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Recognizing the Contributions of Barry Taniguchi and Ron Terry Longstanding Mauna Kea Management Board Members

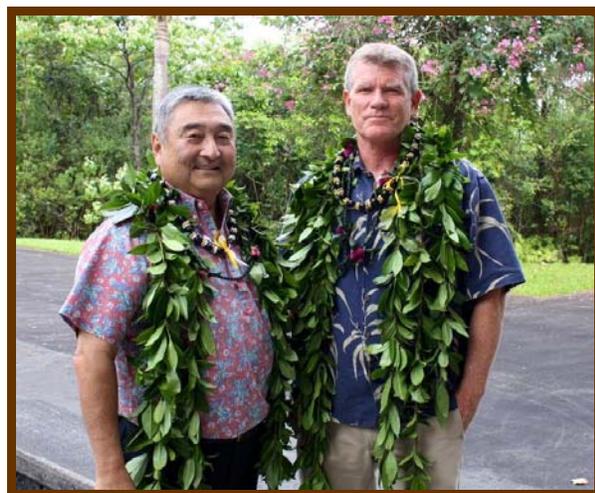
The longstanding efforts of Barry Taniguchi, Chair, Mauna Kea Management Board and Ron Terry, Second Vice Chair were acknowledged at the recent Management Board meeting as they complete their terms at the end of December. Both of them also received a special proclamation signed by UH President MRC Greenwood and UH Hilo Chancellor Donald Straney.

A founding member, Taniguchi served diligently on the Mauna Kea Management Board for twelve years.

It was the early beginnings where Taniguchi along with fellow Board members set the historic course for the governance of the Mauna Kea Science Reserve. Through the MKMB, these individuals gave a voice for the first time to the Hawaii Island community on how these lands would be managed. Now, twelve years later, the Office of Mauna Kea Management is on the right path to achieving harmony, balance and community trust in the sustainable management and stewardship of the Mauna Kea Science Reserve.

Throughout his years of service, Taniguchi gave freely of his time to ensure the voice of the community was heard. As Chair, he often had to navigate through turbulent conversations where his balanced leadership skills lent themselves well.

Ron Terry joined the Mauna Kea Management Board in 2004 and served as the chair of the Board's Environment Committee. He provided much needed guidance and understanding of environmental issues and ensured compliance with environmental rules and regulations.



Terry was instrumental in helping the Board and Office maintain the balance that is a critical part of their mission.



Also stepping down from the MKMB is Christian Veillet who is leaving Hawaii Island to take the position of Director for the Large Binocular Telescope Observatory in Arizona. As an active member of the MKMB, Veillet brought his astronomer's perspective to the Board while always keeping in focus the need to protect the resources. He was also a critical participant in the development of the Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan and sub-plans.

The Board under Taniguchi's, Terry's and Veillet's guidance successfully guided the development of the Mauna Kea Comprehensive Management Plan, and supplemental sub-plans that serve as the management "bibles" for the Office of Mauna Kea Management, assuring the protection of Mauna Kea's unique resources.

The Office of Mauna Kea Managements owes a debt of gratitude to these individuals.



ABOUT

The Office of Mauna Kea Management is charged with day-to-day management of the Mauna Kea Science Reserve as prescribed in the Master Plan. The adoption of the Mauna Kea Science Reserve Master Plan by the University of Hawaii Board of Regents in June 2000 marked a critical milestone in the management of Mauna Kea.

Meetings and public hearings spanning a period of nearly two years went into the formulation of the Master Plan, which established management guidelines for the next 20 years. The Master Plan reflected the community's deeply rooted concerns over the use of Mauna Kea, including respect for Hawaiian cultural beliefs, protection of environmentally sensitive habitat, recreational use of the mountain, and astronomy research. It places the focus of responsibility with the University of Hawaii at Hilo (UHH). The UH-Hilo Chancellor established the Office of Mauna Kea Management and the Board of Regents established the Mauna Kea Management Board in the fall of 2000. The Mauna Kea Management Board in turn formed Kahu Ku Mauna, a council comprised of Hawaiian cultural resource persons to serve as advisors.

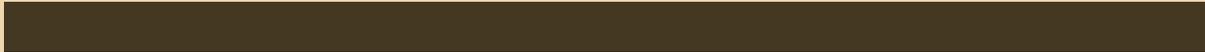
OMKM Mission

To achieve harmony, balance and trust in the sustainable management and stewardship of Mauna Kea Science Reserve through community involvement and programs that protect, preserve and enhance the natural, cultural and recreational resources of Mauna Kea while





providing a world-class center dedicated to education, research and astronomy.



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