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Welcome to HCIC@Work – a no-frills publication designed to communicate HCIC happenings to our members and other constituents. **In this issue:**

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### Upcoming Events (When, What, Who)

See also HCIC Seminars and Events at [www.hawaiicaptives.com](http://www.hawaiicaptives.com)

March 8-10 2009, CICA International Conference, Indian Wells, California - Visit us at Booth #15

April 19-23 2009, RIMS 2009, Orlando, Florida – Visit us at the State of Hawaii Booth

May 13-16 2009, 32<sup>nd</sup> PIAA Annual Meeting, Waikaloa, Hawaii

August 11-13 2009, VCIA 2009 Annual Conference, Burlington, Vermont – Visit us at Booth #116

### Save the Date

HCIC Forum 2009, October 20-23, 2009, Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa, Kauai, Hawaii

### State of Hawaii Deputy Insurance Commissioner

The State of Hawaii announced on December 19, 2008 the departure of Craig Watanabe, Deputy Insurance Commissioner and Captive Insurance Administrator. Craig took a position in the private sector after almost 10 years of leadership at the Captive Insurance Branch. We thank Craig for his many contributions to the State of Hawaii and Hawaii’s captive industry and wish him continued luck and good fortune in his future endeavors.

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Judy Nako will act as the interim Deputy Insurance Commissioner and Captive Insurance Administrator. She has been with the Captive Insurance Branch since 2001. With Judy's extensive background in captives from both the private sector and her experience at the Captive Insurance Branch, we anticipate it will be "business as usual" as we move forward into 2009.

### HCIC Letter to Governor Lingle

With Craig Watanabe's departure, the HCIC Executive Committee wrote a letter to Governor Lingle requesting the expeditious replacement of the Deputy Insurance Commissioner, along with the staffing of two vacant examiner positions in the Captive Insurance Branch. The HCIC Executive Committee is also submitting a letter to Insurance Commissioner J.P. Schmidt, offering its assistance in the selection process to ensure that the best and most qualified candidate is selected as the next Deputy Insurance Commissioner. Both letters posted for viewing in the Members Only section of [www.hawaiicaptives.com](http://www.hawaiicaptives.com).

### HCIC Director Changes

Denys Kazama has departed the captive insurance industry to take a position in the private sector, and has resigned as a Director of HCIC. We thank Denys for her contributions to the HCIC, especially as the Chair of Legislative Committee since 2007, and wish her the best of luck in her new post.

At the January 28, 2009 Board meeting, the Board elected Mark Hironaga of Marsh Management Services Inc. (Hawaii) to serve as a director, replacing Denys Kazama. Please join us in welcoming him to the Board.

### HCIC Committee Chairs

These HCIC members have volunteered their efforts to lead the following HCIC Committees.

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Participation from our members drives our projects and events - **if you are interested in volunteering for any committees, please contact the chairs.** No prior experience required, other than your ideas and enthusiasm.

### Recent HCIC Meetings

- Board of Directors meeting, January 28:
  - Elected Mark Hironaga of Marsh Management Services Inc. (Hawaii) to serve as a director, replacing Denys Kazama;
  - Appointed Gerald Yoshida, Esq. of the law firm of Char, Hamilton Campbell & Yoshida as the Chair of HCIC's Legislative Committee;
  - Appointed the following persons to serve on HCIC's Finance Committee: Matt Takamine - Chair (Beecher Carlson); Christina Kamaka (Aon Insurance Managers); and Cory Kubota (Accuity, LLP);
  - Appointed Jason Palmer (Willis Management Hawaii) to Chair HCIC's newly created ad hoc selection committee that will assist the Hawaii Insurance Commissioner in the review/screening of applicants and candidates to fill the vacancy in the Hawaii Deputy Insurance Commissioner/Captive Insurance Administrator position created by the resignation of Craig Watanabe.
  
- Executive Committee meeting, January 14:
  - Agreed schedule of Executive Committee and proposed Board meeting dates for 2009; schedule posted on [www.hawaiicaptives.com](http://www.hawaiicaptives.com)
  - Marketing committee provided list of upcoming conferences for 2009 and will coordinate its efforts with the State of Hawaii; schedule posted on [www.hawaiicaptives.com](http://www.hawaiicaptives.com).
  - Membership committee reported that 2009 renewals are progressing nicely with 63 renewals received so far. All Aloha Card hotels renewed for 2009 despite lagging utilization.
  - Executive committee reported on 2 letters to State of Hawaii and preparation of 2009 budget for presentation at the next Board meeting.
  - Committee also considered request for support from ICCIE, which will include circulation of info to members and link on website.
  
- Ad Hoc Executive Committee meeting, December 22: discussed distribution of State of Hawaii announcement and preparation of HCIC letters to the State of Hawaii.
  
- Quarterly meeting with Hawaii Insurance Division, December 16: discussed departure of Craig Watanabe and appointment of Judy Nako as interim Deputy Insurance Commissioner.