

# 2018 KIUC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

# CANDIDATES STATEMENTS

Election Deadline to Vote  
March 10, 2018, at noon Hawai'i Time



**DANIEL ERICKSON**

*Nominated by Petition*

University of Oregon Bachelors of Science: Biochemistry  
Iowa State University Masters of Science: Biorenewable Resources and Technology and Microbiology

Kaua'i's commitment to innovative energy solutions reflects the value systems of our community and is gaining recognition around the world. This presents a unique opportunity to influence the way energy companies view energy systems globally. Energy science and technologies are key for determining and implementing the appropriate energy solutions for Kaua'i.

My academic journey began at Kaua'i Community College in 2006. I have come back full circle and now lecture classes at KCC in basic energy science, waste and water management, and solar system design. Grants from the University of Hawai'i Foundation have provided me the opportunity to do research with students related to energy systems on the KCC campus.

My education, passion for energy science, and work experience prepares me to be an asset on the KIUC board of directors. My mission is to help ensure KIUC analyze aspects of water diversion, energy generation technology, while increasing local economy, and maintain Kaua'i's balance of environmental, and cultural identity. It would be an honor to represent you as a member with a unique qualifications in line with the position. Mahalo for your consideration.



**PATRICK S. GEGAN**

*Nominated by Nominating Committee*

I am honored to have represented members' interests over the past 6 years while our member-owned cooperative has moved to over 40% renewable energy generation and has stabilized KIUC Member rates. It truly has been an amazing 6 years at KIUC. Thank You for this opportunity to work for you on the KIUC Board of Directors.

As a KIUC Director I have achieved the Director Gold Certification completing the highest levels of professional development offered by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. Prior to becoming a KIUC Director I was employed for over 12 years in the energy field, was a school counselor and teacher in various Kaua'i public schools and also worked in the construction field. I graduated from the University of Minnesota – Duluth in 1990 before moving to Kaua'i to start my teaching career and raising my family.

If reelected I will work on assuring KIUC continues our progress toward renewable generation while focusing on stabilizing / lowering member rates, I will continue to advocate for convenience, opportunities and more services to members and I pledge to represent my fellow member-owners to the best of my ability.

Lucky we live Kaua'i.



**SCOTT N. GIARMAN**

*Nominated by Nominating Committee*

MBA - Boston University — Not-for-Profit Management  
BA - Connecticut College — Government

Low Electric Costs

Kaua'i's high cost of electricity affects our entire economy. Lower costs mean more, better jobs and a stronger economy. For those with lower incomes, the issue is basic: lower electric bills can mean an extra family meal.

Clean Energy

As clean energy generation and storage technologies continue to become even more practical, it is important that Kaua'i embrace them. Kaua'i has an extraordinary opportunity to be a global leader in this area.

Energy Independence

Every kilowatt generated that comes from our powerful, tropical sun, abundant hydropower, local biomass and other on-island resources, moves the people of our island one more step away from being held hostage to others who control off-island resources.

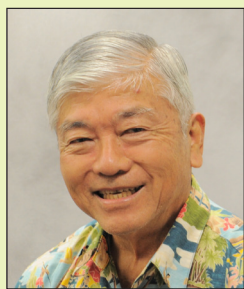
Dedicated to Kaua'i

As Executive Director of Kaua'i United Way, I have been devoted to helping the people of our island since 1995. I am well connected in the Kaua'i non-profit, business and government communities.

I am the Kaua'i reporter for Hawai'i Public Radio.

I have experience in aerospace and telecom. In the '80s, a company I worked for laid the first underground fiber optic cabling in the eastern half of the US.

I have previously served on the KIUC Strategic Planning and Communications committees.



**DAVID IHA**

*Nominated by Nominating Committee*

- "Building Communities" continue to be a critical priority as we empower our members on the strides KIUC has made in renewable and reliable energy. The education I received at Kaua'i High School, Wheaton College (IL) and the University of Hawai'i will help me in engaging our members.
- Our Strategic Plan continues to provide the vision that guides our growth with innovative energy solutions that are recognized by energy leaders nationally and within the State of Hawai'i. I'm thankful for the leadership opportunities I've enjoyed at Kaua'i Community College and the University of Hawai'i which I bring to the KIUC Board.
- Serving on community/non-profit boards at the national, state and local level has given me an understanding of the principles of good board governance. My board service included: The Board of Regents - University of Hawai'i, Hawai'i Community Foundation, Kaua'i Visitors Bureau, Kaua'i Economic Development Board, Lihue Christian Church, Hawai'i Conference – United Church of Christ and the American Council on Education.
- It takes a great team to develop a great electric cooperative. I will continue to work collaboratively with our community, our board members and our executive team and I ask for your support.



**JANET L. KASS**

*Nominated by Nominating Committee*

If you want a woman on KIUC's Board that is an electric utility and financial expert with board experience, please vote for me. I just retired to Kaua'i after being Chief Financial Officer of Wolverine Power Cooperative (an electric cooperative like KIUC, but specializing in electric generation and transmission) for a decade. I have a Bachelors from Rice University (applied math, economics, and business) and an MBA from the Wharton Business School. Wolverine's CEO Eric Baker says, "Janet provided important leadership during a period of tremendous corporate growth and change. She is diligent, prepared, and has a passion for renewable energy."

My recent board experience includes chairing the board of the free medical clinic in Cadillac, Michigan. There I focused the board on defining and choosing new strategies during changes in personnel, local hospital ownership, and laws. Beth Oberhaus, fellow director and Clinical Operations Director of Wexford Physician Hospital Organization, says, "Janet's work ethic and knowledge were an asset to the clinic. During the last year, Janet was the board president and helped support not only the clinic direction but to manage a diverse board to be more effective and efficient. I highly respect Janet both personally and professionally."



**TEOFILO PHIL TACBIAN**

*Nominated by Nominating Committee*

Seeking re-election to the Board of Directors of the Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative.

Since I started to serve on the Board of Directors in 2005, I served in every capacity as an officer and committee member. I will be completing 13 years of service to KIUC.

At that time we had 5% renewable energy and now we have 42.6% as of 2017. By the year 2025 this number will increase to 79.8% renewable energy. Our goal is to become 100% dependent on renewable energy and I want to do my part in completing this task.

My prior experiences includes: Chairman & Member, Board of Water Supply, State Contractors Licensing Board & the State Land Use Commission; Liaison to Daniel Akaka, Member of Congress; President of Kaua'i County Public Improvement Corporation. Community organizations include, Easter Seals, Kawaihau Little League, Kapa'a Pop Warner, Kapa'a Swim Club, Wailua Homesteads Park Selection Committee, Filipino Chamber of Commerce and others too numerous to mention.

I have been an Insurance Agent since 1961, President of Garden Island Mortuary and Manager at Kalapaki Bay Memorial Park.

Please call 877.324.7655 with any questions concerning the marking of your ballot.