

2018 Convention Minutes (DRAFT)

0800 Call to Order State Party Chair Shirlene Dela Cruz Ostrov

0806 Pule (prayer) Michael Mossman
Pledge of Allegiance Raquel Pendleton
National Anthem Sanoe Songsong

0811 **Election of Temporary Convention Chair**

Convention Chair Boyd Ready vacated position upon filing candidacy papers in House District 47
Gary Grimmer nominated – unopposed

Election of Temporary Convention Secretary

Dave Ross nominated – unopposed

Appointment of remaining Convention Committee Members:

Honorary Convention Chair	Marilyn Moniz-Kaho’ohanohanojj
Convention Committee Chair	Celyn Chong Kee
Convention Co-Managers	Carol Thomas & Mele Songsong
Credentials Committee Chair	Amy Shiroma
Assistant Convention Secretary	Stephanie Boland
Credentials Vice-Chairs	Bob Hickling & Peggy Regintine
Rules Vice-Chair	Terry Thomason
Parliamentarian	Robert Camilleri
Sergeant at Arms	Steve Yoder

0813 **Preliminary adoption of 2018 Convention and Rules & Agenda**

Preliminary Credentials Report - Amy Shiroma
173 Delegates

0820 **State Chair Remarks** - Shirlene Dela Cruz Ostrov

Review of past year, vision for future, thanks to members & volunteers
Platform submitted is result of grassroots effort, first original platform draft since 2009. Content was debated among Platform Committee & Executive Committee, then unanimously approved. If adopted will replace current default L.L.I.F.E. platform.

0830 **Executive Director remarks** - Aaron Wilson
Yielded podium to Convention Chair

Convention Chair remarks - Gary Grimmer

0835 **Honorary Conv. Chair remarks** - Marilyn Moniz-Kaho’ohanohano

0845 **Treasurer's Report** - Gwen Honjo

Republican Party of Hawai'i in good financial position.

1st fundraiser 7/29/2017 w/ Former Congressman Jason Chaffetz =\$12,500.00

Huckabee Dinner (keynote Gov Mike Huckabee) = \$150,500.00

Direct Mail/Telemarketing fundraising= \$14,000.00

Three (3) bank accounts:

Bank of Hawaii- Federal Operating account = \$95,652.11

Bank of Hawaii- State/County account = \$28,376.40

Total= \$124,028.51

Central Pacific Bank- Party HQ mortgage = \$32,277.61 (current mortgage balance)

*Scheduled to be paid off end of May, 2018

Excess funds in mortgage account will be placed in a Capital Fund to be used for future capital expenditures; property repairs & enhancement.

0858 **National Committeeman Report** - Rep. Gene Ward

RNC Report- great progress and major accomplishments by Trump Administration

National Unemployment @ 3.9%, Hawai'i Unemployment @ or below 2%

Hawai'i residents receiving average \$800 tax break-call to action: enter your "how I spent my tax refund" story on RNC website paycheckpresident.com

Predicts President Trump will be re-elected

0920 **National Committeewoman Report** - Miriam Hellreich

Great work being done & high morale in the White House despite portrayal to the contrary by the media

Call on members of Republican Party of Hawai'i to block and not forward "tabloid" emails negatively targeting the Party and its members.

0930 **Legislative Review** - Rep. Andria Tupola

Recognized/introduced Members of Republican Caucus; ongoing efforts to reverse tax hikes, remove

Excise Tax from food, equal funding for Hawai'i Charter Schools & vow to trim fat in the DOE

Caucus killed a bill that would have allowed committees to hide funding sources.

Passage of Cynthia Thielen's measure labeling prescription opioids as dangerous and addictive.

Introduced a bill to include legislative testimony from outer islands remotely via closed circuit or like means. In Special Session on Rail, Minority Caucus submitted motion that the neighbor islands not be taxed to fund Rail.

0940 **Volunteer of the Year Awards** - State Chair Shirlene Dela Cruz Ostrov

Recipients: Peggy Regentine & Celyn Chong Kee

Adoption of 2018 Convention Rules & Agenda

Approval of 2017 State Convention Minutes

0955 **Final Credentials Report** - Amy Shiroma

192legates, 10 Alternates Total: 202, Unanimous Approval

1000 BREAK / 1015 - SESSION RESUMES

1015 **In Memoriam** - Miriam Hellreich

Honoring: George Kekuna, Beti Ward, Neva Rego, William Burgess, Roger Godfrey,
Bud Ebel and former First Lady Barbara Bush
- Moment of Silence -

1020 **Parade of Candidates**

Wally Nishimura - Kauai County Council
Roy Saito - Kauai County Council
Samuel Wilder King II - OHA Trustee at Large
Bryan Festes - Big Island State House District 2
Rep. Gene Ward - re-election District 17
Julia Allen - State House District 20
Kyle Detke - State House District 22
Kathryn Henski - State House District 22
Mele Kealoha - Lindsey-State House District 27
Val Okimoto - State House District 36
Sai Timoteo - State House District 43
Lauren Matsumoto - State House District 45
John Miller - State House 46
Boyd Ready - State House District 47
Cynthia Thielen - reelect State House District 50
Noe Galeai - State House District 51
Lynn Mariano State House District 12

1050 **Rules of Order** - Parliamentarian Robert Camilleri

Review rules & procedure / Robert's Rules of Order
Platform & Resolutions to be open for discussion, proposed amendments then vote.

11:12 **LUNCH RECESS**

Pollwatcher Announcement – Aaron Wilson

11:49 **Guest Speakers**

Melissa Newsham - Punahou High School student
Travis Afuso - Mililani High School student/Legislative intern

12:33 **CONVENTION IN SESSION - BUSINESS**

12:35 **Committee on Platform/Resolutions Report** - Committee Chair Boyd Ready

Motion by Committee Chair to adopt 2018 Platform

Floor open for discussion

Motion by Convention Chair Gary Grimmer to adopt Platform and (3) three Resolutions

No discussion, Motion 2nd - carried by voice vote - Platform & (3) Resolutions adopted

Passed Resolutions:

- Halt funding for Honolulu Rail Project in lieu of audit report & public hearings
- Opposition to ratification of UN Convention on Rights of the Child

- Opposition to proposed amendment on November 2018 ballot to establish a tax to fund the state public education system

Motion to amend Platform – Mark White, District 37 (submitted prior to Convention)

In the ‘Government’ section, after the ‘bullet’ beginning “Operate under true transparency...” and before the paragraph beginning “Finally...” add the words:

“Pursuant to the Tenth Amendment we support efforts calling for an Article V convention to propose amendments that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit its power and jurisdiction, and limit terms of office for its officials and members of Congress.”

Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion Kathryn Henske: strike from Platform “taxes on medicine” questioning if medicine is indeed taxed in Hawai’i. Committee Chair Boyd Ready states facts to be reviewed & corrected accordingly per Rules Section.

Motion to amend platform – Thomas Mann, District 06 Hawaii County

Chair calls Motion out of order

Motion read: to add to platform: require products labeled “Kona Coffee” be 100%, end to GMOs, a recall of the draft by federal government. Motion failed

Motion – by delegate to adopt John Carroll’s campaign platform. Motion failed

Motion to amend Party rules – State Chair Shirlene Dela Cruz Ostrov

Amend the Rules of the Republican Party of Hawai’i as follows:

Article I, section 101 to include ownership & rights over use of “Republican” “GOP” or any derivatives regarding political activity in Hawai’i.

Article IV, Section 412 to include Executive Committee rights regarding membership outside the confines of State Committee Meeting dates.

Motion carried by voice vote

1300 Convention Adjourned