

ACR-Hawaii – Proposed Nominees 2019 Officers and Directors

Note: Ratification Election of Directors and Officers elected at November 2018 ACR Hawaii Annual Meeting to occur at July 2019 ACR Hawaii Board meeting, which will be open to all ACR Hawaii members. The purpose of the July 2019 Ratification Election is to align with ACR National's election timeframe which occurs every July.

President (automatically elected)



Owen Tamamoto recently retired from his position as Manager of the Office of Child Support Hearings, Department of the Attorney General, State of Hawai'i. He has given numerous presentations on peace building, leadership, and conflict resolution for government and non-government organizations. He finds meaning and purpose in helping people to resolve conflict and serves as a volunteer mediator with the Mediation Center of the Pacific.

President-Elect



José Barzola is involved at the University of Hawaii Spark M. Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution (MIPCR) in the academic programs and services that the Institute provides on the local to the international level. José holds a BA in Anthropology, Spanish, and Latino Studies and a MEd in Higher Education and Student Affairs from the University of Connecticut. He also holds an MBA with a dual focus on International Business and Marketing from Mercy College. José has furthered his education with a Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution from MIPCR.

Interim Treasurer (serving until July 2019 election)



Anne Marie Smoke, Appellate Mediation Program Administrator, came to the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution from the Matsunaga Institute for Peace and Conflict Resolution at UH Manoa, where she managed the Institute's undergraduate and graduate certificate programs, and the Interdisciplinary Studies' B.A. degree emphasis. She is an active mediator, facilitator, and trainer in conflict resolution.

Secretary



since 1994.

Lisa Jacobs is a Mediator, Collaborative Attorney, Facilitator, Speaker, and Trainer, and owner of the firm, Better Way Divorce, also known as Pono Divorce, where she devotes 100% percent of her practice in helping families avoid court battles and create their own solutions. Lisa is also Co-Chair of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Section of the Hawaii State Bar Association and a Mediator, Facilitator, and Trainer at the Mediation Center of the Pacific. Lisa also participates as a Director for EPIC 'Ohana and the Hawai'i Center for Nonviolent Communication. Lisa also regularly trains law students at the University of Hawaii to help enhance their mediation skills. Lisa has been a Hawaii-licensed attorney

Directors for Election – 2- ½ Year Term

(Term will expire immediately following the election at ACR Hawaii Board meeting in July 2021.)

Directors for re-election to a new 2-1/2 year term are identified with an asterisk (*) after their names.



Cecelia Chang* is Director of the Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution for the Hawaii State Judiciary. She received her law degree from the William S. Richardson School of Law. Cecelia is a collaborator who welcomes input and is excited to be working together with the ADR `Ohana to make alternative dispute resolution processes broadly available. Cecelia has trained at the Mediation Center of the Pacific.



Kau'ilani Chun-Matsukawa is passionate about education, 'ohana, community, and advocating for reconciliation through nonviolent dispute resolution alternatives. Kau'i is pursuing a bachelor's degree in political science and ethnic studies with an undergraduate certificate in peace studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Thereafter, she plans to pursue a Juris Doctor degree. Ku'ia ka hele aka na'au ha'aha'a. (Olelo No'eau -- A humble person walks carefully so as not to hurt others). In her free time, she enjoys yoga, hiking, and spending time with family.



Tom DiGrazia* is a Peacemaker, Lawyer and Director of Mediation Center-Windward Oahu. He holds a JD from the University of Notre Dame Law School, and a MA in Political Science from Rutgers University. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Law School at UH, and the author of Peacemaker: A Sicilian American Memoir (2013) and Light on Peacemaking – A Guide to Appropriate Dispute Resolution and Mediating Family Conflict.



Borjana Lubura-Winchester was born and raised in Sarajevo – Bosnia and Herzegovina. When she was 17, civil war broke in her country. Borjana experienced two harsh years of war followed by five as a refugee. She lost many family members and friends and witnessed the devastating impact of war. Upon return to Sarajevo, Borjana worked at the NATO base as a liaison and interpreter between local contractors and international peace building forces, helping overcome the obstacles that communities face while trying to rebuild peace and live together. In 2005, Borjana came to Hawaii, and earned an Associates degree with honors from Leeward Community College, a BA with Honors in Geography and Geographic Information Systems and MA in Geopolitics with focus on Humanitarian Interventions, both from UH Manoa. Meanwhile, Borjana continued to help build peace in her native Bosnia. In 2011, she began facilitating with the Matsunaga Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution, where she earned a Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution. Her facilitation includes seminars for the Department of Defense Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies on security, development, and transnational issues in the Asia-Pacific region. Borjana teaches geography and geopolitics at Leeward Community College and UH Manoa.



Tricia Morris* is a full time mediator with a background in finance. She is also a financial consultant for parties using collaborative law to resolve disputes, helping them to clarify complex financial and difficult problems. She cares deeply about empowering her clients to work together to move beyond conflict and bring things back into balance. She is a volunteer mediator for Maui Mediation Services.



Richard C. Mosher* is an attorney with the law firm Dentons. He is a neutral for the International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR), the international branch of the American Arbitration Association, and is experienced in mediating and arbitrating international and domestic commercial, civil and other disputes. He holds a J. D. from Northwestern University School of Law, a B. A. from Augustana College.



Lisa Nakao* is the Office Manager at Better Business Bureau Northwest and Pacific. She oversees all public services of the organization, including dispute resolution (conciliation, mediation and arbitration) for marketplace related issues, business / charity reviews and accreditation, advertising review, marketplace investigation, database management and consumer education. After graduating from high school in Japan, she obtained Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Marketing and International Business from University of Hawaii.



Katie Ranney* is a freelance facilitator and communication consultant as well as Project Assistant for the ACCORD3.0 Network. Katie is also the Special Programs Coordinator of The Mediation Center of the Pacific, managing outreach and training for the Kupuna Pono and Early Access Mediation Programs. She is a co-founder of the Hawaii Facilitators Network. She was born and raised on Oahu, graduated summa cum laude at Santa Clara University, and earned a Masters Degree in Communication and a Graduate Certificate in Conflict Resolution from UH Manoa.



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Continuing Directors

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Robert D. Lillis is the current President of IAM & AW LL in Honolulu. He is also Vice Chair Labor Education Advisory Council University of Hawaii-West Oahu. Robert retired last year as a Marine Machinery Mechanic at the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. He is a 6-year veteran of the US Navy qualified Nuclear Power, Submarine Service. He is a certified Department of Navy Mediator with over 70 completed Mediations and has been representing federal employees for over 25 years.