

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
Kalana O Maui, 9th Floor, Conference Room
Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Minutes

I. Call to order and establishment of quorum

Chair Potopowitz called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Present: Chair Barbara Potopowitz, Debra Cabebe, Dennyse Grace and Maria Ornellas.

Ex-Officio: Anna Mayeda

Excused: Suzanne Hobbs

Staff: William John Medeiros, Mayor's Executive Assistant
Gary Murai (available by phone), Deputy Corporation Counsel
Colleen Chang, Administrative Assistant

II. Public Testimony

There was no public testimony.

III. Approve Minutes from March 15, 2011 Meeting

Commissioner Ornellas made a name correction on Page 4; OHA Representative's name is Thelma Shimaoka. Commissioner Ornellas made the motion to approve the minutes with the appropriate corrections and Commissioner Cabebe seconded the motion. Commissioner Grace abstained. The minutes were approved by the Committee.

IV. Review and Discuss Correspondence Received

There was no correspondence received by the Committee.

V. Report from State Commission on the Status of Women Representative Anna Mayeda

Ms. Mayeda attended the State Commission Meeting which coincided with the National History Month event which Ms. Sharon Ferguson-Quick

organized, which was held at Washington Place on March 30, 2011. The event was attended by approximately 100 guests mostly women, but a few men did attend. They honored former Representative Annette Amaral who started her career as a police officer and dedicated a lifetime to assisting women.

Ms. Mayeda reported that initially the Committee requested \$500 but Ms. Ferguson-Quick also approved the costs for the printing of the Women's Resource Guide and StressLess Cards so total allocated for Maui was \$1,000. She also mentioned that the State Commissioners questioned why we were re-ordering the Women's Resource Guides and StressLess Cards. Ms. Mayeda explained that we were joining up with Department of Health (DOH) for the Women's Health Week and will also be distributed to the schools and libraries. Ms. Ferguson-Quick emphasized to submit the bills to her before the end of **this** fiscal year.

Ms. Mayeda mentioned to Ms. Ferguson-Quick that the Maui Committee was thinking of filling their vacancy with a male member, Tom Blackburn Rodriguez. Ms. Ferguson-Quick advised the Committee to be cautious about the choice and feels that a male member might be a disadvantage to the Committee. The rest of the State Commission members also expressed those thoughts.

Chair Potopowitz advised the Committee that the Mayor has filled the two vacancies on the committee and the new members will be attending our next meeting in May. Chair Potopowitz spoke with Mr. Blackburn Rodriguez and she is confident he is a supporter of women's issues. She emphasized that she will support the appointment of Mr. Blackburn Rodriguez when the next vacancy arises. This will also show the State Commission that Maui is a "model-committee" and the committee will have gender-equity.

Ms. Mayeda informed the committee that her term will end in June 2010 and the Governor has appointed Leslie Wilkins pending her confirmation.

VI. Report from Women's History Month 2011 Subcommittee

Commissioner Grace met with Akaku's station manager and learned that they could do a wide range of different programs and not only for a particular month but all year round. He also expressed that he would be happy to work

with the Committee. Commissioner Ornellas asked if there was a charge for their air time. Commissioner Grace did not think so.

Commissioner Grace was unsuccessful in contacting someone in the Department of Education that we can work with in the schools. She will keep trying.

Chair Potopowitz was successful in contacting most of the women in the past booklet and learned that most of them very receptive for us to use them again in a speaker's bureau.

VII. Discussion Items:

A. Governor's International Women's Leadership Conference 2011

Commissioner Cabebe incorporated the same logo as last year as a "recognition" factor and tried to simplify the "application" as much as she could. Commissioner Cabebe emphasized the urgency of distributing the International Women's Leadership Scholarship applications since the schools will be out in June and the new school year will start in August. Commissioner Cabebe will forward applications to the Mayor's Information Office for approval and publication.

In regards to OHA grant request Commissioner Ornellas had a concern how to incorporate "Hawaiian ancestry" in the International Women's Leadership Conference solicitation letter. After a discussion, the Committee incorporated "*in partnership with the office of Hawaiian Affairs, additional scholarships will be granted to students of Hawaiian ancestry*". Commissioner Ornellas made a motion to accept the letter for solicitation with amendments and to be sent to all high schools and colleges in Maui County which includes Molokai and Lanai. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grace and approved unanimously by the committee. Commissioner Cabebe will submit to the solicitation announcement to the Mayor's Information Office for their approval and publication.

Commissioner Cabebe inquired about making donation checks payable to the County of Maui and what that would involve. Mr. Medeiros, Executive Assistant for the Mayor, mentioned that usually monies received for the County has to be processed by the County's Finance

Department and where the monies collected were placed are unclear. Staff will check with the proper department and advise the committee at the next meeting. The commissioners agreed to hold off on the distribution until our next meeting in May.

B. Continue discussions of the following:

. *Potential Projects and Funding*

Chair Potopowitz distributed a Viewpoint on "Equal Pay Day" for the committee to review and submit to the Mayor's Information Office for publication. Commissioner Ornellas made the motion to accept the Viewpoint and seconded by Commissioner Grace. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

Chair Potopowitz passed out a quiz on "Pay-Equity" to the commissioners to complete. The commissioners found it to be very informative.

. *Volunteer Recruitment for Projects*

There was no discussion under this item.

. *Inviting Representatives of Women's Groups to Future CSW Meetings*

There was no discussion under this item.

. *2011 Women's Health Week Event*

Chair Potopowitz informed the Committee that the Women's Health Week begins on May 8, 2011. On May 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Lounge, Mayor Arakawa will be signing a proclamation, everyone is invited. Chair Potopowitz asked for volunteers to assist Audrey Inaba at the event. Commissioner Ornellas was appointed as coordinator in charge and was asked to submit 4-5 bullet points of the committee's accomplishments and submit it to Ms. Inaba to incorporate in the Mayor's presentation.

Ms. Mayeda mentioned that the Mayor does a "health walk" every Wednesday and suggested that we may want to team up with him on Wednesday, May 11, 2011. We could also include the DOH. If

approved by the Mayor's office, Commissioner Ornellas will coordinate with Keith Regan, Managing Director and also check on the apples and water to be passed out the day of the walk. Commissioner Ornellas will also initiate a press release and forward it to the Mayor's Information Office for approval and publication.

Commissioner Grace made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ornellas as the point person for all activities connected with Women's Health Week. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cabebe and the motion was unanimously approved by the committee.

*Maui Women's Resource Guide
StressLess Pocket Guides*

The committee agreed to order 2000 each of the Women's Resource guides and StressLess cards. Commissioner Denny made a motion to place the order and seconded by Commissioner Ornellas. Commissioner Grace had a concern that the Women's Resource Guides were ordered from Ace Printing and not Maui Printing. Staff will check into it and advise the committee before placing the order to print.

. Appointment to Boards and Commissions Project

There was no discussion under this item.

VIII. Vice-Chair Election for 2011-2012 Commission Term

Commissioner Cabebe made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ornellas as the Vice-Chair of the Commission and was seconded by Commissioner Grace. The committee unanimously voted to pass the motion.

IX. Determine Next Meeting Date and Agenda

The next meeting date is Tuesday, May 17, 2011.

X. Adjournment

Commissioner Cabebe made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Ornellas seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm.