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KIUC Appoints Incumbent Director to Fill Open Board Seat;  
Nominations for Upcoming Election are Due Next Week

*Līhu'e, Kaua'i, HI - 11/29/16* – The Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative's (KIUC) Board of Directors today appointed director David Iha to complete the unexpired term of former director Dennis Esaki, who resigned in October.

Iha was one of three directors whose terms expire in March 2017. By appointing Iha to the term that expires in 2017, only two incumbent directors will be up for election in March, guaranteeing that at least one new director will be elected.

“By moving an incumbent director into the unfinished term means we let the members decide on filling the vacancy as soon as possible,” said Jan TenBruggencate, chairman of the board of directors.

Under the cooperative's bylaws, board vacancies are filled by a vote of the remaining directors. Incumbent directors are eligible for appointment to unexpired terms and the KIUC directors have done this in the past in an effort to retain the knowledge of experienced directors.

Nominations are currently open for candidates for three positions on the KIUC Board of Directors for the March 2017 election. Candidates must be members in good standing and may be placed on the election ballot two ways, through nomination by the board's Nominating Committee or by petition.

The chairperson of the Nominating Committee is KIUC Director Teofilo “Phil” Tacbian. Other members are William “Billy” Gibson, Allison Mizuo Lee, Maile Moriguchi and Beverley Nagano. The committee will review applications from prospective candidates and will recommend nominees for the election ballot.

Members who wish to be considered by the Nominating Committee should submit a letter of interest, application and an Authority to Release Information form by December 5, 2016 addressed to KIUC Nominating Committee, 4463 Pahee Street, Suite 1, Lihue, HI 96766-2000.

All potential candidates must complete the Prospective Director Candidate Application and Authority to Release Information form, comply with Board Policy 18, and attend an orientation to confirm a willingness to serve. The forms can be found at [www.kiuc.coop](http://www.kiuc.coop).

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