

**IATSE LOCAL 665  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**Sunday, April 24th, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER:

President Tuia'ana Scanlan called the electronic meeting (Zoom) to order at 9:35 am

ROLL CALL: IN ATTENDANCE:

President Tuia'ana Scanlan  
Interim Vice President Jim Takahashi  
Interim Secretary-Treasurer Al Furuto  
Business Representative Irish Barber E-Board Member Kay Carter  
E-Board Member Charles Kaeo  
E-Board Member Jeff NihipaliDay  
Interim E-Board Member Chris Wiecking  
Interim E-Board Member Kevin Kersting

Interim Sergeant-at-Arms Jacob Holcomb

ABSENT: 0

Attendance by 20 L665 members in good standing (3 of which must be members of the Board) are required to conduct union business. A quorum was present.

A land acknowledgement statement was read by President Scanlan

MINUTES:

Unapproved minutes from the March 2021 Regular General Membership meeting and the April 11<sup>th</sup>,

2021 By-Election nomination meeting were pre-circulated. Mariann Tesauro moved to approve the March 2021 GMM minutes, Shawn Christensen seconded, and the motion passed. Tiffany Asing moved to approve the April By-Election Nomination meeting minutes, Mason Omalza seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The financial report for March 2021 was read. Rob Kahsen moved to approve, Michael Keola Jones seconded the motion, and it passed.

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE:

n/a

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT: (see attached)

Stewards:

MPI - Dana Sato, Derrick Young

IKWYDLS - Jeff NihipaliDay, Melisa Lenz

Doogie - Bill Self, Nephi Tehauri

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (attached)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRAINING COMMITTEE: OSHA-IO GES class to be facilitated by Sonny Julian in mid-May, Lift certification is ongoing, "Portable Power Distribution" and "Networking" classes in mid/late June.

ELECTION COMMITTEE: Ballot envelopes have been stuffed and mailed by the By-Election Committee (and volunteers) to the membership. Ballots must be mailed to the election P.O. Box by 3:00 pm HST on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Tania Kahale has been removed from the committee by President Scanlan and Sherry Fox has been appointed in her stead

HEALTH, WELFARE, & ANNUITY TRUSTEES: Irish Barber read a report from the H,W, & A meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Dave Wallace asked that meeting minutes be posted to the website.

A Boom Operator training class will be offered by Kevin Strain on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Interim Sgt-at-Arms Jacob Holcomb raised a point of order that was well taken. The members in attendance were reminded to input their name and membership card number into the chat to accurately track members in attendance.

Service Printers HI — Voting materials (i.e. ballots, voter instruction sheet, envelopes, etc) were printed by Service Printers HI at a cost of \$1640.84. Keola Jones moved to approve and Jim Takahashi seconded. Shawn Christensen moved to amend the main motion to include the amount paid by the Local for postage and Keola Jones seconded.

A recess was taken to locate the receipt for the exact amount of postage — 10:42am  
10:57am

The main motion was amended to include postage, raising the total to be approved by the membership to \$2258.51. The motion to amend passed, as did the main motion.

Tania Kahale moved for a Division of the Assembly on the previous question and discussion ensued. Kay Carter raised a point of order the motion was not seconded. The point of order was well taken.

Gianfranco Niso seconded the motion and discussion continued. The motion was then put to a vote and it failed.

Seeking reinstatement — Darrin Moon appeared before the membership to seek reinstatement after expulsion. Keola Jones moved to approve reinstatement, Willie Preston seconded the motion and it passed.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

New member applicant — Olaf Sundt was originally scheduled to appear before the membership at the March 2021 GMM to apply for membership, but was unable to do so because of a scheduling conflict. Keola Jones moved to approve his application for membership, Willie Preston seconded, and the motion passed.

Discussion: Tania Kahale expressed for the record, regarding her removal from the By-Election committee, that she wrote one email to 19 people for “transparency” regarding her concerns as expressed to Chair Ron Evans and included the L665 E-Board, West Coast Office, the International, and the Department of Labor with disclaimer based on her Appeal before the International July 20-22, 2021.

It was also noted for the record that Tania Kahale stated that she was "in the federal building with the Department of Labor for hours" prior to exhausting internal remedies and as such had included the Department of Labor in her email

Activist Central — The original cost to participate in this electronic voter database was \$2500. After discussing Activist Central with other labor organizations, financial aid was offered to Local 665 by Activist Central's creator, Matthew Taylor, and UFCW 480's President Pat Loo. The L665 Executive Board recommended that 1665 accept the offer of financial aid and pay \$1000 to utilize this software. Arthur Wilson III moved to approve the Board's recommendation and Rob Kahsen seconded. Jacob Holcomb moved to amend the main motion to include "opt-out" language, so the membership may choose whether or not to have their names and contact info used for this purpose.

Tania Kahale seconded the motion to amend. The motion to amend passed as did the main motion.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Patrick Cazinha's grandfather passed — he was 103 years old

Jim Takahashi moved to adjourn, Keota Jones seconded, and the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: 1:09 PM HST

Submitted,

Al Furuto  
Interim Secretary-Treasurer, IATSE Local 665

## **April 2021 President's Report**

### **Organizing and Political Activism**

Several attempts have been made to sway the state House of Representatives to approve of SB 614 to no avail. Many thanks are in order for all those who submitted a JotForm in support. Our efforts forced them into caucus to address the public outcry. In caucus, House representatives chose not to move UI/PUA income tax relief for the duration of the pandemic, either in totality or in keeping with federal UI/PUA income tax relief. This is in no small part due to the support from the Chamber of Commerce and HGEA President Randy Perreira. The reason given was that the state cannot use ARPA funds to cover a loss of tax revenue. Because 2020's UI/PUA state income tax is projected to be \$190 million in state revenue, the House declined to support worker relief initiatives because it would constitute an additional \$190 million state budget shortfall.

And yet, HB 58 - RELATING TO STATE FUNDS, has passed out of conference. HB 58 repeals GET exemptions that distort our state's tax code and increases the conveyance tax on luxury property owners. HB 58 will raise an estimated \$100m-\$150m in state tax revenue. In short, the funds and mechanisms are there, but certain state representatives care more about state coffers than they do about worker relief.

Before the 2020 general election, there was an opportunity to lend the strength of our membership to an electronic voter bank called Activist Central run by a man named Matthew Taylor. The membership declined to join at the time due to work uncertainty caused by the pandemic. There was an opportunity to support and/or elect state legislators that would support workers and organized labor, but we missed that opportunity.

Now, however, it has become abundantly clear that certain long entrenched representatives have neither the urgency nor desire to support the working families of Hawai'i. We have been approached by several other labor organizations and entities to join the fight again. 2022 is not so far away. And those representatives that left working families by the wayside need to be held accountable. I urge the membership to consider joining Activist Central so that we may lend our voice to the fight to support the working families of Hawai'i.

### **Training and Development -**

Lift certification classes continue. Sonny Julian will be administering an in-person OSHA 10-GEES class at the Hall in May (class size will be limited and COVID protocols will be in effect). "Portable Power Distribution & Electrics", and "Lighting Controls, Networking, and Programming Workflow" have been rescheduled to June 16-19, 2021 and June 23-25, 2021 respectively. Space will be limited, so if you are unable to attend any of the trainings you sign up for, please notify the Hall in advance.

## **Outreach -**

DEI Committee - I've been selected to read a land acknowledgement statement to open the 2021 Quadrennial Convention. The next DEI committee meeting is happening at the same time as our April 2021 GMM. When I meet with them next, I'll have more to share.

Hawaii Events Coalition - We've been in contact with the Coalition to support the resurgence of the Live Events sector. I expressed that it may be beneficial for the Coalition members to identify a COVID test strategy that would be accepted by all potential Live Event employers. In this way, we may standardize COVID testing protocols and expand worker availability to all concerned parties, thereby increasing the available worker pool for employers and job opportunities for workers in one fell swoop.

Lastly, every adult over the age of 16 is now eligible to sign up for the COVID vaccine (anyone under the age of 16 needs a parent/guardian to sign off). I encourage you to schedule an appointment as soon as possible. The sooner we all get vaccinated, the sooner this pandemic nightmare ends. For more information, visit:

<https://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org/hph-covid-19-updates/vaccine-update/>