

## HFIA Board Approves 2022 HFI Board of Directors



At the March 14, 2022 Board of Directors meeting, HFIA Directors approved the following Hawai'i Forest Institute (HFI) slate of Directors:

- Dr. Travis Idol—Professor, University of Hawai'i, Natural Resources and Environmental Management
- Wade Lee—Managing Member, Háloa 'Áina Royal Hawaiian Sandalwood
- William Yuen, Esq.—Attorney at Law, Dentons US LLP
- Peter D. Simmons—Consultant, In the Woods
- Don Bryan—Forester/Owner, Hamakua Tropical Woods
- Dr. J.B. Friday—Extension Forester, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR)
- Nicholas Koch—Forester, Paniolo Tonewoods, LLC
- Dr. Heather McMillen—Urban & Community Forester, DLNR Division of Forestry & Wildlife

At the March 18, 2022 HFI Board of Directors meeting, HFI Directors approved the following HFI officers:

- President—Dr. Travis Idol
- Vice President—Wade Lee
- Treasurer—William Yuen, Esq.
- Secretary—Peter D. Simmons

In 2003 HFIA formed the Hawai'i Forest Institute, a 501c3 nonprofit organization focused on forest restoration, educational programs, information dissemination, and support for scientific research. Learn more about HFI [here](#).

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### Komo Koa-Woodsmen Jewelry Supports HFI's Mahalo 'Āina: Give Back to the Forest Initiative

Ché Garcia, [Komo Koa-Woodsmen Jewelry](#) CEO- Chief of Entrepreneurial Operations has donated to [Mahalo 'Āina](#) for many years. Komo Koa works with customers and nonprofit organizations towards the common goal of healthier forest and aquatic ecosystems in Hawaii. “We use responsibly sourced woods, reclaimed lumber or wood scraps for our wood inlays”, says Ché. “We use a state of the art, eco-friendly wood finishing system and our titanium bands yield substantially less waste in production compared to traditional methods. As a small family owned and operated business, we are committed to quality and customer satisfaction”.



▲ Hawaiian Koa Heart Necklace

### Newsletter Articles Wanted

If you have a story to share about your forestry-related business or project, please email it in Word format with jpg. photos attached to [hfia@hawaiiforest.org](mailto:hfia@hawaiiforest.org).