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## KARL KAMADA NAMED AS TRUSTEE

On July 16, 2014 the Board of Trustees for the Mason Contractors Association of Hawaii voted to install **Karl Kamada**, Affiliated Construction, to serve on the Masonry Institute of Hawaii's Board of Trustees. Karl replaces **Harry Cornish**, who had served as the MIH's Board of Trustee's Secretary. Karl has previously served as a Trustee and brings a wealth of information and ideas to the MIH.

Welcome, Karl.



Karl Kamada, presenter, at "Rock Seminar".

## OAHU'S RAIL SYSTEM - UPDATE

Hart's **Brennon Morioka**, Deputy Executive Director, presented current information through a PowerPoint presentation to the members of the MCAH. The presentation was held on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Buzz's Steak House in Pearl City.

There are 21 stations in the 20 mile long rail segment. Park and Ride facilities are planned at East Kapolei, University of Hawaii – West Oahu, Pearl Highlands and Aloha Stadium. The UH-West Oahu park and ride facility is scheduled for design/construction in March, 2016 for an estimated cost of \$10 million. The rail cars will run at 5 minute intervals during peak hours and 11 minutes

during non-peak hours. Yet to be designed are four airport stations estimated at \$63 million in November, 2014 and the 8 stations at Dillingham/Kakaako for an estimated \$125 Million in August, 2015.

## MIH HOSTS SEGMENTAL WALL SEMINAR

As a result of a successful MCAH Golf Tournament fund raising event, the MIH was able to sponsor a seminar titled "SEGMENTAL RETAINING WALL SYSTEMS" to 55 attendees. Funds raised at the MCAH Scholarship Golf Tournament are used to award scholarships to local students and provide seminars at reduced rates for educational purposes for the MCAH members and affiliates. The seminar was held at Pearl Country Club and was attended by engineers, architects and contractors from both the private and governmental sectors.



John Schramm, Keystone, presents Segmental Retaining Walls by Keystone Retaining Wall Systems.

Messrs. **John Schramm** and **Don McCabe** from Keystone spoke about the preliminary design, construction and aesthetic value and uses of their Keystone system.

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## MIH CALL FOR PROJECTS

The Masonry Institute of Hawaii is soliciting the architectural, contracting and engineering communities for nominations for the masonry building structure for the 2014 Project of the Year. A photo log of each nominated project will be made and presented to the MCAH/MIH members in December, 2014. The project architect will be asked to provide written information about the selection of masonry as the building material for the project. In January, 2015 the MIH will sponsor its year-end review and will present the 2014's Project of the Year.

The 2013's winner was the Physical Fitness Center at Camp Smith. The mason contractor was Construction Systems Hawaii LLC.

Please send your nominations to:

[rharaga.mih@gmail.com](mailto:rharaga.mih@gmail.com).



Camp Smith – Physical Fitness Center

## MASONRY TESTING CERTIFICATION

The Masonry Institute of Hawaii and CCPI are proposing to sponsor a Masonry Testing Certification course in the first half of 2015. The objective of the course is to educate and test the field and lab technicians. This is to ensure that when

testing masonry materials, they are tested properly. By requiring certification, the technicians must pass a written and hands-on test based on the requirement of ASTM Standards. **Mr. John Chrysler**, Executive Director, Masonry Institute of America and Kurt Siggard of the Block Manufacturers Association are currently sponsoring the certification program in both Northern and Southern California. They are scheduling training and testing before the end of this year. At this time there are only three educators approved to administer the certification examination. They are, **Phil Samblanet** with TMS, **Nick Lang** with NCMA and the third is from ACI.

The goal is to get the testing personnel to 'do the right thing', not 'do their own thing.' The NCMA and masonry industry are concerned about ourselves and the lab personnel 'doing the right thing'. ACI is well respected for the way they monitor their industry and are utilizing that model to help with the masonry industry.

MIH and CCPI will be notifying its membership of the upcoming classes and test certification in the coming months.

## DETAILING REINFORCING IN MASONRY

**Mr. John Chrysler**, Executive Director, Masonry Institute of America will be giving a half-day session on "Detailing Reinforcing in Masonry". The class will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Pearl Country Club. The class is primarily for designers but everyone is welcome to attend. The cost is \$20/person and free for MCAH/MIH members. John will be providing examples of problems with detailing steel in masonry units. Steel congestion is a problem that slows production and is faced by masons throughout the nation. John has recently presented a similar class via webinar to the Structural Engineers Association of California.