

Hawaii Chapter Newsletter

January 2018

From Your Chapter President

Aloha Members,

Please take a few minutes to read through this Newsletter from RMA's Hawaii Chapter, which is designed to provide you with useful information such as updates on our Chapter and its events in 2018.

If you have suggestions for future topics, or if you would like to write an article for the Newsletter, please let us know. Your feedback is welcomed and much appreciated.

Grant Yoshikami

The RMA Hawaii Chapter is ready for another exciting year of educational and networking events. We kicked off the new 2018 year with our annual meeting at the HASR Bistro on August 10, 2017, inaugurating the new Board of Directors and President Grant Yoshikami. We also presented a certificate to acknowledge the first Hawaii winner of the RMA Foundation Scholarship. In addition, our guest speaker, Neal Okabayashi, Executive Director of Hawaii Bankers Association, provided an insightful presentation on "Banking an Age of Disruption".

In October 2017, we presented a workshop on commercial loan structuring, which was taught by a recognized expert sponsored by our RMA headquarter. The workshop was attended by a good mix of lending professionals from our local banks, and received positive feedback on the quality of course content and instruction. Part two of this workshop is scheduled for May 2018.

Please refer to the Calendar of Events section for the activities that we have thoughtfully planned for our members this year.

We held our holiday party at the Mandalay Restaurant in December, with a solid turnout of nearly 50 attendees. While celebrating the holidays with karaoke, good food, and great company, we also took the opportunity to help those in need, collecting generous donations of canned goods for the Hawaii Food Bank.

For the year ended August 31, 2017, we were recognized with the Silver Award by the RMA National Office for our activity and outreach efforts. We are proud of our work and will continue to strive to improve our services to members.

It is our ongoing mission to organize educational events and networking opportunities for our members, as our offerings have been well-attended, with strong and engaged instructors and relevant topics.

We encourage everyone to let your organization's representative know of topics that you're interested in, and the Chapter will try our best to find the resources to plan for these activities.

Another of our initiatives is to recruit non-bank organizations to join our team, including government agencies, law firms, accounting firms, educational institutions, and other professional organizations. In 2018, we welcomed the addition of Larry Ono of Ono & Chen, CPAs to our Board of Directors, and we look forward to having more professionals joining the local chapter to broaden our perspective and membership.

We also want to extend our invitation to young professionals, as well as college students, to join our Chapter. It's a great way to strengthen professional growth, network, develop leadership skills and promote creativity.

RMA Foundation Scholarship

RMA provides FREE membership to college students, allowing students to position themselves as strong candidates to potential employers in the financial services industry. RMA is also offering scholarships to students interested in working in the banking industry after graduation. For the 2017-2018 academic year, the RMA Foundation awarded scholarships to 81 students, 58 of which were first-time recipients, including one student from the University of Hawaii, and 23 students received renewal scholarships.



Students can view additional information at www.rmahq.org/student-membership

Mahalo to everyone for your continued support of the RMA Hawaii Chapter, and we look forward to your participation and seeing all of you at our events.

2017-2018 Calendar of Events

- March 14, 2018 – Detecting Problem Loans
- May 22, 2018 – Structuring Commercial Loans II
- June 2018 (TBD)- Hawaii Economy Update
- TBD – Appraisal Seminar



2017–2018 Hawaii Chapter Officers

President – Grant Yoshikami
First Vice President – Gina Reyes-Faria
Second Vice President – Linda Ho
Secretary – Robert Kamemoto
Treasurer – Paul Vella
Director – Larry Ono
Past President – Eliza Young



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For more information, visit <http://www.rmahq.org/crc>.



Our chapter presents opportunities for individuals to get involved. We rely on the talents of volunteers to stage many of the programs, conduct membership development efforts, and promote the ideals of RMA. To find out more about how you can get involved in our chapter, please contact the representative from your organization. Visit our Chapter Website at:

<http://community.rmahq.org/hawaii/home>