

Walter "Wally" Soares

GOV. MSG. NO. 662

EMPLOYMENT

June 1989 --- Present

Small Business Owner: *Island Skill Gathering, President*
Assistive Technology: Sales and Support Services
Independent Living Skills & Vocational Counsel
Disability Awareness/ADA Training

August 1992 -- July 1993

Winners at Work, Inc.
Leadership Development Program Coordinator

November 1990 -- May 1992

Unemployment Insurance Appeals Officer

May 1983 -- June 1989

Hawaii Centers for Independent Living
Statewide Coordinator: ILS Program

EDUCATION

Graduate:

University of Hawaii -- Bachelor of Arts: English
Minor: Communications
Graduate Courses in Special Education
Numerous Conferences and Seminars on Disability Issues

ASSOCIATIONS

Signs of Self -- Board of Directors, past Treasurer

Access Advisory Council -- past Chairperson
City and County of Honolulu

Aloha Special Technology Access Center
Past President, Board of Directors

Iolani Banyan, Ltd. Co-Op Association
Board of Directors

State Vocational Rehabilitation Advisory Council
Chairperson: 1994 -- 1998, two terms

Vegetarian Society of Honolulu -- Member

INTERESTS

Civil Rights Legislation Affecting People with Disabilities
Human Health, Animal Rights, and Ecology
Making monthly mortgage payments
Wonderful wife and active 19 year old son