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Mission:

Is to enhance the quality of leadership in order to support and strengthen libraries, archives, and museums across the Pacific Islands.

Vision:

PIALA will be the guiding star to navigate the sea of information for a culturally rich society.

The Values

Statements for PIALA are as follow:

1. Our respect for multicultural heritage
2. Our dedication to build family connections within our profession
3. Our ability to develop/foster strong relationships across the community
4. Our commitment to equitable access to information
5. Our passion for literacy and learning

Click on the PIALA [By-Laws](#) for more information.

PIALA Website:

<http://piala-pacific.wix.com/piala-pacific#!>

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BRIEFS

Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA)

By Atarino A. Helleisar



"The best part of the annual conference was the energy generated by having so many librarians, archivists, curators and educators under one roof." The opportunity to talk with other librarians from all over the Pacific mostly here in Micronesia convinced me that, regardless of library types, colours and genders, we all share a common commitment to provide our library patrons the best possible access to information."

- Atarino A. Helleisar, Chief Law Librarian, FSM Supreme Court Law Libraries (FSMSCLL)

COME ONE COME ALL!! JOINT US DURING THE 27TH PIALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 27th Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) Annual Conference will be hosted by the Libraries, Archives and Museums of Pohnpei (LAMP) with the theme *"Innovating Together: Enabling Libraries, Archives, and Museums for Sustainable Development"* from November 13-17, 2017 in Kolonia, Pohnpei, Capital State of the Federated States of Micronesia.



Don't miss the exciting opportunity to showcase your organization at the 2017 PIALA Annual Conference.

It's not too late to participate in the Conference. Visit the PIALA website at <http://piala-pacific.wixsite.com/piala-pacific> for more information now.

The following Airlines that are currently servicing Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia are: United Airlines, Niugini Airlines, and Nauru Airlines

For those making your bookings on United Airlines, you can use the UA Discount Code for the 2017 PIALA Conference (UA Code: 811214) for a cheaper fare.

*******REMINDER: There is a \$20.00 Departure Fee from Pohnpei*******

CONGRATULATIONS!!

MS. ERLINDA NAPUTI

RECIPIENT OF THE 2017 KAREN PEACOCK MEMORIAL

PIALA SCHOLARSHIP



The award was made possible by the Hawaii Library Association (HLA). Ms. Naputi will present a paper on behalf of PIALA at this year's joint HLA/HASL conference on October 27-28, 2017. Ms. Naputi is currently the Acting Executive Director of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).



HAVE YOUR VOICE AND BE ELIGIBLE



*****PAY YOUR PIALA MEMBERSHIP DUES*****

In order to have your voice be heard and be eligible to vote during the PIALA General Meeting on Friday, November 17, 2017, you need to pay your membership fee before the conference or during the conference. According to the PIALA By-Laws, this year we will hold election for President and Secretary during the general meeting. Check out the PIALA [By-Laws](#) for eligibility to be an officer for PIALA.

VISIT THE PIALA WEBSITE AT <http://piala-pacific.wixsite.com/piala-pacific/membership>, PRINT OUT THE FORM and send to the address listed on the form.



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Mrs. Lola Schutz (RMI)*



*PIALA Vice President, 2016-2018
Mr. Roland San Nicolas (Guam)*



*PIALA Secretary, 2015-2017
Mrs. Jennifer Helieisar (PNI)*



*PIALA Treasurer, 2016-2018
Mr. Jeffrey Libao (Guam)*

PIALA STRATEGIC PLAN

5-YEAR OPERATIONAL PLAN:

Strategy 1: Strengthen the Association

The first goal of this strategy is Goal 1.1 *We will ensure that PIALA is a financially sustainable organization.* The Strategy Manager for this goal is the PIALA Treasurer.

The second goal of this strategy is Goal 1.2 *We will improve communication within and beyond the profession.* The Strategy Manager for this goal is the PIALA Secretary.

Strategy 2: Strengthen the Profession

The first goal of this strategy is Goal 2.1 *We will enhance the knowledge and skills of information professionals.* The Strategy Manager for this goal is Imengel Mad, Education Specialist, Palau Ministry of Education.

The second goal of this strategy is Goal 2.2 *We will promote the profession to the community.* The Strategy Manager for this goal is Atarino Helieisar, Chief Law Librarian at the Supreme Court of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM).

The third goal of this strategy is Goal 2.3 *We will facilitate the sharing of information in the region.* The Strategy Manager for this goal is Roland San Nicolas, Reference Services and Information Literacy Instruction Librarian at the University of Guam.

Strategy 3: Strengthen the Membership

The first goal of this strategy is Goal 3.1 *We will grow the membership.* The Strategy Manager for this goal is the PIALA Vice-President.

The second goal of this strategy is Goal 3.2 *Our members will value their membership. Strategy manager of this goal is the President.*

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