

The HIPS board of directors is happy to present the following slate of officers who will be up for confirmation at the meeting.

Candidate for Treasurer:



Larry Kuekes [Key-cuss] decided to join the palm society in a moment of euphoria brought on by eating ice cream in the beautiful Moani/Lundkvist garden during the last ice cream social. He does not grow palms... yet, but thanks to his many friends that are members in both orchid and palm societies, he can't possibly resist palms for long. Larry was president of the orchid society for two years (term limited) and served as treasurer for four years. He has been the orchid society's newsletter editor for the past dozen years.

Candidate for Vice President:



Karl is a local Hilo boy who moved to the mainland to work in the Forest Service for many years. A few years ago he retired and moved back to Hilo with his wife, Sandi. They bought a beautifully landscaped property at the very top of Wianuenu Ave that backs up to the river. Karl has become very active in several gardening groups. In addition to HIPS, he is a member of the Ohana Lehua Bonsai and Big Island Water Garden clubs and is very active in the orchid society. Karl shares his garden regularly in the HIPS private garden tours for new members program.

Returning Officers:



Jesse Miles, President



Gunnar Hilert, Secretary