuhio Awards were: Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC – Prince Kuhio Award; Dorothy L. Irvine [Pearl Harbor] and Walter Victor Jr. [Laupahoehoe] – Ka Pookela o Kuhio; Allan K. Wakinekona [Ainahau] – Kalanianaole; Victoria Holt-Takamine – Kulia I Ka Nuu; Dr. Earl E. Bakken – Kakoo o Kalanianaole; Uchima Ohana [Kailua] – Pualeilani; Waimea HCC - Na Hana Lima Noeau Award. There were six competing choral groups and two adjudicating choral groups in the Aha Mele, and the winner was Waimea HCC. The five council presidents reported on activities generated by their respective clubs collectively totaling 46 this year. The evening social was a Hookanikapila hosted by the Mainland Council. Keynote speakers were Benjamin Young MD and Clayton Chong MD; and guest speakers were standup comedian Bo Irvine, and OHA chair Haunani Apoliona. There were 38 resolutions that the 12 committees deliberated, 4 of which were accepted as late; and 33 actually passed the gauntlet of reviews and were adopted. Intense discussions were made on the floor on two of these resolutions, which were eventually adopted as further amended, as recommended by the Benefits & Trusts Committee, chaired by Ike Kaaihue [King Kamehameha]: Resolution 02-29 regarding AHCC participation in a self-determination process for the restoration of self-government; and Resolution 02-02 regarding AHCC support of a native Hawaiian recognition bill. This year at convention, Hawaii Maoli Inc., the nonprofit arm of the Association began interviews of kupuna as part of the Association’s effort to preserve the history of the respective clubs, and memories and nostalgia of the Association’s history from their perspective. This was election year and Charles Rose was re-elected as the Association president for two years from January 2003 through December 2004. Arthur Hoke remained as immediate past president.

In 2003 the annual convention was held at the Radisson Kauai Beach Resort 10-16 November, and the theme was “E malama i ka maluhia o na kanaka o kaaina” (Preserving peace and tranquility among the people of our land). Three historic sites tours were planned for Thursday including Huaka‘i Hele, Ohana Helicopter aerial view; and Prince Kuhio’s birthplace at Poipu. Eight workshops were conducted including: Kupuna o Kauai; Hanai or legal adoption; Website authoring; Kia‘i aina; Hooulu I Ka Lewa; Na Mea Kauai; Kamehameha Schools—challenges & opportunities; and Bioprospecting and Intellectual Property. Chair Halani Berard [Kaʻu] conducted the Na Mea Hawaii Award -- Kukui Lama Ku, and recipients honored were: Rogerlyn I. and Kalanui Wakinekona [Ainahau]; Jeanette Howard [Kaʻu]; Gwendolyn Higgins [Hoolehua]; Richmond and Maile Kapuahala [Pearl Harbor]; Apolei Bargamento [Honolulu]; Ruby Maunakea [Nanaikapono]; and Wini Smith [Kaumualii]. Pres. Rose introduced the Association board and staff: 1st Vice President Antoinette Lee [Pearl Harbor]; 2nd Vice President Paahana Bissen [Ainahau]; Treasurer Alberta Low [Pearl Harbor]; Mainland Council President Soulee Stroud [Utah]; Mainland Council AHCC Director Mohala Reed [Liliuokalani]; Hawaii Council President, Mabel Tolentin [Waimea]; Hawaii Council AHCC Director Martha McNicoll [Hilo] on behalf of Ululani Sherlock [Prince David]; Maui Council President Lui Hokanoa [Central Maui]; Maui Council AHCC Director Edwina Cacoulidis [Hoolehua]; Oahu Council President Jalna Keala [Kapolei]; Oahu Council AHCC Directors Harriett Roxburgh [Prince Kuhio], Annelle Amaral [Kapolei], Charles Kapua [Pearl Harbor]; Kauai Council President Lionel Koali [Kaumualii]; Kauai Council AHCC Director Annie Hashimoto [Hanalei]; Recording Secretary Dot Uchima [Kailua], Corresponding Secretary Lora Contreras [Queen Emma]; and Immediate Past President Arthur Hoke [Hilo]. The Ka Lei Maile Alii HCC (organized 30 March 2003) and Kuakini HCC of Kona (organized January 2003) were chartered by the Association on 12 November 2003. The grand total of 428 registered participants at convention represented 46 clubs. At the second general session, the Protocol ad hoc Committee chaired by Pikake Pelekai [Kapolei] reviewed the protocol ceremony that would be conducted at the start of convention. This was a mandate by

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resolution adopted last year at convention for the Association to have a new policy on initial conduct of business at convention. Keynote speakers were oncologists Clayton Chong MD, and Paul Morris MD; and guest speakers included Clyde Namuo, OHA Administrator; Micah Kane, HHC Chair and DHHL Director; Constance H. Lau, CEO of American Savings Bank; and Mary Wessellkamper PhD, President of Chaminade University. There were 40 resolutions deliberated in the 12 committees, 7 of which were late; and 35 actually passed the gauntlet of adoptions. One of these adopted resolutions was to permanently have the Association convention held in October. Intense discussions were made on the floor on Resolution 03-31 relating to federal recognition while supporting options for independent status and acquisition of ceded lands. It was eventually adopted as further amended, as recommended by the Benefits & Trusts Committee, chaired by Ike Kaahiu [King Kamehameha]. Out of this committee came a minority report for the file on that resolution. Chair Roy Benham [Kuhio], stated that Hui Imi (the State appointed Hui Imi Task Force for Hawaiian services of which the Association is represented) was not active as of this year because of a diversion of its objectives influenced by the Kamehameha Schools alumni. The recipients of the Outstanding awards were: Jacqueline E. Judd [Ainahau] – Ka Pookela o Kuhio; Mahealani Kamauu [Honolulu] – Kalanianao; Margaret K. Sanborn [nominated by Ainahau] – Kulua I Ka Nuu; Kat Brady [nominated by Honolulu] – Kakoo o Kalanianao; Kapua Ohana [Pearl Harbor] – Pualeilani; Pearl Harbor HCC – Prince Kuhio Award; and Waimea HCC – Na Hana lima Noeau. The Hanai Task Force, a special committee of the Association, was created in 2003 to address the legislative impact on the term “hanai” and its definition. Other organizations in collaboration with this ad hoc were: Kamehameha Schools, Iliouaokali coalition, OHA, to name a few. The DHHL lauded the Association for its support in the Public Policy Project this year; the project provided timely information about ongoing lawsuits and legislation affecting our people and various public trusts and programs established to serve them.

In 2004 the annual convention represented by 51 clubs and over 400 registered attendees was held at sea on the NCL Pride of Aloha, co-hosted by the Maui Council and arranged by Getaway Travel, Marlene K. Ebeo ECC [Honolulu]. Maui Council Pres. Lui Hokoana felt impressed to have the delegation travel the eight channels to experience the islands from an ocean vantage point while enjoying the luxurious personal and business accommodations of a cruise liner in Hawaiian waters. This experience did not come without the challenge of naysayers at the previous two conventions; however, in both votes the majority ruled to have this convention at sea. A few adjustments were necessary from the traditional way the Association has run its convention, and the cooperation of the cruise liner was exceptional in that regard. The theme selected was “Na Kai ‘Ewalu” (Reconnecting Our Past, with the Present, for the Future). As explained by Maui Council Pres. Lui Hokoana, the literal translation makes reference to the eight seas – the channels between our islands – which signifies the retracing of the travels and places of our ancestors. Reflecting on these travels, we hear all the voices of our people and how it impacts decision-making today and tomorrow. Workshops included: Hawaii Maoli - Where we are and where we plan to go!; Ask a Kauka; Hawaiian Home Lands – the next 5 years; TIMS - University of Hawai’i’s School of Travel Management; and Kau Inoa - Sign up and be counted! The traditional program of honoring the HCC kupuna was different this year, as the Maui Council chose to have everyone sing songs of each moku as the respective council introduced their recipients: Hawaii Council kupuna – Caroline N. Hao [Prince David], and Walter Victor Jr. [Laupahoehoe]; Oahu Council kupuna – Walter Rodenhurst [King Kamehameha], Gladys Rodenhurst [Princess Kaiulani], and Nelanette H.Y. Arakaki [Honolulu]; Kauai Council kupuna – Annie Hashimoto [Hanalei]; Mainland Council kupuna – Edith Correa [Ainahau]; Maui Council kupuna – Leone Purugganan [Central Maui]. Chair Toni Lee [Pearl Harbor] changed
the Hali’a Aloha ceremony replacing the traditional candlelight presentation, due to a fire hazard on board the ship, with a white flower for each member posthumously, donated and arranged by Bucky Leslie [Kuakini]. Pres. Rose had a duplicate charter prepared and presented to each Hawaiian civic club that was older than two years in the event the original charter would be in someone’s possession, misplaced, or lost. The Lahaina HCC that once was dormant was revived by several individuals, and its president Holoaumoku Ralar stepped to the plate and made every effort to increase the membership and once again be a part of the Association fold. Successful in this regard, the Association issued a duplicate charter to the Lahaina HCC as well. The Ke Alii Makaainana HCC whose members were from Maryland, Virginia and Washington DC (organized 17 July 2004) received its charter on 9 November 2004. Chair Gege Kawelo presented the Outstanding and other awards at the general sessions including: the Prince Kuhio Award to Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC; the Pookela o Kuhio Award to Maxeen L.D. Shea [Honolulu]; the Kalanianaole Award to Tieri Paahana Bissen [Ainahau]; the Piilani Website Page Award to HCC of Honolulu – this was a new award created by resolution adopted in 2001 but no applicants applied until now. The Kulia I Ka Nuu Award went to Stephen Enomoto; the Kakoo o Kalanianaole Award went to Denny K. Colbert; and the Pualeilani Award to the Maluo Ohana. The Na Hana Lima Noeau Award went to Ainahau HCC. There were 37 resolutions, 4 of which were late resolutions, accepted for deliberation by the 12 committees, as referred by the Resolutions Committee; and acted on by the delegation in general sessions. Of that total, 36 were unanimously adopted; one resolution (04-09) was merged in part with 04-08; and a special commemorative resolution adopted on the floor was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylva [Lahaina] by Hailama Farden. Keynote speaker was Dean T. Kauka, Executive Director of Ohana Kokea who spoke on the foster care program; and guest speakers were Marjorie K. Mau MD who spoke on the activities at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii Manoa; Mayor of Maui County, Hon. Alan Arakawa, who spoke on county concerns that are financially influenced by outsiders; OHA Trustee of Maui, Boyd Mossman [Central Maui] whose main focus was on Hawaiian interests in the world today; Alu Like Inc. President and CEO Mervina Cash-Kaeo, who spoke on programs the organization sponsors that benefit the Hawaiian people; Kamehameha Schools Raynard Soon [Prince Kuhio] on behalf of CEO Dee Jae Mailer [Prince Kuhio] who spoke on the schools’ activities, challenges and outcomes; and Walter Jamieson PhD who spoke on the tourism program with a PowerPoint presentation. The AHCC Constitution & Bylaws were adopted as amended to include a new Economic Development Committee, which increased the number of committees to 13 including: Administrative - Community Relations, Conventions & Meetings, Finance, Government Relations, Information & Technology, and Policy & Planning; Program – Benefits & Trusts, Economic Development, Education, Employment & Housing, Health, Native Rights, and Na Mea Hawaii. Special committees reporting at the third general session were: Bioprospecting Task Force, Ocean Resources, Hanai Task Force, and Native Hawaiian Education Council. Pres. Rose presented appreciation awards to Maui County elected officials of Hawaiian ancestry for their role in supporting the needs and programs of the Hawaiian community, and the county-at-large. The executive staff of the NCL noted publicly that the Association was the first Hawaiian organization with such a large body of 335 people to book a meeting on board one of its ships. With that, they went over and above the call and treated the delegation to not one but two cocktail receptions at the Outrigger Lounge, Deck 11 Fwd; and a complete turn-around of the ship at the lava flow south of the Hawaii Island so that everyone who could not be on Deck 11 Fwd or the starboard and port open decks 11, 12 and poolside could witness the spectacular display from their rooms. This was election year and Antoinette “Toni” Lee was elected Association president for two years January 2005 through December 2006. Charles Rose became the immediate past president, and a few organizations joined the Association in honoring him on this cruise for all the work he has done to bring this organization to where it is today, and for seeking without hesitation the scholarship grants [from OHA and DHHL] to provide at least one delegate per club to attend this convention at sea. He was the instigator in pursuing among other things grants [from ANA and HUD and other sources] through Hawaii Maoli Inc. worth over $1.75 million to open and
maintain an office, conduct programs that provided service to HCC members, clubs and others, create a youth leadership training program in collaboration with Chaminade University, obtain a planning grant to increase the fluency of the Hawaiian language among HCC members, explore the creation of a community development financial institution (CDFI) and to acquire land upon which to construct a building for use by the Association.

**In 2005** Gov. Linda Lingle created a new Hawaii Ocean and Coastal Council in January to proactively address the needs of Executive Order 05 on ocean and coastal issues, particularly the role the ocean plays in the social, cultural, environmental, economic and security issues in the state including ocean industries and recreation, research and education, and ecosystem and resource management. This effort was as a result of the University of Hawaii holding public meetings in 2002 to gather input from the community on identifying marine and coastal issues; and the overwhelming sentiment from the general public was to include a Hawaiian perspective in all planning for marine or ocean resources. Seeing this as a need for action, in 2004 then president Charles Rose created a special committee, Ocean Resources, and in partnership with OHA, hosted community meetings on all islands in the state addressing issues of ocean and land management – areas of critical concern to our Hawaiian people. By January 2005, U.S. Pres. Bush’s administration published a policy to incorporate indigenous native culture into an ocean policy that would affect 35 U.S. states and territories that depend on marine resources. Gov. Linda Lingle took a lead role in this through a unique Ocean Resource Management Plan; and the Association’s special committee on ocean resources has produced information on data collected to show governmental agencies that Hawaiians are well-versed in resource management, and how Hawaiian land and ocean traditional practices that sustain the environment can be incorporated into these policies. The Association is also working with federal agencies on a larger scale to protect deep ocean issues.

OHA’s project to reach out into the community to help nurture, sustain and support the practice of traditional Hawaiian culture and values utilized the Association membership in order to provide grants to their respective communities and members. Pres. Toni Lee appointed Carole Paulson [Alii Pauahi] to chair a planning committee charged with developing a grant application that all clubs could use when seeking funds from OHA by way of Hawaii Maoli; and the planning committee report was accepted by the Association board on 16 April 2005. A grant agreement with OHA was created, and applications were accepted quarterly by 1 July 2005 through 1 April 2006 from clubs meeting the following criteria: chartered with club bylaws filed and in good standing with the respective council and Association (ie current in per capita tax); a minimum of 25 Hawaiian members; meeting held at least quarterly; completed at least one native Hawaiian club or community project yearly; submission of a budget proposal for the project for which the grant would be applied. The Hawaii State Society of Washington DC received recognition by OHA on 5 June 2005 in their effort to perpetuate the King Kamehameha I Statue Lei Draping Ceremony at the U.S. Capitol for 36 years. With the OHA enterage at this auspicious occasion was Association president Toni Lee. This year the Association, in partnership with Kamehameha Schools’ policy analysis and system evaluation division, sent members a “Survey of Exemplary Hawaiian Leadership Behaviors,” and the returns would help in developing needed curriculum for Hawaiian leadership training programs. From 2003 through July 2005, the Association was awarded a building fund of $500,000 for its “Project Kipuka.” The two-year partnership with Chaminade University in the “Na Hele I Ke Ao” project that provided leadership training for credit courses to young Hawaiians attending Chaminade, funded by the Administration for Native Americans, ended 31 July 2005; however, Chaminade found this project to be worth continuing as part of a regular elective program of the college. OHA provided a grant of $46,250 to support the Association’s “Ke Alaula O Ka Huliau” project to continue documenting and recording oral history of kupuna in the Hawaiian civic club movement.
The Association accomplished its mission to persuade the University of Hawaii at Manoa to honor the pillars of our society while they are able to receive well-deserved recognition and accolades now rather than posthumously. In that effort, through a resolution produced by the HCC of Honolulu and adopted in the 2003 convention, “Supporting an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Music by the University of Hawaii for Genoa Leilani Kawaihapai Adolpho Keawe,” and after Pres. Toni Lee and immediate past president Charles Rose appeared in December 2004 before the UH Board of Regents to give testimony in support of that resolution, on 14 May 2005 at Windward Community College graduation ceremonies, “Aunty” Genoa received an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Music from the University of Hawaii. Representing the Association at that ceremony with well wishes were Pres. Toni Lee, immediate past president Charles Rose, Oahu Council president Nalani Gersaba, Oahu Council AHCC director Charles Kapua, and Na Mea Hawaii Committee chair Hailama Farden.

Hawaii Maoli Inc., the nonprofit arm of the Association received a 30-year lease in August from HHC for an 11,000 square foot parcel adjacent to the new DHHL office complex in Kapolei. The Association, in partnership with Hawaii Maoli and Chaminade University has secured a number of private and government grants to fund this project. The Association received $75,000 from the James & Abigail Campbell Foundation Trust in support of this new Kapolei community center building. In addition to the Association’s headquarters, the building will house Hawaii Maoli Inc. and the Association’s archives, the Prince Kuhio Federal Credit Union, a computer/resource center, a classroom/meeting space, a business training center, community kitchen, and the Kau Inoa registration of which Hawaii Maoli is the repository appointed by OHA. Construction is expected to commence in 2007. Paige K. Barber (1938 – 2005) [Waianae] passed away in August this year, a stalwart in the Hawaiian community and an outstanding member who worked tirelessly for the Oahu Council and Association with an energetic but sweet spirit. She will be missed.
The annual convention of the Association was held at the Fairmont Orchid Hotel, Kohala Coast, Hawaii Island, during the week of 25-30 October 2005. The theme was “Ho’i’ika’ika Ka Waiwai Na’auao o Na ‘Oiwi” (Strengthen the value of wisdom for the future) was composed by Pele Hanoa [Ka’u]. The convention booklet illustration was designed by Janice Gail [Laupahoehoe], depicting kupuna kane of Hiilawe at Waipio Valley tending to his kalo and faces of na opi’o representing our future. American Savings Bank, addressing the Association stated, “Every word you say, every step you make, strengthens native Hawaiian values in our islands. American Savings Bank is proud to be a corporate sponsor of the annual convention of the Association and to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Islands.” In Trustee Haunani Apoliona’s letter of well wishes to the organization, she acknowledged, “The Association has a long and outstanding history of achievements, particularly in the fields of health, education, and perpetuation of our culture and traditions. We congratulate you for your constant attention to the policies and practices of our government and business leaders and for being a strong voice for our people in countless efforts to advance what is pono and to protest what is not, a fine legacy to the vision of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole.”

There were 444 registered participants at convention representing 48 chartered clubs, plus 30 invited guests. A workshop was held for members whose clubs did not have a choral group but wanted to participate in a choir of combined voices named “Ahe Lau Makani” (the comforting gentleness of spreading wind) for the sole purpose of enjoying Hawaiian choral music. The choir was named by Haunani Bernardino whose mana’o was that people come from different winds and when together, they create a new wind that would produce beautiful and soothing music for those who are listening.

The opening ceremony, organized by Willette Akima [Waimea], began with all the pomp and circumstance befitting the protocol established a few years ago. New chair Bucky Leslie [Kuakini] directed the Hali’a Aloha ceremony honoring HCC members posthumously with a bouquet of flowers. The Na Mea Hawaii Award - Kukui Lama Ku, was chaired by Hailama Farden [Lahaina], and his rendition of honoring the kupuna began with a mele for each council as the recipients were introduced: Maui Council kupuna – Pele Hanoa [Ka’u]; Maui Council kupuna – Kamaile M. Bush [Hoolehua]; Oahu Council kupuna – Doreen Lindsey [Nanaikapono], Josephine Lum [Pearl Harbor], Dorothy K.M. Awai [Waialua], Betty K. Jenkins [Ali’i Pauahi], and Charles Rose [Honolulu]; Kauai Council – Lionel Kaohi [Kaumualii]; Mainland Council kupuna – Edith H.F. Correia [Ainahau], and William Kelly (deceased) [Utah]. The Association board of directors and staff included: Toni Lee as the Association president, and Charles Rose continued as the immediate past president; 1st Vice President Leimomi Khan [Honolulu], 2nd Vice President Soulee Stroud [Utah], Treasurer Patrick Sniffen [Pearl Harbor], Recording Secretary Dot Uchima [Kailua], Corresponding Secretary Harriett Roxburgh [Prince Kuhio], Hawaii Council President Mabel Tolentino [Waimea], Hawaii Council AHCC Director Martha McNicoll [Hilo], Maui Council President Lui Hokoana [central Maui], Maui Council AHCC Director Edwina Cacoulidis [Hoolehua], Oahu Council President Nalani Gersaba [Ali’i Pauahi], Oahu Council AHCC Directors Ike Kaaihue [King Kamehameha], Charles Kapua [Pearl Harbor], and Na’u Kamalii [Prince Kuhio]; Kauai Council President Lionel Kaohi [Kaumualii]; Kauai Council AHCC Director Alice Brown [Kaumualii]; Mainland Council President John Jensen [Liliuokalani], and Mainland Council AHCC Director Paahana Bissen [Ainahau]. The Outstanding awards presented by chair Gege Kawelo [Waianae] went to the following recipients: Prince Kuhio Award – Ainahau HCC; Ka Pookela o Kuhio Award – August S. Olim [Ainahau]; Kalanianaole Award – Joann U. Tsark [Honolulu]; Kulia I Ka Nuu Award – Nalani Olds (nominated by Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC); Kakoo o Kalanianaole Award – Mark Stride (nominated by Kailua HCC); Pualeilani Award – Curtis Hayes Ohana [Ainahau]; Na Hana Lima Noeau Award – Ainahau o Kaleponi HCC.

There were 38 resolutions, 8 of which were late resolutions, accepted for deliberation by the 13 committees, as referred by the Resolutions Committee; and acted on by the delegation in general sessions. Of that total, 37
resolutions were adopted with the controversial resolution -- urging Congress and Hawaii to support the Native Hawaiian Government Reorganization Act of 2005 -- coming out of the Benefits & Trusts Committee with a minority report for the file. Two other resolutions adopted by the Association were calls for the Legislature to conduct an audit of Hawaii’s out-of-state prisons to ensure contract compliance, as well as the efficacy of monitors employed to make quarterly visits of the private prisons; and native Hawaiians to participate in the state’s foster program. About 53% of the 1627 foster care children in the state are native Hawaiians. Keynote speaker was Benjamin Young MD, who gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Na Kauka o Hawaii.” Also reporting on the floor were the following special committees: Native Hawaiian Education Council, Ocean Resources, Bioprospecting Task Force, and Hanai Task Force. Guest speakers throughout the weekend included: Mr. Aaron Mahi who spoke on his musical career and how organizations such as the Association impacted his life. Hamilton McCubbin PhD who shared new statistics on Hawaiians that he stated were never seen before. Hawaii County Mayor Harry Kim gave a welcome address to the Association. Hon. Duke Aiona, Lt. Governor, who spoke on the trends of today that threaten native Hawaiian programs and entitlements. Clayton D.K. Chong MD spoke on the concept of context and composition, on socio-economic status, and the prevention paradox in the health and welfare of people and their perception of well-being. Kent M. Keith PhD talked about the Paradoxical Commandments in finding personal meaning. Dee Jae Mailer, CEO of Kamehameha Schools, spoke on the schools’ strategic plan and how it embraces the involvement of other organizations such as OHA that support education in the Hawaiian community. Kuhio Asam MD spoke on psychiatric health in children. Appreciation awards were given to people of Hawaiian ancestry in the community who make a difference, such as: Linda Dela Cruz, OHA Trustee; K. Angel Pilago, Hawaii County Council member; and Stacy K. Higa, Chairman of the Hawaii County Council. So that the AHCC Board would have the flexibility of working with the host councils on the designated month of convention in their respective areas, it was approved by the delegation to rescind the resolution adopted at the 2003 convention to permanently have the convention held in October. The Ke Alii Victoria Kauiulani HCC from Chicago Illinois (organized 16 October 2005) received its charter by the Association on 28 October 2005. Also on that day, Kina’u Kamalii [Prince Kuhio] passed away, a stalwart in the Hawaiian civic club movement and influential in the political arena of the state and federal governments; and specifically appointed as chair of the Native Hawaiian Studies Commission. This year the Kualoa-Heeia HCC, whose membership originated from Koolaupoko HCC, merged back into the Koolaupoko HCC with no change in club name or origination date, therefore, no new charter by the Association was deemed necessary.

In 2006 Hawaii Maoli reported on a number of rewarding grants that supported a strategic planning retreat of the AHCC board in January 2006; a diabetes study in the Hawaiian population through Papa Ola Lokahi; a successful AHCC Education Summit “Na Ma Mua I Loko No’ono’o Lakou,” which was held in June; and the continuation of oral history recordation of our kupuna in the Ke Alaula O Ka Huliu project; the month-long Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaole Celebration in March with a parade themed “Ke Alii Makaainana – The Citizen Prince,” was organized by Charles Kapua [Pearl Harbor] and Toni Lee [Pearl Harbor]. The parade did not come without challenges, as an incredible 40-day and 40-night rainstorm that drenched the islands paused for several hours during which time the parade would make it through Waikiki to Kapiolani Park in style. The grand marshals were H.K. Bruss Keppeler [Honolulu] and Doreen Lindsey [Nanaikapono] with 730 participants in 89 units; and three speakers at three reviewing stands along the route - Patricia Brandt [Honolulu], radio deejay Keaomiki Akui, and master of ceremonies extraordinaire Kimo Kahoano – whose combined limelight experiences and entertaining flair helped make the parade a memorable one. To elaborate on the 135th birthday anniversary of Prince Kuhio, the kickoff was HCC of Honolulu’s holoku ball on 4 March where this year’s honorees were John K. Lake, Ethelreda Kahalewai [Puuloa], and Mary Smith; a luau sponsored by the Association; “E Mele Kakou – a choral tribute to Prince Kuhio;” an Alii Sunday service at Kawaiahaoo Church
in his honor followed by a ceremony at Mauna‘ala; and a series of cultural demonstrations at local Borders bookstores throughout the state. Also under grants were the ongoing Kau Inoa registration program of native Hawaiians where Hawaii Maoli is the repository, funded by OHA and managed by Leah Nihipali, which currently exceed 60,000 registered Hawaiians; the economic development project “E Hoowaiwai I Ka Pono, funded by ANA and managed by Joseph Lapilio [Waianae], which offers business courses in setting up micro-enterprise businesses; the Hoolako Na Kiwila Hawaii project, funded by OHA and managed by Hawaii Maoli, providing funds to Hawaiian civic clubs to expand their community awareness and membership through innovative projects that also promote education and hands-on experience. Other Association activities included the completion of an Economic Development Survey; and the sponsorship of Puwalu No Na La’elua, which provided a forum for our distinguished kupuna, practitioners and experts in the cultural practices of the lawai‘a (fisherman), and the mahi‘ai (farmers) from the ahupuā of all 45 moku in the Hawaii Archipelago and mokumanamana. The State Legislature granted $1 million toward the DHHL community center to include an Association office complex and a HUD grant with Chaminade University that would cover the first phase of the construction at Kapolei, and project manager is C. Lehuakona Isaacs [Kailua]. Ground breaking is expected in January 2007, and construction to follow. The goal of receiving 500 pledges for the Prince Kuhio Federal Credit Union is anticipated to be reached in 2007 as well. On 8 October, the Association and Hawaii Maoli had a booth at the First Annual Hawaii Fishing and Seafood Festival that was attended by 12,000 people. The David Malo Award dinner honored famed recording artist and OHA trustee/chair Haunani Apoliona [Honolulu] on 20 October.

The annual convention was held at the Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort, Oahu Island, on 23-29 October 2006, and the theme was “Ohaha Ka Hua Kupuna” (We flourish because of the fruits of the knowledge of our kupuna), composed by kumu hula John Kaimikaua (1958-2006) and for whom this convention was dedicated in appreciation for his mentorship of all things Hawaiian. Toni Lee was Association president and Charles Rose was the immediate past president. There were 594 people attending: 519 registered participants at convention representing 53 chartered clubs (4 new clubs in 2006 inclusive), plus 75 invited guests. Manu Boyd [Honolulu] composed for all Oahu HCCs an oli to be presented at this convention’s opening ceremony on 25 October; the 3rd line of this mele reflects the convention theme:

MELE HOOKIPA O‘AHU
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E kipa mai i ka la‘i ‘olu o Hamohamo
I ke one kaulana o Kakuhihewa
‘Ohaha ka hua kupuna e
‘O ka lei wehi no Kalania‘ole
Ua paa ke aloha no ka aina e
Aloha O‘ahu! E kipa mai ho‘i e!

We bid you welcome to the peaceful realm of Hamohamo.
Upon the famed sands of Kakuhihewa, our royal ancestor.
Indeed, the fruits of knowledge of our ancestors flourish,
And are worn as an adornment for Kalania‘ole.
Our love for this land is unwavering –
Love to O‘ahu! Welcome to all!

The HCC of Southern Nevada (org. 1999) officially dissolved its club, and the membership joined the Las Vegas HCC. Four new clubs were part of the convention proceedings: The Maunalua HCC (organized 20
October 2006), 25th club of the Oahu Council, received its charter by the Association at the first general session on 25 October 2006. The Kuini Pi’olani HCC (organized at Moanalua, Oahu on 7 October 2006), 6th club of the Maui Council, was chartered by the Association at the first general session on 25 October 2006. The Queen Deborah Kapule HCC (organized 14 April 2006), 5th club of the Kauai Council, also received its charter by the Association at 25 October 2006. And Lanai HCC returned into the fold this year as a viable club in the Maui Council totaling 5 clubs, and was represented at this convention. Kupuna Wisdom was an outstanding educational activity orchestrated by chair Betty Jenkins [Alii Pauahi] with a $10,000 budget funded by OHA, and which was held at Waimea Falls Park, North Shore, Oahu Island. All the kupuna who attended were also treated to having their portraits done by three professional artists that were on display at the meeting room of the general sessions. Tours were conducted to Mauna‘ala; and from Nuuanu Pali lookout to Ulupo Heiau in Kailua. There were 8 workshops: Nana I Ke Kumu, a panel of previous AHCC presidents reminiscing highlights of the Association’s past and their respective memoirs during their tenure, and Pres. Toni Lee was the moderator; How Come No Mo’ Poi; Na Mele Oli; Tutu Qi & Me; Protect Hawai‘i’s Biodiversity; Hoohanohano o Na Kupuna; Genealogy; and issues in contemporary Hawaiian art. Keynote speaker was Kaoe Kaimikaua of Halau o Kukunaokala; and other guest speakers throughout the weekend were: David McClain PhD, UH President; Thomas Kaulukukui Jr., Esq; Hon. Daniel K. Akaka, U.S. Senator; and Piilani Kaawaloa, historian and Hawaiian traditionalist of Kalapana, Hawaii Island.

There were 58 resolutions received by Resolutions Committee chair Momi Jones [Honolulu], 13 of which were late and 2 were withdrawn by the makers. Of the 56 resolutions deliberated at committee, the delegation adopted 52. Highlights of the resolutions are as follows: 07 – Urging the Legislature to direct medical insurers to cover screening procedures for prostate and colorectal cancer. 16 – Urging the governor and legislature to appoint representatives from the Association to serve on the Hawaii 2050 sustainability task force and to reach islands’ working group. 18 – Reaffirming that the descendants of the races inhabiting the Hawaiian Islands prior to western contact in 1778 comprise the indigenous, aboriginal, maoli peoples of Hawaii. 19 – Urging the Association to support OHA’s ongoing efforts toward nation-building. 21 – Opposing a proposed amendment to the Hawaii Administrative Rules regarding lay gill nets. 30 – Urging the Association and State to affirm and support the sacred, cultural and historic significance of Iolani Palace. 37 – Supporting Kailua HCC’s efforts to work with the DLNR to regulate the use of monofilament lay gill nets in Kailua Bay, Oahu. L47 – Create a task force to select a suitable site in Hawaii where an adequate prison can be built. L58 – Urging the Hawaii County and DLNR to create and enforce legal remedies to stop the spread of coqui frogs. L46 – Urging Congress to provide establishment of a memorial within Kalaupapa National Historical Park to honor and perpetuate the memory of those individuals who were forcibly relocated to that peninsula from 1866 to 1969. The delegation did not accept two minority reports on 2 resolutions: 10 – Re developing a database of wahi pana; and 19 - Re calling upon the governor and legislature to support OHA’s nation building plan. The Outstanding Awards presented by chair Gege Kawelo [Waianae] went to the following recipients: Prince Kuhio Award – Pearl Harbor HCC; Ka Pookela o Kuhio Award – Anita M.K. Naone [Honolulu]; Kalanianaole Award – Nola Nahulu [Pearl Harbor]; Kakoo o Kalanianaole Award – Kealoha Bode (nominated by Ainahau o Koleponi HCC); Puuleilani Award – Lee/Gomes/Dias/Grabbe/Kahanu Ohana [Pearl Harbor]; Na Hana Lima Noeau Award – Ainahau o Koleponi HCC. The Las Vegas HCC won the Piilani Website Award. Lynette Cruz [Ka Lei Maile Alii] spearheaded the making of the pu ohe (mouth flute), which were gathered from the aina of Kamehameha III by club members of Oahu Council as the signature award for the above recipients. There was a very interesting panel discussion held at the Friday general session facilitated by Joseph Lapilio [Waianae], and the panel included young leaders in the organization: Dreana Kalili [Ke Alii Makaainana], Willette Akima
[Waimea], Kaleiaina Lee [Pearl Harbor], and Kealii Lum [Alii Pauahi]. Their contribution to the discussion was based on the question: What lessons with kupuna you wish you had that you didn’t previously? The Aha Mele was ceremoniously dedicated to T.M. Haunani Bernardino [Honolulu], a composer and writer of Hawaiian music who passed away; the contest song was “Ka Na’i Aupuni,” arranged by Randie K. Fong of Kamehameha Schools; and the winner this year was HCC of Honolulu.

This was election year in the Association, and Leimomi Khan [Honolulu] was elected as president for the two-year term January 2007 through December 2008, and Toni Lee became the immediate past president. Health screening, which began in 1982 at Association conventions, continues to be an important program to reinforce and improve upon health and well-being of members. In 2005 a questionnaire survey was conducted among the members who participated in the annual health screening, which included an emphasis on resilience to negative impact of stress and recovery from adversity in their personal lives. The data review and results reported this year by Laurie McCubbin PhD [Pearl Harbor] of Washington State University, showed that about 48.1% of the participants identified themselves as solely native Hawaiian and 46.9% identified themselves as having Hawaiian and other ethnicities. Three findings were determined: The ohana including family values, spiritual beliefs and their relationship with the aina are important components of resilience; ohana and cultural values, beliefs, expectations and priorities can have a protective impact on tensions and strains while allowing the family to handle stress and overcome significant adversity; despite awareness of historical trauma (ie overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom, loss of culture, language and land; and atrocities done to the Hawaiian people causing illness/death to ancestors), there remains a sense of hope and strength among members. As this was election year in the state, the Association helped to register many people that for some have never voted in their lives. Primary Election in the state showed a remarkable up-trend of voting power by the Hawaiian community – mail-in absentee ballots totaled 73%. Of the total number of registered Hawaiians in homestead communities on Oahu, the highest were Papakolea at 91%, Waimanalo at 81%, and 79% from Nanakuli. This year, the Association secured a worldwide online “travel store” through the YTB Affinity Travel Program (a means to earn a profit for clubs and the Association through member participation) at www.hawaiiancivicclubstravel.com to provide club members, their families, neighbors and friends – at no fee – an opportunity of booking all of their travel needs and naming a Hawaiian civic club at that time, thereby having the vendors of the YTB Affinity Travel Program crediting commissions to the Hawaiian civic club named in the purchases.

In 2007 under the direction of Pres. Leimomi Khan [Honolulu], the Association hosted a reception on 12 January at the State Capitol where board members, committee chairs and friends met and rubbed shoulders with the 2006 elected legislators who came and shared their mana’o on Hawaiian issues; and provided the board members an opportunity to get first-hand information and advice on their mana’o as well. It was a reception that was very well attended and an obvious boost in the relationship between clubs and legislators as some of them voiced their support of a few issues from the Association that went before the 2007 legislative session. The board also had its annual retreat at Kilauea Military Camp on Hawaii Island during the weekend of 27-29 April when the board meeting was held on Friday, and the strategic plan was updated on Saturday. For the first time in its history, the Association held a two-day board of directors meeting on 27-28 July 2007 in which committees presented extensive reports.

This by no means is the end of the Association’s history. This document provides an opportunity for a new document to be compiled in the succeeding years beginning with its accomplishments of the remainder of year 2007.
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