Soon after the NBA, NHL and MLB suspended their games due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MATHCOUNTS followed suit. Two days before the competition, the mathletes, coaches and volunteers were ready. But with good reasons, the MATHCOUNTS National office decided on March 12 that all state competitions will be cancelled if they have not occurred already. The 2020 Hawaii State MATHCOUNTS competition scheduled for March 14 was cancelled. Hawaii State MATHCOUNTS Coordinator, Nhut Pham, is in touch with the National office for details how Hawaii competitors may be advancing to the National competition with or without competition.

The results of state competitions that have already taken place will stand. For the remaining states, like Hawaii, that is not hosting a state competition this year due to cancellation, the MATHCOUNTS National office is working on an alternate method for determining the national competitors and will make an announcement about this no later than March 31, 2020. As of March 14, 2020, the National Competition is proceeding as originally scheduled, May 9-12, 2020, in Orlando.

Scheduled to compete in the March 14 Hawaii State MATHCOUNTS Competition were the six teams from Oahu, alphabetically, Highlands Intermediate, Iolani School, Kamehameha Middle School Kapalama, Mililani Middle School, Punahou School, and Washington Middle School; Waiakea Intermediate from Hawaii Island, and Seabury Hall School of Maui. In addition, high scoring Individuals from Iao School, Maui Waena Intermediate School, and Washington were also competing. That’s 36 student mathletes plus coaches, proctors, and spectators gathered in the Kamehameha Schools Kalama cafeteria, a condition that weighed heavily on the cancellation.

Of the returning schools from last year’s 36th annual 2019 Hawaii State MATHCOUNTS Competition, Iolani had placed second and had three returning students on the 2020 team, Kamehameha was fourth with also three returning students, Punahou was third with two returning students, Waiakea was seventh with no returning students, and Washington was first and had two returning students. Obviously, the cancellation was a disappointment for the veterans.

Hawaii MATHCOUNTS is organized by Hawaii Society of Professional Engineers (HSPE) Educational Foundation with competition assistance from Hawaii educators and engineers. HSPE Honolulu Chapter and State MATHCOUNTS Coordinator is Nhut Pham of Bowers & Kubota, and assisted by Barry Nakamoto, Retired Hawaiian Electric. HEI Charitable Foundation is a major sponsor of the 2020 Hawaii MATHCOUNTS.

Hawaiian Electric charitable donations top $1 million in 2019

Hawaiian Electric gave a total of $1,024,776 in corporate grants, contributions and sponsorships to nonprofit organizations across O‘ahu, Hawai‘i Island, and Maui County in 2019. Of the total, more than $175,000 supported the advancement of STEM education, curriculum, and initiatives.

Employees and their family and friends also volunteered 12,189 hours to support science, technology, engineering and math events; highway, stream and beach cleanups; charitable walks and fundraisers; homeless initiatives; military appreciation; environmental stewardship; and social services programs.

Hawaiian Electric also selected six employees to receive the 2019 Kokua Community Champion Service Award, a recognition given to honor individuals who have demonstrated exemplary volunteer service in the community over the past year. The employees were judged on level of involvement and community impact. In turn, each honoree selected a nonprofit of their choice to receive a $1,000 grant from the HEI Charitable Foundation.

On O‘ahu, four employees were honored for their outstanding community service: Edmund Chang, a consulting engineer based at Waiau Power Plant, is an active volunteer with the O‘ahu Chapter and Hawai‘i MATHCOUNTS® competitions, Francis R. Montgomery Design Competition, and The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). For more than three decades, Chang has helped promote interest in math and engineering, and inspired hundreds of Hawaii’s
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Golf Outing!

On Sunday, February 23, YMF held a driving range outing at the Ala Wai Golf Range in Waikiki/Kapahulu area. Nine YMF members attended and enjoyed the beautiful afternoon refining their golf skills, helping each other out with tips to improve their skills, and networking with other engineers. Thank you to all who participated. Please keep checking the YMF website for information regarding the next YMF Golf Outing!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Last held: Mar 5, 2020
Next meeting: Apr 7, 2020

ASCE HAWAII SECTION DINNER MEETING

The health and safety of our membership is our top priority and we will continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic. Future ASCE Hawaii events, including our section dinner meetings, are temporarily on hold. We will keep you informed via e-blasts and/or notices posted on our website at ascehawaii.org when they will be scheduled. Please stay safe, watch out for each other, especially our kupuna, and continue to be vigilant about best health practices.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

ASCE Hawaii is looking for volunteers to fill the following committee positions: Local Legislative Affairs Chair and two (2) Student Practitioner Advisors. If you are interested or have questions on any of these positions, please contact President Jason Kage, jkage@ascehawaii.org.

MEMBERSHIP

If you haven’t already done so, please renew your ASCE membership. You can renew your membership at www.asce.org. ASCE JOB LISTINGS

The following job listings are currently posted on the ASCE Hawaii Section website:

- AECOM (Civil Engineer II)
- Belt Collins (Civil Engineer II, Civil Engineer P.E., Senior Project Manager)
- Booz Allen Hamilton (Senior Civil Engineer and Wastewater Specialist)
- City and County of Honolulu (Civil Engineer III, IV, V, Mechanical Engineer V, & Electrical Engineer V)
- G70 (Civil Designer, Civil Engineer, Civil Project Manager, Construction Manager)
- HDR (Senior Civil Engineers, Senior Federal Project Manager, Project Manager – Transportation Group, & Water/Wastewater Engineer)
- Hirata & Associates (Geotechnical/Civil Engineer – Project Engineer)
- Jacobs (Civil Engineer)
- Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (Project Manager, Staff Engineer for Honolulu Office and Staff Engineer for Hawaii Office)
- Nagamine Okawa Engineers Inc. (Structural Engineer)
- PGH Wong (Change and Claims Manager, Change and Claims Specialist, Civil/Building Inspector, Office Engineer, & Scheduler)
- SSFM (Civil Engineers V, Structural Engineer IV)
- US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) (Interdisciplinary Project Manager, GS-12)

For further information, please visit http://www.ascehawaii.org/job-listings.html.

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Upcoming Events
For registration, see www.seaoh.org or email flyers.

MH Seminar – Masonry Mortar and Grout Specifications. April 16, 2020, 7-30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Pearl Country Club. Contact Rod Haraga at 808-782-8661 for additional information.

SEAOH Annual Convention
The Japan trip portion of the convention has been postponed until next year due to coronavirus concerns and uncertainty in Olympics scheduling.

The Hawaii portion of the convention will proceed as planned, date and location to be determined. Contact Kevin Nakamoto or Jeffrey Hanyu (jeffreyhanyu@allisonide.com) for additional information.

SEAOH Scholarship Golf Tournament
The annual golf tournament will be held on October 23, 2020 at Hoakalei Country Club. Contact Craig Meierhoffer (cmeierhoffer@baseengr.com) for additional information.


Next Meeting on April 1, 2020. For information, contact SEAOH President Danny Fujika.
students to pursue STEM careers. The Millani resident awarded a $1,000 grant to ASME, through which he became involved in MATHCOUNTS and the Francis P. Montgomery Design Competition. ASME promotes the art, science and practice of multidisciplinary engineering and allied sciences around the world.

Conrad “Ray” Higa, operations manager for Kahe Power Plant and Campbell Industrial Park Generating Station, is active in the West O’ahu community where he serves as chair of the Boys & Girls Club (BGCH) of Hawai‘i Nānākuli NFL YET Center, delivers meals to the needy, volunteers as a Sunday school teacher, and assists with a program to educate at-risk youth. Last year, Higa also organized Kahe Power Plant’s first community blood drive, which helped draw first-time donors and touched the lives of 75 patients. The Nānākuli resident will split the $1,000 grant between the BGCH NFL YET and Wal’anae BGCH because of the immense positive impact these clubs have on the children and families of West O’ahu.

Mehana Ho‘opili, a transmission and distribution engineer, has embraced the service culture at Hawaiian Electric through participation and leadership. Last year, Ho‘opili spearheaded a group of employees to help with a Habitat for Humanity Build Day in Waimānalo where volunteers assisted with general construction and the start of framing and roofing a home for a family in need. A month later, she also led the company’s involvement in the Wai‘anae Parade of Farms. For the past four years, the Mō‘ili‘ili resident also has been helping coach the Kaimuki High School Varsity/JV paddling team. Ho‘opili selected Sustain Hawai‘i’s Hōʻehuola Program to receive the $1,000 grant because she has been inspired by the program that draws upon local Hawaiian values, principles and practices to improve the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians.

Sean Moura, wildlife biologist and senior environmental scientist, has been instrumental in organizing the Environmental Division’s official adoption of a portion of Mānoa Stream and holding twice yearly volunteer cleanup days to pick up trash along the stream and dispose of it. Last year, the Hawaii Kai resident also partnered with the Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center to organize a workday at Kāne‘ewai Springs to help protect one of the last remaining fresh water springs in Honolulu. Moura also partnered with the nonprofits Hīka‘i alani and Kaululakalana at Ulupō Nui, bringing together employees from HEI and Hawaiian Electric to help plant native trees and shrubs, clear invasive vegetation, and conduct a fish census at this sacred site in Kailua. The Lihue, Kauai, native awarded the $1,000 grant to Kaululakalana, a Kauai-based nonprofit he supports because their mālama ‘āina-based mission resembles the values of his childhood upbringing.

On Hawaii Island, Dave Okamura, director of Engineering, was recognized for his ongoing support of the American Cancer Society’s annual Relay for Life in Hilo as the coordinator of the company team. Okamura has consistently led the company’s participation, helping to raise funds for cancer research and services to cancer patients in the local community. The Hilo native also serves as an assistant scoutmaster for the Hilo Hongwanji Boy Scout Troop, helping to prepare the scouts for life and instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Okamura awarded the $1,000 grant to the Friends of Scouting, which helps fund the Boy Scouts in Hawaii. “I find it rewarding to see scouts grow from immature, kolohoe tweens to responsible leaders,” said Okamura. “It drives me to keep improving our troop’s program and guiding the scouts to be better leaders and teammates, qualities that we value at Hawaiian Electric.”

On Maui, Mikey Burke, a commercial account manager, serves as a board member of the Maui Facilities and Engineering Leadership Council, and is involved in two educational nonprofits with a focus on Hawaiian language. At Nā Leo Kālele, a parent and teacher hui for the Hawaiian Immersion program serving West Maui, Burke helped lead the annual Ho‘oulu fundraiser for the past four years, helping to ensure resources and supplies are provided to students. At Pūnana Leo o Lahaina, a Hawaiian language immersion preschool in her hometown, Burke is an engaged parent supporting the school through various volunteer responsibilities. The Lahaina native awarded the $1,000 grant to Pūnana Leo o Lahaina because, “It is everyone’s kuleana to ensure a living Hawaiian language and I chose to ‘auamo that kuleana by putting our ‘ohana on the path of Hawaiian language immersion education.”