

# IBEW Local Union 1357

## Kelepona Leo



January 2022

*Special Election Issue 2*

## *2022 Local Union Elections*

February 2022 will commemorate IBEW Local Union 1357's 18th election cycle since its inception in December 1970. All those elected shall serve for the term of 3 years; March 2022 through March 2025.

In accordance with Article III, Section 5, of the Local Union 1357 Bylaws, "The Executive Board shall consist of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and seven (7) members to be elected as follows: one (1) from Saipan, one (1) Hawaii County, one (1) from Kauai County, one (1) from Maui County, and three (3) from Honolulu County (Oahu)."

Pursuant to Article III, Section 8, paragraph (b), of the IBEW Local Union Bylaws, "The offices of Business Manager and Financial Secretary shall be combined."

Article II, Section 8, of the IBEW Constitution, titled "International Convention", states in part: "Each L.U. shall be entitled to the following: (a) one (1) delegate for the first 250 members, one (1) delegate for each additional 250 members or majority fraction thereof..." for local unions with memberships between 1 and 1,625 members. Our current membership is 527. Therefore, at this time we are entitled to a total of 2 delegates. Also, as per Article VII, Section 3, of the IBEW Local Union 1357 Bylaws, "The President and Business Manager-Financial Secretary shall, by virtue of their offices, serve as delegates to the International Convention. No candidate for office of President and Business Manager-Financial Secretary may be nominated for a Delegate at Large seat at the Convention in addition to being nominated for the office of President and Business Manager-Financial Secretary."

The Local Union President has appointed Joy Galariada as the Election Judge. The Election Judge is responsible for applying and enforcing the appropriate election provisions stipulated in our IBEW Constitution and Local Union Bylaws.

Mahalo.

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## ELECTIONS BY AFFIRMATION

When there is only one nominee for a specific Local Union or Unit office, the nomination of such individual is found to be valid, and the nominee meets all the qualifications for election to such office, the Election Judge has the authority to elect such nominee by affirmation.

The final nomination meeting for our IBEW Local Union 1357 elections was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. The Election Judge determined on Thursday, December 30, 2021, the nominees' eligibility for office and has deemed that the following members are the only qualified nominees for their respective offices, their nominations are valid, they meet all the qualifications for such offices, and are eligible for election to such offices.

Therefore, the Election Judge has cast the unanimous vote to elect the following, by affirmation, to their respective Local Union and Unit offices for the 2022-2025 term of office. Each nominee shall not take office until he/she is sworn into office at the first meeting of their respective offices in March 2022.

The Election Judge also determined there were no candidates challenged for union office and therefore no ballot election is required for this election cycle.

## LOCAL UNION OFFICERS ELECTED BY AFFIRMATION

**Executive Board President** - Darren M. Sakai,

**Executive Board Vice President** - Jody G. Medeiros,

**Executive Board Recording Secretary** - Ronald E.H. Kellii,

**Business Manager-Financial Secretary** - Troy J. Benevides,

**Executive Board Treasurer** - Neal K. Katto,

**Executive Board Honolulu County** - James W. Pilgrim,

**Executive Board Honolulu County** - Nestor E. Suguitan,

**Executive Board Honolulu County** - Lisa A. Taylor,

**Executive Board Hawaii County** - Dillon K. Fernandez,

**Executive Board Maui County** - Craig A. Pruse,

**Executive Board Kauai County** - Bryan A. Carvalho

## UNIT OFFICERS ELECTED BY AFFIRMATION

<b>Unit 2 - Maui</b>	Chairman	Jody Medeiros
<b>Unit 2 - Maui</b>	Vice Chairman	Shane Wilhelm
<b>Unit 2 - Maui</b>	Recorder	Jamie Akiona
<b>Unit 2 - Maui</b>	Executive Committee Member	Ross Antolin
<b>Unit 2 - Maui</b>	Executive Committee Member	Craig Pruse
<b>Unit 2 - Maui</b>	Executive Committee Member	Todd Tyau
<b>Unit 2 - Maui</b>	Executive Committee Member	Melbert Ulep
<b>Unit 3 - Hilo</b>	Chairman	Cody Mercado
<b>Unit 3 - Hilo</b>	Vice Chairman	Lipoakaalakaiakealoha Peltier
<b>Unit 3 - Hilo</b>	Recorder	Ronald Kellii

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## UNIT OFFICERS ELECTED BY AFFIRMATION

Unit 4 - Kauai	Chairman	Teddy Albarado
Unit 4 - Kauai	Vice Chairman	Tovi Boiser
Unit 4 - Kauai	Recorder	Micah Yoshioka
Unit 4 - Kauai	Executive Committee Member	Aaron Cummings
Unit 4 - Kauai	Executive Committee Member	Semon Francisco
Unit 4 - Kauai	Executive Committee Member	Randall Ishida
Unit 4 - Kauai	Executive Committee Member	Perry Tanigawa
Unit 8 - Windward, Oahu	Chairman	Alfred Balocan
Unit 8 - Windward, Oahu	Vice Chairman	Sean Samson
Unit 8 - Windward, Oahu	Recorder	James Pilgrim
Unit 8 - Windward, Oahu	Executive Committee Member	Derrick Chun
Unit 8 - Windward, Oahu	Executive Committee Member	Warren Hanoa
Unit 8 - Windward, Oahu	Executive Committee Member	Kamohoali'i Pedro
Unit 8 - Windward, Oahu	Executive Committee Member	Tracey Rodenhurst
Unit 9 - Leeward, Oahu	Chairman	Neal Katto
Unit 9 - Leeward, Oahu	Vice Chairman	Roberto Hardy
Unit 9 - Leeward, Oahu	Recorder	Nestor Suguitan
Unit 9 - Leeward, Oahu	Executive Committee Member	Kim Ancheta
Unit 9 - Leeward, Oahu	Executive Committee Member	Jonathan Cachola
Unit 9 - Leeward, Oahu	Executive Committee Member	Keakealaniwahineopuna Motas
Unit 9 - Leeward, Oahu	Executive Committee Member	Lisa Taylor

## Local Union Officer Profiles

Get to know your Union Officers!

### Executive Board President / International Convention Delegate



**Darren M. Sakai**

**Initiation Date: May 1, 2006**

Executive Board President, April 2016 – Present  
 Executive Board Vice President, July 2015 to April 2016  
 Contract Negotiations Committee Co-Chair, 2017  
 Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2013 to Present  
 Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2013 to Present  
 Executive Board Member Kauai, May 2011 to June 2015  
 Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2013 to Present  
 IBEW International Convention Delegate – September 2016  
 Chief Shop Steward Kauai, 2013 to present  
 Shop Steward Kauai, 2010 to 2013  
 IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2014, March 2016, July 2017

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### Executive Board Vice President



**Jody G. Medeiros**

**Initiation Date: September 1, 1990**

Vice President, April 2016 – Present  
Membership Development Conference Delegate, November 2016  
Executive Board – Maui County, June 2015 – April 2016  
IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2014  
Strike Captain, November 2011  
Chairman-Unit 2, July 2010 – Present  
Vice Chairman-Unit 2, March 2008 – June 2010  
Executive Committee-Unit 2, 2006 – March 2008  
Shop Steward, 2010 to Present  
Political Action Committee Member, 2008 – Present  
Unit 2 Community Service Project Coordinator:

- American Cancer Society Relay For Life
- AFL-CIO Hawaii Foodbank NALC Food Drive
- Walk to End Alzheimer's - Maui
- Boys & Girls Club of Maui
- Visitor Industry Charity Walk – Maui
- Labor of Love, Wailuku Elementary School

### Executive Board Recording Secretary



**Ronald E.H. Kelii**

**Initiation Date: October 1, 2001**

Executive Board Recording Secretary, June 2015 - Present

### Business Manager-Financial Secretary / International Convention Delegate



**Troy J. Benevides**

**Initiation Date: August 1, 2001**

Business Manager-Financial Secretary, March 2016 to Present  
Contract Negotiations Committee Chair, 2017  
Hawaii State Assoc. of Electrical Workers Treasurer/Recording Secretary, 2016 to Present  
Hawaii State AFL-CIO Executive Board Vice President, 2016 to Present  
Hawaii State AFL-CIO Finance Committee 2020 – present  
Hawaii State AFL-CIO 2021 Convention Grievance Committee Chair  
Industrial Relations Research Association Board Member, 2019- present  
Political Action Committee Chair, 2016 to Present  
IBEW International Convention Delegate – September 2016  
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2013 to Present  
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2013 to Present  
Executive Board Member Oahu, March 2013 to 2016  
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2013 to 2016  
Shop Steward Oahu, 2011 to 2016

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### Executive Board Treasurer



**Neal K. Katto**

**Initiation Date: March 1, 1987**

Executive Board Treasurer, February 2015 – Present  
Local 1357 Authorized Signatory, 2015 to Present  
Executive Board Member Oahu, March 2013 to February 2015  
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2013 to Present  
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2013 to Present  
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2013 to Present  
Delegate - IBEW Shop Stewards Training, March 2017  
Contract Negotiations Committee Member, 2017  
Chief Shop Steward Oahu, 2013 to present  
Shop Steward Oahu, 2010 to 2013  
AFL-CIO LCSP Training Delegate, April 2017  
Right-To-Work Training, March 2017  
Leadership Conference Coordinator, August 2016  
IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2014, March 2016, July 2017, July 2019  
IBEW Membership Development Conference Delegate, August 2019  
Captain, Strike Committee HT - November 2011  
Chairman-Unit 9, March 2015 – Present  
Vice Chairman Unit 9, August 2014 to March 2015  
Executive Committee-Unit 9, March 2012 to August 2014  
Unit 9 Community Service Project Coordinator:

- AFL-CIO Hawaii Foodbank NALC Food Drive
- AFL-CIO Charity Golf Tournament
- Iron Chef Challenge
- Labor of Love, Waianae Elementary School
- Aloha United Way
- Workers Day March and Rally

### Executive Board Honolulu County

**Initiation Date: July 7, 1988**



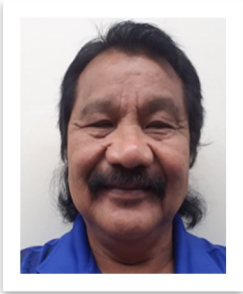
**James W. Pilgrim**

Executive Board Member- Oahu, June 2017 to Present  
Membership Development Conference Delegate, August 2018  
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2017 to Present  
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2017 to Present  
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2017 to Present  
Local 1357 Logo Design Committee Chair, 2017 to Present  
Leadership Conference Delegate, July 2017  
Member, Financial Review Committee 2017 to Present  
Local 1357 Leadership Training Delegate, July 2016  
Vice Chairman-Unit 8, January 2018 - Present  
Executive Committee Member-Unit 8, June 2014 to January 2018  
Captain, Strike Committee HT - November 2011  
Shop Steward Training, 2010, 2013, 2016  
Shop Steward, 2010 to Present

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### Executive Board Honolulu County



**Nestor E. Suguitan**

**Initiation Date: November 1, 1986**

Executive Board Member-Oahu County, February 2015 to Present  
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2015 to Present  
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2015 to Present  
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2015 to Present  
Local 1357 Authorized Signatory, 2015 to Present  
Member, Financial Review Committee 2015 to Present  
Local 1357 Leadership Training Delegate, July 2016  
Recording Secretary-Unit 9, February 2016 - Present  
Executive Committee Member-Unit 9, June 2015 to present  
Strike Committee HT - November 2011  
Shop Steward Training, 2013, 2016  
Shop Steward, 2015 to Present  
Typhoon Soudelor Relief Delegate, November 2015  
Volunteer AFL-CIO Hawaii Foodbank NALC Food Drive  
Volunteer AFL-CIO Charity Golf Tournament  
Volunteer HGEA Charles Kendall Charity Golf Tournament  
Ninth District Progress Meeting Delegate, July 2019  
Membership Development Conference Delegate, August 2019

### Executive Board Honolulu County

**Initiation Date: March 1, 1998**

Membership Development Conference Delegate, August 2018  
Labor Workshop Representative, July 2018  
New Membership Committee, 2017 to Present  
Executive Board Meeting Guest, July 2018  
Shop Steward, 2017 to Present  
Executive Committee Member-Unit 9, 2017 to Present  
Oahu Board Member, March 2019 to Present



**Lisa A. Taylor**

### Executive Board Hawaii County

**Initiation Date: July 1, 2013**

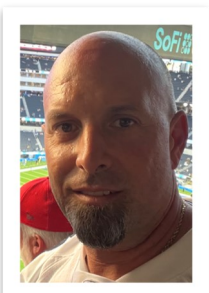
Executive Board-Hawaii County, April 2019 - Present  
Community Service  
St. Louis, Missouri - Park Clean Up  
Habitat for Humanity Builds 2011- Current  
Kailapa Community Rec. Center Build - 2018  
FoodBank Drive - West Hawaii 2018 -2019

**Dillon K. Fernandez**

### Executive Board Maui County

**Initiation Date: November 1, 2000**

Executive Board-Maui County, April 2016 to Present  
Local 1357 Insurance Trust Trustee, 2016 to Present  
Local 1357 Scholarship Fund Trustee, 2016 to Present  
Policies and Bylaws Committee Member, 2016 to Present  
Contract Negotiations Committee Member, 2017  
IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2017  
IBEW Progress Meeting Conference Delegate, July 2014  
Executive Committee Member Unit 2, 2010 to Present  
Chief Shop Steward Maui, 2015 to Present  
Shop Steward, 2010 to 2015



**Craig A. Pruse**



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### Executive Board Kauai County



**Bryan K. Carvalho**

**Initiation Date: July 1, 2014**

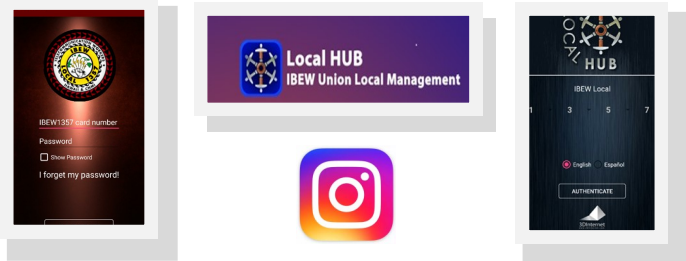
Executive Board-Kauai County, 2019 to Present  
Shop Steward - 2019 to Present

## Resources

### IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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### Monthly Unit Membership Meeting Schedule

UNIT	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
Unit 1 - Honolulu	3rd Monday, 6:00 PM	IBEW 1357 Executive Board Rm. 1103 9th Avenue, Suite 200 Honolulu, Hawaii
Unit 2 - Maui	3rd Wednesday, 5:00 PM	*Location TBD
Unit 3 - Hilo	4th Thursday, 5:00 PM	HELCO Union Hall, 535 Oceanview Drive Hilo, Hawaii
Unit 4 - Kauai	4th Tuesday, 5:00 PM	ILWU Hall, 4154 Hardy Street Lihue, Kauai
Unit 5 - Kona	3rd Tuesday, 6:00 PM	Old Kona Airport Pavilion
Unit 6 - Kamuela	3rd Wednesday, 5:00 PM	*Location TBD
Unit 7 - Molokai	3rd Tuesday, 12 Noon	*Location TBD
Unit 8 - Windward, Oahu	3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM	Makule Club House, Keaahala Rd, across from the Kaneohe playground Kaneohe, Oahu
Unit 9 -Leeward, Oahu	3rd Monday or Tuesday 6:30 PM	Chinen & Arinaga Financial Group, 95-119 Kamehameha Hwy, Ste. A, Mililani, HI 96789
Unit 10 - MTC	3rd Wednesday, 6:00 PM	*Location TDB

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