

2017 SLATE OF NOMINEES

President - Liz Sager

Liz Sager first became involved with PTSA 15 years ago and has held positions at the local, regional and state board level, including Maui Region Director (2008-2011), State President (2011-2015), and Vice President of Leadership (2015-2017). Her participation at the local unit level in the elementary, middle, and high school levels, as well as opportunities to participate in National PTA events across the country, have provided Liz with vast experience that has guided her in her role as a leader on the Hawaii State PTSA board.

During Liz's time with the Hawaii State PTSA Board of Directors, the board has overcome several significant obstacles, including building back a state PTSA board, becoming compliant with all of our obligations, and achieving membership increases across the state. She feels passionately that advocating to ensure that every child lives up to their potential is a commitment we owe the future generation. Liz would appreciate the opportunity to guide this impressive organization, which has been supporting the children of Hawaii since 1926, for another term and continue to lead the Hawaii State PTSA in a positive direction.

Vice President of Leadership - Patti Rabacal

Patti Rabacal has been actively involved with several Pearl City schools and held the various local unit board positions. Her PTA/PTSA experience began in 1994 with a "baby step" as the elementary school's Newsletter Chair. As the years passed, Patti has held the positions of the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, as well as fundraising, newsletter, membership, grants, scholarships, and Reflections chair.

As the current Hawaii State PTSA Treasurer, Patti has guided several units to obtain their good standing with the Internal Revenue Service and the State's Attorney General's office. She also regularly attends other local unit board meetings, to provide guidance or to confirm the great work the PTSA is doing to support Hawaii's keiki.

In years past, Patti has conducted the leadership training workshops statewide and more recently focusing on Oahu based schools. Patti feels that she would be blessed if elected for the role of Vice President of Leadership.

Treasurer – Vacant

(Position is available. Anyone interesting in this position may run from the floor by notifying Devi Berg, Hawaii State PTSA President by the start of the Convention's General Session I.)

Honolulu Regional Director - Lucy Teal

Lucy Teal is mother to three wonderful sons and also a proud grandmother. Lucy decided to be a stay home mom after her youngest son was born and she began volunteering at his school when he entered kindergarten. This was also the time that Lucy became involved with PTSA. Despite Lucy's children being grown now, she is still in the same school doing volunteer work!

For Lucy, doing volunteer work in school and with the PTSA makes a difference to other parents and their children. She enjoys networking with parents because it's a great way to learn and share. Over the last 18 years, Lucy has volunteered in various capacities such as: Literacy tutoring, School Community Based Management Chairperson (SCBM), School Community Council Chairperson (SCC), Local Unit PTSA Board (fundraising, membership, programs), and Ala Wai School Parent Center Coordinator.

Lucy became involved volunteering in school and PTSA because of her great concern and passion with children's education. In 2013, Lucy became the Honolulu Region Director. Lucy looks forward continuing to be involved with the PTSA at the state level and supporting the Hawaii State PTSA advocacy efforts to better our education system to benefit all our children.

Leeward Oahu Regional Director - Calvin Endo

Calvin M. Endo has been married to his beautiful wife Susan for 43 years and they have 11 children, five girls and six boys, and 34+ grandchildren. Calvin retired from Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard after 32 years of civil service years and three years in the U.S. Army. He took an early retirement at age 51 and began working at Wai'anae High School as their parent and community (PCNC) representative. It is a part time job that keeps him busy all day long, including weekends.

Calvin is very involved in his church, schools, community and State. He serves as the PTSA Vice President for Waianae High School, as the Education Chairman for the Waianae Neighborhood Board – working with all the principals on the Westside of Oahu and the Waianae Leeward Community College; as a Hawaii State PTSA Board Member, and is involved with Hui for Excellence in Education (HE'E) - a statewide coalition of diverse stakeholders committed to working collaboratively to identify opportunities to improve public education in Hawai'i. Two years ago, Calvin served on the National PTA Male Engagement Committee, helping to write a Starter Kit for units that want to get Men Involved in their schools.

Kaua'i Region Director – Greg Gimenez

Greg Gimenez joined the Kalaheo Elementary School PTSA two years ago when his oldest son entered kindergarten. Kalaheo had a robust PTSA with many volunteers and an effective fund raising plan. During Greg's second year, Kalaheo sought a new leader to replace the much-accomplished outgoing president and Greg offered to serve. Greg is also a battalion commander in the U.S. Army Reserve, a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney on Kaua'i, a father of three, and a happy husband. Upon assuming the role as Kalaheo's president, he brought a leadership style refined from over 18 years leading organizations. Kalaheo's PTSA continues to thrive under Greg's tenure as it strives to reach new heights.

Greg has a passion for giving our Keiki the best education - and resources - possible. He believes that there is no limit to what can be accomplished when folks join hands in a common purpose. Being an attorney, he is accustomed working in environments with rules and regulations. He looks forward to contributing to, and learning from, the larger PTSA community if selected to serve.

Maui Region Director – Christine Ortiz

Christine Ortiz first became involved with PTA in 2010 as a board member at Wailuku Elementary School PTA, rising through the roles of secretary and president. She quickly realized that PTA plays a crucial role in the school by providing funds and assistance with many important parts of school life. Being an advocate and a voice for children and their families became Christine's passion.

With the assistance of her amazing board members and volunteers, Christine has been able to create new programs at the school, such as the Backpack Buddies program. This program currently provides food for 138 students, who are in need of food on weekends. Additionally, Christine has led the Wailuku PTA in organizing numerous events, a task she enjoys doing very much!

In 2015, Christine joined the Hawaii State PTSA as Maui Region Director. In this role, she has been able to share her experience as a liaison to other Maui County PTSA's and PTAs. She would appreciate the opportunity to continue to guide this organization and help to make sure all Maui County PTA/PTSA leaders feel supported.

West Hawaii Region Director – Stephanie Landers *(For current vacant position through 2018.)*

Stephanie Landers RN, BSN, CEN has been a Registered Nurse for 20 years. Currently, she is a Nursing Supervisor at North Hawaii Community Hospital in Kamuela, Hawaii. Stephanie has been an active member of Waikoloa K-8 PTSA for three years. She is currently the PTSA President at Waikoloa Elementary and Middle School, where her son attends 2nd grade. In addition to volunteering in her child's classroom and with PTSA, Stephanie can also be found volunteering at the many local medical tents that are needed in the West Hawaii region for the Lavaman Triathlon, Honu 70.3, and the Kona Ironman.