



**HAWAI'I FARMERS UNION
NOTICE OF THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING
TO VOTE ON ADOPTION OF HFU POLICIES,
ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT,
AND**

SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE MEETING

WHY YOU ARE GETTING THIS NOTICE The HAWAI'I FARMERS UNION (HFU) is organized as a nonprofit corporation under the Hawai'i Nonprofit Corporations Act, Hawai'i Revised Statutes ("HRS" or "Act") Chapter 414D. The Act and HFU's Bylaws require notice to those HFU members entitled to notice of any annual membership meeting (herein "Meeting"). Even if you are not such a member you may receive an email of this notice and review the information about the HFU 2026 Annual Meeting on the HFU website (<https://www.hawaiifarmers.org>).

I. ANNUAL CONVENTION DATE, TIME AND PLACE.

THE 2026 HFU 16th ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD

October 17th from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

at Waimānalo CARES Center, 41-698 Ahiki St, Waimanalo, HI 96795.

THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD October 18th from 9 am to 12 noon.

A. POLICY & BYLAWS ADOPTION. The Annual Meeting will be convened October 18th at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Chair for discussion and adoption of policies following the election.

B. ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT. The vote for the election of the President will be on October 18th beginning at 9:00 AM or at the call of the Chair.

II. VOTING AND OTHER ELECTION PROCEDURES.

A. RECORD DATE. August 9, 2026 IS THE RECORD DATE FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL meeting. Hawai'i law, HRS 414D-107 (a) & (b), requires a nonprofit corporation to establish a cut-off date to determine those members entitled to notice and to vote at a membership meeting. **Section 4.1A (1) & (2) of HFU's Bylaws provides that each Regular Member in good standing "from the date of their membership application and for at least seventy (70) days before a meeting, shall be entitled to one vote upon any and all matters coming before a meeting of HFU membership at which they are present[.]"** Section 4.5C of the Bylaws permits the HFU Board to set the Record Date for **Notice and Voting at an Annual meeting.** At its Regular Board meeting on August 19, 2026, the HFU Board set the Record Date for Voting and participating in the Policy Discussion at the 2026 Annual meeting at 70 days before October 18, 2026 or **August 9, 2026.**

B. NOTICE. In accordance with Hawai'i State law, Section 4.5E of the HFU Bylaws requires that Notice of membership meetings must be given no more than 60 nor less than 10 days before the meeting. Section 5.10D of the Bylaws requires a call for nominations to be made at least 30 days prior to the meeting. This **NOTICE IS MADE ON OR ABOUT August 21, 2026** to all who are HFU members as

of the Record Date. Supplemental electronic notices will be given on the HFU Website and by email to all persons on HFU's databases with information about those who submit timely nomination information for the office of President, policy issues, and other matters pertinent to the meeting.

C. INDIVIDUAL VOTING. All HFU members 16 years of age or older at the time of the 2026 Annual Meeting who **were members as of August 9, 2026 and are members in good standing and present on the dates of the Annual meeting** will be entitled one vote on all matters coming before the meeting. **This means that if you were a member on August 9, 2026, but your membership lapses before the Annual meeting you will have to renew your membership before or at the Annual Meeting to vote at the meeting.**

D. HFU DELEGATE VOTING. Section 4.6 of the HFU Bylaws provides for Delegate voting at HFU Annual meetings for individual members who cannot be present in person. Every Chapter is entitled to at least 3 Delegates: 1 delegate for its first 10 members and 2 Delegates from its Chapter Board. Chapters may select additional delegates for each 50 members or fraction thereof over the first 10. Delegate voting power is reduced, however, by any members who vote in person at the meeting, but if at least one Chapter Delegate is present at the meeting, that Delegate can cast votes for all the Chapter members who are not at the meeting.

E. QUORUM. Section 4.5G of the HFU Bylaws requires a quorum of 5% of the total members entitled to vote. **As of the August 9, 2026 Record Date, HFU had 985 members entitled to vote of which a quorum of at least 50 (5%) members** present in person or by Delegates would be sufficient to conduct the election of the President and other business properly brought before the meeting.

F. ELECTION OFFICIALS. The HFU Board appointed HFU's Secretary, Maureen Datta, as Chair and Directors Keli'I Gannet and Scott Crawford, as the Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee will be assisted by Membership Chair Ashley Hogue and HFU Treasurer Reba Lopez. The Nominations Committee, assisted by the other election officials, will supervise voter registration, credentialing of Delegates and Members Entitled to Vote, and voting, as well as all other election matters and act as the meeting Credentials Committee as provided under Section 6.3B of the HFU Bylaws.

III. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT. **Nominations for President to serve a two-year term can be made by Thursday, October 14, 2026 or from the floor.** Nomination statements shall be 200 words or less and may include a passport size photo, and should be sent electronically to the **Membership Chair** at: hfu@hfu.org. Any information received from nominees before midnight on October 14, 2026 will be posted on the HFU website and sent electronically to those who were members as of **August 9, 2026.**

CANDIDATES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE ELECTED UNLESS THEY ARE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

IV. POLICY PROPOSALS

A. POLICY RESOLUTIONS. Pursuant to Section 6.3 of the HFU Bylaws, **Chapter members may submit resolutions on policy matters to the Policy Committee Chair, Rachel LaDrig, on or before October 2, 2026 by email at: policy@hfu.org**

B. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PROPOSALS. Pursuant to Section 6.2 of the HFU Bylaws, and with such assistance from the Policy Committee as it desires, the Legislative Committee shall draft resolutions and policy proposals expressing the wishes or sentiments of the members on any matters of general concern to them to submit to the meeting for consideration.

C. POLICY PROPOSAL DISTRIBUTION. **On or before October 26, 2026,** the Policy Committee Chair will post any policy proposals and resolutions intended to be submitted to the Annual Meeting on the HFU website for member review prior to the Annual Meeting.

V. AMENDING THE BYLAWS

- A. The bylaws can be amended at the annual meeting where a quorum is present.
- B. A written copy of any proposed amendment must be presented at the meeting, and each Regular Member entitled to vote must receive a copy at least fifteen (15) days before the vote takes place.
- C. A Bylaw amendment can only be considered if it is either proposed or approved by the HFU Board of Directors or if a petition signed by at least twenty percent (20%) of the Regular Members entitled to vote is submitted.