

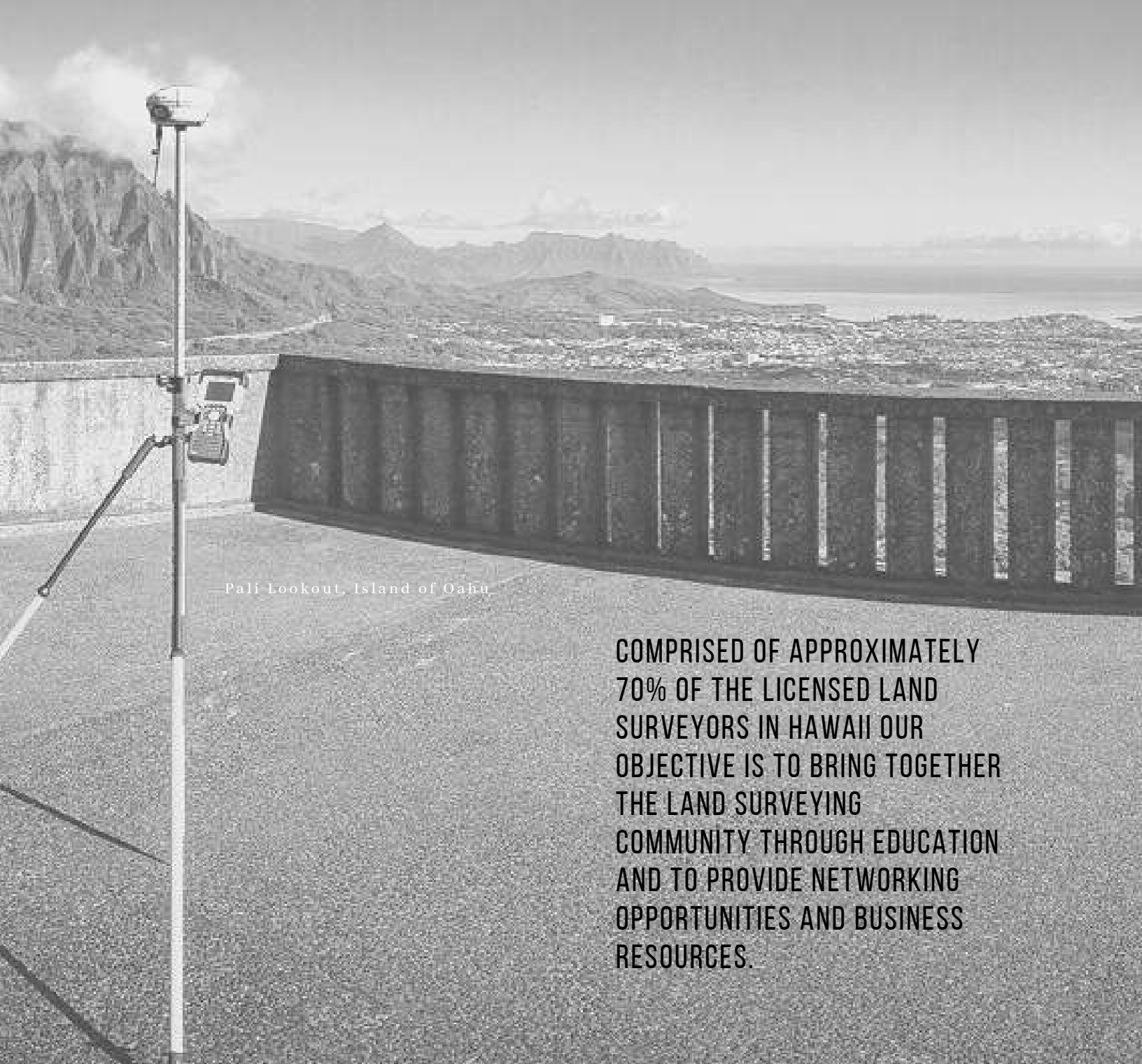


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Lae I Lae, a newsletter from the **Hawaii Land Surveyors Association**, an affiliate and a member with the National Society of Professional Surveyors

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Pali Lookout, Island of Oahu

COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 70% OF THE LICENSED LAND SURVEYORS IN HAWAII OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING TOGETHER THE LAND SURVEYING COMMUNITY THROUGH EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES AND BUSINESS RESOURCES.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY CHRISTINA VILLA

Aloha HLSA members!

Welcome to 2021, a new year for new beginnings. With that being said, I would like to express how grateful I am to be your newly elected HLSA 2021 President. I am honored to join the lineage of widely respected surveyors who served as President before me. I look forward to supporting our members and working with our newly elected board of directors to continue making a positive impact in our surveying community.

It's been about a year since our lives were changed due to the pandemic. However, Hawaii is supporting the cause to fully vaccinate our adult community by May 1st and hopefully soon we can return to some semblance of normal. Through the suffering of isolation, and for some, devastating loss, we must stay vigilant. There is always light at the end of the tunnel. This too shall pass.

The threat of COVID-19 has affected our annual conference this year. Due to changing social distancing guidelines and the increased discomfort for many in enclosed venues, we will not be holding our conference. Our board worked hard last year to set up a virtual conference for our members, but due to complications with "the new normal," we were unable to pull it off. We will put our renewed efforts toward holding a conference in 2022, when the safety of our members can be guaranteed.

This year we are continuing to promote virtual workshops/classes based on surveying. Our members can broaden their surveying knowledge and keep up to date with the changes of our profession. We welcome any suggestions on what type of classes you are interested in or if you know someone who would like to share their expertise. We are working with Luis Rojas from Carlson Software to roll out the first set of workshops in May. Please stay tuned for dates, times and registration details.

Your committee chairs of House Bill 244 have been working diligently these past couple of years to make a change in the way we map and describe lands being deregistered from the Land Court. Just recently HB244 HD 1 passed out of the Senate Water and Land Committee. Thank you to everyone who submitted testimony. The bill will now move forward to the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee. Another big Mahalo to Joanne and Meyer for keeping this on track and keeping us informed.

Governor David Ige proclaimed March 21 - 27, 2021 as **"SURVEYORS WEEK"**. What a great way to celebrate our profession! As land surveying professionals, we provide order in the physical world around us. We play an integral role in protecting historic land titles and boundaries. We promote smart land development, from planning and designing through final construction. We also educate, not only surveyors but real estate professionals, title experts, developers and the public at large. Our industry provides careers that can give a person the opportunity to work outdoors, indoors, explore new technology, apply math and geography skills, and help the community. We are a proud profession and it is important that we recognize that in ourselves before we can expect others to do the same. In fact, it might be a good time to treat your staff to some bentos for all their hard work and dedication. **We are all essential.**





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BY CHRISTINA VILLA

Now I would like to introduce your **2021 Hawaii Land Surveyors Association Board of Directors**. Thank you to all the members who voted and attended the annual business meeting on February 27, 2021. I would also like to graciously thank the board of directors who have committed to serve for another year! Volunteering your time to get together monthly and make magic happen may not always be easy but the outcome is always rewarding. I am happy to see their faces and honored to call them friends and colleagues:

- Christina Villa - President
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If you did not renew your 2021 HLSA memberships, please do so on our website <http://www.hlsahawaii.org/membership/>

If you would like to participate in our newsletter, we are looking for a new cover picture! Please send your photos to hlsa-hawaii@outlook.com. Please note where this photo was taken and your name. Any branding on instruments or clothing will be removed if your photo is of choice. Mahalo to John Akina of Walter P. Thompson, Inc. for donating his photo for last year's newsletter cover.

Take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Christina Villa

2021 HLSA President

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Proclamation

WHEREAS, professional surveyors across Hawai'i will be gathering this third week of March along with surveyors across the nation to observe the duty, contribution and promise of the surveying profession; and

WHEREAS, the role of the surveyor has been and remains of vital importance to the history, mapping and development of the State of Hawai'i and this nation; and

WHEREAS, notable surveyors of the past include George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, professional surveyors from around the State of Hawai'i have endeavored to safeguard the original land titles established by the Kingdom of Hawai'i to protect the property rights of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Land Surveyors Association strives to hold its membership to the highest of ethical standards and provides invaluable opportunities for collaboration and education through its workshops and conferences; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Land Surveyors Association maintains a watchful eye to protect the land we love and serve the community needs of an ever-changing world;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim March 21–27, 2021 as

“SURVEYORS WEEK”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join me in recognizing the value, expertise and contributions of professional surveyors and their role in protecting private and public properties and natural resources.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of March 2021.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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