

PMI Honolulu Hawaii Chapter



Pictures from the annual dinner of the New Board members, the band The Men in Grey Suits and members enjoying the dinner and festivities!

2015 Annual Dinner was Rockin'!

The 2015 Annual Dinner Meeting and Awards Ceremony was held this year on November 6th at the Oahu Country Club and had a record 86 people in attendance. The evening began at 6pm with a social hour, including a no-host bar, catered pupus, and live music courtesy of The Men in Grey Suits, with dinner and the evening program starting at 7:30pm.

The dinner program commenced with the President's Remarks and discussed the state of the Chapter, accomplishments throughout the year, and future initiatives. Following his remarks, the chapter recognized an astounding 97 volunteers who supported various Chapter projects in 2015 including the PMP Prep Course, Professional Development Day, and various other volunteer committees. Following volunteer recognition, the Project of the Year and Project Manager of the Year nominations were presented (discussed in a later section of this newsletter). The evening concluded with the installation of the new 2016 PMI Honolulu, Hawaii Chapter Board of Directors.

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Many thanks goes out to our 2015 volunteers -- without all of you, we would not be where we are today! If you are interested in volunteering in 2016, please contact our Vice President, at vicepresident@pmihnl.org.

We also wanted to acknowledge the excellent service provided throughout the evening by the Oahu Country Club and The Men in Grey Suits. The Oahu Country Club, founded in 1906, is nestled between the lush Waolani & Nu'uanu Valley Mountains and overlooks downtown Honolulu. Live music was provided by The Men in Grey Suits, an acoustical surf rock band.

PMI AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR PROJECT MANAGER OF THE YEAR AND FOR PROJECT OF THE YEAR

by Greg Colbert

The Honolulu Chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI) announced its annual awards for *Project of the Year* and for *Project Manager of the Year*. Jonathan Hichborn, PMP and PMO Director in Power Supply at Hawaiian Electric, was awarded Project Manager of the Year and the PMI Project of the Year Award went to HMSA.

Jonathan Hichborn PMP, PMI Project Manager of the Year: Jon was recognized for his overall contributions involving numerous project leadership assignments that have more recently included alternative fuel strategies, especially scenarios involving Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). Jon has been responsible for managing varying stakeholder interests while developing multiple approaches to difficult problems and simultaneously addressing concerns of multiple government agencies and community interest groups.



Pictured above are Hawaiian Electric personnel congratulating their awardees. L-R: Richard Houck, Tim Sprowls, Jonathan Hichborn, Rich Hill, Dave Brauer, Greg Colbert and Mike Yuen

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PMI Project of the Year: The award went to a diverse team successfully led by HMSA's Benjamin Yuan, PMP. The project involved HMSA's migration of its members from the Hawaii Health Connector to a Federally Facilitated Marketplace, HealthCare.gov. This conversion had to be completed in a very compressed timeframe with a 'could-not-be missed' deadline that was dictated by the State of Hawaii's movement from State-developed web technology to a standard federal technology provided under the Affordable Health Care Act.

PMI Project of the Year – Runner-up, The Hawaii Electric Light Data Center Expansion: To protect Hawaii Electric Light Company (HELCO) customers from system failures in the event of a natural disaster, the HELCO data center was upgraded, expanded, and hardened to protect against catastrophic events. A specialized technique known as Failure Modes Effect Analysis was used to provide an extensive risk analysis for the project. Further, the site was engineered to accommodate both Hawaiian Electric and Maui Electric servers for backup as a disaster recovery site.



PMI Project of the Year team led by Benjamin Yuan.

Other awardees of the evening included Project Manager of the Year nominees from First Hawaiian Bank and Hawaiian Telcom. Tom Ku, of First Hawaiian Bank was recognized for his effective style in leading a series of highly technical projects and Caprice Vida from Hawaiian Telcom was recognized for her particular talent in keeping stakeholders involved and supportive.



Exam Prep Courses

Planning on taking the PMP Exam this coming year? The PMP Exam is changing on January 11, 2016!

A recently completed Role Delineation Study (RDS) provided an updated description of the project management professional role. A large-scale survey of global Project Management Professional (PMP)® certification holders validated needed updates to domains, tasks, knowledge, and skills to ensure the validity and relevance of the certification.

How is the PMP® Exam affected?

The five domains of practice for the PMP will remain the same. However, tasks within each domain have been modified, added, or removed. To view all the changes in detail, see the [Exam Content Outline](#).

So What?

So, if you have been planning to take the exam this year, consider the PMP Exam Prep classes offered by the Chapter. Our classes will not only prepare you for the exam, but will specifically address the changes in tasks. To get more information or to register for any of our three classes, click here:

<https://sites.google.com/a/pmihnl.org/exam-prep/>

See the Calendar on the last page for the full schedule of classes!



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Attention Certification Holders – Know the PMI Talent Triangle™

As the New Year starts, did you remember to enter all your PDUs on PMI.org? With the new structure, make sure that you are accurately recording your hard work and volunteer hours! Specific details on recording your PDUs and how the new system works can be found on PMI's website <http://www.pmi.org/certification/maintain.aspx>



Looking for more ways to ensure you earn credit in all areas of the PMI Talent Triangle™? Monthly events such as luncheons are a great way to not only earn PDUs, but network and engage with the local PM community! See the list of events for specific dates and checkout pmihnl.org often for up-to-date information on all the exciting presentations!



New Board Members

Have you met the new board members for 2016?

In this year's election, the chapter elected officers for the following positions:

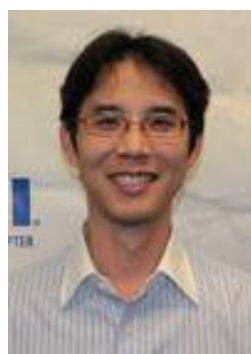
- 2016 Vice-President/2017 President: Mr. Dan Yousey, PMP
- Finance Director: Mr. Joel Wasson, PMP
- Publicity Director: Ms. Jamie Champagne, PMP, CBAP
- Programs Director: Ms. Lee Brightwell, PMP
- Professional Development Director: Mr. Rick Knaggs, PMP

The Vice-President of 2015 Mr. Kirk Durante, PMP, MBA assumes the office of President for 2016.

The President of 2015 Mr. Tobias Koehler, PMP assumes the office of Past President for 2016 and continues as an active contributing member of the board.

The following officers were elected in 2015 and continue to serve through 2016. These positions and the Vice-President/President Elect will be up for election at the end of 2016.

- Communications Director: Ms. Audrey Jewell, CAPM
- Membership Director: Mr. Yoh Kawanami, PMP, MS
- Special Projects Director: Mr. Kane Ng-Osorio, PMP, MBA



Position descriptions for each office can be viewed here: [PMI Chapter Board Responsibilities](#)

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President's Corner

Aloha Kakou:

As the incoming 2016 President, I would like to introduce myself to all of you as we begin the New Year.

I look forward to meeting all of you during our planned events throughout this year. I am happy to share the highlights of the PMI Honolulu five-year strategic plan 2016-2020 and Business Plan 2016 during First Quarter 2016. Also, I am very excited to report that the majority of the Board of Directors are returning this year (all except one new Director) and they are launching our Business Plan 2016b that will continue to bring excellence, engagement and value to our membership attracting new members to continue the increasing growth trend of the Honolulu Chapter over the past three years.

I encourage all of you to take a moment and view our new website at <http://www.pmihnl.org>. Please join us at any of the many activities shown on our 2016 Annual Schedule of Events. We are always looking for volunteers who "want to make a difference" and I encourage all interested members and non-members to go to our website and click on the get involved tab; you can reach out to any of the Officers and Directors for more information; or, you can go to our [website](#) to get you registered in our new Volunteer Management System to be launched in the First Quarter 2016.

Thank you for your support. I hope all of you had a very blessed holiday season and wish all of you a very prosperous 2016.

Happy New Year!

A Hui Hou!

Kirk L. Durante, MBA, PMP
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New Members (October - December 2015)

Anthony Garcia	Jeff Caraway	Ian Wilkinson
Bradley Heath	Jian Wei Bench	Isaiah Villalon
Brian Draper	Jonathan Sensenbaugh	James Malenky
Brian McArthur	Kimberly Kuo	Jana Chang
Davielynn Briones	Laura Nelson	Jason Glassner
Cara Hatton	Melissa Wright	Scott Higashino
Casey Song	Mimi Johnson-Knight	Scott Pullins
Christina Hawk	Min-Shun Chang	Timothy Ames
Christine Black	Monica Ha	Tom Marzec
Christopher Villerot	Mosia Lucianto	William Edwards
Corey Conway	MW Semo	Glenda Middleton
Dale Balsis	Philip Weber	Hao Hu
Daniel Matsumoto	Puong-Thao Ngyuen	Eric Fune
Donald Waters	Robert Bulger	Roy Brennen

New PMPs (October - December 2015)

Andrea Vaccaro	Dahae Chung	John Berry	Roy Brennen
Anna Lequoio	Dale Balsis	Jon Yoshinaga	Shaun Swayne
Brandon Burnett Sr.	Ellyse Mazzi	Kevin Miyashiro	Stacy Philippou
Brian Rambonga	Erik Bulman	Megan Pham	Sylvia Cook
Christina Hawk	Healii Heine	Mina Kato	Timothy Lum
Craig Chang	James McManus	Phuong-Thao Nguyen	William Powell
			Yingwei Kaplan

*Please welcome all our new members when you see them!
As well as give a heart-felt congratulations to all our new PMPs! CONGRATULATIONS!*

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2016 CALENDAR

Full Listing of events available online at <http://www.pmihnl.org/index.php/annual-schedule>

2016 PMP Exam Preparation (Spring, Summer, and Fall classes)

Spring class	Feb 2 - Mar 15
Summer class	Jun 7 - Jul 19
Fall class	Sept 13 - Oct 25

Monthly Meetings (Luncheons held 3rd Wednesday each month 11:30am at the Plaza Club)

January Luncheon	January 20, 2016
February Luncheon	February 17, 2016
March Luncheon	March 16, 2016

Pau Hana (4th Thursday of each month at 5:30pm at different locations)

January Luncheon	January 20, 2016
February Luncheon	February 17, 2016
March Luncheon	March 16, 2016

Events

2016 Professional Development Day - **Save the Date!** Sept 8, 2015

GET READY FOR 2016 PDD!

- **Register** now for the 2016 PDD. <https://sites.google.com/a/pmihnl.org/pdd/home/2016pdd>
Early and special Group rate discount registration available until Friday July 22, 2016!
- **Volunteer** for the 2016 PDD for free registration and PDUs by Friday April 1, 2016!
Contact Kāne Ng-Osorio for information at specialprojects@pmihnl.org
- Be a **Sponsor** at the 2016 PDD. Sponsorship includes complimentary seats to the PDD and opportunities to promote your organization to over 600 project managers across the state!
Contact Kāne Ng-Osorio for information at specialprojects@pmihnl.org
- Be a **Speaker** at our PDD to share your knowledge and experience with our PM community.
*Deadline for speaker proposal submission: **Friday April 1, 2016.***
Contact Kāne Ng-Osorio for information at specialprojects@pmihnl.org

Did you know PMI Honolulu members get great savings on Professional Development Day and other PMI Honolulu chapter events? Not a member yet? Sign up online at pmihnl.org or contact us for more information!
Group rates for PDD will also be available for groups of 10 or more - tell your friends and colleagues!

