

Hawaii Farmers Union United Election Ballot
Special Meeting of the Membership - June 28, 2011

Directions: Write in one name for each of the elected positions. Please be sure to use each name only once and note that not all candidates are able to serve in all offices.

President: _____

Candidates for President:

Glenn Martinez

Vincent Mina

Wayne Axelson

Vice-President: _____

Candidates for Vice-President:

Vincent Mina

Wayne Axelson

At-large Director: _____

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Candidates for Director:

Glenn Martinez

Vincent Mina

Wayne Axelson

Natalie Cash

Bill Greenleaf

Shell Sanderhill

At-large Director: _____

Glenn Martinez

Owner and operator for 14 years of Olomana Gardens, a five acre, all purpose, permaculture, teaching farm in Waimanalo (certified organic for 2 years). Farm includes aquaponics fish and vegetable systems, natural farming practices, and integrates animals, chickens and worm composting systems.

Has served on Board of Directors for Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association for about two years.

Glenn champions the end of GMO, is pro-organic and pro seed savers. He promotes and encourages farming FOOD.

Promotes having organic gardens on EVERY school campus.

Wants to revitalize the FFA, Future Farmers of America program.

Wants to promote school field trips to farms.

Wants to promote AG Tourism, not just for the farmer to make money but to connect with the public and kids that farming is good, profitable and a great way to live.

Believes that there is a unique opportunity to work with new Governor to protect and serve the needs of the food farmers in Hawaii, for example, by requesting that the Governor veto HB667 Bill... Relating to Food Safety (see discussion pertaining to the HB667 petition on the HFUU Food Safety page).

Wants the HFUU to have a GREAT web page that connects and informs the farmers of Hawaii, about what is happening and what they can do to improve the political and economic climate for food farmers in Hawaii.

Vincent Mina

Vincent Mina is currently an organizing member of Maui Farmers Union, also seeking to be elected to the Board of the Maui Farmers Union. He currently serves on the HFUU Board. Vincent is presently co-owner, along with his wife Irene and son Kekai, on their family farm, Kahanu Aina Greens (1994-Present). He was past President & Trustee of Hawaii Organic Farmers Association (1997-1998), and was Board member & officer of the Maui Farm Bureau (2005-2008).

Founder of Maui Aloha Aina Association, a 501c, whose mission is to promote life-nurturing practices for the body and the soil through education and outreach (2001-present). Ma'a has produced ten conferences on "Body & Soil Health" along with a five day agricultural design conference, that had 42 leaders in the community come together to design a regenerative agricultural system for Maui County. Presently he is working on developing an amendment business that supplies materials to build the structure, biology and chemistry for the soil in support of raising the vitality & resiliency of the land for our local growers.

Natalie Cash

Natalie has been the Farm Manager of Olomana Gardens, Oahu, since January 2008 and is actively involved in the study and practice of permaculture, aquaponics and worm composting. She is currently working with Glenn Martinez for the University of Hawaii online training course, writing the curriculum for the aquaponic section. Natalie has learned so

much at Olomana Gardens about having the "quality of life" at your fingertips by growing your own organic food. She supports people who want to make a difference and will strive to help make Hawaii aware of ways to become a safe and sustainable community

William Greenleaf

Bill left his first career as a PGA Master Professional when moved from NY to Maui in 2000. Bill's change of direction to perma-culture farming was a natural result of 25+ years as a food activist.

Earth Save Hudson Valley was his wife Marta's creation where Bill learned the ABC's of how our choices about our Food affect our health, the planet's health and is a direct link to developing heart energy in all endeavors.

Bill and Marta started Greenleaf Farm in 2004. Their 2 acre Perma-culture project produced most of their food and \$30K of additional revenue in 2009. The Greenleaf's are especially proud of their use of local resources in their practices of building soil health. You can taste the love in every bite.

Bill became active as a team member of the Maui Farmers Union organizing committee during their start up year. At the end of that year he accepted an appointment to the HFUU State Board.

He would like to continue his service because he loves the people he's working with, he loves that he's working for Food Sovereignty in Hawaii and because he knows the experiences of these two years have prepared him to work effectively on behalf of regenerative agriculture in the Hawaiian Islands – for all of the people.

Wayne Axelson

Wayne grew up on farms and near farming in Minnesota. His family moved to Florida where he later graduated with a BA in Chemistry from Florida State University. He has worked as an electrician, an electrical contractor, an electronics technician for the Gillette Company and then for the Boeing Company as a controls engineer. For many years he has been very interested in alternative energy and sustainability issues and understands the pivotal role food security has in our future. Wayne and his wife Lynn grow some of their own food on a residential lot in Kahului now and hope to move onto farmland in the near future. He has been working with great enthusiasm on issues relating to family farming and regenerative farming practices.

Shell Sanderhill

Shell Sanderhill, was raised farming cash crops and ranching cattle and horses in Kentucky, Texas, and California. He is a former Marine with a wide variety of training and skills. He attended Olomana Gardens Farm Internship in 2010, and is currently partnering with the Big

Island's Kula Kahiko Farms, LLC on their aquaponics system. Shell and his wife Cheryl moved to the Big Island last year in order to start farming. He feels farming is important to our state's food security, with the small family farmer as key. He is currently building his family a home on a three-acre agriculture lot in Puna, which he plans to build into a commercial aquaponics farm.