

BENJAMIN SHAFER

As a former member of the Kahana Planning Council for years as Vice Chair, Chairperson and member, volunteering to take minutes, creating agendas and schedules, walking door to door delivering minutes and agendas to the Kahana Community has not been an easy task, but one that was required to keep our neighbors informed and educated on what was going on in the Ahupua'a O' Kahana. I will do the same for the Oahu Burial Council – Ko'olauloa Moku.

EXPERIENCE

2001 – TO PRESENT

TECHNICIAN, LOCAL 665 IATSE (INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL AND STAGE EMPLOYEES AND FILM)

As a member of Local 665, a Mix Local, based Honolulu, Hawaii, I have worked within many departments learning the skills and talents on film production as Electric Grips, Greens, Wardrobe, Special Effects, Crafts Services and others. On Stage and Conventions, I worked mainly as a Stage Carpenter, lighting, electrics, wardrobe, props, audio-visual and others. As a technician learning and grasping the set skills, and the tools required to do each job safely, efficiently, and effectively is rewarding. Working with all kinds of people can be challenging, however, I find not letting personalities or insults get in the way of reaching our goals is paramount.

2000 – 2001

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, ALOHA CARE INC.

Working with clients navigating the Med-Quest Aloha Care Program. Fast track clients requiring emergency authorizations to those responsible for such services. Assist billers in understanding the process of service rendered services require specific medical codes for payments to be processed with payment rendered efficiently and effectively.

EDUCATION

BACHELORS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE WITH EMPHASIS IN GOVERNMENT HISTORY, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY HAWAII

It was a very busy with school, work and church activities. I created a Sunday School class at OCCC within our Ward, which was incorporated into the larger Stake sponsored program which I ran. We also visited the Women's and Halawa facilities. President of the Hawaiian Club, and created what became the annual Hoike in honoring Aunty Sally Wood Naluai.

1978 - 1982

USAF FIRE FIGHTER SUPERVISOR, CHANUTE A.B. ILLINOIS

1978 - 1980 Carwell AFB Texas, Fire Fighter, Management Analysis, Workload Controller. 1981

- 1982 Osan AB, Osan, Korea, Workload Controller

1986 - 1991 Hickam AB, Hon. HI. Journeyman - Supervisor Fire Fighter. Trainer/Scheduler

SKILLS

- The facts of each inmate in its entirety is important to me.
- I am not one to be easily swayed one way or the other.
- I am of Polynesian blood but that only means I expect more out of Polynesians not less
- Understanding that various treatment programs are vital for many to survive and cope.

ACTIVITIES

I have always been active in my community (working on restoring the Huihua Fishpond), past Chair of the Kahana Planning Council, past Co-Chair of the Kahana Advisory Board(s), past President of the Hauula Community Health Center, Community Association and neighborhood board, past Co-Chair Keep the Country COUNTRY, Democratic Party District 47 - 4 President and various other activities.