



**MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
HAWAI'I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

DATE: August 11, 2016
TIME: 1:00 p.m.
PLACE: Leiopapa A. Kamehameha Building
Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room
235 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

AGENDA ITEM 1: Call to Order

Mr. Marques Marzan called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Kamana'o Mills (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
Kalani Akana (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)
Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai'i)
Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)

ABSENT: Ryan Morales (Land Survey Division)
Leo Asuncion (Office of Planning)

STAFF: Arthur Buto (Office of Planning)

ADVISORS: Renee Louis
Naomi Losch, arrived at 1:15pm
Regina Hilo, arrived at 1:40pm

GUESTS: None

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for July 14, 2016

Motion: Mr. Mills moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Akana seconded the motion.

The board members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of July 14, 2016.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments.

Ms. Louis introduced the email that she received from Jim Kauahikaua, Geophysicist at the USGS Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. He raised questions related to the work of the Board and the resources that Board makes available to the public.

"We remain very interested in Hawaiian place names and their origin and would appreciate any information you can point us to on decisions about names. Currently, Bobby [Camara] and I are discussing hapa names like Halema'uma'u Crater and Mano Point. Kupuna called these places Halema'uma'u (or Halemaumu depending on who you ask) and Lae Mano.

I searched for "crater" features on the Island of Hawai'i and found that 16 of 59 had names that didn't end in "Crater" or start with "Lua." 256 locations are classed as "cape" and 179 of those include "Point" as either the GNIS name or a variant while 32 include "Lae" in either the GNIS name or a variant. It seems that if the location had a Hawaiian name, the type of feature would have been preserved in the GNIS feature class and wouldn't need to also be included in the name. There doesn't seem to be a clear trend in crater or cape names so we're kinda left with they [sic] question "why some and not others, why do any need english additions?"

I see that the State Office of Planning has HBGN meeting materials available online for 2016. Any plans for making more of those kinds of notes available for previous years? What would be most useful is some sort of database of materials that could be looked up by place name so we could look up any deliberations or discussions of names like Halema'uma'u Crater. We can only ask."

Ms. Louis requested that these questions be added to the Board's agenda. Mr. Marzan and the Board members present agreed that these questions are relevant and should be addressed. These questions will be added to the agenda for the September meeting:

Why are there inconsistencies in the Hawaiian names in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS), especially for craters and capes? Some have the feature class in English as part of the name, some have a Hawaiian translation for the feature class as part of the name, and still others have neither.

Will the Office of Planning make meeting materials available online for meetings prior to 2016? Is a database available or can one be developed that provides information about the discussions behind Board decisions on Hawaiian geographic place names?

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

Ms. Louis and Ms. Silva noted that their schedules for the upcoming academic year conflict with the current Board meeting schedule. After some discussion among the members present, it was suggested that the regular Board meeting date be changed to the second Wednesday of the month, and the meeting time be changed to 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Review of Kaho‘olawe Island Place Names.

The Board reviewed nine Kaho‘olawe island place names. Of these, two were recommended for further research and seven were corrected (added variants). Individual name decisions can be seen below.

The Board also recommended that the following be added to the GNIS:

Feature Name: Kunaka
 Feature Class: Civil
 Source:
 Notes:

Feature Name: Kunaka
 Feature Class: Cave
 Source:
 Notes:
 Variants: Kunaka Cave, Cave of Kunaka

Names reviewed and decisions:

Status Key: 1 = Not Hawaiian; 2 = Not Reviewed; 3 = More Research Needed; 4 = HBGN Corrected; 5 = Already Correct in GNIS; 6 = Name Change; 7 = Other

Status	Feat ID	Feature Name	Feature Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes
3	1924952	Kanuku	Cape			PNH: not listed; KIRC recommended Kanuku; HBGN: Discussion of the possibility of the name being "Kunaka" per Reeve's report p 67, board decides more research, 7-14-16; HBGN: Discussion continued with reference documents from State Archives and determined this is not related to

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						"Kunaka" the cave or the 'ili land section, so the Board decided to conduct more archival research, 8-11-16
3	1924953	Kaukamaka Gulch	Valley			PNH: not listed; KIRC recommended Kaukamaka Gulch; HBGN: Discussion of the origin of the name per Reeve's report p 70, board decides more research, 7-14-16
4	365203	Lae 'O Hālonā	Cape	Hālonā	PNH	KIRC: recommended Lae 'O Hālonā, HBGN (ca. 2008(?)): corrected name is KIRC recommendation and not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines; HBGN (2016): chose to use PNH name as the corrected name and Lae 'O Hālonā as a variant , 8-11-16
4	360675	Lae 'O Hilukea	Cape	Hilukea	HBGN	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended Lae 'O Hilukea; HBGN (ca. 2008(?)): corrected name is KIRC recommendation and not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines; HBGN (2016): removed "Lae 'O" because the feature name is Hilukea per Ashdown in Reeve and it is a cape which is what "Lae 'O" means and asks to keep Lae 'O Hilukea as a variant, 8-11-16
4	1924945	Lae 'O Hilu'ula	Cape	Hilu'ula	HBGN	PNH: not listed; KIRC: recommended Lae 'O Hilu'ula; HBGN (ca. 2008(?)): corrected name is KIRC recommendation and not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines;

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4	1924946	Lae 'O Honoko'a	Cape	Honokoa	PNH	KIRC: recommended Lae 'O Honoko'a; HBGN (ca. 2008(?)): corrected name is KIRC recommendation and not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines; HBGN (2016): chose to use PNH name as the corrected name, 8-11-16
4	361803	Lae 'O Kākā	Cape	Kākā	PNH	KIRC: recommended Lae 'O Kākā; HBGN (ca. 2008(?)): corrected name is KIRC recommendation and not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines; HBGN (2016): chose to use PNH name as the corrected name and Laekākā as a variant based on the HBGN Guidelines ca. 2015, 8-11-16
4	361645	Lae 'O Kaule	Cape	Kaule	PNH	KIRC: recommended Lae 'O Kaule; HBGN (ca. 2008(?)): corrected name is KIRC recommendation and not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines; HBGN (2016): chose to use PNH name as the corrected name and Laekaule and Ule as variants based on the HBGN Guidelines ca. 2015, 8-11-16

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4	361656	Lae 'O Kealaikahiki	Cape	Laeokealaikahiki	PNH	KIRC: recommended Lae 'O Kealaikahiki; HBGN (ca. 2008(?)): corrected name is KIRC recommendation and not consistent with Ahahui Guidelines; HBGN (2016): chose to use PNH name as the corrected name, 8-11-16

AGENDA ITEM 6: Adjourn

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m., at the Office of Planning Conference Room.