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CNHA ROTATES BOARD LEADERSHIP & APPOINTS OFFICERS

Honolulu, Hawaii - The Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement (CNHA) completed its annual board elections, unanimously appointing Alvin Parker of Na Lei Na'auao Alliance and John Alamodin of Lunalilo Home as Co-Chairs of the 15-member board of directors. Rod Ferreira, President of the I Mua group and Ray Soon have led the board the last two consecutive years.

“CNHA’s board continues to be filled with dynamic leaders from the community,” said Rod Ferreira, CNHA’s 2004-2005 Co-Chairman. “Rotating our board chairmanship empowers us to maximize the diversity of experience and perspective among the board members.”

Na Lei Na'auao Alliance is the Native Hawaiian Charter School Alliance, supporting more than a dozen Hawaiian-focused public charter schools. The schools share a common educational philosophy of establishing models of education that are community-designed and controlled, reflecting a respect and embrace of Hawaiian cultural values, philosophies and ideologies. Alvin Parker has represented the alliance on the Council for two years.

John Alamodin is the Executive Director of Lunalilo Home, an Alii trust established by King William Charles Lunalilo. Providing elderly care that includes nutritional services and a residential and day care program, Lunalilo Home reflects the values of its founder, affectionately called “Lokomaika`i” (merciful and gracious).

Other actions included the appointment of CNHA’s most senior management positions. Robin Danner was reappointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and President, with Napali Woode appointed as Senior Vice President, and Lilia Kapuniaia and Jade Danner both appointed as Vice President. The CNHA board meets quarterly and designates the October meeting for board reorganizations and officer appointments to begin its fiscal year.

“The dedication of Rod Ferreira and Ray Soon over the past two years has been invaluable to us in moving our mission forward and we know that Alvin Parker and John Alamodin will bring that same consistent leadership,” said Robin Danner, CNHA CEO and President. “We applaud the philosophy of the entire board in sharing the chairmanship, it’s a great approach and it’s healthy for CNHA and the work that we do.”

CNHA is a national, member-based nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting community development in Native communities. For more information, please contact CNHA via telephone at 808.521.5011 or toll free at 808.709.2642, via e-mail at info@hawaiiancouncil.org or visit our website at www.hawaiiancouncil.org.

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