

Hawaiian Mission Children's Society
Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Saturday, April 26, 2025

Meeting Minutes

The enrolled descendants, consorts, officers, trustees, and guests of the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society came together at the Society's 173rd Annual Meeting held on the grounds of Hawaiian Mission Houses Historic Site and Archives at 553 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i. 48 members signed in, including those joining remotely on Zoom.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., HST by Board President, Patricia Morgan
- II. HMCS Trustee Marion Lyman-Mersereau gave the opening pule and she led everyone with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."
- III. Roll Call, was conducted by Trustee Cosmo Brossy and member Elizabeth Lentz-Hill, assisted by Trustee Laurel Bowers Husain and member Betsy Bond Deniston (as counters) and Manaea Napoleon (Tute Tehuarii descendant, as bell ringer)
The descendants of Tute Tehuarii and his wife Tamaui was the family with the most attendees in person with 15.
The youngest cousins were: Reese Abbott (daughter of Christopher Abbott, L. Smith descendant) and Madelynne Aurora Galluzzi (granddaughter of Lynne Meyer, Hall descendant)
All cousins over 80 years of age were recognized, and Charles Black (Cooke & Bingham descendant) and Betty Hemmings (Forbes & L. Chamberlain descendant) took the most elderly honors.
In-person attendees who traveled the furthest were Katherine Brady Norwood from San Francisco (Forbes, L. Chamberlain, Cooke descendant) and Donna Darnell from Phoenix (Forbes, L. Chamberlain descendant). There were also Zoom attendees from East and West Coast of the US Continent, and the neighbor islands.
- IV. Upon motion and second, the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting were approved unanimously.
- V. Board President Patricia Morgan acknowledged Past Board President Charles Black.
- VI. Election of HMCS Trustees: The slate recommended by the Nominating Committee, approved by the full Board of Trustees, and posted online, was passed with

unanimous approval. There were no new/incoming Trustees. The returning Trustees were Hau'oli Akaka, Douglas Askman, and Mary Balding.

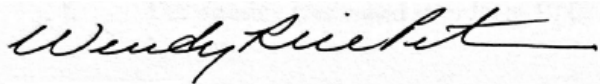
- VII. Bylaws Amendment: The following amendment was approved by the Board and proposed to the members for adoption: Article 6. Section 2. Society Relations. The Society Relations role is intended to maintain the genealogies of enrolled members and cultivate positive public relations with the society's members. This position shall be a paid staff member who reports to the Executive Director or assigned Supervisor. Additional duties and details may be described in a job description. Upon motion and second, the amendment was unanimously approved.
- VIII. Executive Director's Report: Phil Acosta provided a recap of 2024, highlighting the full 10-year reaccreditation from the American Alliance of Museums, along with acknowledgement from Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi and Congressman Ed Case. This was followed by staff recognitions, program highlights, and upcoming events.
- IX. A special presentation of the 2025 Partners in Change: Visionary Women was led by Board Vice President, Lucy Alexander. The honorees included:
Mrs. Sarah Joiner Lyman (1805-1885), who arrived in Hawai'i in July 1832. Sarah was an inspirational figure in Hawai'i's educational history—her strength, foresight, and aloha continue to shape our understanding of what it means to serve. Presentation was made by Marion Lyman-Mersereau.
Mary Persis Winne (1876-1951) was the first Punahou faculty member to serve 25 years and served generations of Punahou students for 42 years until she retired in 1941. The Punahou School Elementary "Winne Units" built 1950-1955, were named for her. Presentation was made by Patricia Morgan.
Kristina Lyons-Lambert, a 6th generation descendent of missionaries Dwight Baldwin, William P. Alexander and James Smith, grew up on Haleakala Ranch where she lives now. She has followed in the philanthropic footsteps of her grandmother, Kathrine Smith Baldwin, great aunt, Ethel Smith Baldwin, and her father, Mike Lyons. She currently serves as President of the Fred Baldwin Memorial Foundation. Presentation was made by Wendy Rice Peterson.
Nalani-Alua Olds-Napoleon (1937-2024). Cultural Resource Advocate, Educator, and Community Volunteer, was a professional singer who performed at the Halekulani, the Kahala Hotel, and in her later years as a soloist with the Royal Hawaiian Band. She recorded two solo albums and was recognized by the Hawai'i Academy of Recording Arts with a Na Hoku Hanohano Lifetime Achievement Award. Nalani was instrumental in the construction of the permanent hula mound, Pa Kama'ipu'upa'a, at Moanalua Gardens and subsequently, the first Prince Lot Hula Festival in 1978. Presentation was made by Mary Schlink.

Mary later introduced Kauai Napoleon (daughter of Nalani) and her son Kalanikapu Copp who offered a special song and hula for Nalani (Kawohikukapulani composed by Helen Desha Beamer).

- X. Closing remarks were provided by Board President Patricia Morgan with the final blessing given by Marion Lyman-Mersereau.

- XI. The meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m., HST with the singing of “Hawai‘i Aloha” led by Marion and Kalanikapu.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wendy Rice Peterson", written in a cursive style.

Wendy Rice Peterson
Secretary