



**MINUTES  
10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HFUU/HFUF  
CONVENTION  
(VIRTUAL)  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

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**9:00AM**

**OPENING CHANT** (Hanalei Colleado)

**CALL TO ORDER** (Mina)

Vincent Mina called the meeting to order at 9:20

**NFU WELCOME** (Rob Larew, NFU President)

**DELEGATE ROLL CALL/DECLARATION OF QUORUM** (Case)

D. Case announced that the quorum of 45 members present by Delegate had been met

**APPOINTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN** (Mina)

V. Mina introduced David Velde, NFU V-P & Legal Counsel, as the Parliamentarian without objection.

**REVIEW OF 2019 MINUTES** (Case)

S. Crawford moved to accept the Minutes the motion was seconded and was adopted unanimously.

**REVIEW OF 2019 FORM 990 & 2020 OCTOBER 30 FINANCIALS** (O'Day)

R. O'Day and D. Case reviewed the Form 990 uses of funds. R. O'Day reviewed the October 30, 2020 with the attendees.

It was moved and seconded to accept the Financial Report, which was accepted without objection.

**MERITORIOUS & VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS** (Mina)

V. Mina introduced the Meritorious and Volunteer awards. The Meritorious Award has been issued since 2015 (D. Case) (2017 (D. Fisher & Roger Johnson) :2018 (Melissa Olivet); 2019 (Anny Bruch).

A. Bruch introduced the first Volunteer of the year: Irene Mina

V. Mina introduced the next Volunteer of the year: Donn Deshayne

D. Case introduced the first Meritorious Award: Saleh Azizi

V. Mina introduced the next Meritorious Award: Bobby Pahia

## **EXPLANATION OF NOMINATIONS & VOTING (Case)**

D. Case explained the process for nomination and voting on the President and Policy review. All Delegates have been sent individual Delegate Ballots to vote as necessary on the Presidency and Policies.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT (Case)**

Vincent Mina was nominated during the pre-Convention process

D. Velde asked for floor nominations. There were none.

Nominations were closed.

## **CANDIDATE STATEMENTS**

V. Mina discussed the “challenging ride” the Presidency has been. It is a challenge to lead HFUU and farm at the same time. The Convention has allowed us to be “up in the clouds” of regenerative agriculture, but now we are going back to the ground to work for regenerative agriculture. He hopes he “will live up to the confidence of your vote.”

## **VOTING FOR PRESIDENT (Nominations Committee)**

Vincent Mina was elected by acclamation

## **POLICY FORUM (Azizi/Policy Committee)**

**Commenced at 10:15AM**

**S. Azizi, Policy Chair,** lead the Policy Forum.

**D. Velde,** as Parliamentarian, guided the process.

The Policy mark-up was then shared on the screen.

**Present:** Members of the Policy Committee, Delegates, HFUU Members.

**S. Azizi** presented the marked-up version of the proposed 2020 changes to the HFUU Policy Statement. Azizi noted that the proposed Policy revisions had been e-mailed to all Members and posted on the HFUU website at least 10 days before today’s Policy Forum.

**Process:** The Policies were shared on the ZOOM screen for those attending and reviewed section by section. The policies were adopted section by section “without objection” unless changes were proposed. If changes were proposed, they were adopted by motion and voting. All votes were unanimous and did not require Delegate balloting. The policies were reviewed and approved as follows:

**Mission Statement:** Proposed changes adopted.

**Vision Statement:** Proposed changes adopted.

**Preamble:** Brynn Foster raised concerns about the deletion of a page and a half of the 2019 Policy Preamble. Consideration of the Preamble was then postponed until the end of the Forum to better determine if those matters were adequately addressed in the Proposed 2020 Policies. The Preamble was reviewed at the end of the Forum and the proposed changes were adopted with additional change of adding reference to “food security and sustainability”

Moved by Vincent Mina

Seconded by David Case

**Policies 1 - 9:** Proposed changes adopted

**Policy 10:** Proposed changes were adopted with additional change at lines 630-634, relating to training in CTAHR and other Hawai'i based agricultural educational and research programs to promote regenerative practices.

Moved by Valerie Lasciak

Seconded by David Case

**Policy 11:** Proposed changes adopted with additional change of substituting "promote" with "prioritize".

Moved by Vincent Mina

Seconded by Dash Kuhr

**Policies 12-14:** Proposed changes adopted.

**Policy 15:** Proposed changes were adopted with additional changes to amend lines 839-843, relating to encouraging all farmers to adopt regenerative practices without targeting any particular farming group.

Moved by Christian Zuckerman

Second by Tim Wolfe

**Policy 16:** Proposed changes adopted

**Adoption:** Following the foregoing discussion and amendments, the 2020 Policies, as amended, were adopted without objection.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business, the Convention was adjourned without objection at 11:30AM

Respectfully Submitted  
HAWAII FARMERS UNION UNITED

David S. Case, Secretary

Approved/Approved as Amended: \_\_\_\_\_