

HFIA Holds 2022 Annual General Membership Meeting

HFIA held its 2022 Annual General Membership Meeting via Zoom on March 25th. Irene Sprecher, HFI Director and Forest Solutions Inc. President excelled in her role as Master of Ceremonies by keeping the speakers on track and the audience engaged. Dr. J.B. Friday did an excellent job of reciting the Forester's Prayer in Hawaiian and English. President Don Bryan gave his President's message, summarizing HFIA's 2021 accomplishments and describing exciting projects and opportunities for 2022. Presentations included:

- Dr. Guy Cellier, CN Renewable Resources LLC Forest Manager spoke about the history and current situation of the Honua Ola Bioenergy Facility;
- Steven Hill, 3DLab Director, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, School of Architecture gave a compelling presentation on the Innovation + Imagination (I+I) Student Challenge, a division of Hawaii's Woodshow that he initiated in 2017 to introduce students to the diverse world of Hawai'i woods. Weyland Bailey, Robotics/Engineering Instructor at Mid-Pacific Institute and students Emily Lim and Brennan Fong shared their experience as participants in the I+I Student Challenge;
- Nicholas Koch, Paniolo Tonewoods General Manager gave an interesting power point presentation on Hōnaunau Forest Stewardship, showing Acacia koa plantings at various ages.
- HFIA Directors Guy Cellier, Ron Wolfe, Don Bryan, Nicholas Koch, Peter Simmons and Wade Lee gave a summary of the goals they are responsible for in the HFIA 5-Year Strategic Plan.

A field trip led by Nicholas Koch to Siglo Forest at Kapoaula, a 570 acre Paniolo Tonewoods forest restoration and mill project, was held on March 26th.



Hawaii Forest Industry Association (HFIA) 5-Year Strategic Plan for Years 2022-2026



10 year old koa (*Acacia koa*) planted under 'Ōhi'a (*Metrosideros polymorpha*) windward Mauna Kea. Photo: Dr. J.B. Friday.

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