

MINUTES  
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Friday, December 17, 2004, 10:00 a.m.  
Kona Mayor's Office Conference Room

PRESENT

Laura Guluzzy, Chair  
Dawn Pung, Vice-Chair  
JoAnne Balberde-Kamalii, Secretary  
Ellen Takazawa, Treasurer  
Charmaine Ka-ipo  
Carol Kitaoka  
Paradise Newland

EXCUSED

Margaret Masunaga

GUESTS

Kai Tocer

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

ROLL CALL

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

P. Newland moved to approve the agenda as submitted. E. Takazawa seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Balberde-Kamalii moved to approve the October 22, 2004 minutes. P. Newland seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's report was circulated.

J. Viernes mentioned that the treasurer's report does not reflect any expenditures for the Women's Hall of Fame.

L. Guluzzy reported that CSW will not be sending a representative to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW) meeting since M. Masunaga has been providing a status report. Therefore, CSW has been saving some money which allowed the committee to do extra projects brought up for discussion.

D. Pung moved to accept the treasurer's report. J. Balberde-Kamalii seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

L. Guluzzy mentioned that she invited Kathy Damon from the University of Hawaii Center at West Hawaii to attend the meeting today if her schedule would allow her to be here. K. Damon is interested in serving on CSW from the Kona district.

## CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Leon A. Thevenin nominating Patti Cook for next year's Women's Hall of Fame

B. Thank you card from Allicyn Hikida Tasaka

C. Letter from Judith R. Saidel, Ph.D., Executive Director of the University of Albany, State University of New York regarding a new report on women's political participation in the highest positions of executive, legislative, and judicial leadership across the 50 states

D. Letter from Governor Linda Lingle to CSW regarding funding for the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

E. Letter from Mayor Harry Kim to Chairman James Arakaki and Members of the County Council appointing Charmaine T. Ka-ipo to CSW replacing May Lake

F. The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women meeting agenda for December 14, 2004, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Oahu

G. Michigan Women's Commission Newsletter

## REPORTS

### A. Education

#### 1. Urgent Services Directory

J. Viernes reported that she has approximately less than half of 15,000 directories left. L. Guluzzy suggested that C. Ka-ipo help distribute the directories with her contacts.

C. Kitaoka reported that she has seen stacks of last year's directories and an entire new stack sitting in offices. She suggested that CSW rethink the number of copies to be printed in the future.

#### 2. First Female Booklet

E. Takazawa reported that Dana Moody from Tutu's House worked on the First Female Booklet about two weeks ago. D. Moody was able to put the information on a zip disk so it is ready to go out to bid. The zip disk is stored in J. Viernes' office. However, J. Viernes suggested to pursue the First Female project after the essay contest to determine CSW's budget before printing the booklet.

D. Pung suggested that CSW review a copy of the booklet before being printed. J. Viernes will provide copies of the booklet to CSW members.

### 3. Essay Contest

J. Balberde-Kamalii reported that four schools have submitted their entries. She also received entries directly from a Hilo High School teacher.

She is currently negotiating on the menu. She would like the menu to be more young people friendly. A contract should be signed in January with the Hapuna Prince Hotel.

### 4. Equal Pay Day

P. Newland reported that she is working on Equal Pay Day with a young lady that she met at the 2004 International Women's Leadership Conference on Oahu.

### 5. Mentoring

C. Kitaoka reported that M. Masunaga will provide an update on Washington Mutual at the next meeting.

### 6. Hawaii County Women's Hall of Fame – Dinner

L. Guluzzy reported that the event was wonderful and thanked the other committee members for their help at the event. She prepared thank you letters and a copy of the program which J. Viernes will mail out.

D. Pung acknowledged L. Guluzzy for coordinating a successful event.

L. Guluzzy thanked J. Viernes for taking all the phone calls and coordinating the reservations.

L. Guluzzy mentioned that it was unfortunate that the Governor's Office and the Mayor's Office informed her last minute that they would not be attending in person. She followed up constantly, but both offices kept her in limbo. Therefore, she had to wait the day before the event to print the program.

Emcee, J. Moon, was fabulous and she would be willing to do it again. She has received comments from the public saying how wonderful they heard the event was, wished they could have been there, and they want to come next year.

The hotel made the decision in setting up the date and they were able to waive the \$1,000 room fee. The Water's Edge Ballroom was elegant and beautiful which made the honorees feel special in that room.

L. Guluzzy mentioned that the blessing and the blowing of the conch shell were traditionally spectacular by the two West Hawaii honorees. One of them mentioned that it would have been nicer if the Mayor's commendations said on them that it was for the Women's Hall of Fame. Comments from many were that it should be an annual event considering a November date as a possibility following Women's Health Month.

## B. Health

### 1. Women's Health Month

E. Takazawa reported that the report for Women's Health Month is done and will be sent to the HSCSW.

## C. Liaison

### 1. HSCSW

No report.

### 2. Legislative Update

P. Newland reported that she attended a Keiki Caucus meeting on Oahu. The attendees were people mostly from Oahu. The Keiki Caucus is a group of people bringing issues to focus groups before Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland and Representative Dennis Arakaki and they are to formulate legislation for the coming session.

D. Pung wondered if CSW will continue to receive any feedback from the Hawaii Women's Coalition because HSCSW will be not as active with them. L. Guluzzy suggested that J. Viernes ask the HSCSW to put CSW members on their email list for any Hawaii Women's Coalition minutes/legislative update.

## D. Marketing

### 1. Newsletter

M. Lake has not produced a newsletter and no CSW member has offered to spearhead this project. CSW decided to think about this project when the new chair comes on board and bring it up for discussion. Tabled.

L. Guluzzy suggested quarterly press releases of what CSW is doing. D. Pung said a quarterly newsletter would also be beneficial to send to other county committees on the neighbor island.

## E. Community Reports

L. Guluzzy reported that she has been doing a "Read to Me" seniors program for the Rotary Club. She goes to the Life Care Center of Kona and reads to the seniors on Saturdays. Many times she has been the only outside person there because the seniors have no visitors or family members.

P. Newland reported that she has been doing monthly public service announcements with Ginny Aste on community access for the Puna district. In addition, she has been involved with the community doing various concert events for the domestic harmony program. Lastly, she will not be attending the DVIAT meetings due to a scheduling overlap with the CSW meeting.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Resignations and appointments

L. Guluzzy announced her last meeting since her term will end on December 31. Even though she was asked to stay on, she is unable to serve again due to health and work issues.

C. Ka-ipo has been sworn in as a new member of CSW.

D. Pung offered to circulate a list of potential candidates to serve on CSW. Applications will be sent to them for future openings on the committee. The Kona position will be filled next month and the only vacancy is for the Waimea district.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. New Committees

Tabled.

### B. Sponsorships and Co-Sponsorships

P. Newland reported that she would like CSW to sponsor/participate in the Domestic Harmony campaign. L. Guluzzy suggested that CSW table this issue until next month so M. Masunaga and P. Newland could discuss it together.

### C. Guest Speakers

CSW's guest speaker during lunch will be Sharron Ackles, Governor's Liaison from West Hawaii.

E. Takazawa suggested Nona Beamer as a potential guest speaker at the next CSW meeting in Waimea in February.

### D. Bylaws

No report.

### E. 2004 International Women's Leadership Conference

L. Guluzzy reported that CSW members who attended felt the conference was extremely rewarding. The Governor was accessible to all of the members and spent quite a bit of chat time with them. CSW members also took a picture with the Governor. After attending the conference, she suggested that CSW allocate funds for all CSW members and J. Viernes to attend next year's conference. She felt it was important to interact with these women from all over the world and hear their stories on how they have been successful and apply what is learned here in Hawaii.

E. Takazawa mentioned that the conference was heavily marketed on the mainland.

P. Newland noted that she made it to the conference using her own resources.

J. Balberde-Kamalii suggested that CSW find grant monies and consider taking women from the community, especially young women. A well-established company bought tables for their employees at the conference.

L. Guluzzy said that it was a mistake that most of the CSW members were unable to attend the welcome reception, that the entire conference should be attended.

#### F. Program Budget

J. Viernes reported that budget review hearings will be held next month on CSW's proposed budget request.

#### G. Other

K. Tocer introduced herself and expressed her interest in serving on CSW.

P. Newland asked whether or not CSW will be sending a representative to the opening of the legislature in January 2005 because she would like to attend on CSW's behalf. L. Guluzzy pointed out that past trips included airfare and transportation for one day only. Lunch is served by the legislators.

C. Kitaoka asked which legislators do CSW members talk to? E. Takazawa asked who do we target to go see? D. Pung said that CSW needs some kind of plan before authorizing CSW members to attend. However, L. Guluzzy stated that CSW members attended the last time without any plans and it was great to make contact with the legislators because the committee would know who to talk to when something comes up. She attended as a new member because she wanted to see how the legislative process works and she felt it was beneficial. P. Newland explained that it made a big impact with CSW members attending representing our island in solidarity. J. Balberde-Kamalii questioned if the opening of the legislature is the most opportune time for CSW to make the connection with the legislators. What has been the follow up from those members attending the opening of the legislature last January? E. Takazawa said she would like to have M. Masunaga's input since she would be more knowledgeable about which committee and key people to approach. She would like to find out the commitment of the legislators to continue the funding of the HSCSW. L. Guluzzy stated that this is the exact reason why CSW members should attend the opening. P. Newland expressed interest in attending the opening of the legislature because she feels it is a powerful time to put things forward and see the overall contacts.

P. Newland moved to send two people from CSW to attend the opening of the legislature and to speak on behalf of the HSCSW. C. Ka-ipo seconded the motion. The motion was not passed with J. Balberde-Kamalii, C. Kitaoka, D. Pung, and E. Takazawa opposing. In favor of the motion were L. Guluzzy, C. Ka-ipo, and P. Newland.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### A. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Friday, January 21, 2005, at 10 a.m. in Hilo.  
Location to be announced.

### B. Schedules

None.

### C. Other

L. Guluzzy presented CSW members and J. Viernes with a gift as outgoing chair. She reminded CSW members to “don’t forget that we are here for other women and do what you can when you are in position to give to others rather than receive yourself.” “Don’t be the one that takes the prize just because it’s awarded to you.” “We are not in this for ourselves, we are in this for others.”

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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JEAN VIERNES, STAFF SECRETARY