

2019 Hawaii State FCU Board of Directors Nominee



Marion Higa

HSFCU Experience Member since the 1970s. Elected to HSFCU Board of Directors in 2016; member (2016-17) and chair of Human Resources Committee (2018); current Board vice-chair (2018).

Education McKinley High School; University of Hawaii-Manoa (B.Ed.); University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana (M.Ed.).

Work Experience 1968-70 University of Colorado secretary; 1971-2012 Hawaii Office of the Auditor assistant analyst, associate analyst, analyst, audit manager, Deputy State Auditor, State Auditor.

Board Qualifications I seek reelection to the HSFCU Board after a first term during which I believe I used my experience and skills to contribute to the credit union's notable growth. I can continue to offer my knowledge, analytical and communication skills, and personal character to the strategic work of governance, accountability, and organizational management.

Primary Focus if Elected While the policy-making role of the Board of Directors is different from the role of the credit union's administrative staff, I approach all decision making with the criterion of what would best serve members' interests in both the short and the long term. I support a broadened financial education program; we have made a good start in the last three years, but there is so much more to do to raise the financial savvy of our members and their families.

Personal Statement Serving on the HSFCU Board of Directors is my way of giving back to people who have contributed, or will contribute, to economic and social progress in Hawaii. HSFCU began as a credit union of state employees and is now virtually at the top of the list of Hawaii credit unions. In retirement, I wish to help its upward trajectory with my experience and commitment to its principles.