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M I N U T E S

REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING of the HAWAII STATE COMMITTEE OF BLIND VENDORS

DATE: Thursday, May 27, 2021

PLACE: Ho’opono

1901 Bachelot Street

Honolulu, HI 96817

(via Microsoft Teams` or Call-in)

PRESENT:

1. ­Committee: Stan Young, Chris Akamine, Dane Alani, Ivy Galariada, Steve Kim, Lespaul Naki, Don Patterson, and Wanda Takaesu.

Excused: Kyle Aihara

1. Members: Dyllon Asami, David Cameron, Ted Chinn, Joel Cho, Ron Flormata, Flordeliza Galiza, Wilmer Galiza, Kenny Johnson, Roxane Kaneshiro-Sasaki, Desiree Lacewell, Norman Ota, Lyn Pasak, Lynn Schempp, Virgil Stinnett, and Martha Vo (Trainee)
2. Ho'opono: SBA Lea Dias, BEP Manager Kathleen Fujimoto, VFS Tad Matsuno and BEP Secretary MJ Andres
3. Guest: DAG Lori Wada

CALL TO ORDER:

Noting the presence of a quorum, Stan called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Stan noted the minutes were mailed and asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Dane moved to accept the minutes of the Regular Committee Meetings held April 20, 2021 and May 5, 2021 as submitted. Steve seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Discussion and Vote on the SFY 2022 Budget and Benefits: Stan noted that the B&F Sub-Committee recommended the SFY 2022 Budget and Benefits and asked for a motion to approve the recommendation at the next statewide meeting in June. Dane moved to approve the SFY 2022 Budget and Benefits for recommendation at the next statewide meeting. Steve seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
2. Discussion and Vote on the Federal Relief and Restoration Plan (FRRP) – Method to Determine Distribution: Stan noted a change in the original distribution plan submitted. Any balance remaining after initial distribution for losses need to be distributed to those who had remaining deficit loss – all monies are to be distributed for relief and not for medical benefits.

Lea further clarified that RSA instructed that no benefits can be paid until all monies are spent on relief.

Stan clarified that the remaining balance will be proportionately divided among blind vendors with additional losses.

Don moved that after the first phase of distribution of the relief funds, any remaining funds will be proportionately distributed to blind vendors with additional losses. Ivy seconded and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

1. Discussion and Vote on the June Annual Statewide Meeting and Election: Stan noted that the June meeting will be held via Microsoft Teams or call-in. Program will contact League of Women Voters to conduct ballot counts. All ballots are due by 4:30 on Friday, June 25, 2021. Lea will be available to accept ballots that Friday, preferably by appointment.

Meeting will run from 9am-11am, with a guest speaker from Honolulu City and County with a presentation on use of plastic bags and possibly other speakers.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and hearing no objections, Dane moved to adjourn the meeting. Ivy seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

KF:mra

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