

# **NOTICE OF KAUAI GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FCU ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 27, 2016**

## **Important Information -- Please Read the following:**

A change in the bylaws of Kauai Government Employees Federal Credit Union (KGEFCU) effective September 21, 2009, eliminates nominations from the floor at the annual meeting when the number of nominees made by the nominating committee or by petition equals the number of positions to be filled.

Nominations for vacancies may be made by petition as follows:

1. Petition must be signed by 1% of the members (7,220 as of November 30, 2015) with a minimum of 72 members in good standing and a maximum of 500 per petition.
2. Each nominee by petition must submit a brief statement similar to the statement of qualifications and biographical data as those nominees made by the Nominating Committee. (See slate of nominees included on the back of this letter.)
3. Each petition must be accompanied by a letter from the nominee stating he/she is agreeable to the nomination and will accept the office if elected.
4. Each petition must be filed with the Secretary on or before January 18, 2016, mailed to Kauai Government Employees Federal Credit Union, Attention: Secretary, P.O. Box 711, Lihue, HI 96766.

The Secretary will ensure that nominations by petition, along with those of the nominating committee, are posted in a conspicuous place in the KGEFCU office at 2976 Ewalu St., Lihue, HI, at least 35 days before the annual meeting. (January 24, 2016)

At the annual meeting, all persons nominated by either the nominating committee or by petition must be placed before the members. All elections are determined by plurality vote and will be by ballot except where there is only one nominee for each position to be filled.

If sufficient nominations are made by the nominating committee or by petition to provide at least as many nominees as positions to be filled, nominations cannot be made from the floor. When the number of nominees equals the number of positions to be filled, the chair may take a voice vote or declare each nominee elected by general consent or acclamation at the annual meeting.

There are four positions up for election on the board of directors.

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*The KGEFCU nominating committee has nominated and the nominees have agreed to serve as follows:*

√√**Board of Directors**, 3-year term – **Melvin Ota** (incumbent) graduated Kaua`i High School and was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mel's professional background has been a Branch Manager for several financial institutions; Associates Financial Services, Finance Factors, First Hawaiian Credit Corp. and Bank of Hawaii. Mel worked with the Hawaii Department of Agriculture for several years and is currently employed by the USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services as a Biological Science Technician. Mel joined the credit union in 2010 and in 2011-2013, he served as chairman on the Supervisory Committee. Mr. Ota is currently serving on the Board of Directors and is a member of the ALCO (Asset Liability Committee), he enjoys golf and going fishing.

√√**Board of Directors**, 3-year term – **Cynthia Ayonon** (incumbent) is a graduate of the University of Hawaii with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Journalism/Communication. Cyndi's professional experience includes Public Relations Coordinator for Meadow Gold Dairies, Legislative Analyst for the County of Kaua`i, and is currently serving as Administrative Aide to the Mayor. Cyndi has served on several Boards and Committees which include the International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) President 1989-90, Board Member Meadow Gold Dairies FCU from 1984-89, and Secretary for the Kaua`i Filipino Chamber of Commerce. Cyndi has been a member of KGEFCU all her life and before she became a Board member, she served both on the Credit Committee from 2010-2011 and Marketing Committee from 1990-2013. She currently serves as Board Secretary, Membership Committee Chair, and Nominating Committee Chair.

√√**Board of Directors**, 2-year term – **Roberta Charles** (appointed) is Canadian by birth, Roberta arrived on Kaua`i in 1973 and became a full-time REALTOR with Makai Properties. Ten years later, she took a two-year hiatus to serve the County of Kaua`i as a Property Recovery Specialist and Senior Housing Advocate following Hurricane Iniki. Roberta served as a board member for the Kaua`i Board of Realtors and the Hawai'i Information Service for 10 years. She has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Poipu Beach since 2002, and Rotary President 2008-09. Roberta joined the credit union in 1993 and has been member of the Supervisory Committee for the past two years. Roberta was appointed to the board in May 2015 by a majority vote of the Directors to complete the term of an unexpected vacancy.

√√**Board of Directors**, 1-year term – **Kyle Okamura** (appointed) born and raised in Honolulu and attended Damien Memorial High School. He received a bachelor degree in Psychology with a minor in Sociology from the University of San Francisco. When Kyle returned to Hawaii, he worked in the hospitality industry in various position which include Banquet Porter, Sales Associate, Personnel Assistant, Bell Captain and Manager. When Kyle moved to Kauai in 1986, he continued to work in the hospitality industry and in 1998 took a part time position at the Lihue airport for Wackenhut Security, while awaiting a position at the Kauai Police Department. Kyle served on the force until he retired in 2009. Currently, Kyle continues to work full time for Securitas Security Services at the Lihue airport. He has been a member of the credit union since 1987. Kyle was appointed to the board in December 2015 by a majority vote of the Directors to complete the term of an unexpected vacancy.