

Native Hawaiian Coalition
Moku Aina
Kona Meeting Report
August 24, 2005

The general meeting of the Native Hawaiian Coalition, Kona Moku, was held at the Community Christ Church, 1666 Mott-Smith Drive. Umialiloa Sexton, Kona District Representative presided.

Opening – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with Kaimo Muhlestein offering the opening pule.

Introductions – Each member shared their personal history and involvement in the NHC.

Announcements

- **Koolauloa District** – A representative has been selected in the Koolauloa Moku. D. Ululani Berne Keawe will be the representative. Jim Woolsey will sit in as representative in her absence. At least 20 people attended the meeting. Many are in the dark about the NHC process. It would have been good to have Olelo video tape it. They agreed that there should be a kupuna council. A suggestion was to move on to election mode. The meeting was fruitful.
- Organizational Structure Committee Meeting. August 26, 2005, 4:00 p.m., Pagoda Hotel.
- Next general NHC meeting August 27, 2005 7:30 a.m. Registration, meeting at 8:00 a.m., Pagoda Hotel

New Business

Umialiloa Sexton shared on the letter written in response to Kaleo Patterson's Organizational Structure process sent by Clyde Namuo. He read from the minutes of the general NHC meeting where Kaleo Patterson was authorized to do what he did as where Clyde Namuo had no right to respond at all. He advised that Kaleo Patterson and his nominations committee has the fairest process available. He advised that Kaleo Patterson cancelled the meeting on August 27th so that Oahu would not monopolize the NHC meeting but that the neighbor islands would have fair input. OHA refuse to send out the nomination ballots as proposed by the elections committee. Umi advised that OHA was spreading false information that he called the meeting on August 27th because he disagreed with the nomination committee's proposal.

The Organizational Structure Committee is planning a meeting on Friday, August 26, even though Kaleo Patterson cancelled all pending meetings until the nominations process was fulfilled. A question was posed, that if Kaleo Patterson will not convene the meeting who will? Comments:

- A suggestion: that we request in writing who called the meeting, and when attended state we are there under protest.
- We gave Kahu authorization we need to honor that.
- A member shared that Kahu was in the Organizational Structure meeting. Kahu sabotaged the decision. He suggested they break for lunch first when they were on the verge of making a decision. They were dissecting Charlie Rose's proposal at the time. The Organizational Structure committee tried to be fair to the neighbor island representatives. We should have criteria for officers. They never intended Kaleo Patterson to have the right to put together the structure. The Coalition should be the deciding body not the convener. Kaleo Patterson over stepped his bounds. This is the

Organizational Committees kuleana. “Kaleo is out on his ass”. A point of inquiry was posed asking if a vote was forced at the last NHC meeting, she agreed. A point of inquiry was stated and it was asked if this member has a better plan?

- Another member of the Organizational Committee advised he was not satisfied with one of the facilitators who seemed to have her own agenda.
- Another member of the Organizational Committee advised she was not satisfied with Kaleo Patterson’s proposal. The convener should not make the decisions for the masses. Everyone had the opportunity to submit a proposal. Charlie Rose simplified everything in the meeting. We need to finish the business of the Organizational Committee.
- Anyone should be able to present an idea. Kahu’s process will not allow that opportunity. No one person should have the authority.
- The position of the officers was not explained.
- There is an elections component in the Organizational Committee. We tried to have a temporary chair. What Kaleo has done undermines his position.
- If the Organizational Committee could not put together a structure at a lower level, how can they do that at a higher level?
- Should we be electing our government officials now? Timing is critical. If the Akaka Bill does not go through we will lose the money we need. It was suggesting we conduct an election. The opposition or sovereignty groups have already put officials in place.
- A proposal submitted by the Order of Kamehameha I was submitted which shows in detail an Organizational Structure. It was submitted to Umialiloa Sexton to submit to the NHC Organizational Committee on August 26.
- All Kona district members agreed that any and all organizational proposals should be submitted to the NHC for review. It does not have to come through the Moku.
- The proposal from the Order of Kamehameha I was well written. Some tweaking needs to be done on minor points but in all it should be applauded.
- The Organizational Committee meeting on Friday, August 26th did not have the full support of the Kona Moku.
- There was clarification that the Proposal from the Order of Kamehameha I came out of the history of The Kingdom of Hawaii.
- OHA should not interfere with the Coalitions work. The Organizational Committee should have time to finish their work.
- We need a structure that will be respected by the government.
- OHA advised that they did not have the requisition that Umi sent to prepare for the Kona district meeting.
- We should make OHA sign for all documents received.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted By, Kau`i Torres