

**MINUTES
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
HAWAII‘I BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES**

DATE: June 24, 2019
TIME: 2:00 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. Marzan called the meeting to order at 2:06pm.

The following were in attendance:

MEMBERS: Marques Marzan (Bishop Museum)
Meyer Cummins (Land Survey Division)
Holly McEldowney (Department of Land and Natural Resources)
Arthur Buto (Office of Planning)

ABSENT: William Aila (Department of Hawaiian Home Lands)
Noenoe Silva (University of Hawai‘i)
Brad Ka‘aleleo Wong (Office of Hawaiian Affairs)

ADVISORS: Melia Lane-Kamahele (arrived at 2:35pm)

AGENDA ITEM 2: Review of Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2019 and April 22, 2019

No vote was taken on the notes from the March 20, 2019 meeting, at which there was no decision making due to lack of quorum.

MOTION: Mr. Cummins moved to approve the minutes of April 22, 2019; Ms. McEldowney seconded the motion.

The members present voted unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of April 22, 2019.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public Comments

Email from Matthew O’Donnell, contractor with US BGN. Mr. O’Donnell is asking if HBGN wants to proceed with a request to change the name of “Laulaunui Island” to “Laulaunui Islet” in spite of opposition from Navy Facilities Engineering Command Hawaii, which is managing and actively using the island. The name change was proposed by the HBGN sometime in 2012. Mr. Buto inserted a snippet from an internal spreadsheet indicating that the change to “Islet” was made in error. Nevertheless, the proposed name

change to “Laulaunui Islet” appears on the HBGN spreadsheet. Mr. Buto will contact Mr. O’Donnell to inform him that this name change proposal was made in error.

Email request from Danielle Foster, Hawai‘i Volcanoes National Park staff. Ms. Foster asked about the Bobby Camara’s relationship to the HBGN and name proposals within park boundaries. Mr. Buto responded to Ms. Foster that Mr. Camara had on many occasions submitted lists of feature names to the HBGN for its consideration, and that anyone can do the same. Features within park boundaries are referred to NPS staff for approval before being forwarded to the US BGN.

Name Proposal: Pohāka‘ena

AGENDA ITEM 4: Announcements

Renee Louis introduced Leilani DeMello who is participating on the phone. Leilani is a student of Renee’s and is working on place names. She worked on a project having to do with culture and heritage management; she knows some people involved in Fissure 8 naming process and wanted to learn more about the process.

AGENDA ITEM 5: 2019 Legislative Update

All of the bills that directly impacted HBGN have died, including SB 835 that tasked the Chair of HBGN to appoint a community liaison as a new member to the Board.

There are a number of essentially identical resolutions (HR 137, HCR 150, SR 165, and SCR 205) that echo the wording that was in last year’s Hawai‘i County Council Resolution 640-18, *“Urging the State Board on Geographic Names to Consult with Community Members who have direct traditional, cultural, and familial ties to the District of Puna to establish appropriate names for the Fissure 8 vent and other features of the 2018 eruption of Kīlauea Volcano.”* The Office of Planning submitted testimony in support and noted that the Board is already moving forward with that with the establishment of the Permitted Interaction Group, and that Hawai‘i County Councilmembers Lee Loy and Kierkiewicz have expressed their support and willingness to assist the Board.

Mr. Buto noted that at the Legislature Rep. Calvin Say asked questions at the hearing for SCR 205. “Does naming Fissure 8 mean that all of the other fissures have to be named? What about all of the other features? How will the community be engaged?”

The Office of Planning’s budget request asking for travel funds for HBGN to go to the neighbor islands and to attend conferences like COGNA (Council of Geographic Naming Authorities) was cut.

AGENDA ITEM 6: HLSA/HIGICC Conference presentation review

Mr. Cummins reported that the feedback he received from attendees was good. In the session he presented an overview of the Board. Attendees came away with a better understanding of what the Board is and how it operates. Its role is more passive than active role. Ms. Louis suggested putting more visual elements into the presentation to make it more engaging and appealing. This was a good test run for the next time that the Board has to make a similar presentation. Mr. Cummins will make the presentation available for the PIG.

There seemed to be a lot of cross-interest between the two groups of attendees – land surveyors and GIS professionals. There is a potential for closer ties between the two. Reid Siarot, the State Surveyor was open to learning more about how the work that they do using AutoCAD can be leveraged to create GIS layers. That's important because the State Surveyor's Office is responsible for creating the metes and bounds for state government's leases, executive orders, easements, etc. Currently there is no GIS layer(s) available for those encumbrances on state lands. Mr. Cummins noted that the City and County of Honolulu has a process for new subdivisions where the dxf file is sent to them with State Plane Coordinates that are then put directly into GIS.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Selected place names on the island of Hawai'i

Ms. DeMello left the meeting at 2:55pm

[360969] Ke'āmuku Lava Flow vs Ke'āmoku Lava Flow. The USGS topo maps available on the GNIS website support Bobby Camara's correction of the spelling to Ke'āmoku. In addition, Mr. Cummins referenced a registered maps 2514 and 2388 that also show the **Ke'āmoku** spelling for the lava flow in Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.

[365063] Ahole Heiau. Pahala Quad. GNIS shows location to be in the ocean to the southeast of Pu'upili. **More research needed.**

[1905284] Ahole Heiau. Milolii Quad. GNIS shows location to be in the ocean slightly to the northwest of Lae o Ahole. According to Bobby Camara, the heiau is associated with the lae – there are several features in this area associated with Ahole – Lae o Ahole, Ahole Heiau, and Ahole Holua. The spelling is being corrected to **Āhole Heiau** using the spelling associated with the fish.

[1905284] 'Āhole Holua. Bobby Camara said that community members in that area confirmed that this feature is the slide. Ms. Silva found a Historic Hawai'i reference to the Ahole Holua Complex. The initial 'okina is a misspelling and should be removed. Furthermore, the style guidelines call for concatenation of the words, **Āholehōlua**.

[Added after the meeting: The Historic Hawai'i website lists a National Register of Historic Places ID number: 73000655. A lookup of that number in the National

Archives (NARA) database, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/63815600>, revealed the nomination form and associated documents/evidence for the Ahole Holua Complex. One of the maps shows locations and labels for Lae o Ahole, the Holua slide, and Ahole Heiau...ab].

[361646] Lae o Ahole. This feature is listed in the GNIS and is shown and labeled on the topo map. It is the same feature referenced in the discussions about Ahole Heiau and Ahole Holua. There have been some previous discussions about the “o” – if it’s the name of the place, then remove the “Lae o” (but that would be a name change); if not, concatenate the terms together “Laeoāhole.” If the feature is named after a specific individual, then the terms would be separate.

Similar to Kaho‘olawe, in which the Board removed the “Lae o” because that was the name of the place – Lae o Kealaikahiki. Ms. Silva asked Mr. Camara what people call this place, “Laeoāhole.” He thinks they call it Kapua, because that’s the name of the area, the shoreline is very jagged and rocky, not long beaches. **More research needed.** Mr. Camara recommends asking Miloli‘i people (the closest community, just north of this point).

[Added after the meeting: The discussion about Lae o Kealaikahiki on Kaho‘olawe, was not to remove “Lae o.” Rather the decision was to concatenate the three terms to Laeokealaikahiki...ab]

Summary of decisions:

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

Stat	Feat ID	Feat Name	Feat Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
4	360969	Ke‘āmoku Lava Flow	Lava	Ke‘āmoku Lava Flow	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: R.M. 2514, R.M. 2388, and USGS 2003 publication "Geologic Map of the Summit Region of Kīlauea Volcano by Christina Neal and John Lockwood" and pamphlet shows Ke‘āmoku, USGS 1967 DW Peterson "Geologic Map of the Kilauea Crater quadrangle"; 4-22-19.	Kilauea Crater
3	365063	Ahole Heiau	Locale			PNH: Āhole, Maui (for spelling reference); HBGN: GNIS shows location to be in the ocean southeast of Pu‘upili; discussed 4-22-19; more research needed.	Pahala

Stat	Feat ID	Feat Name	Feat Class	Corrected Name	Source	Notes	USGS Quad Name
4	1905283	Ahole Heiau	Locale	Āhole Heiau	HBGN	PNH: Āhole, Maui; HBGN: GNIS shows location to be in the ocean slightly to the northwest of Lae o Ahole; associative with other features in the area, 4-22-19.	Milolii
4	1905284	Āhole Holua	Locale	Āholehōlua	HBGN	PNH: not listed; HBGN: Āholehōlua if it is the slide; Bobby Camara: confirms it is a very famous slide; 4-22-19.	Milolii
3	361646	Lae o Ahole	Cape			PNH: not listed; HBGN: possibly Laeoāhole is associative with other features in the area or Āhole depending on community confirmation, 4-22-19.	Milolii

AGENDA ITEM 8: Adjourn

Mr. Marzan adjourned the meeting at 4:01pm.