Annual Report

June 2011

Of the Executive Director and the Associate Director to the Members of the Hawaii Association of Independent Schools
Mahalo to HAIS president Joe Rice (Mid-Pacific Institute) for his exceptional leadership. Joe is now completing his successful and inspiring two year term (2009-2011). Congratulations and best wishes to HAIS vice president Sandra Theunick (St. Andrew’s Priory) as she begins her two year term as president, with Val Iwashita (Iolani School) serving as vice president.

The Association membership for the 2010-2011 school year was as follows:

- **Full Members:** 60
- **Provisional Members:** 4
- **Association Members:** 6
- **Affiliate Members:** 32
- **Total Members:** 102
2010-2011 HIGHLIGHTS

July

HAIS and CAIS **Task Force on Accreditation** in Los Angeles

August

**Heads’ and Trustees’ Conference** with NAIS president Pat Bassett

September

**Fall Admission Fairs** with HAIS Admission Directors, Honolulu and Leeward Oahu

**GROW HAWAII** Challenge and Iron Chef Cook-off at Sheraton Waikiki

**HONOLULU** Magazine publishes *Hawaii Guide to Private Schools*, with First Hawaiian Bank

**Hawaii Schools Digital Media (HSDM)** grants to K-12 schools with ‘Olelo/HENC funds

October

**Maui Independent Schools (MISO)** convenes annual Professional Development Day

**Fall Admission Fair** with HAIS Admission Directors, Windward Oahu

**Schools of the Future with HCF** convenes 1,100 educators to hear Sir Ken Robinson

November

HAIS and CAIS convene **Task Force on Accreditation** in Hawaii

HAIS attends **WASC Annual Meeting** in Burlingame, CA

January

HAIS convenes **16** accreditation visits; **75** educators serve on visiting teams

February

**Schools of the Future** studies assessment with Marc Chun (CAE) and Bob Peters (Hanahauoli)

**Public Purposes of Private Education** addressed at NAIS Annual Conference in DC

**NAIS Diversity Leadership Award** given to Punahou President James K. Scott in DC

March

HAIS and CAIS convene **Task Force on Accreditation** in Los Angeles

April

HAIS **Annual Recognition Dinner** convenes at St. Andrew’s Priory to recognize retirees

**Hawaii Executive Conference** convenes on Lanai with co-chairs Kelvin Taketa, Hawaii Community Foundation and Duncan MacNaughton, The MacNaughton Group

**HAIS-inspired Professional Practice Doctorate degree** launched with College of Education at UH

May

HAIS concludes participation in 2011 Session at **Hawaii State Legislature**

**GROW HAWAII** Student Farmer’s Market, at KCC, Culinary Institute of the Pacific

June

**HAIS/Master’s Degree Program in Private School Leadership** reconvenes at Punahou School for second summer with 23 emerging leaders

**21st Century Teaching and Learning - Graduate Institute**, launched with Chaminade University

HAIS produces **12** **Hawaii Educational Networking Consortium (HENC)** videos focused on current and relevant educational practices, ideas, and themes in schools
ACCREDITATION AND LICENSING
(School Renewal and Improvement)

Volunteer Leadership for the HAIS Accreditation Program
Bob Peters (Hanahau‘oli School) and Linda Reser ('Iolani School) served their last terms as HAIS delegates to the Accrediting Commission for Schools at WASC. Dan White (Island Pacific Academy) served as chair of the HAIS Secondary Commission, and Bob Peters served as chair of the HAIS Elementary Commission.

Robert Witt served as chair of the NAIS Commission on Accreditation. Roberta Bishop, Cynthia Jordan and Megan Kawatachi served as staff for the HAIS school improvement and evaluation programs.

Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)
Robert Witt attended the WASC Winter Commission meeting in San Diego. David E. Brown, WASC Executive Director attended the HAIS Commission meeting in April 2011. 16 accreditation visits were convened jointly with WASC.

Partners at CAIS, WCEA, AWSNA and AMS
California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), Western Catholic Education Association (WCEA), the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA), the American Montessori Society (AMS), and others continue to be our accreditation partners and fully recognize the integrity of our protocols and processes. One joint visit was convened with AWSNA this year and one with WCEA.

The CAIS/HAIS Accreditation Task Force continues to jointly review and revise the CAIS and HAIS accreditation protocols.

Hawaii Council of Private Schools (HCPS)
Unaccredited private schools in Hawaii are participants in our licensing program, implemented under the auspices of the Hawaii Council of Private Schools (HCPS). Mark Sugimoto (Hanalani Schools) continued to serve as chair of the HCPS Board of Directors, and Edna Hussey (Mid-Pacific Institute) continued as vice chair. Roberta Bishop serves as HCPS executive director, and Myrna Medeiros serves as the organization’s secretary/treasurer. HCPS conducted six licensing visits this year and welcomed three new member schools: Calvary Chapel Christian School, Central Christian School, and Pearl Harbor Christian Academy.

Criminal History Record Check Program
The Criminal History Record Check Program, operated out of the HAIS office, is another important activity of HCPS. This year, in collaboration with the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center for the State of Hawaii, 844 background checks were processed for new school employees at HAIS member schools.

Kamehameha Schools Criminal History Record Check Program
HAIS expanded its criminal history record check program by being awarded a contract to provide criminal background checks for all prospective employees of Kamehameha Schools on Oahu and the neighbor islands.

ACCREDITATION VISITS IN 2010-2011

- 16 accreditation visits
  - 9 Full Self-Study visits
  - 2 Mid-Term visits
  - 3 Two-Day visits
  - 1 Initial visit
  - 1 Substantive Change visit

75 volunteers on visiting committees representing:

- HAIS (43)
  - WASC and DOE (13)
  - WCEA (1)
  - Charter Schools (7)

Visiting Committee Chairs: 5 from CAIS
  - 1 from WASC
  - 3 from HAIS
  - 2 from international schools

5 HAIS committee chairs sent to CAIS visits.
ADVOCACY  Highlights of the 2011 Legislative Session

Special Purpose Revenue Bonds

Two Special Purpose Revenue Bond request bills were approved this session - House Bill 773 for St. Louis School and HB 1313 for Windward Nazarene Academy. St. Louis will be able to borrow up to $40 million and Windward Nazarene will be able to borrow up to $15 million, both to be used for campus development and improvement projects.

Public and Early Education

Senate Bill 8 changes the way Board of Education members are selected for office. This bill passed and became Act 5 (2011). Members are now directly appointed by the governor and approved by the Senate.

Senate Bill 1485 gives the superintendent of education the ability to reconstitute public (non-charter) schools that have been in restructuring for at least four years. This could be helpful to the superintendent to catalyze change in underperforming public schools. Senate Bill 1485 was passed.

Last year, Act 63 (2010) was passed, which allowed the Early Learning Council to conduct meetings by teleconference, which is more cost-effective and allows flexibility. This year Senate Bill 1349 will extend the ability to use electronic means of communication to all nonprofit corporations as Act 37. This will include electronic voting, notices, and meetings by teleconference.

Other 2011 Legislative Measures of Note

Senate Bill 1233 relates to the solicitation of funds from the public. Specifically for HAIS, this measure continues exemptions to otherwise obligatory charity registration for all accredited educational institutions.

Senate Bill 1503, dealing with special education, is a bill that HAIS worked closely on and helped craft, along with the Department of Education. This will require non-public schools that accept DOE special education students to comply with federal and state laws and regulations, as well as become accredited by HAIS/WASC to maintain or earn eligibility.

HAIS supported several bills related to our farm-to-school initiative, GROW HAWAII. This session there were bills related to farm-to-school month, farm-to-school programs, a farm-to-school task force, and a school garden-to-school-lunch program. Unfortunately, none of these measures passed this session, which means we will be increasing our efforts in this area next session.
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

HAIS Heads’ & Trustees’ Conference on Maui and Oahu
The HAIS Heads’ & Trustees’ Conference convened on August 24, 2010 at Seabury Hall on Maui with 50 attendees and at Punahou School on Oahu with 90 attendees. Highlighting the conferences were presentations by NAIS President Pat Bassett on Top Ten Trends for School Leaders to Ponder and NAIS’s School and Student Services (SSS) CEO Mike Flanagan on SSS concerning new improvements to services.

NAIS Strategy & Design Program
HAIS co-organized the NAIS Strategy & Design Program with 90 attendees on December 9, 2010 at 'Iolani School with NAIS President Pat Bassett. The day focused on generating meaningful discussions around independent school trends and strategic ideas for continued school success.

HAIS & UH Master’s Degree Program in Private School Leadership
HAIS and the Educational Foundations Department of the College of Education of the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa jointly operate a master’s degree program through the Outreach College which focuses on educational leadership in the unique setting of the private school. The program is designed to meet the needs of leaders and aspiring leaders in independent schools, be they administrators, teachers or other educators. The program curriculum blends research-based knowledge with the wisdom of experienced private school leaders.

The 23 members of Cohort IV continued their studies throughout this academic year and will convene at Punahou School for their final summer semester of courses starting June 13, 2011. Graduation will be at Punahou School on Friday afternoon, July 22.

Cohort IV Students

Ella Browning, Mid-Pacific Institute
Verena Denove, The Wesley School
Todd Fleming, 'Iolani School
Sarah Flowers, Archway School
Quinn Kealoha Ho'omana-Heffernan, Kamehameha Schools - Kapālama Middle School
Brad Jackson, San Domenico School
Todd Jinbo, Mid-Pacific Institute
Brian Johnson, Punahou School
Toni Marie Kaui, Kamehameha Schools Hawaii
Robert (Bob) McIntosh, Mid-Pacific Institute
Lauren Medeiros, Punahou School
Christopher Mike Moses, La Pietra – Hawaii Schools for Girls

Stacey Olson, St. Mark Lutheran School
Lourdes Katy Roybal, Trinity School
Michael Samale, The Bishop’s School
Susan Sanger, Sacred Hearts Academy
Keith Sarkisian, Brentwood School
Marci-Rose Sarsona, Ke Kula 'O Samuel M. Kamakau LPCS
Sione Thompson, Saint Louis School
Tatiana (Tati) Fox, Kamehameha Schools – Kapālama Middle School
Kirk Uejio, 'Iolani School
Noriko Vergel, Island Pacific Academy
Jesse Wooten, Santa Barbara Middle School
SPECIAL PROGRAMS

HAIS Annual Recognition Dinner

The HAIS Annual Recognition Dinner convened on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Poignant tributes and humorous stories highlighted the evening as we honored our colleagues and friends from the HAIS academic community: Carmen Himenes, Superintendent, Hawaii Catholic Schools; Pat Liu, Director of Admissions, 'Iolani School; Patrick McFadden, Board president, Assets School; Mark Sugimoto, Superintendent, Hanalani Schools; and Joe Rice, President, Mid-Pacific Institute who completes his two-year term as HAIS board president at the end of June. Other prominent individuals who were recognized for their efforts on behalf of HAIS and the broader educational community were Bonnie Freitas and Neal Yasuda, Hawaii Employers Council, and Norman Sakamoto, former Hawaii State Senator. We also enjoyed the company of former Assets School Head Lou Salza, traveling all the way from Cleveland, Ohio to recognize Patrick McFadden.

APEC Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation

In Fall 2010, the Executive Committee of the HAIS Board of Directors moved to identify and develop learning opportunities that would appropriately prepare students for Hawaii hosting the esteemed 2011 APEC Leaders’ Week. The directive created an APEC initiative independently distinguished and meaningful, which could also stand in service of other, broader HAIS initiatives on engagement with the Asia-Pacific community, global citizenship, essential capacities for the 21st century, and the public purposes of private education.

HAIS launched a project website (http://haispec.ning.com/), which includes a robust and updated collection of APEC-related news, articles, events, and video. Many HAIS students were among the 300 who participated in PAAC’s model APEC simulation in March. In April, students and teachers from several schools convened to have conversations with both Ambassador Michael Michalak and John Johnson. Ambassador Michalak is the former U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam and U.S. Senior Official to APEC, and currently serves as the Senior Adviser to the Private Sector Host Committee for APEC 2011. John Johnson currently serves as the Director of Communications and Outreach at the National Center for APEC. Both men spoke to students about APEC and answered questions about their careers in the Foreign Service. Schools are currently engaging with the Hawaii Host Committee about possible media recognition and student volunteerism during Leaders’ Week.

Through dialogue with programmatic and thought partners, including the APEC 2011 Hawaii Host Committee, National Center for APEC, APEC Business Advisory Council, University of Hawai'i, East-West Center, Pacific Asian Affairs Council, National Association of Independent Schools, consulates and members of the City Council, we continue to seek opportunities for schools and students.

HENC Videos

In collaboration with ‘Olelo and the Hawaii Educational Networking Consortium (HENC), HAIS produces videos focused on current and relevant educational practices, ideas, and/or themes in schools and educational organizations across Hawaii. These 30-minute videos are aired on Channel 56 statewide. Some videos follow a particular project, program, or theme and others capture speakers at conferences or workshops discussing education-related topics.

2010-11 Videos
*After-School All-Stars
*Civic Literacy Event with Kanu Hawaii Fellows
*Connecting Students, Alumnae, and the Community: 'Iolani Community Action Network
*Design-Based Learning
*Governor Neil Abercrombie – Social Issues Conversation with St. Francis School
*Grow Hawaii Pa'ina
*Grow Hawaii Project
*Growing Social Entrepreneurs: Luke Center for Public Service
*Kanu Hawaii Youth Fellows
*Nainoa Thompson - Hokulea Worldwide Voyage
*Talia Lehman – RandomKids
*Tuning Protocols with Island Pacific Academy
Schools of the Future

The Schools of the Future (SOTF) initiative that is funded by the Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF) and managed by HAIS continued into its second operational year during 2010-11. All 18 projects involving 20 HAIS member institutions were funded for a second year in May of 2010. Year three is getting underway presently.

Academy of the Pacific  'Iolani School  Montessori Hale O Keiki
Assets School  Island Pacific Academy  Sacred Hearts Academy
Hanahau'oli School  Kauai Pacific School  Seabury Hall
Hanalani Schools  Le Jardin Academy  St. Joseph School in Hilo
Hualalai Academy  Maui Preparatory Academy  St. John the Baptist School and St. Anthony School in Honolulu
Hongwanji Mission School  Mid-Pacific Institute  St. John Vianney School and St. Anthony School in Kailua

2010 SOTF Study Tour

The second year was launched with a Study Tour to the annual conference of the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) in Denver, Colorado at the end of June. More than 70 team members from the 18 projects spent four days “drinking from a fire hose” of technology and curriculum information offered by more than a thousand presenters.

SOTF Community of Learners

The key learning component of the SOTF initiative continued to be the Community of Learners. The SOTF community of learners (CoL) is nurtured and supported through a series of face-to-face workshops, the annual group study tour, and an online virtual collaboration environment, the SOTF Ning website (www.futureschools.ning.com). It is in these collaborative environments that the participants discuss problems, possibilities, issues and challenges as well as share best practices that are developing in the process of transforming their respective schools.

Four day-long, face-to-face CoL Workshops were convened on September 9, December 10, February 14 and May 5. Each gathering brought together two to five persons from each of the 18 projects for a day of collaboration around a specific theme, and most importantly an opportunity to exchange information with one another. As a result of these exchanges, some projects scheduled visits to member schools to observe classes or to assist with in-service training.

2010 SOTF Conference

The highlight of the second year was certainly the 2010 SOTF Conference held on October 14th at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Almost 1,200 educators turned out to hear Sir Kenneth Robinson begin the day with a humorous and inspiring keynote address. This was followed by a series of standing-room-only breakout sessions provided by six of the participating projects. In addition, students from eight of the projects set up presentations in the lobby and exhibited what and how they are learning as a result of project-based learning initiatives at their schools.

Other SOTF Highlights

In addition to the key components of the SOTF initiative described above, a variety of other activities supported and reinforced this effort to transform the learning environments of our schools. Several of the projects have developed their own SOTF training programs for their own faculty as well as for interested faculty from other schools. The SOTF program worked with High Tech High in San Diego to promote a special “Certificate in School Leadership” program and several faculty from Hawaii took advantage of this. Finally, HAIS continued to support the series of “video stories” produced by videographer Kelsey Matsu that highlight the transformations taking place in the 20 SOTF schools. Visit the SOTF NING (See above) to view some of these.

HAIS is grateful for the partnership with the Hawaii Community Foundation (HCF) in this important education initiative. Our association continues to benefit from the leadership, vision and support provided by Chris Van Bergeijk, Pi‘ikea Miller and Rhea Abenojar at HCF.
Now completing its first year, **GROW HAWAII** is a three-year effort designed to make meaningful impact on food behavior and build capacity with cafeteria managers at 12 private independent schools and two public charter schools, using garden programs as the leverage point for change. Thus far, we are encouraged by progress made toward 1) increasing awareness of locally grown food while simultaneously reconnecting youth back to the natural world, and 2) piloting school gardens programs to serve as mission critical dimensions of school life for those schools actively adopting new 21\textsuperscript{st} century teaching and learning practices designed to equip graduates of our schools with the essential capacities necessary for future success in college, careers and citizenship.

Underpinning the GROW HAWAII project is HAIS’ conviction that schools are the only social system capable of shaping new beliefs and behaviors with youth in their formative years, and a unique and powerful force for good in our communities. GROW HAWAII uses HAIS’ independence, innovative culture, nimbleness, and proven problem-solving capacity to enhance the value proposition of offering scalable and replicable approaches capable of imbuing new behaviors and attitudes in sustainability.

The GROW HAWAII community of schools:

- Academy of the Pacific
- Hongwanji Mission School
- 'Iolani School
- Kamehameha Schools - Kapālama Campus
- Sacred Hearts Academy
- St. Anthony Parish School – Kailua
- University Laboratory School (NCPCS)
- American Renaissance Academy
- Honolulu Waldorf School
- Kamaile Academy (PCS)
- Punahou School
- Saint Louis School
- St. Mark Lutheran School
- Windward Nazarene Academy

Funding and thought partnership for GROW HAWAII comes from Ulu’pono Initiative LLC, the Atherton Family Foundation, and the State of Hawaii Department of Agriculture; corporate support provided by Whole Foods; and program partners include Kokua Hawai‘i Foundation and the Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Kapiolani Community College.

Jenna Ishii, Kendra Ozaki, and Lucy Ahn provide HAIS leadership for GROW HAWAII.

**HAIS/Kamehameha Schools Charter Schools Accreditation**

In July 2010, HAIS began collaborating with Kamehameha Schools to provide technical assistance, professional development, and coaching to charter schools seeking accreditation with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). In the first year of the project, Ho'olako Like, a KS department within its public education support division, signed agreements with five Hawaiian-focused charter schools (HFCS) to begin the process: Application for Affiliation, Initial Visit Application, and the One-Day Initial Visit. Members of these five HFCS participated in HAIS trainings and workshops, served on HAIS Visiting Committees, and followed HAIS/WASC protocol in their own accreditation work. Each school (all are Hawaiian language immersion) was visited in April by pairs of HAIS partners and colleagues, one of the pair representing WASC and the other representing HAIS. All five HFCS finished their school year as Candidates for Accreditation with WASC and will continue to call upon HAIS support as they engage in their Self-Study process, culminating in a full three-day visit in spring 2013 or 2014.
STUDENT PROGRAMS

Kamehameha Schools Kipona (previously known as the PKS-K) Scholarship Program

In an effort to transition the scholarship program from the original 3-year pilot into its status as a regular, on-going KS program, a decision was made to give the program a name that represents the keiki participating in the program. The name “Kipona” was selected reflecting a style of lei known for using various types of flowers, shells, or foliage to weave a lei. On their own, the components are beautiful, but when combined and expertly crafted these leis are exquisite and befitting an Ali‘i. Keiki participating in the Kipona program are individually beautiful, but woven together as a group these keiki represent a lei of beauty and diversity befitting Ke Ali‘i Pauahi.

Inspired by a new name and decision to continue the program, this fourth year of offering needs-based scholarships to students attending non- Kamehameha private schools went very well. The Kipona program supplements financial assistance programs provided by participating private schools and organizations.

Participating schools are accredited through the Hawai‘i Association of Independent Schools or Hawai‘i Catholic Schools.

Academic Year 2010-2011 Results

KS awarded 125 kindergarten keiki for the 2011-2012 academic year with a total of 485 awards. These were given to students in grades K-3 for the 2011-2012 AY. In 2010-2011, 66 eligible private schools will participate in the program.

HAWAIIAN EDUCATIONAL COUNCIL (HAIS Affiliate Organization)

48th Hawaii Executive Conference

This annual forum for Hawaii’s CEO community was convened this year on Lanai by co-chairs Duncan MacNaughton of The MacNaughton Group and Kelvin Taketa of the Hawai‘i Community Foundation. The conference was established to provide Hawaii executives and regional leaders with a forum for the exchange of knowledge and ideas, and has evolved into an interactive venue for discussion amongst senior executives who exert influence at the policy and strategy levels of their organizations and who provide leadership in Hawaii and the nations of the Pacific region. Featured speakers included Bob Edgar (Common Cause), Richard Ellings (National Bureau of Asian Research), Karin Frost (Ergobaby Carrier, Inc.), Roxanne Quimby (Burt’s Bees), and Ernest von Simson (Ostriker von Simson).
CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

Admission Directors
Lori Carlos (Maryknoll School), provided leadership to the admission directors group with Kelly Goheen (Holy Nativity School) as co-chair.

Seven meetings were convened and hosted by HAIS admission directors at their respective schools: Tim Kaneshiro and Kathy Lee, Hawaii Baptist Academy; Betsy Hata, Punahou School; Sandy Robinson, La Pietra – Hawaii School for Girls; Scott Siegfried and Ella Browning, Mid-Pacific Institute; Lori Carlos, Maryknoll School.

Preschool directors from 19 preschools joined admission directors at the September meeting for a presentation concerning admissions at HAIS schools. Following the November meeting, admission directors were treated to a presentation and tour of Punahou School’s K-1 Omidyar Neighborhood. At the January meeting, invited speaker Carl Bonham, associate professor at UH Economic Research Organization, joined admission directors for a conversation concerning the economic forecast for Hawaii.

The May meeting was bittersweet as admission directors bid farewell to Pat Liu, who is retiring after 27 years at ‘Iolani School. Pat was recognized by her colleagues for her years of leadership and service in a special rose ceremony. Others who were recognized were Sandy Robinson (La Pietra-Hawaii School for Girls) who is returning to teaching full-time, and Pono Ma’a who is now Kamehameha School’s Neighbor Island Regional Resource Center Director. Many thanks to Pat, Sandy, and Pono for their dedication and commitment.

Business Officers
The HAIS Business Officers Group (HAISBO) met three times this year. Invited speakers presented information on purchase card programs, tuition collection, fraud prevention, retirement plans, the eRate program, legal issues, risk management, and emergency broadcasting. As a number of schools continue to be challenged by enrollment and rising operating costs, round table discussions tended to focus on budgetary matters. The meetings are held at different campuses and this year the group benefited from tours of the Punahou Omidyar K-1 neighborhood, Hanahau ‘oli School, and ‘Iolani School. The business officers also coordinated with the Hawaii Employers Council to conduct the annual HAIS 2010-2011 Faculty and Staff salary survey.

Council of Advancement Officers
The Council of Advancement Officers (CAO) under the leadership of Lissa Schiff, Punahou School and Jane Heimerdinger, ‘Iolani School co-sponsored with the Council for Advancement & Support of Education (CASE) two workshops on August 10, 2010 and October 1, 2010. The workshops included information and discussion on: innovative marketing online, special events, social networking, the current/future economy (local and national) and technological strategies for those involved in advancement, marketing, communication, alumni and event planning.

In addition, the CAO gathered online for a number of webinars thanks to the generosity of Punahou School.

Student Activities Group
There have been two face-to-face gatherings of this group organized by Naomi Ashman, Kamehameha Schools – Maui Campus. In addition, this group continues to communicate and collaborate by email via an HAIS listserv, with a focus on sharing contacts and recommendations about vendors and programs.

A Retreat Planning Committee is currently planning an HAIS Student Activities Directors Retreat for June 17, 2011 to be convened on Oahu. Retreat topics to include: Legal Matters, Graduation, Elections, Spirit Weeks, Community Service, and Pep Rallies.

Retreat Planning Committee Members:
*Jason Wagner, Assets School
*Naomi Ashman, Kamehameha Schools – Maui Campus
*Bill Wheeler, Mid-Pacific Institute
*Nydia Santiago-Cordero, Island Pacific Academy
*Kira Tamashiro, ‘Iolani School
*Kirk Uejio, ‘Iolani School
*Lisa Leong, HAIS Liaison
Technology Coordinators
The HAIS Technology Group had only one gathering during the 2010-2011 year – a briefing by Apple Computer at Mid-Pacific Institute on the advantages of eBooks and FlexBooks over printed textbooks in middle and high school. Advantages included not only the cost benefits of eBooks (often only 20% to 30% of the cost of printed textbooks) but also the health benefit gained by not having students carry around 50 pounds of books. The instructional value is also increased because eBooks are often continually updated even during the year they are being used, and they can be interactive and multimedia.

The Technology Group listserv was also put to good use when DTRIC Insurance offered to donate, to interested schools, over 100 Dell desktop computer systems that were being replaced. All of the computers were less than 3 years old and in excellent condition. Six HAIS schools, including one neighbor island school, took advantage of this opportunity to obtain between 3 and 30 computers.

Summer School Directors
Casey Agena from Punahou School assumed the leadership this year for the summer school directors. The group met in December to discuss summer registration and again in March at Le Jardin Academy. Directors discussed cross-registered courses that will meet on both school’s campuses, the desire for more school collaboration, and the processes and systems used for registration. Of particular note was the planning involved in transitioning from print to online registration. Lastly, there was conversation on possibly aggregating schools’ summer information online so that educators and parents could more easily search available summer programs.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS
Bob Peters (Hanahau'oli School) and Dee Jay Mailer (Kamehameha Schools) are co-chairs of the State of Hawaii Early Learning Council (ELC).

Jim Scott (Punahou School) is past Board Chair and current board member for the Secondary School Admission Test Board (SSATB) and serves on an Advisory Board for the Klingenstein Center at Teachers College at Columbia University.

Mark Sugimoto (Hanalani Schools) is the HAIS delegate to the Council on American Private Education (CAPE).

Bob Peters (Hanahau'oli School) and Linda Reser ('Iolani School) are both finishing their second consecutive three year terms as HAIS Commissioners at the Accrediting Commission for Schools at the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).

Rod Chamberlain (Kamehameha Schools) serves on the Hawaii P-20 Council.

Robert Witt, HAIS executive director, serves as a member of the NAIS Board of Directors, chairing its Public Policy and Government Relations Committee, along with serving (past chair) on the NAIS Commission on Accreditation. Additionally, he is a member of the Ho'okako'o Corporation Board of Directors, which is responsible for governing several public conversion charter schools that are recipients of assistance from Kamehameha Schools; he is a member of the Advisory Committee to the College of Education at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the Advisory Committee of the Hawaii Education Policy Center.

Robert is also president of the Hawaiian Educational Council (HEC), the education nonprofit organization with which HAIS continues to share its office and staff. Among its many activities, HEC most notably convenes the annual Hawaii Executive Conference.
HAIS STAFF

Your HAIS staff continues to dedicate its talents to serving all of you at our member schools: Robert Witt as executive director; Roberta Bishop as associate director, chief operating officer and director of accreditation; Myrna Medeiros as financial officer; Lisa Leong as director of programs; and Erin Tyrell as assistant director of programs/receptionist. Phil Bossert continues his work with the Schools of the Future Initiative and provides support for the HAIS Technology Directors Constituency Group. Jenna Ishii continues to assist with communications activities and is our liaison with the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

To provide support for new HAIS initiatives, we are pleased to welcome Lucy Ahn, director of development and communications, following the January departure of Cynthia Jordan; Megan Kawatachi, accreditation coordinator for charter schools; Ryan Masa, director of social innovation and coordinator of APEC activities; and Carey Goo, intern. Jenna Ishii and Kendra Ozaki are coordinators for the GROW HAWAII program.

Robert M. Witt
Executive Director

Roberta O. Bishop
Associate Director

June 2011