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CHANNEY WADA – MIH DIRECTOR



In January, **Channey Wada** was appointed MIH Director. She graduated from Maryknoll High School and Oregon State University with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. Upon graduating, she worked as the Office Manager with

Senate President Ronald Kouchi. She currently works for Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company with the Health, Safety, and Environment Department. On her free time, Channey enjoys hiking, fishing, and spending time with family.

The former MIH Director, **Rod Haraga** will be assisting Channey in her role as Director.

CHRYSLER'S LAST SEMINAR



John Chrysler presented a seminar on Mortar and Grout Specifications to a small group of engineers, architects, and contractors. Because of the pandemic restrictions, the class size was limited to twenty-five attendees. The seminar was held on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at Pearl Country Club. In addition to the mortar and grout portion of the seminar, John presented examples for using the tables from TMS

602 to determine the unbraced height for CMU walls under construction. Architects who attended the seminar earned 4 CEU credits.

MCAH 3RD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Mason Contractors Association of Hawaii held its Third Annual Conference on October 29-31, 2021. This conference was originally scheduled to be held in 2020 but was canceled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. MCAH's administrator, **Lisa Kim**, was able to secure the Sonesta Resort on Kauai for the conference's venue. One of the highlights of the conference was the first speaker who welcomed the attendees. **Mayor Derek Kawakami** of Kauai spoke about values and lessons instilled in him by his schoolteacher Mother that have helped guide him throughout his life. Shared with us, were these five valuable lessons: 1) Always say thank you, 2) Never judge, 3) Always forgive, 4) Leave people and places better than what you found it, and 5) There's only one time in life when it's okay to look down on someone; it's after they've fallen, and you're helping them back up.



Mayor Derek Kawakami

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MCAH members and guests were treated to several prominent speakers. Among them were **Carl Bonham**, UHERO” S Executive Director and Professor of Economics at the University of Hawaii, **John Chrysler**, Executive Director of the Masonry Institute of America, **T. Michael Hogan, Jr.**, Managing Director of Hogan Financial Group, LLC, **Jan Kaeo**, CEO of Dale Carnegie Training Hawaii and **Grant Ishikawa**, of the National Benefits Administrators. The success of the conference would not have been possible without the major sponsors. They included: Yoshida & Associates, Masons Local 630, National Benefits Administrators, Hawaiian Cement, HWMG and Pacific Administrators. Other sponsors include: LECET, Bank of Hawaii, The Kikawa Group of Raymond James.



Ryan Wada, Lisa Kim and Mayor Derek Kawakami

Q AND A – JOHN CHRYSLER

A question was asked about increasing the f'm for Hawaii from 1,500 to 2,000 psi. Are consultants still specifying f'm with 1500 psi?

Answer: The masonry design threshold of 1,500 psi was based on the old Unit Strength table contained in TMS 602. This was based on ASTM C90 minimum CMU Strength requirement of 1,900 psi. The change in the Unit Strength table in the 2013 edition of TMS 602, along with a concurrent change in ASTM C90 was based on improved quality control in the CMU manufacturing process and an upgrade of the minimum CMU strength requirement from 1,900 psi to 2,000 psi. There was also NCMA research that supported this change. The current Unit Strength Table verifies a CMU system strength of 2,000 psi based on CMU strength of 2,000 psi. There is nothing technically wrong with specifying 1,500 psi but doing so is less than the verifiable values of the Unit Strength table.

NOTE: Local manufacturer of CMU, **Tileco Inc.** said that their CMUs were tested and were shown to have f'm strength of 2,500 psi.



Ryan Wada, President MCAH and Lisa Kim, Administrator

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CMU CHECKOFF PROGRAM

The Mason Contractors Association of America in conjunction with the Department of Commerce has passed a “checkoff” program effective December 18, 2021. The checkoff program is “an industry-supported, industry-led program designed to have industry-wide participation and funding to advance the industry and to create a preference for a product”. The purpose of the program is to strengthen the position of the domestic concrete masonry products industry, maintain, develop, and expand domestic markets for concrete masonry products and promote the use of concrete masonry products in construction and building. The program will initially collect \$0.01 per 8” equivalent per unit (block) sold by the manufacturer. For more information, please visit the Department of Commerce Concrete Checkoff page.

MCAH SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The MCAH Golf Committee has set **Thursday, June 23, 2022**, for its 44th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held at Pearl Country Club located at 98-535 Kaonohi Street, Aiea. The MCAH Scholarship Golf Tournaments have supported local students by providing 6 - \$3,000 scholarships in 2019. The student chapters of ASCE and AIA were awarded \$1,000 each for its volunteer work at the golf tournament. Although the tournament was cancelled in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, MCAH still awarded 6 - \$2,000 scholarships. Information on the 2022 fund raiser will be posted on the MIH website at www.masonryhawaii.com. All proceeds raised by the golf tournament goes towards scholarships and support technical seminars for contractors, engineers and architects. It is MIH’s intent to minimize the registration fee for these seminars with funding from the tournaments.

MORE FROM MCAH CONFERENCE



LECET – Joy Kimura and Brian Lee with Ryan Wada



Ms. Jan Kaeo of the Dale Carnegie Training Program



Brian Lee, Ryan Wada, Randall Yoshida & Family