

Ken C. Kawahara, P.E.
President

ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

President and Chief Executive Officer of the firm. Duties include principal project management, facilities planning, marketing, business development, strategic planning, monitoring of work effort and quality control. Prior to joining Akinaka & Associates, Ltd., Ken Kawahara served as the deputy director for the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, Commission on Water Resource Management to administer and implement, under the direction of the Commission, the State Water Code and all rules, and other directives by the Commission. His professional experience includes planning, design, contracting, construction, construction management, regulatory compliance and environmental quality monitoring. He has extensive experience in project management over a variety of projects including water resource management, master planned subdivisions, wastewater pretreatment, collection, treatment, disposal, recycled/reclaimed water and biosolids reclamation/reuse.

EDUCATION:

University of Hawaii at Manoa B.S., Civil Engineering (1992)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2011 - Present	President	Akinaka & Associates, Ltd.
2010 - 2011	Vice-President	Akinaka & Associates, Ltd.
2007 - 2010	Deputy Director	State of Hawaii, DLNR
1997 - 2007	Acting Regulatory Control Branch Chief	City & County of Honolulu, Dept. of Env. Services
1996 - 1996	Construction Engineer	Gentry Homes, Ltd.
1994 - 1995	Construction Engineer	R.M. Towill Corporation
1993 - 1994	Environmental Engineer	M&E Pacific Inc.

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION:

State of Hawaii (1997) Certificate No. 9148

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Council of Engineering Companies	Board of Directors (2014 - 2021) Secretary (2016 - 2017) Treasurer (2017 - 2018) President Elect (2018 - 2020) Past President (2020 - 2021)
American Public Works Association Hawaii Section	Secretary (2011 - 2012) Treasurer (2012 - 2013) Vice President (2013 - 2014) President (2014 - 2015)
American Society of Civil Engineers	Vice President (1991 - 1992) Member (1993 - Present) Hospitality Chair (1995 - 1998) Outreach Co-Chair (2003 - 2006)
American Water Works Association Hawaii Section	Government Trustee (2007 - 2010) Consultant Trustee (2017 - 2021) Vice Chair (2020 - 2021) Chair (2021 - 2022) Past Chair (2022 - 2023) Director (2023 - Present)
American Water Works Association	Member (1992 - Present)
Goodwill Contract Services Hawaii	Board Member (2020 - Present) Treasurer (2021 - Present)
Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies	Member (2014 - 2017) Secretary (2016) Treasurer (2017)
Hawaii Leeward Planning Conference	Executive Committee (2012 - Present) Vice Chair (2013 - 2014) Chair (2015 - 2017)



Hawaii Water Environment Association	Member (1993 - Present) Exhibits Committee Chair (1999) Pretreatment Committee Vice Chair (1999-2002)
Pacific Water Conference	Co-Chair (2019 - 2020)
Solid Waste Association of North America	Member (2002 - 2008)
Water Environment Federation	Member (1993 - Present)
Western Regional Pollution Prevention Network	Member (2002 - 2010) Advisory Board representing Hawaii (2002 - 2010)

HONORS, ACTIVITIES & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

'Ahahui Koa Anuenue	Board Member (2022 - Present)
Air Force Civilian Advisory Council	Member (2014 - Present)
City & County of Honolulu Zoning Board of Appeals	Board Member (2013 - 2022) Chair/Vice Chair (2015 - 2022)
Hawaii Council of Engineering Societies Engineer of the Year	2020
'Iolani Alumni Association	Board Member (2007 - 2012) Vice President (2001 - 2012) President (2012)
'Iolani School	Board of Governors (2012)
Oahu Transit Services, Inc.	Board of Directors (2022 - Present)
Pacific Century Fellows Program	Alumni (2007)
University of Hawaii (UH) Chi Epsilon Honor Society	54th Chapter Honor Member (2019)
UH College of Engineering Dean's Council	Member (2016 - Present)
UH College of Engineering Homecoming Committee	Member (2010 - Present)
UH College of Engineering Annual Banquet Committee	Member (2012 - Present)
UH College of Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award	2018
UH Engineering Alumni Association	Member (1992 - Present) Board of Directors (2015 - Present) Secretary (2019 - 2020) Treasurer (2020 - 2021) Vice President (2021 - 2022) President (2022 - 2023) Past President (2023 - Present)
UH Engineer's Council	Vice President (1991) President (1992)
UH Search Advisory Committee for College of Engineering Dean	Member (2016 - 2017)

