

# EAST WEST CENTER PARTICIPANTS ASSOCIATION (EWCPA)

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## Meeting Minutes January 14<sup>h</sup>, 2007 EWCPA Office 301, 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

### EWCPA BOARD UPDATES

**Hawaiian Cultural Tour with Tai Crouch:** Given the great success of the event last year, EWCPA is pondering upon organizing Hawaiian cultural tours with Tai Crouch. Two issues have emerged and may make this event impossible. These issues were brought up by Linda – coordinator of the event for discussion among EWCPA Board members:

- Due to cultural and spiritual nature of the sites that will be visited in the tour, this event can only accommodate a certain limited number of participants estimated 40 at most. For this reason, this can not be funded by EWCPA because if an activity is sponsored by the EWCPA, then all members of the EWCPA community should have equal access and opportunity to participate.
- The second reason is the big budget (estimated at \$950 for 40 participants) required to serve only a small number of participants.

Since the event proved very popular last year, the EWCPA Board members agreed it is a good idea to continue the tradition of having this cultural tour for EWC participants to enhance and promote understanding of the Hawaiian culture and spirits which may be missed out during orientation.

Several solutions to the above mentioned issues were proposed at the meeting, which were:

- Ask participants to deposit 10 dollars to minimize dropouts
- Charge participants a small fee which will cover the tour transportation cost
- Advertise the event to community in form of lottery and community residents buy lottery to obtain tour tickets.

It is obvious that this event cannot be funded by EWCPA and must be a separate activity. Discussion will continue through emails among the EWCPA Board members. Suggestions should be directed to Linda Furuto – Alumni Representative at [lindafuruto@post.harvard.edu](mailto:lindafuruto@post.harvard.edu)

**EWCPA budget:** an update of EWCPA budget was presented at the meeting. General situation is good. No activity overspent the allocated budget. For more information about budget updates, contact the EWCPA Board at [ewcpa-board@googlegroups.com](mailto:ewcpa-board@googlegroups.com)

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

#### Events in January

- Beach Picnic for new participants: a beach picnic to Ala Moana Beach Park for new comers and continued participants is scheduled on Sunday Jan 28. Food for the event will be provided by EWCPA (barbecue) and supplemented by food contribution from the Alumni Association.

- Cleaner appreciation party: an appreciation party for cleaners and volunteers is scheduled on Jan 26 (Friday). Given the fact that most cleaners go home around early afternoon on Friday, a diner party for them does not seem a good idea. Therefore, a party for cleaners will be at lunch time and a party for volunteers will be at diner time. The event is coordinated by Sophronia Smith – Activities Coordinator.

### EWCPA Olympics

- A committee for the Olympics was set up. Travis and Amanda are committee members. Others EWCPA Board members will help out when necessary.
- The Olympics is scheduled before Spring break on two consecutive weekends of 10-11 and 17-18 March.
- Committee membership is open to public participation but depends on the actual need and will be decided by the Olympics Committee.

### East West Fest

- A Committee for East West Fest was set up with four members. They are Sophronia and Francisa (Activity Coordinators), Krishna (Graduate Student Association Rep., and Linda (Alumni Rep).
- Committee membership is open to public participation but depends on the actual need and will be decided by the Committee.
- The EWC Fest is scheduled on April 14.

### NEW INITIATIVES

- **Wires internet for HM and HK:** Hale Manoa residents have proposed wireless internet for Hale Manoa and Hale Kuahine building. The EWCPA Board decided to bring this idea to the Housing since this is the feedback from the community. Any inquiries and suggestions with regard to the proposal and follow-up updates should be directed to Jawee Perla at [mastertai@yahoo.com](mailto:mastertai@yahoo.com).
- **Kitchen issues:** the EWCPA has received some complaints about residents in some kitchen have mini-parties and take up chairs and tables leaving others having no seat to eat their food. This is especially critical on the 12 floor. The EWCPA Board agreed that making additional kitchen rules would affect other units where this issue is not that pervasive (Hale Kuahine for example). The EWCPA Board agreed with the solution of buying fold-up chairs for kitchens, which are easy to remove and can be used at peak times as needed. This proposal will be forwarded to Housing for consideration.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- **Invitation and appreciation cards:** appreciation and invitation cards will be printed out and used when needed, for instance, to invite people to parties and to send to those who have made an outstanding contribution to EWC community.
- **EWC/EWCPA Logo:** Using a dual logo, which embodies both EWC logo and EWCPA logo will make events sponsored either by EWC or EWCPA less confusing to the community. They will no longer need to guess what event is EWC/EWCPA sponsored event. A logo design contest, which is coordinated by Don Peel – Community Service Coordinator is about to kick off soon. Any inquiries and suggestions with regard to the contest should be directed to Don Peel at [rpeel@hawaii.edu](mailto:rpeel@hawaii.edu)

- **Collaboration with Friends of EWC:** Friends of EWC expressed their interest in financially or technically supporting any EWCPA event in the future. The Ohana program, which is run by Friends of EWC is open year round for new participants. The EWCPA Board will meet with Friends of EWC to discuss chances for collaboration.
- **New treasurer:** the EWCPA Board was informally informed that EWCPA treasurer - Alan Clarke would not be able to come back to EWC for personal reasons. The EWCPA Board will wait for a formal resignation letter from Alan before calling for a replacement.

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