

Aloha from Hawai'i, Fellow Skålleagues and Voting Members,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am honored to announce my candidacy for Vice President of the Skål International USA Board of Directors for 2026, and I respectfully ask for your support. Your time is valuable, so I'd like to briefly share why I am prepared and motivated to serve in this important role.

- **Proven Leadership at the Club and National Levels**

I bring two years of hands-on experience on the Skål USA Board, complemented by leadership roles within Skål Hawai'i—including President, Vice President, and Secretary. Over the past 20+ years as a member of both Guam and Hawai'i clubs, Skål has been an essential part of my professional journey.

- **Understanding Our Challenges and Opportunities**

With the recent governance changes within Skål International and Skål USA, our organization needs leaders who understand the needs of our clubs and members. I believe my experience and perspective can help provide clarity, continuity, and constructive direction.

- **Commitment to Transparency and Engagement**

I believe in open, collaborative leadership. I am not afraid to ask meaningful questions—such as why we saw a board resignation this year, why membership is declining, how we can elevate our social media presence, improve our website, and better engage and retain younger Skålleagues. These are issues I have actively explored as a board member and will continue to address with your partnership.

- **Extensive Executive and Tourism Industry Experience**

As we look ahead to 2027, the President-Elect must possess strong executive and board leadership. My background includes serving as Chair of a nonprofit senior, children, and community center in Waikīkī for five years; Vice Chair of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association in 2025; and long-standing service on the Board of the Hawai'i Visitors & Convention Bureau. I also bring more than 35 years of hospitality leadership as a General Manager with Hilton, Marriott, and Outrigger Hotels & Resorts.

- **Dedication to Innovation and the Future of Skål**

During my term as President of Skål Hawai'i, we established our first university partnership with the University of Hawai'i—creating scholarships, networking events, internships, and employment pathways for students. This initiative helped Hawai'i achieve the highest number of Young Skål members in the U.S. I see tremendous potential in aligning Project Future with our Hawai'i model to cultivate the next generation of Skål leaders.

- **Active Representation of Skål on the International Stage**

I have proudly represented Skål at multiple global and national events, including the World Congress in Málaga; NASC Conferences in Mexico City, Winnipeg, and Tampa Bay; and board meetings in Atlanta, Washington, D.C., and New York.

Mahalo for your time, your consideration, and your dedication to Skål. It would be an honor to serve as your Vice President and to continue working together to strengthen Skål USA for the future.