

Jim Albone

I discovered Outrigger Canoe Paddling in 2003 and started racing then for the WCC. I started running for the board at the elections in 2004 when we only had at most 40 members. I held the position of President from 2005-2009 and 2012-2014. During those times, I pushed to start the Keiki program in 2005, started the Recreational Paddling program in 2003 after the racing season, came up with the covers for the canoes, purchased 5 new canoes, built the new Koa canoe and improved member communication during that time. I have also been the WCC representative to the MOKU O Hawaii paddling association since 2004 and have submitted many race rules and bylaw changes for the benefit of the WCC and to perpetuate the paddling sport and culture. I care deeply for the WCC and all of its members. I do believe that you should not have a personal agenda when running for any Board and need to be fair and unbiased in all decisions relating to matters of the organization. If re-elected, I will continue to promote the WCC and support its members to the best of my ability.

Mike Bernstone

Relevant qualifications for nomination to the Waikoloa Canoe Club board of directors:

- WCC member for over 15 years
- Previous Board member and treasurer for 5 years
- Over 40 years of business management experience
- Director of many other organizations, corporate as well as non-profit
- Completed the enablement of WCC as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization with the IRS

Jennifer Bolstad

2016 will mark my 9th year with Waikoloa Canoe Club. In that time I've had amazing experiences making lifelong friends and each year making new friends. I've enjoyed seeing numerous paddlers come try out the club for the first time and grow into strong paddlers with enormous passion. Meeting everyone's friends and family as they come down to the beach and share in our love of paddling has been but a part of the many beautiful moments I cherish with WCC. Our paddling family is my Ohana, my stress relief, my grounding, and my happy place. This is my love for our club. With Warmest Aloha and of course hope to see you on the water soon!

Ted Cassinelli

I am originally from Portland, Oregon, where I worked as a firefighter for 26 years. I moved to the Big Island in 2007, and I joined the Waikoloa Canoe Club that same year. I have raced, paddled Ohana and paddled my OC-1 canoe. I've been on the board for the past two years and have enjoyed my time serving on the board.

I am again running for the board because I feel a deep connection to the culture of outrigger canoe paddling. I value Anaeho'omalua Bay and our canoe club. If you like the direction our club is currently going and like the work I'm doing for the club, then please vote for me. I also urge you to look at who's putting the work in for the club and vote for them.

Steve Columbo

I would like to be a board member to represent WCC. I would like to see more members and expose our community to the good will that this club represents. I truly believe that the more we give without expecting anything in return the greater this club will be rewarded.

Kyle Combes

I've been with the Waikoloa Canoe Club for going on four years. I started out in the 18-boys division, but I have also raced with adult crews on occasion. Unfortunately this last racing season I was plagued with illness, so my contributions to the club were limited to my role as secretary. But now I'm back, better than ever, and I hope to do all I can to propel our club toward greatness both on and off the water!

I bring with me to the table my technical expertise as a computer service technician and website developer. This comes in handy when unforeseen website issues arise (as they did this past year). During this upcoming year I would also like to see our club website redesigned slightly to make it more alive and engaging.

I'm also very organized and a fast typist. This is helpful when maintaining club records and keeping meeting minutes, as I've done for the past year.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Kyle Combes

Guy Davis

I have been a member of Waikoloa Canoe Club for the past 5 years and feel it is time to step up and run for a board position to give back to a club and sport that has given so much pleasure to Marcie and to me.

I have participated in both Ohana and as a competitor and believe in supporting both groups equally.

I look forward to serving our club and fellow paddlers in an administrative position to enhance our club experiences.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Harold van Doren

Aloha Everyone,

At the outset, I want to thank all of the Board members for serving, especially Ted for pinch-hitting when I was on the Mainland. This year, there were several new faces on the Board. Considering the diversity of opinions, I feel we have worked well together for the good of the Club. This Board has been a proactive one, so my function as President has been primarily administrative. For example, I sent out about 780 emails concerning Club affairs, obtained necessary permits, prepared agendas, and organized the Lavaman fundraiser.

Those of you who have paddled with me already know how much I enjoy steering and without being overbearing, try to bring out the best in a crew. I hope you also recognize my willingness to accept responsibility, and see that whatever I am doing, I give 100% effort. As Club President, I bring these attitudes to the Board by endeavoring to be a conscientious, responsive and co-operative leader. In the coming year, there is much to be done, and I hope to help make it happen.

With the support of the Board, if I am re-elected, I would like to see the following goals accomplished:

1. To have the Club run smoothly, with a Board sensitive to the needs of its membership and transparent in its direction. Incidentally, the current Board has simplified the Code of Conduct, and, under guidance from the Bylaws committee, reviewed the Bylaws to remove inconsistencies and update the election process.
2. To have respected racers and our canoes and equipment in top-notch condition.
3. To eliminate any unused canoes/equipment to maximize our space.
4. To mobilize club and community support for beach restoration.
5. To be better prepared to deal with crew safety issues.

We are blessed with an enthusiastic, supportive membership and I am gratified to have been given the opportunity to exercise leadership within it.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration,

Harold S. van Doren

Current President, Waikoloa Canoe Club

Daniel Legler

Aloha Club Members,

My name is Daniel Legler and I would like to be considered for the 2016 Waikoloa board of directors.

As a member of WCC since 2006 I have volunteered my time to serve the club as president, VP, equipment manager as well as an asst. coach and as of 2015 the head coach. This experience allows me to invest back into the club in a variety areas, and will be helpful to the club as we perpetuate the cultural through outrigger paddling.

It is my hope that we can continue the success Waikoloa has seen this past year and build upon this momentum. This new attitude will help build a better club both competitively and recreationally so the club can grow as a WHOLE.

Mahalo for your support,

Daniel

Lisa Legler

Aloha,

My name is Lisa Legler and I am running for 2016 Waikoloa Canoe Club board of Directors.

I am a current board member and our clubs MOKU representative in addition to Sunday morning beach director. My goal for our club is to perpetuate the Hawaiian sport of outrigger canoeing through our racing and ohana programs. To create camaraderie in paddling and share the simple joy of being on the ocean. Waikoloa has some of the best training waters with a wide variety of conditions that can challenge the most experienced paddler. My hope is that our club will continue to grow with a variety of paddlers and experiences.

Mahalo for your support.

Lisa Legler

Aron Risley

I have been with the club for five years and have participated both as a racer, rec paddler, and have volunteered for almost all of our fundraisers including the purchase of our mirages and our new koa. I am a guy who takes pride in his everyday life and with everything I do. I have worked hard in the racing program and was asked to race in the Pailolo, a huge channel crossing between Maui and Molokai. Seeing the kids to us adults having fun out on the water, I would like to continue that and to bring pride back to our club.

Bob Risley

I have been a member of the Waikoloa Canoe Club for five years. In the past years, I have helped coach the keiki paddling program, attended almost all fundraising events, participated in recreational paddling, and competed in regatta and long distances races. For the past two years, I have taken a strong interest in the direction the club is going, and have attended several board meetings.

Over the years I have watched many members come and go. I feel the board needs to development a plan that encourages current members to return as well as brings back past members. My goal as a board member will be to promote the growth and unity in the club through the development of strong keiki and adult racing programs that encourage team work and bonding of club members. Furthermore, I would strongly encourage the continuous overlap between the racing and recreational paddlers that occurred this past year.