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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **HGEA members elect President and Board of Directors for 2013-2015 term**

**Darren T. Q. Wong**, a Unit 13 member and an electrical engineer with the City & County of Honolulu's Design and Construction Department, Wastewater Design Division, has been elected to a two-year term as HGEA president.

Wong's term of office, as well as that of the board of directors, is July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015. All are volunteers and serve without compensation.

The HGEA directors for the 2013-2015 term are:

#### **Unit 2 (blue-collar supervisors)**

**Carrick A. P. Agbayani**, janitor supervisor, State Department of Public Safety, Halawa Correctional Facility

#### **Unit 3 (white-collar nonsupervisors):**

**Jackie Ferguson-Miyamoto**, office assistant, State Department of Transportation, Harbors Division

**Harry Gima**, pre-audit clerk, City & County of Honolulu, Budget & Fiscal Services Department

**Darleen K. Hoshida**, cashier, State Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs

**Adele N. Koyama**, secretary to the dean, University of Hawaii at Hilo, College of Arts & Sciences

**Pualeilani Sanborn**, office assistant, State Department of Education, Special Education Branch

#### **Unit 4 (white-collar supervisors):**

**Constance A. Malo**, supervisor, State Department of Human Services, Benefit, Employment & Support Services Division

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#### **Unit 6 (educational officers):**

**Kelcy K. M. Koga**, principal, Waiakea High School

#### **Unit 8 (University of Hawaii administrative, professional and technical employees):**

**Patrick D. Frane**, institutional support, University of Hawaii at Manoa

#### **Unit 9 (registered professional nurses):**

**Barbara “Susie” Uwēko’olani**, registered professional nurse, Maui Memorial Medical Center, Post Anesthesia Care Unit/Surgery Center

#### **Unit 13 (professional and scientific employees):**

**Amanda R. K. Lowrey**, sanitarian, State Department of Health, Environmental Health Services Division

**Mary D. Wagner**, business continuity plan manager, County of Maui, Department of Management, Information Technology Services Division

#### **Hawaii-at-large:**

**Veronica M. Tarleton**, a Unit 3 member and secretary, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Library Services

#### **Kauai-at-large:**

**Ka’aina S. Hull**, a Unit 13 member and planner, County of Kauai, Planning Department, Regulatory Division

#### **Maui-at-large:**

**Arnold D. Abe**, a Unit 13 member and civil engineer, County of Maui, Environmental Management Department, Wastewater Reclamation Division

#### **Oahu-at-large:**

**Diane A. Nakashima**, a Unit 8 member and education specialist, University of Hawaii Manoa Catalog Office

#### **Retirees Unit (ex-officio director)**

**Ruth Walker** of Hilo was re-elected by delegates of the biennial Retirees Unit convention on June 4, 2013 and is serving her second two-year term as president. Walker is a former principal for Keaukaha Elementary School.

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#### **About HGEA**

HGEA was founded in 1934 to ensure fair and equitable representation for government employees. HGEA is the largest labor union in Hawaii, with more than 42,000 members. HGEA represents state and county employees in eight bargaining units. HGEA also serves a large associate membership composed primarily of retirees, other state and county employees and officials, and federal and private sector employees.