

IBEW Local Union 1357

Kelepona Leo



January 2019

Special Election Issue 2

2019 Local Union Elections

February 2019 will commemorate IBEW Local Union 1357's 17th election since its separation from IBEW Local 1260 in December 1970.

Article III, Section 7, paragraph (r), of the IBEW Local Union 1357 Bylaws states, "The Election Judge shall have mailed to all members no later than the 15th calendar day of January of election year, a publication which shall list all candidates for Local Union Office (and candidates for delegates to the International Convention) together with a factual record of their activities within the Local Union. This publication shall be prepared under the supervision of the Election Board."

In this issue of the Kelepona Leo are the names of all candidates who have been nominated and are qualified to seek election to office as Local Union officers, together with their photographs and a record of their activities within the local union, if available. Candidates are listed under the positions to which they have been nominated.

In accordance with Article III, Section 5, of the Local Union 1357 Bylaws, "The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and seven (7) members to be elected as follows: one (1) from Saipan, one (1) Hawaii County, one (1) from Kauai County, one (1) from Maui County, and three (3) from Honolulu County (Oahu)."

Pursuant to Article III, Section 8, paragraph (b), of the IBEW Local Union Bylaws, "The offices of Business Manager and Financial Secretary shall be combined."

Article II, Section 8, of the IBEW Constitution, titled "International Convention", states in part: "Each L.U. shall be entitled to the following: (a) one (1) delegate for the first 250 members, one (1) delegate for each additional 250 members or majority fraction thereof..." for local unions with memberships between 1 and 1,625 members. Our current membership is 695. Therefore, at this time we are entitled to a total of 3 delegates. Also, as per Article VII, Section 3, of the IBEW Local Union 1357 Bylaws, "The President and Business Manager-Financial Secretary shall, by virtue of their offices, serve as delegates to the International Convention. No candidate for office of President and Business Manager-Financial Secretary may be nominated for a Delegate at Large seat at the Convention in addition to being nominated for the office of President and Business Manager-Financial Secretary."

All those elected shall serve for a term of three years. (Those already elected by affirmation are listed on page 6.)

In accordance with Article XXI, Section 3, of the IBEW Constitution, "Any member indebted to his L.U. for three months' dues, or having any past due indebtedness to the I.B.E.W. for dues or assessments, shall stand suspended... (However, when any "BA" member is working under an agreement requiring monthly payment of dues, a grace period of only twenty one (21) days-after the first of the month following the indebtedness shall be allowed...)" **Members not in good standing will have until 4:00p.m. on February 14, 2019 to bring their good standing up-to-date in order to have their ballots counted.**

All ballots shall be mailed to members not later than January 11, 2019. Members are urged to properly mark your ballot and return it, by U.S. mail, in the accompanying self-addressed, pre-stamped envelope, as soon as possible. Ballots that are not received by the prescribed deadline, and ballots that are incorrectly marked, will be voided. **Write-in votes are not allowed.** The Election Board will pick up the ballots at the Makiki Station Post Office, 1111 Lunalilo Street, Honolulu, at 9:00AM on Friday, February 15, 2019, and transport them to the IBEW Local Union 1357 office for counting and tabulation.

The Local Union President has appointed Joy Galariada as the Election Judge, and the following members as Tellers:

- Doreen Hemingway
- Tad Abe
- Eileen Kojima
- Frances McDonald-Bartolome
- Lynn Shiroma
- Carrie Ann Silva
- Williamette Smith
- Kawehimaeole Umiamaka
- Justin Young

These members will be responsible for applying and enforcing the appropriate election provisions stipulated in our IBEW Constitution and Local Union Bylaws. Please follow the voting instructions carefully. Your vote does make a difference.

Mahalo from your Election Board.

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Candidate Profiles

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Candidate for Executive Board President / International Convention Delegate

Darren M. Sakai

Initiation Date: May 1, 2006

Executive Board President, April 2016 – Present
Executive Board Vice President, July 2015 to April 2016
Contract Negotiations Committee Co-Chair, 2017
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2013 to Present
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2013 to Present
Executive Board Member Kauai, May 2011 to June 2015
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2013 to Present
IBEW International Convention Delegate – September 2016
Chief Shop Steward Kauai, 2013 to present
Shop Steward Kauai, 2010 to 2013
IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2014, March 2016, July 2017



Darren M. Sakai

Candidates for Executive Board Vice President

Kanoa Keawe-Clute

Initiation Date: May 1, 2012

Oahu Shop Steward, January 2013 to Present
Executive Committee Member—Unit 8, February 2017 to Present



Kanoa Keawe-Clute

Jody G. Medeiros

Initiation Date: September 1, 1990

Vice President, April 2016 – Present
Membership Development Conference Delegate, November 2016
Executive Board—Maui County, June 2015 – April 2016
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2015 to Present
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2015 to Present
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2015 to Present
IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2014
Strike Captain, November 2011
Chairman—Unit 2, July 2010 – Present
Vice Chairman—Unit 2, March 2008 – June 2010
Executive Committee—Unit 2, 2006 – March 2008
Shop Steward, 2010 to Present
Political Action Committee Member, 2008 – Present

Unit 2 Community Service Project Coordinator:

- American Cancer Society Relay For Life
- AFL-CIO Hawaii Foodbank NALC Food Drive
- Walk to End Alzheimer's - Maui
- Boys & Girls Club of Maui
- Visitor Industry Charity Walk – Maui
- Labor of Love, Wailuku Elementary School
- Women Helping Women – Maui



Jody G. Medeiros

Candidate for Executive Board Recording Secretary

Ronald E.H. Kelii, Jr.

Initiation Date: October 1, 2001



Ronald E.H. Kelii, Jr.

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Candidate for Business Manager-Financial Secretary / International Convention Delegate

Troy J. Benevides

Initiation Date: August 1, 2001

Business Manager-Financial Secretary, March 2016 to Present
Contract Negotiations Committee Chair, 2017
Hawaii State Assoc. of Electrical Workers Treasurer, 2016 to Present
AFL-CIO Executive Board Vice President, 2016 to Present
Political Action Committee Chair, 2016 to Present
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2013 to Present
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2013 to Present
Executive Board Member Oahu, March 2013 to 2016
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2013 to 2016
IBEW International Convention Delegate – September 2016
Shop Steward Oahu, 2011 to 2016



Troy J. Benevides

Candidates for Executive Board Treasurer

Neal S. Katto

Initiation Date: March 1, 1987

Executive Board Treasurer, February 2015 – Present
Local 1357 Authorized Signatory, 2015 to Present
Executive Board Member Oahu, March 2013 to February 2015
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2013 to Present
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2013 to Present
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2013 to Present
Delegate - IBEW Shop Stewards Training, March 2017
Contract Negotiations Committee Member, 2017
Chief Shop Steward Oahu, 2013 to present
Shop Steward Oahu, 2010 to 2013
AFL-CIO LCSP Training Delegate, April 2017
Right-To-Work Training, March 2017
Leadership Conference Coordinator, August 2016
IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2014, March 2016, July 2017
Captain, Strike Committee HT - November 2011
Chairman-Unit 9, March 2015 – Present
Vice Chairman Unit 9, August 2014 to March 2015
Executive Committee-Unit 9, March 2012 to August 2014
Unit 9 Community Service Project Coordinator:

- AFL-CIO Hawaii Foodbank NALC Food Drive
- AFL-CIO Charity Golf Tournament
- Iron Chef Challenge
- Labor of Love, Waianae Elementary School
- Aloha United Way
- Workers Day March and Rally



Neal S. Katto

Chace K. Shigemasa

Initiation Date: February 1, 2015

Chairman - Unit 1, June 2017 to Present
Recorder – Unit 1, June 2016 to June 2017
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO Member
Hawaii State AFL-CIO NALC Food Drive Volunteer, 2017 and 2018



Chace K. Shigemasa

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Candidate for Executive Board—Hawaii County

William K. Waite, Jr.

Initiation Date: October 1, 2001

Executive Board Member Hawaii County, March 2016 to Present
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2016 to Present
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2016 to Present
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2016 to Present
IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2017
Political Action Committee Member, 2016 to Present
Local 1357 Logo Design Committee, 2016 to Present
Shop Steward, 2016 to Present



William K. Waite, Jr.

Candidate for Executive Board—Kauai County

Byran K. Carvalho

Initiation Date: July 1, 2014

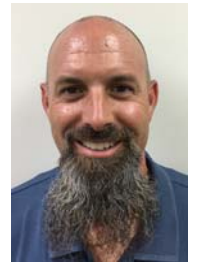
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Candidate for Executive Board—Maui County

Craig A. Pruse

Initiation Date: November 1, 2000

Executive Board—Maui County, April 2016 to Present
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2016 to Present
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2016 to Present
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2016 to Present
Contract Negotiations Committee Member, 2017
IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2017
IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2014
Executive Committee Member Unit 2, 2010 to Present
Chief Shop Steward Maui, 2015 to Present
Shop Steward, 2010 to 2015



Craig A. Pruse

Candidates for Executive Board—Honolulu County (Oahu)

Eric Collins

Initiation Date: February 15, 2013

Executive Committee Member – Unit 1, May 2018 to Present



Eric Collins

James W. Pilgrim

Initiation Date: January 1, 1989

Executive Board Member- Oahu, June 2017 to Present
Membership Development Conference Delegate, August 2018
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2017 to Present
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2017 to Present
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2017 to Present
Local 1357 Logo Design Committee Chair, 2017 to Present
Leadership Conference Delegate, July 2017
Member, Financial Review Committee 2017 to Present
Local 1357 Leadership Training Delegate, July 2016
Vice Chairman-Unit 8, January 2018 - Present
Executive Committee Member-Unit 8, June 2014 to January 2018
Captain, Strike Committee HT - November 2011
Shop Steward Training, 2010, 2013, 2016
Shop Steward, 2010 to Present



James W. Pilgrim

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Candidates for Executive Board—Honolulu County (Oahu)

Nestor E. Suguitan

Initiation Date: November 1, 1986

Executive Board Member-Oahu County, February 2015 to Present
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2015 to Present
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2015 to Present
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2015 to Present
Local 1357 Authorized Signatory, 2015 to Present
Member, Financial Review Committee 2015 to Present
Local 1357 Leadership Training Delegate, July 2016
Recording Secretary-Unit 9, February 2016 - Present
Executive Committee Member-Unit 9, June 2015 to February 2016
Strike Committee HT - November 2011
Shop Steward Training, 2013, 2016
Shop Steward, 2015 to Present
Typhoon Soudelor Relief Delegate, November 2015
Volunteer AFL-CIO Hawaii Foodbank NALC Food Drive
Volunteer AFL-CIO Charity Golf Tournament

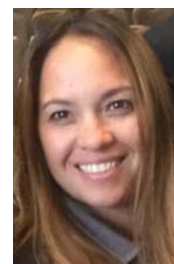


Nestor E. Suguitan

Lisa A. Taylor

Initiation Date: March 1, 1998

Membership Development Conference Delegate, August 2018
Labor Workshop Representative, July 2018
New Membership Committee, 2017 to Present
Executive Board Meeting Guest, July 2018
Shop Steward, 2017 to Present
Executive Committee Member-Unit 9, 2017 to Present



Lisa A. Taylor

Candidates for International Convention Delegate

Ronald E.H. Kelii, Jr.

Initiation Date: October 1, 2001

(See Profile under Candidate for Executive Board Recording Secretary)

Sabre P. McArthur

Initiation Date: November 18, 2016

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Lisa M. Parran

Initiation Date: July 1, 2001

Local Union Representative, March 2016 – Present
Delegate-Broadcasting, Manufacturing, & Telecommunications Conference, March 2018
President Local Union 1357, February 2015 - March 2016
Delegate-IBEW Membership Development Conference, November 2016, August 2017, August 2018
Delegate-AFL-CIO Next Up Young Workers Summit/IBEW Renew Conference, March 2015
Delegate -IBEW 9th District Progress Meeting, July 2014, July 2016
Political Action Committee Member 2013 - Present
Chief Shop Steward, May 2013 - March 2016
Treasurer, March 2013 - February 2015
Executive Board Member, Honolulu County June 2012 - March 2013
Executive Board Member, Honolulu County May 2012
Shop Steward, March 2012 - May 2013
Negotiating Committee (Media Spokesperson), July 2011
Negotiating Committee Member, July 2011, 2017



Lisa M. Parran

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Candidates for International Convention Delegate

James W. Pilgrim

Initiation Date: January 1, 1989

(See Profile under Candidates for Executive Board—Honolulu County (Oahu))

Kyle P. Sentani

Initiation Date: January 1, 1992

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Chace K. Shigemasa

Initiation Date: February 1, 2015

(See Profile under Candidates for Treasurer)

Edward A. Shonk

Initiation Date: March 1, 1989

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Lisa A. Taylor

Initiation Date: March 1, 1998

(See Profile under Candidates for Executive Board—Honolulu County (Oahu))

ELECTIONS BY AFFIRMATION

When there is only one nominee for a specific Local Union or Unit office, the nomination of such individual is found to be valid, and the nominee meets all of the qualifications for election to such office, the Election Judge has the authority to elect such nominee by affirmation.

The final nomination meeting for our IBEW Local Union 1357 elections was held on Friday, December 21, 2018. The Election Judge determined on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 the nominees' eligibility for office and has deemed that the following members are the only qualified nominees for their respective offices, their nominations are valid, they meet all of the qualifications for such offices, and are eligible for election to such offices.

Therefore, the Election Judge has cast the unanimous vote to elect the following, by affirmation, to their respective Local Union and Unit offices for the 2019-2022 term of office. However, each nominee shall not take office until he/she is sworn into office at the first meeting of their respective offices in March 2019.

Congratulations to all.

LOCAL UNION OFFICE

President—Darren M. Sakai
Recording Secretary—Ronald E.H. Kelii
Business Manager-Financial Secretary—Troy J. Benevides
Executive Board—Hawaii County—William K. Waite, Jr.
Executive Board—Maui County—Craig A. Pruse
Executive Board—Kauai County—Bryan K. Carvalho

UNIT OFFICE

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|-----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Unit 1—Honolulu, Oahu | Chairman | Chace K. Shigemasa |
| Unit 1—Honolulu, Oahu | Vice Chairman | Clifford I. Gorai |
| Unit 1—Honolulu, Oahu | Executive Committee | Hiapo M. Chun |
| Unit 1—Honolulu, Oahu | Executive Committee | Julie A. Magpoc |
| Unit 1—Honolulu, Oahu | Executive Committee | Thomas Ng |

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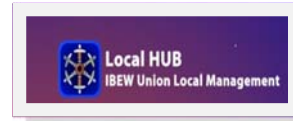
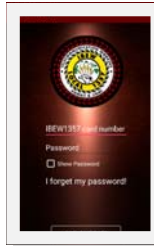
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| Unit 2—Maui | Chairman | Jody G. Medeiros |
| Unit 2—Maui | Vice Chairman | Shane K. Wilhelm |
| Unit 2—Maui | Recorder | Jamie L. Akiona |
| Unit 3—Hilo | Recorder | Ronald E.H. Kelii, Jr. |
| Unit 3—Hilo | Executive Committee | Carla E. Ah Sing |
| Unit 3—Hilo | Executive Committee | David J. Faust, Jr. |
| Unit 3—Hilo | Executive Committee | Jonathen Panzer |
| Unit 3—Hilo | Executive Committee | Lipoakaalakaiakealoha K. Peltier |
| Unit 4—Kauai | Chairman | Teddy Albarado |
| Unit 4—Kauai | Vice Chairman | Cy I. Gushikuma |
| Unit 4—Kauai | Recorder | Elika Y. Sakazaki |
| Unit 4—Kauai | Executive Committee | Randall Ishida |
| Unit 4—Kauai | Executive Committee | Glenn Santos |
| Unit 4—Kauai | Executive Committee | Keith K. Sugihara |
| Unit 4—Kauai | Executive Committee | Perry S. Tanigawa |
| Unit 5—Kona | Chairman | Bradley K. Ariel |
| Unit 5—Kona | Vice Chairman | William K. Waite, Jr. |
| Unit 5—Kona | Recorder | Henry Grace, Jr. |
| Unit 5—Kona | Executive Committee | Michael B. Iwashita |
| Unit 5—Kona | Executive Committee | Cody Maeda |
| Unit 5—Kona | Executive Committee | Daynor A. Mento |
| Unit 5—Kona | Executive Committee | Jeffrey T. Torado |
| Unit 6—Kamuela | Chairman | Neal Y. Hijirida |
| Unit 6—Kamuela | Vice Chairman | Dillon K. Fernandez |
| Unit 6—Kamuela | Recorder | Pat S. Fujii |
| Unit 6—Kamuela | Executive Committee | Gerald K. Kauahi |
| Unit 8—Windward, Oahu | Chairman | Alfred J. Balocan |
| Unit 8—Windward, Oahu | Vice Chairman | James W. Pilgrim |
| Unit 8—Windward, Oahu | Executive Committee | Kamohoalii B. Pedro |
| Unit 8—Windward, Oahu | Executive Committee | Tracy K. Rodenhurst |
| Unit 8—Windward, Oahu | Executive Committee | Sean N. Samson |
| Unit 8—Windward, Oahu | Executive Committee | Edward A. Shonk |
| Unit 9—Leeward, Oahu | Chairman | Neal S. Katto |
| Unit 9—Leeward, Oahu | Vice Chairman | Sabre P. McArthur |
| Unit 9—Leeward, Oahu | Recorder | Nestor E. Suguitan |
| Unit 9—Leeward, Oahu | Executive Committee | Lisa A. Taylor |

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Monthly Unit Membership Meeting Schedule

| UNIT | DATE & TIME | LOCATION |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Unit 1 - Honolulu | 3rd Monday, 6:00 PM | IBEW 1357 Executive Board Rm. 1103 9th Avenue, Suite 200 Honolulu, Hawaii |
| Unit 2 - Maui | 3rd Wednesday, 5:00 PM | Carpenters Union Hall (Kupau) 330 Hookahi Street Wailuku, Maui |
| Unit 3 - Hilo | 4th Thursday, 5:00 PM | HELCO Union Hall, 535 Oceanview Drive Hilo, Hawaii |
| Unit 4 - Kauai | 4th Tuesday, 5:00 PM | ILWU Hall, 4154 Hardy Street Lihue, Kauai |
| Unit 5 - Kona | 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 PM | Old Kona Airport Pavilion |
| Unit 6 - Kamuela | 3rd Wednesday, 5:00 PM | *Location TBD |
| Unit 7 - Molokai | 3rd Tuesday, 12 Noon | *Location TBD Kaunakakai, Molokai |
| Unit 8 - Windward, Oahu | 3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM | Makule Club House, Keaahala Rd, across from the Kaneohe playground Kaneohe, Oahu |
| Unit 9 - Leeward, Oahu | 3rd Monday or Tuesday 6:30 PM | Manana Community Park, Recreation Building, 1310 Waimano Home Road, Pearl City, Hawaii |
| Unit 10 - MTC | 3rd Wednesday, 6:00 PM | *Location TDB |

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