



**Western Council Annual Meeting | June 6-8, 2023 | Honolulu, HI**

*Aloha Friends!*

*I am really looking forward to welcoming you to Oahu and giving you an experience that is what we call local kine. Robin and I have worked to develop an agenda that will give you an opportunity to learn more about Hawai'i and do a deep dive into the power of design thinking.*

*I thought I would just share a few more details about the schedule and some tips as you get ready for your visit.*

*If you need anything, please don't hesitate to text or call my cell (916)718-1658*

*Can't wait to see you all!*

*Stacey*

## **SCHEDULE**

### **DAY 1 - JUNE 6 2023**

This is the travel day. You will have an opportunity to see many parts of Oahu. We will be traveling west and then through the island to the windward side and then down back to Honolulu. The times are subject to traffic challenges, but we will get there. Well, and it's island time. 😊

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<b>TRAVEL:</b>	By bus from the hotel.
<b>DRESS:</b>	Comfortably. Feel free to wear your slippa's (flipflops)
<b>SUNSCREEN:</b>	Wear and keep applying!
<b>WATER:</b>	Bring your water bottles. We will have some bottles of H2O, but always nice to save plastics for emergencies.
<b>FOOD:</b>	Lunch will be served and we will have some snacks on the bus. There will also be some treats at 4:30 pm, which will include some small plate kinds of offerings.

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7:30 am -9:00 am	Breakfast – Leahi Room
9:30 am	Time to get on the bus
10:30 am	<a href="#">Nānākuli Public Library</a> , where you will see our newest library set in one of largest Native Hawai'ian populations. Staff will give you a tour and share the work they do to support the community.

11:30 am	Early bento box lunch and enjoy the view of the Wai'anae Range
12:30 pm	Head over to <a href="#">Alu Like</a> to meet the staff who run the Native Hawai'ian library and learn more about the services and programs they provide.
1:00 pm	Time to get on the bus and go to the Waikalua Fishpond on the windward side of the island.
2:00 pm	Staff will share the importance of the <a href="#">Waikalua Loko I'a</a> and how it fits into the ahupua'a, which is an amazing aina (land) sustainable practice. There will be a bit of walking and some work in the sand.
3/3:30 pm	Back on the bus and head to the <a href="#">Hawaii State Library</a> , which is our oldest library and was supported by Andrew Carnegie.
4:30-6:30 pm	Tour and some local tastes to hold you over until dinner
6:30 pm	Bus takes you back to the hotel



**DAY 2 - JUNE 7 2023**

We are going to spend the day at the Entrepreneurs Sandbox learning the design thinking process. It is managed by the Hawai'i Technology Development Corporation, which is a state agency responsible for supporting the growth of the tech industry in Hawai'i. HTDC supports this cool space to encourage collaboration, idea generation and implementation and growth.

**TRAVEL:** It's time to Uber or Lyft it.

**DRESS:** Comfortably. Feel free to wear your slippa's (flipflops). Might want to bring a sweater or jacket. The Sandbox can be chilly.

**SUNSCREEN:** Wear and keep applying! (even inside)

**WATER:** Bring your water bottles. We will have some bottles of H2O, but always nice to save plastics for emergencies.

**FOOD:** Lunch will be at the Moku Kitchen, which is a .2 mi or 3 minute walk from the Sandbox. Snacks will be available throughout the day.

7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast – Leahi Room
9:00 am	Uber or Lyft over to the <a href="#">Entrepreneur Sandbox</a> . The address is 643 Ilalo St., Honolulu, HI 96813
9:30 am	Begin our design thinking journey with <a href="#">Ian Kitajima</a> , who has been working with organizations and government to implement design thinking into critical work.
12:00 pm	Lunch at <a href="#">Moku Kitchen</a>
1:30 pm	Back to design thinking
5:00 pm	Uber or Lyft back to hotel.
6:30 pm	Dinner and cash bar – Leahi Room



### DAY 3 - JUNE 8 2023

We will spend our morning at the Hawaii State Art Museum with some inspiration from a local artist and our business meeting. After the meeting, you are free to explore and walk downtown Chinatown, check out the Iʻolani Palace and Capitol or head back to the beach!

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<b>TRAVEL:</b>	It's time to Uber or Lyft it.
<b>DRESS:</b>	Comfortably. Feel free to wear your slippa's (flipflops). Might want to bring a sweater or jacket. AC in our state buildings is intense sometimes.
<b>SUNSCREEN:</b>	Wear and keep applying! (even inside)
<b>WATER:</b>	Bring your water bottles. We will have some bottles of H2O, but always nice to save plastics for emergencies.
<b>FOOD:</b>	Coffee/Tea and some local treats will be provided.

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7:30 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast – Leahi Room
9:30 am	Uber or Lyft over to the <a href="#">Hawai'i State Art Museum</a> . The address is: 250 South Hotel Street, HI HI 96813.
10:00 am	Inspiration from local artist Eric Enos. He is a creative force that thinks about how his Native Hawai'ian culture is influenced and can influence the future. He will also include
11:00 am	Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General Updates<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Monthly Board Meetings</li><li>○ Quarterly Member Meetings</li></ul></li><li>• Officer Elections:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Treasurer</li><li>○ Secretary</li></ul></li><li>• Fall Meeting Update</li><li>• 2024 Annual Meeting Location</li><li>• Meet my SLAA:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Colorado State Library – Nicolle</li><li>○ North Dakota State Library - Mary</li></ul></li><li>• Professional Development Exchanges (PDE) Discussion<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ This large group discussion will cover the return of PDE expiration dates, the possible cap on the number of PDEs per state, and any other PDE idea or suggestion.</li></ul></li><li>• Future WestCo initiatives<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ This small group discussion will identify potential opportunities and challenges for the board or members to work on, support, or push to partner organizations.</li></ul></li></ul>
12:30 pm	Wrap up and Go Explore!

## A FEW TIPS

- **HAWAII BASICS** - Want to learn more and connect to Hawai'i basics? Check out <https://www.gohawaii.com>
- **BEACH INFO** - Going to the beach? I would recommend checking out <https://safebeachday.com/county/o'ahu/> It will tell you about the waves and any hazards for the day and general beach information. If the map key is yellow – it's generally safe to swim with caution.
- **SUNSCREEN** - Thanks to Mary for sending out information about sunscreen. We have a law banning any sunscreen with oxybenzone and octinoxate, which destroy our reefs. So make sure to pick sun screen without if you are bringing with you. Banana Boat's Simply Protect also does not have parabens. Make sure to wear all of the time too. We are closer to the equator, so your skin may burn faster.
- **FOOD** - It's really hard to go wrong with food here. I'd like to recommend, if you have a chance, check out [Pig & the Lady](#) (Vietnamese fusion) or [Fete](#) (fresh amazing foods). Both are in Chinatown and popular. You will need a reservation.
- **BE CAREFUL** - As with any big city, please be careful. Unfortunately, since the pandemic we have experienced more crime. Just be aware of your surroundings.
- **ALOHA** – It is real. If you need help or have questions, just ask. We like helping everyone. If you need anything, text or call me. Happy to help!

A hui hou!