

Bito Doshi Kai
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Dear Bito Club Members,

Results of the Club Vote

Thank you to all who returned a ballot for last month's voting. Of 44 ballots sent out, 15 were returned. As I mentioned in the previous letter, ballots which were not returned would be counted as Yes votes. I did this to ensure that we received enough votes to have a decision on the by-laws.

Revision of Bito Doshi-Kai By-Laws

The revision of the By-Laws was approved unanimously. A copy is attached for your reference.

Possible Changes in Future Club Functions

The votes for future club functions were:

- Continue Shinnen-Enkai with Sashiki-Chinen: 10 yes; 5 no
- Continue Summer Picnic with Sashiki-Chinen: 9 yes; 3 no; 3 no, but conditional yes if enough families participate.
- 29 no response = yes

Election of 2009 Club Officers (Please submit votes to Joyce Nakasone by Nov. 14th)

Nominees:

President: Brandon Nakasone

Vice-President: Nathan Nakasone

Secretary: Eunice Dela Cruz

Treasurer: Walter Ikehara, Sue Tamon

Amendment of the Bito Doshi Kai Articles of Incorporation

As you know, I have been working to get our club included under HUOA's non-profit Federal tax-exempt status. The good news is that HUOA has accepted our application, based on our revised by-laws. The HUOA accountant also asked us to make a change to our club's Articles of Incorporation as soon as possible. The Articles were originally written in 1995, when we got non-profit corporation status under the State of Hawaii. The accountant provided language to expand the paragraph that explains the purpose of our club, but it came after we had our vote on the by-laws. Since there was no time to ask the entire membership to vote on amending the Articles of Incorporation, I called for a vote from the Executive Board (officers and advisors) to approve the amendment and they did. A copy of the original Articles of Incorporation and the amendment approved by the State is attached.

Winter Craft Fair – Please Kokua

We've had three organizational meetings connected to our participation in the Winter Craft Fair (Nov. 29-30). Brandon Nakasone is chairing the Food Booth, Angie Nakasone is chairing Advertising, and I am taking care of Communications and Information. We will all need your help to fulfill our obligation to HUAOA for this craft fair. Please say yes when we call, or feel free to contact one of us to volunteer!

Installation Banquet and Uchinanchu of the Year Honoree

The Installation Banquet will be on January 17, 2009 at 11:00 am at the HOC. Registration begins at 9:30 am. The Executive Board has received nominations for our UOY and will decide shortly. Tickets for the Installation Banquet will be \$30.

Amawari, the Lord of Kimutaka Spirit (Kumiodori Kimutaka no Amawari)

We are going to be treated to a special performance of a historical play/ musical from the Ryukyu kingdom. This is performed by junior and senior high school students from Uruma, Okinawa and is directed by Daiichi Hirata. There will be two performances on November 23rd, Sunday, at 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm. I have 10 adult (\$25.00) tickets for the 1:00 pm show and 10 tickets for the 6:00 pm show. Please call or email me as soon as possible if you want tickets. I have to return the tickets by November 12th. The announcement can be found at: <http://www.huoa.org/kizuna/archives/events/2008/Amawari/AmawariNovember23HOC.htm>

Udui Kahuu - Dance, a Gift for Eternity

10th year anniversary recital for Tamagusuku Ryu Senjukai Frances Nakachi Ryubu Dojo. At the Hawaii Theater, November 16th at 2:00 pm. Contact HUAOA for more information.

Ikuyu Madin (Capital Campaign)

Great news for our Ikuyu Madin campaign! In case you didn't know, the Governor released the grant funds that were approved by the Legislature in 2007 and HUAOA received a check for \$1.6 million. I happened to be at the HUAOA office and actually had my hands on the check, not something one does every day. Yes, I gave it back and they deposited it.

Please Give Us Your Email Address

If you have an email address, please provide it to us. Mailing is getting expensive. We can reduce our costs by sending you the newsletter and other mailings through email. In addition, HUAOA produces a cool email newsletter called the *Purple Blast*, which they can email to you if you want to subscribe. Please help us communicate with you more effectively.

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