



Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting and Holiday Dinner

Honey's Restaurant at Ko'olau Golf Club
45-550 Kionaole Road, Kaneohe, HI 96744

1. Lisa Nakao had an unexpected travel delay, so Lisa Jacobs, 2016 ACR-Hawaii President, welcomed members and guests to the 2017 Annual Meeting at approximately 6:25 p.m. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.
2. Approval of December 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes
Copies of the minutes were made available for review. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ned Busch and Robert Lillis seconded the motion. The members were all in favor and the minutes were approved as written with no corrections.
3. Membership count report
Lisa Jacobs reported that our current membership list contains 60 members. Some memberships are due to expire at the end of this year. Members whose memberships will be expiring were encouraged to renew their memberships.
4. Financial report
Dick Mosher reported that we ended the year "in the black", largely due to a decision by the Board to charge a small fee for some events. Our January 2017 cash balance was approximately \$3,500. Our October balance was approximately \$4,300, however payments were due for our Directors and Officers liability insurance and to Honey's Restaurant for the Annual Dinner. Dick also noted that our PayPal account had his old law office email address, so he had not been notified of recent payments for membership renewals. After a lengthy phone call (average wait time for PayPal is 1.5 hours) he successfully updated his contact information. Unfortunately, he was unable to change the account name from "Ned Busch", so it appears likely Ned's name will be on the account for the foreseeable future.
5. 2017 Recap
Lisa Jacobs recalled trainings over the past year sponsored or co-sponsored by ACR-Hawaii, including workshops by Timothy Caminos on marketing strategies, Judge Michael Town, Elizabeth Kent, Jim Hoenig, and Tom Farrell on the Family Law Arbitration Act, Anne Smoke's Reflective Practice/Talk Story time, Jerry Clay on Opening Statements and beyond, and Nicola Hartfield, Lisa Jacobs, and Chuck Crumpton Reflective practice sessions with Nicola Hartfield, Lisa Jacobs, and Chuck Crumpton. She also mentioned that we are looking forward to Lou Chang's training next year.



Lisa then asked Tom DiGrazia to give a short explanation of the Kailua Neighborhood Board Homeless project. Tom reported that the Kailua Neighborhood Board has formed a Subcommittee on Homelessness in Kailua. They just completed their 3rd meeting and are still getting organized. He needs volunteer meeting facilitators and/or recorders to supplement the current team of Dick Mosher, Katie Ranney, Robert Lillis, Jill (?), and himself. He asked the group for volunteers to step forward and help make a difference.

6. 2018 Officers & Directors

The Nominations Committee was comprised of Anne Smoke, Lisa Jacobs, Amrita Mallik, and, unofficially, Lisa Nakao. No additional nominations were received from the floor. No one requested a secret ballot. Robert Lillis moved to approve the slate and Elizabeth Kent seconded the motion. The motion passed and all officers and directors on the attached slate were approved.

7. Incoming President's Remarks

Amrita Mallik asked us to celebrate our strengths – a sense of community through partnerships outside of our group of ADR practitioners (collaborative law practice, restorative justice practice) and within our group (reflective practice groups, partnerships with CADR, Matsunaga Peace Center, Hawaii Facilitators Network, HSBA). She reminded us of strengths that can be utilized through our network of ADR practitioners, as with Tom DiGrazia pulling various practitioners to serve as facilitators and recorders. And that we can use our skill and talent to help our communities conduct respectful, meaningful dialogue on difficult, polarizing views. She also appreciated Tom's offer to conduct his "Burning Man" model of mediation at community events so others can see the benefits of mediation.

She thanked everyone in advance for their enthusiasm in the year ahead. She also thanked Lisa N. and Lisa J. for serving thoroughly and effectively over the past two years.

8. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 p.m. and the dinner buffet opened.

9. Lou Chang was introduced and gave his presentation on "The Power of Apology". His presentation spurred a lively and thoughtful discussion on the elements of a genuine apology. During his presentation Lisa Nakao arrived and thanked Lisa Jacobs for standing in and everyone else for their support.

10. The presentation and dinner ended at approximately 9:00 p.m.

