

Councilmember Nestor R. Garcia
Chair
Honolulu City Council

TRIP REPORT
2011 Hawaii State Association of Counties Annual Conference
Wailea, Maui
June 22 – 23, 2011

Introduction

The Hawaii State Association of Counties (HSAC) hosted the Annual Conference on Maui. My main reasons for attending were:

- Remain current in HSAC's activities as a former officer of its Executive Committee and a current board member of the National Association of Counties (NACo), of which HSAC is a member.
- Monitor progress in projects largely initiated by me in my former and current capacity as identified above, and to offer any assistance in:
 - Counties of Hawaii: Sister-Cities Summit (September 2011) in association with the 2011 Asia-Pacific Clean Energy Summit and Expo and
 - Modernization of HSAC's administrative structure by expanding memberships and hiring professional staff

Wednesday, June 22

The HSAC Executive Committee conducted its regular meetings concurrent with the conference program. The proposal to modernize HSAC's organizational structure was discussed during this business meeting with a proposal, developed jointly with the office of Councilmember Stanley Chang, Honolulu's representative to HSAC who currently serves as its vice president. The Executive Committee approved the formation of a subcommittee to study this matter in-depth over an estimated six-month period and provide a full recommendation back to the Executive Committee for action. HSAC President Mel Rapozo said he would name the members of the subcommittee at the next Executive Committee meeting.

The decision was relayed to the general membership, which immediately followed the Executive Committee meeting.

After concluding its business, we returned to the conference to hear opening remarks from the host Maui County officials as well as special guest speaker the Hon. Glen Whitley, president of NACo.

The conference theme, "Hawaii Counties Connect: Fostering Unity and Excellence in Local Government," featured speakers former Hawaii Governor George Ariyoshi, State Senator Derek Kawakami, State Senate President Shan Tsutsui, and the Hon. Bernard Carvalho of Kauai.

The meeting concluded at the lunch hour, allowing delegates to attend their selected optional activity which included the annual golf tournament and mobile tours around Maui.

The evening dinner reception featured local entertainment and also awarded prizes to participants in the golf tournament. The night concluded with a karaoke singing among delegates.

Thursday, June 23

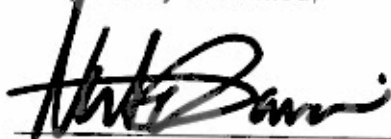
The final day of the conference opened with a lively panel discussion of social media and its relationship to a more open government. The broad range of expertise among the panelists reflected clearly that the phenomenon of social media is still developmental and for many government officials, its value is still under study.

I was called away to participate in a separate meeting at this point regarding the planned Sister Cities Summit in September. The summit will be held in conjunction with the Asia Pacific Clean Energy Summit and Exposition at the Hawaii Convention Center in Honolulu. The goal for the summit is to feature the signing of four new sister city agreements, one by each Hawaii county, and with the clear aim of a strong economic development focus and in anticipation of the November Leaders Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). We approached HSAC as a sponsor to consider retaining a fiscal agent to handle the many contributions and donations anticipated and also to coordinate several events associated with the summit. My staff assistant joined me at this meeting.

Following that meeting, I instructed my staff assistant to also accompany me to another off-site meeting. The meeting included Mr. Ward Letvin, chief financial officer for Dorvin & Leis, a major contractor with projects throughout Hawaii. Green building practices was the clear focus of the meeting, which invited other government officials, including a representative from the Hawaii State Senate.

My return flight schedule prevented me from rejoining the conference and I hurried back to check out of the hotel and transport to the Maui airport.

Respectfully submitted,



Nestor R. Garcia, Chair
Honolulu City Council

- Presidential at-large appointee, Board of Directors, National Association of Counties
- Co-chair, NACO International Economic Development Task Force

City Council
City and County of Honolulu

CLAIM FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Date: June 24, 2011

Traveler: Nestor R. Garcia

Event: HSAC 2011 Annual Conference

Location: Maui, Hawaii Wailea

Dates: From ##### Wednesday, June 22, 2011 To Thursday, June 23, 2011

| Description | Amount | Notes: |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Registration Fee | \$155.00 ✓ | |
| 2. Airfare | \$161.40 ✓ | |
| 3. Hotel | \$191.67 ✓ | |
| 4. Meals | <u>46.82</u> \$51.82 ✓ | |
| 5. Ground Transportation | \$122.97 ✓ | Hertz |
| 6. Tips | <u>18.55</u> \$13.00 ✓ | |
| 7. Other | \$30.00 ✓ | Airport Parking |
| Other | \$37.00 ✓ | Luggage fee, roundtrip |
| Other | \$16.95 ✓ | Fuel |
| 8. Adjustment | -\$161.40 ✓ | HSAC reimbursement on air |
| | \$0.00 | |
| TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT | \$618.41 <u>96</u> | |

This is to certify that the above data, based upon receipts submitted to Council Administrative Support Services via a CCLTRVL02 form, is accurate. Further, I am claiming reimbursement for expenses associated with a trip in which City business was conducted and personal funds were used to advance payment:



Signature of Traveler

June 27, 2011

Date