



Charles Chieng (Chairman): Mr. Chieng is the Executive Director for the Yap Community Action Agency as well as a traditional leader in Yap. He has earned an Associates degree in Liberal Arts from Suomi College in Michigan and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology from the Lake Superior State College in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. His professional experience includes managing private businesses as well as serving the Yap State Government in several capacities, including Director of the Department of Public Utilities and Contracts, and Deputy Director of the Office of Planning and Budget. He is a member of the FSM Social Security Board of Trustees, Micronesians in Island Conservation, Chairman of the Yap State Environment Stewardship Consortium, and Chairman of the Yap YBSAP Taskforce.

Aren Palik (Vice-Chairman): Mr. Palik has served as the President and CEO of the Pacific Islands Development Bank since 2002. Prior to that, from 1996 to 2002, he served as Vice President and Country Manager for Bank of Hawaii's FSM region, from 1991 to 1996 as Vice President for Branch Administration and Lending at Bank of FSM, and from 1987 to 1991 as Vice President of the FSM Development Bank. Mr. Palik also worked for Kosrae State Government from 1983 to 1987 as Chief Planner and Economist.

Mr. Palik graduated Valedictorian from Kosrae High School in 1977 and went on to attain a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Economics from Eastern Oregon State College. He attended the University of Delaware's Graduate School of Banking and graduated with Honors in 1998.

In addition to being a Trustee of the Micronesia Conservation Trust since July 2007, Mr. Palik currently serves as one of the Advisors of The Celidon Foundation (www.celidon.org); Guam's Military/Civilian Task Force Subcommittee on Economic Development and Subcommittee on Housing whose task is to assess and make recommendation on the impact of the planned military expansion in Guam; member of the Board of Governors of the Asia Pacific Association for Fiduciary Studies; and member of the Guam Chamber of Commerce.

His past involvement in civic activities are numerous including serving as a Delegate to the 3rd FSM Constitutional Convention where he was selected Chairman of the Committee on Public Finance and Revenue; Delegate to the 3rd Kosrae State Constitutional Convention where he also served as Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation; and a member of the Lelu Municipal Charter Task Force that drafted the Lelu Town Charter. He also served as a member of the Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Advisory Board, President of Pohnpei Chamber of Commerce; Chairman of the Kosrae Utility Authority Board of Directors; Chairman of Kosrae State Board of Education; and member of the FSM Development Bank Board of Directors.

Aren and his wife Adelita have three sons, Ryan, Lloyd, and Jason, and one daughter, Sonja. His hobbies include basketball and fishing.



Lorrie Johnson-Asher, Esq. (Secretary): Ms. Johnson-Asher earned her LL.B. degree fulfilled the from the University of the South Pacific School of Law in 2002, having concentrated her studies on Advanced Pacific Legal Studies, the International Law of the Sea, and Intellectual Property Rights and is currently completing the requirements for her LL.M. degree pending the approval of her thesis project, “The Legal Regime of Coral Dredging in the FSM: Why its continuance would only be detrimental.” Her published works include: “Protecting the Treasures of the Past,” and “Combating the Trans-Boundary Movement of Ultra-Hazardous Wastes in the Exclusive Economic Zones of the South Pacific Countries.” She joined the Federated States of Micronesia Bar Association in 2006. Her professional experience to date includes: Pohnpei State Assistant Attorney General, Legal Counsel to the Pohnpei State Environmental Protection Agency, Court Attorney for the Pohnpei Supreme Court, and Public Defender for the FSM Office of the Public Defender.



Joseph M. Konno: Mr. Konno has earned numerous degrees including graduate work in 1998 at the University of Waikato in Waikato, NZ Special Graduate Course in Climate Change, and from 1983 to 1984 at the University of Hawaii, Manoa pursuing graduate studies in Public Health & Engineering. He earned his undergraduate degree in Secondary Education (General Science) from the University of Guam in 1980. He currently serves as the FSM National Government’s Consultant for the Second National Communication. His past experience includes service as the Executive Director for the Chuuk State Environmental Protection Agency, having made his way through the state government in positions ranging from Environmental Quality Control Officer, and Environmental Specialist and Environmental Laboratory Technician for the State Department of Health. His community and professional affiliations include serving as a member of Steering Committee creating MCT, membership in the FSM Eco-regional Expert Group, and Consultant for ADB CLIMAP Project.



Yosiwo P. George (Honorary Member): Yosiwo Palikkun George was born on July 24, 1941, on the island of Kosrae, previously referred to as Kusaie, in the Eastern Caroline Islands. He had 4 brothers and 4 sisters and completed his primary education at Malem Elementary School. He moved to Ponape (now Pohnpei) in 1957 for his Junior and Senior High Schools education He graduated in 1963 from PICS High School, and then enrolled at the College of Guam, same year under a Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (TTPI) general scholarship. After attending the College of Guam for two semesters, he was awarded an East-West Center Scholarship at the University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus, where he continued his undergraduate studies, graduating with a B.S. Degree in Mathematics in 1968. While at the University of Hawaii, he also studied at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico for a semester, under a US Federal Government sponsored cultural-interchange program (East-West Center). While working for TTPI Social Security Program in Saipan, he attended Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, for a one year, to pursue post-graduate work in Actuarial Science.

Mr. George began his public employment with the Ponape Transportation Authority, an agency of Ponape District Government, under an apprenticeship program. He then moved to a classroom teaching job, at Kolonia Elementary School, and was hired as a staff for a teacher training program (PONTEC), Department of Education. Next he transferred to the Social Security Program in Saipan, where he became the Administrator, a year following his joining the program. After 10 years with the TTPI Social Security program headquartered in Saipan, he returned to his home island of Kosrae as the first elected Lieutenant Governor of Kosrae. While serving as the Lieutenant Governor, the late President Tosiwo Nakayama, first President of FSM, appointed Mr. George to head the FSM Department of Social Services (Health, Education, and Community Affairs).

While serving as the Secretary (Director) of the Department at the FSM National Government in Pohnpei, the people of Kosrae elected him Governor, as which he served for eight years (two-consecutive terms). After completing his tenure as governor, he was then appointed by the late FSM President Bailey Olter, as the FSM Ambassador to the United Nations in New York. While serving as FSM Ambassador to UN, he was elected to the 10th, FSM Congress, where he served for about 4 years. After which he was appointed by the Honorable Rensley Sigrah, Governor of Kosrae State, as the Chief Justice for Kosrae State Court, where he served until he retired at the end of February of 2006. On March 1st, 2006, he became the Administrator for the FSM Health Insurance Program until present time.

Mr. Yosiwo P. George is married to Antilise W. Mackwelung, and they have 7 children, namely; Sandy, Steve, Anthony, Pamela, Robert (now deceased), Isobel, and Palikkun. He has 9 grandchildren; Yoma, Kioki, Robert Yos Arthur, Robert Yos Henry, Tia, Rabi, Miyalany, Malery, and RuthRuth.



Sandra S. Pierantozzi: Ms. Pierantozzi has served in a variety of high level government and private sector positions including her current appointment as the Vice Chairperson of the Koror State Public Lands Authority, overseeing and managing public lands for Koror State. She also served as a delegate to the Second Palau Constitutional Convention in 2005, popularly elected as one of the nine at-large delegates to the ConCon charged with reviewing the Constitution of Palau and proposing amendments thereto where needed. She was elected Treasurer of the Convention and chaired its standing Committee on the Executive.

From 2001 to 2004 she served as the Vice President, of the Republic of Palau. As such she chaired the National Emergency Management Office and concurrently served as Minister of Health for the Republic. She also represented Palau to the United Nations special sessions on Children, HIV/AIDS and general assemblies as well. Her duties as Vice President also included representing Palau to other international forums such as the ACP/EU Executive Summit in Nadi, Fiji in 2003 and the Forum Executive Meeting in Apia, Samoa in 2004. Chaired Palau delegations to Palau/US Annual Joint Meetings for COFA review in Palau, Guam, and Washington, DC.

Ms. Pierantozzi's extensive public service also includes election as a Senator, to the Fifth Palau National Congress 1997-2000. She was the first and so far the only woman ever to

serve in the Senate of the Palau National Congress (Olbiil Era Kelulau). As a Senator, she served as Floor Leader of the Senate and chaired the Senate Committee on Health and Social Welfare as well as serving on various other standing committees. She also represented the Senate as a director to the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) and authored legislation that became Palau's Anti-Prostitution Act, the Cancer Registry Act, and others.

In the field of conservation, she has also lead the way as a Founding Director of the Palau Conservation Society (PCS), 1994, the first non-governmental, non-profit organization in Palau working towards conservation and preservation of Palau's natural environment and has served on its board of directors continuously since and now serving as Secretary to the Board of Directors. In addition, she has served on the Board of Governors, Pacific Islands Development Bank, 1991-2004, appointed by President Etpison to represent Palau's Executive Branch on the Board of Governors of this regional bank. Later she was also appointed to serve concurrently as a member of the Board of Directors for the same bank, with the board of directors responsible for the daily operations of the bank, strategic planning, and loan review and approval.

Ms. Pierantozzi's educational background includes current graduate studies with San Diego State University, (online and ongoing thru PCC for Master in Educational Administration, May 2008 expected completion time) and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu in 1978. She earned her Associate in Secretarial Science from Union College, Lincoln, Nebraska in 1974 and graduated Valedictorian from the Palau Mission Academy in 1972.

Her hobbies and interests include: philatelic, numismatics, environmental conservation, travel, reading, collecting Pacific arts and crafts and she is currently enrolled in the MA cohort program at San Diego State University on line through the Palau Community College.



Lee P. Webber: Mr. Webber is president and publisher of The Honolulu Advertiser and president of Gannett Pacific Corporation. The Honolulu Advertiser is the largest newspaper in the State of Hawaii. Mr. Webber has a BBA in Management from University of Guam. His professional training includes The Looking Glass, Center for Creative Leadership; Management of Managers Program, University of Michigan Business School; American Press Institute-Cost and Management Seminar and Executive Development Program.

He served as a United States Navy Hospital Corpsman and served in Vietnam in the 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Recon Battalion. He held several key positions at Guam Publications, Inc. and USA TODAY. Before moving to Hawaii, he was President and Publisher for Guam Publications, Inc. for 24 years and was active in a number of community groups, including the Navy League of the United States, Guam Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts of America and the Guam Visitors Bureau, among others, as well as being vice chairman of the University of Guam Board of Regents. Mr. Webber's awards include Guam Business Executive of the Year (2007), Doctor of Humane Letters (Honoris Causa)-University of Guam (2004), Gannett Award for Sixth President's Ring (2004), Gannett Chairman's Ring for Fifth President's Ring (2003), Sunshine Award (Freedom of Information)-Society of Professional Journalists (2000), Silver Beaver Award-Boy Scouts of

America Aloha Council (1996), Distinguished Alumni Award-University of Guam (1991), Jaycee International Senate Member (1985), Paul Harris Fellowship (1984) and Three Outstanding Young People of Guam (1978). His military awards include Presidential Unit Commendation (two awards), Navy Unit Commendation Medal (two awards), Vietnam Service and Vietnam Campaign Medals, National Defense Service Medal and Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal.

Mr. Webber is a board member of numerous business, military and community organizations, including the Air Force Civilian Advisory Council, Boy Scouts of America-Aloha Council, Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and Military Advisory Committee, Diamond Head Theatre, Enterprise Honolulu, Foundation for the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Hawaii Business Roundtable, Japan-America Society of Hawaii, Micronesia Conservation Trust and USS Missouri Memorial Association. His professional memberships include the Society of Professional Journalists, International Press Institute and the Foreign Correspondence Club. His military association memberships include the U.S. Navy League, 3rd Marine Division Association, Air Force Association, Khe Sanh Veterans Association and 3rd Recon Association.

Mr. Webber and his wife, June, have two sons and one daughter. His hobbies include archery, swimming, scuba diving (Instructor/Trainer, Advanced Nitrox Instructor), pistol, rifle and shotgun shooting and underwater photography.