

## COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, July 17, 2009, 10:00 a.m.  
Aupuni Center Conference Room

### PRESENT

Katie Nova, Chair  
Ellen Takazawa, Secretary  
Nancy Kelly, Treasurer  
Charmaine Ka-ipo  
Andrea Mejia  
Kathleen Peters  
Dawn Pung  
Elena Cabatu, HSCSW Commissioner  
(ex-officio)  
Julie Mecklenburg, Corporation Counsel  
(ex-officio)

### EXCUSED

Carol Kitaoka, Vice-Chair

### ABSENT

Mary Sherman

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m.

### ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

D. Pung moved to approve the agenda as submitted. E. Takazawa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

K. Peters moved to approve the May 15, 2009 minutes. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's reports were circulated.

N. Kelly reported that last fiscal year's report reflect a leftover balance of \$1,205.60 which lapsed and was returned to the general fund. The new budget for fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 reflects a reduction in the travel account of \$1,380.

K. Nova encouraged CSW members to carpool and suggested that the committee not meet for one meeting during the summer months to reduce expenses.

K. Peters moved to accept the treasurer's report. D. Pung seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

## STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

## CORRESPONDENCE

None.

## REPORTS

### A. Education

#### 1. Urgent Services Directory

The updated directory was circulated to CSW members.

E. Takazawa suggested that the directory be updated every other year or reduce the amount to be printed to cut costs. D. Pung noted that the directory is also available for printing on the county's website.

CSW suggested waiting until the end of the fiscal year to see how much money the committee has left before making a decision on printing the next directory.

#### 2. First Female Booklet

A. Mejia and D. Pung will work on the display board.

#### 3. Essay Contest

No report.

#### 4. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame

C. Ka-ipo reported that the Women's Hall of Fame is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Hapuna Beach Prince Hotel. The Puako buffet has been modified which includes the tax and tip for \$30 per person. She suggested charging \$35 per person to help the committee defray some of the cost of the event.

C. Ka-ipo suggested announcing the honorees at the event. This way all of the nominees will attend with their families and supporters. K. Peters suggested having 10 or 15 finalists and the committee will pay lunch for the finalists.

The entertainment with Melveen Leed has been confirmed. C. Ka-ipo is waiting for a reply from Jade Moon. The room charge has been reduced to \$350 from \$500. A special room rate of \$149 is being offered by the hotel for people attending the event.

A. Mejia offered to look for three vases on Oahu since she already has three of them at home. N. Kelly said that her husband can get the wood and make the bases again.

C. Ka-ipo said she would like to invite the Governor/representative, the Mayor and his wife, and the council members to the luncheon. A. Mejia suggested inviting the past nominees to attend the luncheon.

C. Ka-ipo reviewed a proposed budget totaling approximately \$3,700. A finalized budget will be submitted which will include the lunch buffet, hotel accommodations, airfares for M. Leed and J. Moon, car rental for J. Moon, entertainment stipend, sound system, leis, awards, and room rental. K. Peters moved to accept the budget for the Women's Hall of Fame. N. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

N. Kelly, K. Nova, K. Peters, and D. Pung agreed to be the judges.

5. Equal Pay

E. Cabatu reported that this event will be held in April 2010.

B. Health

1. Women's Health Month

C. Ka-ipo reported that the Women's Health Fair held on Sunday, May 17, 2009 at Keaau Shipman Park was great and it was a nice community effort.

D. Pung said that the event lack advertising. The vendors came out, but there was not too many people attending.

E. Cabatu stated that there were a lot of other things happening in the community. Secondly, the event was projected to occur on a week day. During the week day, you can get women from the shelter or in a program around town to attend.

C. Liaison

1. HSCSW

E. Cabatu reported that there was a Ready to Run Conference 2009 held on June 3, 2009 on Oahu presented by the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW). The conference is designed for women wanting to run for elected office or work on a political campaign. She encouraged the committee to attend next year.

The 2010 theme for the National Women's History Project is Writing Women Back into History. To recognize this special 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the National Women's History Project will recognize all previous National Women's History Month Honorees. Sharon Ferguson-Quick's idea is to talk about Hawaiian culture and to incorporate that in women's history.

The Women's History Month 2009, "Women Taking the Lead on Saving Our Planet," honoree was Ms. Donna Wong.

2. Legislative Update

E. Cabatu reported that the focus for this final round is on trafficking.

D. Community Reports

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Teen Dating Violence Prevention Peer Education Conference

No report.

B. Teens Internet Protection – A. Mejia

A. Mejia reported that she met an employee from the Attorney General's office at a training on Maui. She is willing to be a speaker on internet protection for adults in September. Detective John Ancheta can also do the presentation if she is unable to attend and there will be no cost to the committee.

E. Takazawa recommended the presentation at the district PTA meeting.

K. Peters mentioned that she has a friend who can show the parents how to utilize the internet protection software program during the presentation in West Hawaii. However, A. Mejia needs to find a computer person who can do a similar presentation about the software in East Hawaii.

K. Nova asked A. Mejia to submit a budget and what is the plan to publicize the event. The committee needs to disseminate the information in the community to the parents. K. Peters said that CSW need to get a paid newspaper ad so the parents are aware of the training.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee consisting of N. Kelly, K. Peters, and D. Pung presented the following slate of officers:

Chair – K. Nova

Vice-Chair – C. Kitaoka

Secretary – K. Peters

Treasurer – N. Kelly

Since there were no nominations from the floor, D. Pung moved to accept the slate of officers. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

B. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Women's Leadership Conference – Tuesday, September 22, 2009

K. Nova reported that she would like to attend the conference this year representing CSW. Registration will be paid by the HSCSW.

E. Cabatu stated that HSCSW is interested in having a student come from the neighbor islands. HSCSW is asking the county committees to ask organizations if they will sponsor the student's airfare. After some discussion, J. Mecklenburg suggested some form of public advertisement is necessary to solicit names of students. There has to be some kind of criteria for selecting the student. The advertisement may be posted on the County of Hawaii's website. K. Peters moved that CSW solicit candidates on the county's website and E. Cabatu will draft the advertisement and send it to J. Viernes. A. Mejia seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

D. Pung moved to approve airfare, taxi, and parking for K. Nova to attend the International Women's Leadership Conference. N. Kelly seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, August 14, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. in the Kahilu Theatre in Waimea.

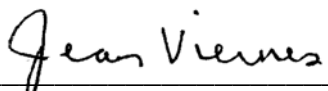
B. Schedules

E. Cabatu and K. Nova will be unable to attend the August meeting.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY