



Hawaii Education Association

Hawaii Foundation For Educators (HFE) Annual Report 2020 - June Motokawa

The following briefly describes **HEA's Strategic Goal of Supporting Educators: Professional Development. Objectives: To strengthen and support excellence in education: To advance professional learning for effective teaching** and the HEA's representation/work on the **Hawaii Foundation of Educators Board**.

History:

In 2012, then President Sarah Moriyama and I as Vice President, with the HEA Board approval, approached the HSTA President Wil Okabe and then Executive Director, Al Nagasako, to discuss possibilities of a professional development partnership for in-service teachers - the form to be determined.

In 2013, the EXTL (Excellence in Teaching and Learning) MOA with the purpose **to promote and strive for excellence in teaching and learning in Hawaii's public schools through professional development** was signed with then Executive Director Wilbert Holck and myself with Vice- President Ron Toma to lead with HEA's voice. The MOA ended in 2015 with the successful participation of over 100 + teachers.

In Fall of 2016, the HSTA formed the non-profit 501(c)(3) Hawaii Foundation For Educators with a grant from the NEA describing the EXTL program with HEA to be continued in part of the section – "Training and Workshops". Wilbert Holck, ED/HSTA chaired, Al Nagasako, retired ED/HSTA was made Treasurer and I was appointed Secretary, the Executive Committee, with HSTA staff members helping with staff responsibilities to implement the trainings that were also part of the HSTA IPD program.

Officers were tasked with forming the organization – obtaining a tax-exempt status, developing the ByLaws, contracting Andrew Aoki for a Business Plan, and securing start-up funds.

In June of 2019, the HFE Board was saddened due to the loss of Treasurer Al Nagasako. In the late spring of 2019, he and the Executive committee decided to change the 10 member board to give authority to the Executive Committee to oversee the change in the governance of the HFE.

FY 2019-20:

Gordon Murakami was appointed and approved as the interim treasurer in place of Al Nagasako.

Committee met with HFE attorney, Brian Ezuka to clarify legal issues of governance. Three member Executive officers are now authorized to review, renew, and continue the work of the non profit.

HSTA gifted HFE with \$108,000 to continue workshops and training programs.

The last figure on the number of independent trainers is 49.

With the covid stay at home mandate the next meeting will be virtually held on call of the executive committee.