

WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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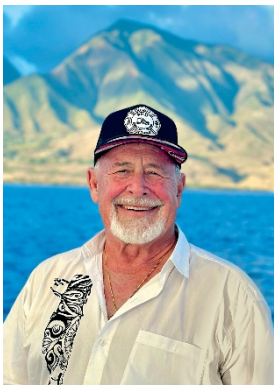
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A'ohe Hana Nui Ke Alu 'ia (No task is too large when we work together)

THE VOICE

Newsletter of the West Maui Taxpayers Association – DECEMBER 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – Joseph D. Pluta



Aloha Dear Friends of West Maui.

This is the time of year when we pause and reflect on thankfulness before the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. As I and many others lost our homes and businesses, we are thankful to be still alive and here in paradise. We have an opportunity to unite as a stronger connected community to make Lahaina better and safer. Our fire station at Olowalu is evidence of our commitment and literally a miracle in process.

The Lahaina Fires have changed everything. We are not the same. We continue to feel the strong desire to seek and reprioritize health and safety improvements and emergency preparedness as well as attention to homelessness and mental health assistance. These crisis issues should be our primary focus.

The WMTA 2025 Annual Meeting will be on Thursday, December 11, 2025, from 4:30m-7pm. The meeting will be at the West Maui Veterans Hall, 198 Fleming Road, Lahaina, HI 96761. As always, Complimentary food and beverages will be served and door prize opportunities awarded for all attendees at the end of important community update presentations including West Maui Hospital update. The Annual Meeting will allow for meeting our bylaw requirement for the election of Directors and will take less than 15 minutes to be followed by remarks from our elected governmental representatives including our Mayor Richard Bissen.

We all know that West Maui is a unique and vibrant community that provides employment opportunities and generates significant tax revenues for all levels of government. WMTA is also unique in that our mission is to promote efficient use of the taxes generated to invest in infrastructure, services and amenities that help ensure that West Maui remains one of the best places to live, work and visit in the world. We respectfully ask you to join us as membership connectivity makes us stronger.

It's been said that our dreams become reality when we engage and build partnerships that can change the world. That's precisely what the WMTA and WMIF are all about. We have already done what was said to be impossible and we are still on that same path with our Olowalu Fire Station and more. Join us and be a part of the solution!

**WMTA Member, please see page 2 for
Proxy for Annual Meeting. Please
return by DECEMBER 1 , 2025**

Warm Regards,

Joseph D. Pluta, President, WMTA

WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION – PROXY

The undersigned does hereby constitute and appoint the West Maui Taxpayers Association Board of Directors as attorney or agent, with full power of substitution, to act in the undersigned's name, place and stead, to represent that member for quorum purposes only so that the business that properly comes before the meeting can be conducted by those present. It is valid only for the ANNUAL MEETING of the WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION to be held on **Thursday, December 11, 2025 from 4:30pm – 7:00pm at the West Maui Veterans Hall, 198 Fleming Road, Lahaina, HI 96761.** Any WMTA member present in person may elect to vote upon such business that may properly come before the meeting, including the election of Directors. This Proxy will be valid only for the above-cited meeting and adjournments thereof, may be revoked prior to its exercise and shall be returned upon request if the undersigned attends the meeting and desires to vote in person.

DATE SIGNED: _____ (Required by law)

NAME OF MEMBER (PRINTED-required by law)

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

1. Please sign your name as it appears in YOUR WMTA MEMBERSHIP records. Executors, Administrators, trustees, guardians, conservators, and corporate officers are to add their Titles and, if not already done. Submit a copy of their appointment.
2. For this proxy to be valid:
 - a. The proxy giver must provide his or her printed name, signature, and the date that this proxy was signed.
 - b. This proxy must be received by the Association's Secretary at PO BOX 10338, Lahaina, Maui, HI 96761, **no later than 2:00 p.m. December 1, 2025**
3. The Board of Directors requests that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of the Board Members to be elected as listed below.
☐ Yes (Check this box to vote unanimous in favor for the Slate of Directors)

**PROXY: Return the Portion Above to:
WMTA, PO Box 10338, Lahaina, HI 96761**

WEST MAUI TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION, 2024 ANNUAL MEETING- ELECTION OF DIRECTORS SLATE OF DIRECTORS

Michelle Hernandez Kane
Richard Jarman
Gregg Nelson

Jess "Joe" Park
Joseph Pluta
Rian Takeshita

Feresteh Tali
Dennis Terpin
Mark Tillman

The WMTA Bylaws state: "There shall be a total of 12 Directors, including the Officers. No person shall be empowered to vote or be eligible for election to any office in the Organization whose membership dues have not been paid in full."

REMINDER: ONLY ACTIVE DUES PAYING MEMBERS ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE!

West Maui Taxpayers Association
MEMBERSHIP FORM - IRS EIN 99-0160368 - NON PROFIT 501C (4)
You can also pay online <https://www.westmaui.org/quick-join>

Member Name: _____
☐ Check here to have your name kept private in publications and acknowledgements.

Join the WMTA Email List: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____ Fax: _____

\$ _____ MEMBERSHIP

- ☐ I am a member and renewing my dues
☐ I **am not** a member but would like to join

Membership Levels

- ☐ Community Supporter \$25/year
- ☐ Community Leader \$50.00/year
- ☐ Families \$100/year
- ☐ Businesses \$100/year
- ☐ AOA – email wmtainc@gmail.com

\$ _____ ADDITIONAL DONATION

WMTA is a 501-c-4 Non-Profit Organization. "Contributions to civic leagues or other section 501(c)(4) organizations generally are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. They may be deductible as trade or business expenses, if ordinary and necessary in the conduct of the taxpayer's business." (Source: IRS.Gov). Please check with your tax adviser.

Memberships effective for one year upon receipt of membership dues payment.

Mail Checks, payable to "West Maui Taxpayers Association", to:

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