



Aloha Gram

ASSOCIATION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS

Honolulu Chapter

President's Message

Debbie Stelmach, President

Despite last minute notice, we had a good crowd at the January meeting featuring Professor Jim Dator of UH. His topic about possible futures for Hawaii were daunting. More importantly, his talk brought to light how the role of IT in each of these futures were very different. What were the four futures?

(1) through the rear view mirror racing backwards into the future, (2) at home in the global village - but too global to be local, (3) best backwater on the planet - too local to be global, and (4) virtual Hawaii in a virtual world.

The program committee has been very busy lining up speakers and topics for this coming year. We've got an exciting line up:

February	Linda Lingle, A Legislative Review
March	Ann H Chung, Hawaii Technology Trade Association
April	Dr. Drake Beal;The End of Employment

Web wizard, Miles Tsuruoka, has worked his magic once again and had re-vamped our chapter website to make it easier to use. So please check it out.

February Meeting

Since June of this year, we've been trying to get Linda Lingle and someone from the State to talk to us about technology and to respond to why a government magazine gave the state a failing grade for IT management.

We are pleased to announce that Ms. Lingle will be our guest speaker at the next meeting which will be on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 at the Ala Moana Hotel from 11:30 to 1 pm.

We've opened this event to other IT organizations in town who can attend at member rates. If you have colleagues who might be interested, please be sure to invite them.

Chapter News

New Members

We have another new member. Please welcome:

- Gene Yu, Bank of Hawaii

Thank You for Renewing

Sorry, I didn't get the list of renewing members for

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the past period. I know there were several of you who did. Mahalo for your continuing support.

PC2000 Awards

In 1999, National Headquarters started the PC2000 awards program. This program allows chapters to compete for cash prizes based upon how well they satisfied day-to-day business functions. Chapters had to submit documentation showing completion of various basic functions.

Guy Inouye announced that the Honolulu Chapter was recently awarded \$323.50 as a result of this program.

More Awards

The Awards Committee has announced that **Sam Luke** is now eligible for the Gold Lifetime Achievement Award (900 points) and the Emerald Lifetime Achievement Award (1000 points). Earning points is pretty tough and there is a limit to the number of points that can be earned per year. Congratulations Sam. Few in the nation have reached such lofty levels.

Committee News

Neal Brum of Atlantis Adventures will be assuming responsibility for the directory committee. **Lee Lewellen** will handle New Membership.

We still have a couple critical vacancies that need filling such as attendance, publicity, and education. Remember, the strength of any organization is determined by the commitment and participation of its membership.

Members Report a Quiet Y2K

AITP'ers locally have reported a "business as usual" response with only very minor problems. The same is true for city and state government.

A recent article in Computer Week reports: "in the IT world, we worked, checked code, corrected code, tested code. We rolled dates forward and backward and forward and backward until our nerves were paper-thin.....We initiated great, complex Y2k projects. We compiled project plans.....In an industry where projects run notoriously over the most pessimistic time estimates, we met the deadline. The clocks ticked over to the year 2000 with nothing more than minor

hitches. And were they grateful? Did the world thank us and laud us as the heroes we quite clearly were?"

"No! They turned around and called it "all hype". They questioned the money spent. We did our jobs so damned well that the only question remaining was whether there had been any need to do the job at all.....The IT people across the planet are heroes - even if unsung ones. Like housework, what we do is not appreciated unless we don't do it. But like the housewives of old we go on doing it, knowing that it is good, honest, necessary work - and that it gives us inordinate power..... congratulations on a job well done."

Anderson Award Announced

This public service award was established in 1965 in memory of Walter "Andy" Anderson. He became a member in 1959. He never aspired to be a Board member, but served on numerous committees simultaneously. He was considered by many to be a pleasure to work with as well as the hardest worker and greatest booster of the then-known DPMA in Hawaii.

Anyone can submit a nomination to the board. Each board member votes by secret ballot. The president then announces the results.

I'm please to announce that **Miles Tsuruoka** of GTE Hawaiian Telephone has been selected by unanimous decision to be the 1999 recipient of the Walter "Andy" Anderson Award.

Miles joined the chapter in 1992 and has been very active in our chapter. He has served at the attendance chair for many years - manning the voice mail box and handling meeting reservations and meeting check in. Recently, Miles assumed responsibility for our chapter web site and has consistently produced a viable and very professional looking web site. When co-hort, Wayne Kleckner, left for Dallas, Miles assumed responsibility for chapter publicity. Most recently, Miles has become a member of the board of directors.

Congratulations Miles on a job well done.

National News

Update membership info on-line

It is now possible to update your membership information via the national AITP web site at <http://www.aitp.org/membership/memberupdate.html>. You will need to enter your AITP membership number. If you don't know what it is, you can contact our membership database chair or any board member for that information.

Chapter List Servers

AITP Honolulu Chapter is pleased to have two list servers available where members of the local IT community can participate and communicate with each other.

It is also the primary notification tool used by the chapter to communicate with its membership. If you are a chapter member, but am not receiving meeting announcements via email, please subscribe to one of the lists.

Discussion List

This is a non-restricted list. Those who join the list are able to post messages. The posted message will then be broadcast to all members of the list. AITP Honolulu chapter also distribute information about upcoming meetings and activities in our local IT community. Anyone may post information that is IT related (please, no advertising).

Announcement List

This list is a restricted list. The list owner is the only person who can post messages. List members can only receive the posted messages. This list is used by the AITP Honolulu chapter to distribute information about upcoming meetings and activities in our local IT community.

How to Subscribe:

It's easy to join. Just visit our chapter website at <http://surf.to/aitp-Hawaii>. The bottom of the home page has instructions. Or, you can also join by visiting -

Discussion list: <http://aitphawaii.listbot.com/>
Announcement <http://aitpannounce.listbot.com/>

Student Forum now available

The national web site is now hosting a form for AITP student members and student chapters. This is an excellent opportunity to network with your peers nationwide so check it out!

Email to Headquarters

Beginning January 1, 2000, AITP Headquarters will discontinue using CompuServe for e-mail services. They have a new, central email address. Please use aitp_hq@aitp.org when contacting national. If you need to contact a specific person, please refer to the national website for individual email addresses.

Did You Know???

News from the Computer Whirl

MAXELL ACQUIRES LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE ULTRIUM TAPE CARTRIDGES
Maxell Corporation of America has announced it has been licensed to manufacture Linear Tape-Open (LTO) Ultrium tape cartridges from Hewlett-Packard Company, IBM Corporation, and Seagate Technology Inc., the technology provider companies of LTO. The company will begin shipping Ultrium cartridges in the first half of 2000 in conjunction with the introduction of LTO drives.

LTO technology combines the advantages of linear multi-channel, bi-directional formats with enhancements in servo technology, data compression, track layout, and error correction code to maximize capacity, performance, and reliability.

Ultrium is a single-reel format targeted at users requiring ultra high capacity backup, restore, and archive capabilities. The Ultrium format enables manufacturers to develop products with up to 200 GB of compressed capacity and deliver transfer rates from 20 to 40 MB per second compressed (10 to 20MB per second native).

XEROX AT COMDEX '99

Six years ago, Xerox Corporation had just a handful of digital products to display for Comdex crowds. But with Xerox's steady progression toward digital dominance and its aggressive expansion into new sales channels, they

showcased more than 40 products ranging from knowledge-sharing software tools and advanced network printers to small office products that come with free Internet access. Xerox is clearly marching on a path to growth with their digital offerings.

Call George Leong at 486-8686 with your newsworthy information.

GG Take on AOL/TW Merger

Brett Azuma and Al Lill, New Media Technologies

Summary: A merger between America Online (AOL) and Time Warner to form AOL Time Warner would benefit both firms, and will likely prompt other mergers between old and new media firms. Event: On 10 January 2000, AOL and Time Warner announced a plan to merge to form AOL Time Warner. AOL shareholders would receive 55 percent of the merged entity, with Time Warner shareholders getting 45 percent of the new firm. AOL Chairman and CEO Steve Case will become the chairman of AOL Time Warner, while Time Warner Chairman and CEO Gerald Levin will become AOL Time Warner's CEO. AOL and Time Warner will each appoint eight members of the merged entity's board of directors. Regulators and both companies' shareholders must approve the deal.

First Take: This combination gives AOL Time Warner a huge advantage over traditional media companies (e.g., Walt Disney and Bertelsmann) as well as other companies with most activities in the Internet alone and only financial investments in other areas (e.g., Microsoft Network), and will likely force more mergers between traditional and new media firms. This deal is strategic in almost every respect, including:

- * AOL, the world's largest Internet service provider, and Time Warner, the world's biggest media content company, have formed an equity relationship - not just a marketing agreement.
- * Time Warner's cable infrastructure is the best-positioned in the United States to

deliver interactive broadband services, something AOL urgently needs and is in an excellent position to exploit.

- * AOL's large installed base (more than 20 million subscribers) is a good outlet for Time Warner's content and will further bolster Time Warner's already significant Web operations (i.e., CNN.com).

The narrowband and broadband communication infrastructures, strong brands, content ownership and breadth of capabilities should position AOL Time Warner for a clear leadership position in interactive media through the planning period. Although Time Warner shareholders will likely see the value of this combination plainly, some AOL stakeholders may not welcome the deal as warmly in the short term; they may view this as a "tie-up" with a traditional media company that will weigh down a high-flying Internet pure-play. GartnerGroup believes that in the long term, all stakeholders of AOL Time Warner will see the value of this partnership.

----- Thanks to AITP'er **Dale Aiello** of Gartner Group for forwarding this information.

February Education Seminar

A Legislative Review

Sponsored By:

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Guest Speaker:

Linda Lingle

Chairperson

Hawaii Republican Party



Wednesday, February 16, 2000

Ala Moana Hotel

11:30 - 1:15 pm

Reservations Required/Cost includes lunch

Reservation Line: 546-2084

or send e-mail to: miles.tsuruoka@telops.gte.com

Discounted rate applies if reservation is placed on or before Feb 11

Members/students \$17 \$19 Guests \$23 \$25

Former Maui Mayor, Linda Lingle, has been one of the strongest challengers to enter the local political scene in recent memory. Although she lost the gubernatorial election, her efforts have served as a wake-up call to many local politicians. She currently heads the local Republican Party.

We've asked her to give us her perspective of how the legislature performed last year and as well as some insight as to what she might have done differently had she won the election. She will also speak about the state of the economy.

State officials have toted dreams of Hawaii becoming a high technology center. Yet a government publication rated the states in the management of their information technology and Hawaii was the only state to get a failing grade. Is there any chance of this dream becoming a reality?

Upcoming Events*

Jan 30 - Feb 2, 2000	Pacific Telecommunications Council Annual Conference www.ptc.org/ptc2000/index.htm	Mar 1	Bod Meeting
Feb 2	BOD Meeting Data House Noon - 1 pm	Mar 14	Bod Work Session
Feb 8	Bod Work Session Data House 5:00 pm	Mar 15	Monthly Meeting Hawaii Technology Trade Assoc
Feb 9	AIIM/ARMA Joint Meeting www.aiimhawaii.org	Apr	Bod Meeting
Feb 16	Monthly Meeting Linda Lingle, A Legislative Review	Apr	Bod Work Session
		Apr	Monthly Meeting Drake Beal The End of Employment

* Programs and dates are subject to change

To be listed here, please send the name of the event, date, description, and contact person to Debbie Stelmach at 527-6218 or send an e-mail to dstelmach@co.honolulu.hi.us. The deadline is the 25th of each month. They will be published here on a space-available, first come, first serve basis

The Aloha Gram is the monthly newsletter of the Honolulu Chapter of AITP. Paid advertising is accepted for at a nominal fee and we encourage letters or articles from our membership.

The deadline for article submission is the **25th of each month**. All articles should be submitted electronically either on diskette or sent within an E-mail.

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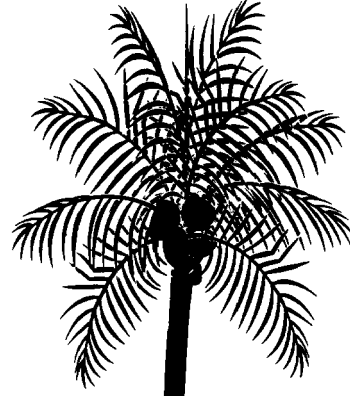
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