

Word from the President **Mary Alice Evans**

Ralph Portmore Inducted into AICP College of Fellows

On April 10, 2010, Hawaii Chapter Past President **Ralph Portmore** at the APA National Conference in New Orleans was inducted into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP). Ralph was nominated in the category of “Distinguished Contributions to the Profession.”

Ralph has been a professional planner for over thirty years, in Hawaii and elsewhere and his service includes time with the mainland planning firms, City and County of Honolulu, and most recently Group 70. Ralph twice served as President of the Hawaii Chapter and he has encouraged many in the profession. Ralph is currently “Of Counsel” at Group 70, a firm he has been associated with for many years.

FACIP is the highest level of recognition in the planning profession and the Chapter is proud to have Ralph join their distinguished ranks. **Ralph joins other Hawaii Chapter Fellows Jim Bell, David Callies, Tom Dinell, Jackie Parnell, Henry Eng, Cheryl Soon, John Whalen, Byrnes Yamashita, and Mark Hastert.**

On May 27, Ralph and his wife Paki were feted by fifty of the Chapter members, colleagues, and others at a reception at the Pacific Club. Brynes Yamashita emceed the event which included admiring and humorous stories by Henry Eng, and **Francis Oda.**

Kamehameha Schools’ North Shore Plan Receives Prestigious Sustainability Award - American Planning Association Recognizes First Hawai’i Organization in Over a Decade

Kamehameha Schools and Group 70 Win National Planning Award

January 11, 2011—Honolulu, HI— Kamehameha Schools’ North Shore Plan, which encompasses 26,000 acres of the Trust’s agricultural, conservation, residential and commercial property on the North Shore of O’ahu, has received national recognition by the American Planning Association. This is the first time since 1997 that a Hawai’i organization has been recognized by the APA for a national award, which was selected from hundreds of nominations.

North Shore Plan: From Pa’ala’a to Kapaeloa is a recipient of the “APA’s 2011 National Planning Excellence Award for Innovation in Sustaining Places”. Over an 18-month period

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beginning in 2007, Kamehameha Schools collaborated with Honolulu-based planning and design firm Group 70 International. In framing the goals and objectives of the plan, the team consulted with more than 30 small and large community groups that included kūpuna (elders), local farmers, business owners, community associations, schools and churches. From these discussions, and grounded by the Schools' Strategic Plan and five values, Kamehameha selected seven catalyst projects. These projects were selected because they embody KS' five values, represent a cross-section of land types within the North Shore area, and could be implemented in the near term. The seven catalyst projects include the restoration of the Loko Ea fishpond, agriculture water system improvements, development of alternative energy including solar, wind and hydro, improvements to commercial areas in Haleiwa Town and residential development. Six of the seven catalyst projects are actively being implemented in stages of permitting, design, and construction.

In honoring Kamehameha for the Innovation in Sustaining Places award, the APA recognized the North Shore Plan's collaborative community outreach and its unique values-based framework. This plan incorporates the five values of education, environment, economics, culture and healthy community which guide our decision making at Kamehameha Schools," noted Kirk Belsby, Kamehameha Schools vice president for the Endowment. "It integrates educational programs at the restored Loko Ea Fishpond and improves water resources that nourish agricultural lands. The Plan has environmental returns that protect and restore native habitats and endangered species on our mauka lands, while creating economic opportunities for "country style" commercial areas. "We believe the Plan captures the community's desire for open space, agricultural lands and ocean resources – all while sustaining the North Shore's unique rural lifestyle and values."

Kamehameha Schools is a private, educational, charitable trust founded and endowed by the legacy of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop. Kamehameha Schools operates a statewide educational system enrolling more than 6,900 students of Hawaiian ancestry at K-12 campuses on O'ahu, Maui and Hawai'i and 31 preschool sites statewide. Approximately 37,500 additional Hawaiian learners are served each year through a range of other Kamehameha Schools' outreach programs, community collaborations and financial aid opportunities in Hawai'i and across the continental United States. The APA will honor Kamehameha and other awardees at its annual National Conference in Boston, Massachusetts in April

Additionally, a video describing the award winning plan can be viewed at the following:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ld9MhC_UhU&feature=youtube_gdata_player

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Kem Lowry Retiring from UH

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Kem Lowry will be retiring from the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Hawaii at the end of December, although the department and the community will continue to rely on his expertise. We won't let him truly retire! He has been a terrific resource to the university and the community.

Kem Lowry's service to the community is extensive. His research is interwoven with his professional practice and community service activities. One area of practice and research is coastal management. In the mid- 70's, he directed a team of university planners helping to develop Hawaii's coastal management program. Over an eighteen year period, he assisted with the development and implementation of Sri Lanka's coastal management program. He also directed a university project team that assisted in the development of Hawaii's ocean management plan.

He also joined with colleagues at what was then the Neighborhood Justice Center (now the Mediation Center of the Pacific) in the mid-80's to organize training for those interested in finding more effective ways to address planning-related conflicts. He has mediated many land use and environmental disputes and facilitated scores of policy-making deliberations, strategic planning sessions and policy dialogues. He is called on frequently to facilitate community and organizational processes. He has also designed and facilitated a process for the *Kaka'ako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council*.

Over the years Professor Lowry has held various service positions within the university. He is a leader in the Department and the College of Social Sciences. He has promoted town /gown relationship in various ways. He has served on the University-Community Partnership Committee. He is called upon in various informal and formal ways to serve the university and to serve the community on behalf of the university. He is an excellent facilitator and mediator and has served many departments and units at the university. His ability to facilitate difficult situations is valued by the Program on Conflict Resolution and he is called upon frequently to mediate and facilitate sessions throughout the university. He has proven to be a valued colleague and leader in our department, the college and he university.

His courses have been in high demand from students in his department as well as from other departments. His evaluations from students reflect that is he an excellent teacher and advisor. He serves on numerous PhD committees in the department of Urban and Regional Planning, as well as other departments.

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Professor Lowry has received two awards through the University of Hawaii for his service to the community. In 2004 he received the Hung Wo and Elizabeth Lau Ching Award for Outstanding Community Service and in 1999 he was awarded the Robert Clopton Award for Outstanding Community Service, UH Manoa. He was also awarded the Distinguished Leadership Award by the American Planning Association, Hawaii Chapter, Honolulu in 1992.

Rebuilding America

On September 25 – 27, 2010, the Council of Chapter Presidents met with the National APA Board to discuss federal planning initiatives in Washington, DC. The theme was investing in America's infrastructure and creating liveable/walkable sustainable communities while preserving our natural resources. APA National did an excellent job and I felt very lucky to be able to attend. Several chapter presidents said they missed the participation of our past chapter presidents, **Leo Asuncion** and **George Atta**.

Chapter Dues

The Great Recession has reduced membership in APA and AICP with the result that many of the chapters and the national organization are coping with reduced revenues. The national APA Board has reduced dues rebates to the chapters in order to cover expenses at the national level. That has reduced the amount of Hawaii Chapter's dues that we receive back from National by a significant amount since Hawaii's dues are the lowest in the country. As a result, your executive committee has recommended that the membership consider raising our chapter dues for the first time in 30 – 40 years. Chapter members will be getting an electronic ballot measure soon explaining the proposal and asking for your vote.