

**MEMORANDUM**



**Date:** September 2017  
**To:** Members of the Hawaii Public Health Association (HPHA)  
**From:** Christian T. Gloria, PhD, CHES (VP & President-Elect of HPHA)  
**Subject:** 2017 HPHA Annual Meeting & Pau Hana Celebration  
Revised HPHA Constitution & Bylaws

Aloha, HPHA Members.

As the Chair of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee and the President-Elect of HPHA, I am very excited to see all of you at our [2017 Annual Meeting and Pau Hana Celebration](#) this October 19th (Thursday). At this year's gathering, expect our usual business activities, reunions and interprofessional networking, a fun and memorable evening in the company of wonderful friends and colleagues, plus delicious three-course dining, gorgeous sunset views from The Plaza Club at Downtown Honolulu, live music, professional photography, as well as welcoming our special guest—Dr. Joseph Telfair (APHA President-Elect)—to our HPHA ohana, which I am proud to share is the 7<sup>th</sup> largest affiliate of APHA out of 54 from across the United States.

For our business session, we will report on HPHA's accomplishments and plans, conduct elections of [Officers and Board Members](#), and vote on the proposed revisions to the HPHA Constitution & Bylaws (C&B) which the Committee on Governance has carefully and painstakingly reviewed and revised over the past year.

You may view HPHA's Present and Revised C&B at <http://tinyurl.com/HPHACB>.

To summarize, changes to the C&B were made to improve clarity and congruence; resolve conflicting and confusing language; enhance our Association's strength, effectiveness, outreach, and efficiency; as well as to update the C&B's language to align with our current and best practices. For your convenience, the following bullet points list the substantive changes included in the revised C&B:

- Adds the Vision & Values language with the Mission (page 1).
- The Vice President (VP) no longer automatically succeeds to the President's office at the conclusion of the VP's term, and the VP term length increases from 1 to 2 years (page 3).
- The President's term length increases from 1 to 2 years. The position of the Immediate Past President (1-year term) is retired and removed from the C&B (page 3).
- The Affiliate Representative to the Governing Council (ARGC) of the American Public Health Association (APHA) becomes a member of Officers (page 3).

- Adds language specifying the staggering of Officers’ terms—“The election for President shall be held in even years, whereas the election for VP, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be held in odd years” (page 3).
- Adds Ex-Officio Director seats to the HPHA Board for the (page 4):
  - Director of the Hawaii State Department of Human Services
  - Directors of academic institutions that offer graduate-level public health programs (e.g., University of Hawaii at Manoa’s Office of Public Health Studies, Hawaii Pacific University’s Department of Public Health)
  - Presidents of student clubs/organizations from academic institutions that offer graduate-level public health programs (e.g., University of Hawaii at Manoa’s Hui Ola Pono, Hawaii Pacific University’s Public Health Club)
- Authorizes the Executive Director as a co-signatory for bank checks (page 6).
- Separates the singular Committee on Programs and Member Services to two separate committees (viz., Committee on Programs, and Committee on Member Services; page 10).
- Adds language that the Committee on Legislative & Government Relations—in order to expediently provide time-sensitive testimonies—needs only the approval of 1) the committee chair and 2) the majority of Officers. For all other non-time-sensitive matters, as written on the current Bylaws, the committee needs the approval of the majority of the Board (page 11).
- Resurrects the Committee on Marketing & Public Relations (page 11).

Please review the Present and Revised C&B in advance, and feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments. We will have limited time for discussion during our Annual Meeting. Therefore, and per our C&B, we are “providing you with a copy of the proposed amendments at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.” Members who are unable to attend the meeting may designate another attending member as their proxy voter (notify Holly Kessler via email at [holly@hawaiipublichealth.org](mailto:holly@hawaiipublichealth.org) and CC your proxy—due by October 13th).

Looking forward to working with and serving you,



*Christian Gloria*

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# 2017 ANNUAL MEETING & PAU HANA CELEBRATION

**Date:** October 19, 2017 (Thursday)  
**Time:** 4:00 – 7:30 PM  
**Location:** [The Plaza Club](#) at 900 Fort Street Mall (20<sup>th</sup> Floor)  
**Parking:** Visit this link for options - [tinyurl.com/hphaparking](http://tinyurl.com/hphaparking)

Register online at [www.hawaiipublichealth.org](http://www.hawaiipublichealth.org) by October 13, 2017.

Three-course buffet (valued at \$50/person). Alcohol available for purchase.  
Mixer activities. Professional photographer. Live music entertainment!

Seats are very limited! Early Bird Rates apply for the first 100 registrations  
at \$30 HPHA Members, \$20 Students, \$35 Non-HPHA Members.  
Thereafter, registration fees will be \$50 for everyone.

## Agenda

- 4:00 – Registration, Check-In, & Live Music**
- 4:30 – Business Meeting and Report to Membership**
  - + Revision of Constitution & Bylaws
  - + Election of Officers & Board of Directors
  - + Special Recognition of Gerald Ohta
- 5:15 – Dinner Service, Mixer Activities, & Live Music**
- 6:30 – Guest Speaker: Dr. Joseph Telfair (APHA President-Elect)**

**Mahalo to Our Generous Sponsors!**



**VIP Guest Speaker: [Dr. Joseph Telfair, DrPH, MPH, MSW](#)  
President-Elect of the American Public Health Association (APHA)**



Joseph Telfair, DrPH, MSW, MPH, received both his Masters in Social Work and Public Health from the University of California at Berkeley and Doctorate in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University. He is currently Professor of Public Health at Georgia Southern University. Dr. Telfair brings nearly 30 years of experience working with the populations in primary care and public health settings directly as a clinician, researcher, evaluator, project director. He has been co-director or director of a number of HRSA, NIH and CDC funded training programs. He has devoted his career to and is internationally known for his research, teaching, and practice in the areas of cultural and linguistic competency, public health genetics, elimination of health inequities, community-based and rural health practice, and program evaluation.