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Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i 2008 Board of Directors

The Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i announces it's 2008 board of directors and officers: **Corky Bryan**, VP of Livestock Operations at Parker Ranch in Kamuela is the Board President, while **John McHugh**, Vice President of Crop Care Hawaii, LLC is the Vice President. **Diane Ley**, Deputy Director of the County of Hawaii Research and Development is the new Secretary. **Matt Smith** from the Gas Company, Inc. is the Treasurer and **Stephanie Whalen** the President of Hawaii Agricultural Research Center is the Assistant Treasurer.

The balance of the board of directors includes: **Alan Gottlieb**, Ponoholo Ranch Ltd., **Andrew Hashimoto**, University of Hawaii, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, David Kaapu, Esq., **Wayne Katayama**, President and General Manager of Kauai Coffee Company, **Sandra Lee Kunimoto**, Chairperson, Hawaii Department of Agriculture, **Melvin Matsuda**, Matsuda Fukuyama Farms, **Loren Mochida**, Tropical Hawaiian Products, **Tim O'Connell**, USDA, Rural Development, **Dean Okimoto**, Nalo Farms, **Dr. Bob Osgood**, Agriculture Consultant, **Monty Richards**, Kahua Ranch Ltd., **Kapu Smith**, Senior Land Asset Manager for Kamehaemeha Schools, **Eric Tanouye**, Vice President and Sales Manager, Green Point Nursery, **Lani Weigert**, Director of Marketing, Sales and Public Relations, Alii Kula Lavender and **Carleton Williams**, Detor & Williams, CPA's.

Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i welcomes its two newest members (Photos attached):

Eric Tanouye, Vice President and Sales Manager, Green Point Nursery

Eric's responsibilities are primarily export sales of a diverse product line of tropical flowers and foliage to

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North America, Canada, the Pacific Rim and Asia. Eric and his family are known as pioneers and innovators in the production and sale of anthuriums. He is active with various industry and commodity associations and was a Class VII graduate of the Leadership Training Program.

Lani Weigert, Director of Marketing, Sales and Public Relations, Alii Kula Lavender

After working in the travel industry for 28 years, Lani helped create Ali'i Kula Lavender, as Maui's Premier Lavender Farm. Lani oversees all marketing and public relations. She is a member of the Maui Farm Bureau, founding member of the State Ag Department's Seal of Quality program, and Co-chair for Maui Economic Development Board Membership committee. Lani is a Class XI graduate of the Leadership Training Program.

The Agricultural Leadership Foundation of Hawai'i, a Hawai'i not-for-profit organization founded in 1982, was established to develop and support effective leaders in the agricultural industry, through a multi-disciplinary leadership training program. The Foundation is also a host of the Statewide Agriculture Conference that features training and networking opportunities for all of Hawaii's agricultural sectors. The leadership training program was designed to expand the participant's access to beneficial resources, build confidence, enhance leadership skills, broaden the participant's perspective of statewide agriculture, understand common problems and to envision community based solutions. The Foundations goal is to develop leaders who are able to understand, articulate and build collaborative strategies to address Hawaii's agriculture issues and problems. For more information call (808) 947-2914 or visit www.agleaderhi.org.

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