# GOV. MSG. NO. 684

#### Qualifications & Relevant Experience

- Broad knowledge of Hawaiian history, culture and natural resources
- Participation in culturally-rooted community groups, such as Ka Pā Hula O Kauanoe O Wa'ahila and the Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana
- Experience in Land and Cultural Resource Management with participation and facilitation of Kahoʻolawe accesses with the Protect Kahoʻolawe 'Ohana and the Kahoʻolawe Island Reserve Commission
- Knowledge of and training in various Hawaiian cultural protocols
- Coursework and focus in the Hawaiian Studies concentration area of Mālama 'āina, including extensive work and research in mo'olelo 'āina and mele wahi pana
- Community and volunteer work in strategic planning, community organization and chairing planning committees for various fundraising events and community gatherings
- Strong leadership and communication skills grounded in Hawaiian values, morals and ethics
- Highly driven, independent and accountable
- Knowledge of technology and basic computing applications such as Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, & Excel) and advanced programs such as Adobe Photoshop CC, Adobe Illustrator CC, Adobe InDesign CC and basic web-building applications.
- Knowledge of video and photo-editing, basic photography and videography skills, knowledgeable in Final Cut Pro.
- Extensive knowledge of hula (30+ years), mele (songs), and oli (chants)
- Thesis research focused on hula, mele (songs and chants), mo'olelo (legends), and various cultural sites on Lāna'i
- Management experience, including facilitating logistics for staff and activities.
  Moderate experience managing budgets and tracking employee time and payroll.
- Certified UTV and ATV operator
- CPR and Wilderness First Aid certified

#### Education

Graduation from Kamehameha Schools, Kapālama Campus Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Studies & Minor Certificate in Ethnic Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, GPA: 3.56 Master of Arts in Hawaiian Studies, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Concentration in Mālama 'Āina and Mo'olelo 'Āina Thesis: He Mele Kēia 'Āina 'O Lāna'i: Mapping a Cultural Landscape Through Mele

First Nations' Futures Fellowship Program, Kamehameha Schools & Stanford University Woods Institute for the Environment

#### Community Involvement & Extra Curricular Activities

#### Lāna'i Culture and Heritage Center Volunteer community and guest outreach

Ka Pā Hula O Kauanoe O Wa'ahila, Kumu Hula Maelia Loebenstein Carter Hula dancer, responsible for planning and organizing fundraising events, aiding in instruction of childrens' and adult hula classes

#### Protect Kaho'olawe 'Ohana

Planning and coordinating community group accesses to Kaho'olawe, facilitating volunteer groups on Kaho'olawe as a Kua (volunteer leader) and Access Guide (trained in unexploded ordnance identification and safety), organizing and planning fundraisers and community events, website development and maintenance, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram account facilitator

#### Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

Volunteering on Kaho'olawe with KIRC revegetation program

## NOAA Hawaiian Monk Seal Advisory Team Member

August 2017 - August 2019

### State of Hawai'i King Kamehameha Day Commission Member

August 2018 - December 2019

#### St. Patrick School

After school hula teacher and volunteer hula teacher for May Day

#### **Employment Experience**

#### Lāna'i Cultural Practitioner October 2018 - Present

Four Seasons Resort Lāna'i Wendy Ka'ōpūiki - Director of Island Activities and Hawaiian Culture wendy.kaopuiki@fourseasons.com

#### Lecturer - Elementary Hawaiian Language August 2018 - Present

University of Hawai'i Maui College - Lāna'i Education Center Pamela Alconcel - Lāna'i Education Center Coordinator palconce@hawaii.edu

## Assistant Manager - Culture and Resource Administration October 2015 - October 2018

Pūlama Lāna'i Culture and Historic Preservation Division Kepā Maly - Senior Vice President of Culture and Historic Preservation kmaly@pulamalanai.com, (808) 565-3300

#### Volunteer Coordinator September 2013 - September 2015

State of Hawaii Department of Land & Natural Resources Kahoiolawe Island Reserve Commission Michael Nahoiopii, Executive Director mnahoopii@kirc.hawaii.gov, (808) 243-5020

Duties: Coordinate and manage volunteer groups and access to Kahoʻolawe, logistics planning, scheduling, and management of vessel operations for staff mobilization. Volunteer education and community outreach, informing volunteers and community members about the natural, cultural and historical resources and significance of Kahoʻolawe. Field work, including operating weed eaters and chainsaw. Leading volunteer groups in natural and cultural restoration projects on Kahoʻolawe. Assisting in vessel operations, serving as boat crew and operating the vessel. Operation of ATVs and 4x4 vehicles.

#### Lecturer

June 2013-August 2013

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Ethnic Studies Department

Duties: Teach Summer Course of Ethnic Studies 107: The Hawaiians

Assistant to the Director March 2012-June 2013

Chaminade University of Hawai'i Office of Native Hawaiian Partnerships Bro. Bernie Phloeger, President bernard.phloeger@chaminade.edu

**Graduate Assistant** 

Aug. 2011 - Dec. 2011

University of Hawai'i Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian studies Pi'ilani Ka'aloa, Supervisor rkaaloa@hawaii.edu

**Customer Sales Representative** 

Aug. 2010 - Aug. 2011 Apple store, Kahala Jen Neves, Store Leader (808) 738-4400

Self-Employed

May 2009 - Aug. 2010

Soloist Hula Dancer, contracted through Kika, Inc. Erin Wellbrock, Bookings Manager

(808) 735-2088

Duties: entertainment at various resorts in Waikīkī

Program Instructor

Summer 2005 and Summer 2006

Nā Pua No'eau Lāna'i Papa Alaka'i Program Chantell Schilling, Coordinator (808) 565-9100

Knowledge of Language Other Than English

'Ōlelo Hawai'i (Hawaiian Language) - read, write and converse. Highest level of language taken: HAW 426

#### References