

Kaua`i Planning and Action Alliance

Bringing people together to create a better future for Kaua`i

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ALLIANCE IN ACTION

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FORUM 2003 LAUNCHES KPAA

More than 80 organizational leaders attended the Kaua`i Planning and Action Alliance Forum 2003 on April 11 at the Kaua`i Radisson Beach Resort. Since last June's Kick-off Forum, much has been accomplished. KPAA's Forum 2003 presented our progress and next steps.

Seven task groups worked diligently to produce an organizational mission, vision, structure, by-laws, and a staff recruitment plan. Four Action Plan Task Groups prioritized dozens of goals from our Community Goals and Opportunities Report, a compilation of goals from the General Plan and 16 other islandwide plans.

Task group members used specific criteria to arrive at top goals under each of four community values: diverse economy, rural character, vibrant healthy community and caring for lands and waters.

We researched goals through focus groups and interviews to define specific goal statements for the Alliance's potential role. The top three goals were chosen for each group and presented at KPAA's Forum 2003. Over the next month Alliance member organizations will vote on their top choice under each value.

The resulting four goals will guide the focus of Alliance activity over the next two years. The other prioritized goals will be compiled into a report for future action.

KAUA`I COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS HONORED

At the luncheon following Forum 2003, KPAA once again honored leading grass roots groups who demonstrate excellence on Kaua`i. Last year's honorees were the Mokihana Festival, Waipa Foundation and Kawaihau District Leadership Coalition.

This year we honored Friends of Kamalani and Hui o Laka- Koke`e Natual History Museum. Sabra Kauka gave a heart-felt introduction for Marsha Erickson of Hui o Laka and Bernard Carvalho had us all laughing as he honored his friend Tim Bynum of Kamalani. Both award recipients received standing ovations and chicken skin was had by all.

KPAA IS NOW OPEN TO ENROLLING NEW MEMBERS!

KPAA is an "organization of organizations." Kaua`i's government agencies, nonprofits and associations all contribute to the creation of our vision, but until now, there hasn't been a vehicle for bringing together these diverse organizations to take action on agreed-upon goals, coordinate efforts, share resources and information, and create tangible, positive results.

Every qualified organization can contribute and benefit from their participation through improving their own communication, knowledge about what others are doing, planning, action, evaluation and tracking progress. Over 60 organizations have joined KPAA and we are now accepting qualified members for a nominal fee of \$20.

You are welcome to forward this email to organizations interested in joining KPAA.

To join, see the attached KPAA Membership Application.

Complete the form and submit it to Garden Island RC&D with your check.

ADVISORY BOARD ELECTED AND MOVING INTO ACTION

At KPAA's Forum 2003, we elected our first Advisory Board of Directors.

Their first meeting will be held in early May, at which time they will form board committees and approve the plan for recruiting a President.

Advisory Board:

Bernard Carvalho County of Kaua'i Department of Community Services

Dee Crowell American Institute of Architects

Puna Kalama Dawson Garden Island Canoe Racing Assn.

Scott Giarman Kaua'i United Way

Mark Hubbard Kaua'i Business Education Partnership

Gilbert Peter Kea Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Chapter 3

Steve Kyono Hawai'i Dept. of Transportation

David Martin Nawiliwili Bay Watershed Council

Owen Moe Garden Island RC&D

Dely Sasaki Hawai'i Dept. of Health Kaua'i District

Tom Shigemoto Alexander & Baldwin Properties

Curtis Tom Bank of Hawai'i

Satguru Bodhinatha Veylanswami Kaua'i's Hindu Temple

KPAA is off to a GREAT START!

Thank you to all who have donated
their time, money, energy, ideas and enthusiasm
to make this alliance a reality and
to contribute to a better future for Kaua'i.

Aloha: It's Kaua'i's Spirit

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