Government Relations and Legislative Affairs
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Mission
The Government Relations and Legislative Affairs (GRA) Division is responsible for the promotion, preservation, and advocacy of Native Hawaiian rights and entitlements at the federal, state, and county levels of government.

FY-09 Highlights
- Provided counsel and technical coordination for 26 Native Hawaiian community television productions, including two Native Hawaiian television programs produced at Han's Native Hawaiian Television Lab.
- Provided support for the successful launch of the Native Hawaiian Community Television Network, which airs weekly on satellite television and is also distributed in Oakland, CA.
- Provided advice on Native Hawaiian radio programming, including the development of new programs.

Office of Board Services
Chief Operating Officer

Mission
The Office of Board Services (OBS) works to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of OHA's financial and program operations, and to manage information needed to reach decisions that lead to the achievement of OHA's mission and goals.

FY-09 Highlights
- Organized and facilitated a successful 2008 State of OHA address with over 500 guests at Sandy Antonio's Cathedral. Through comprehensive planning, OBS designed a compelling public ceremony, underlining the importance of OHA's Board of Trustees and providing a platform for OHA's accomplishments.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive training program in fiscal management and accountability.
- Responded to 3,311 telephone calls, minutes and mail, recording and processing a total of 7,167 calls and 3,116 pieces of mail, providing a comprehensive consulting service with a highly effective mail processing system.
- Coordinated and facilitated a successful 2009 State of OHA address with over 500 guests at Sandy Antonio's Cathedral. Through comprehensive planning, OBS designed a compelling public ceremony, underlining the importance of OHA's Board of Trustees and providing a platform for OHA's accomplishments.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive training program in fiscal management and accountability.
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MISSION
The Public Information Office (PIO) serves the communications, publications, graphic design, public relations, multimedia production, and information needs of OHA. PIO coordinates the dissemination of information about OHA programs, policies and general activities to the public through various print, electronic and broadcast media.

FY-06 HIGHLIGHTS
• Assumed administration and coordination of Nai ‘Oli Oli‘o, a weekday morning radio show covering issues facing the Native Hawaiian community and the general public. The show airs on AM 940 in Honolulu and online at am940hawaii.com.
• Expanded broadcast of Nai ‘Oli Oli‘o to AM and FM stations statewide and took the show on the road for the first time to the neighbor islands with live remote broadcasts from Maui and Hawaii Island.
• Produced and coordinated distribution of 12 issues of Ka Wai Oli‘o. The free newspaper’s circulation of 59,000 includes roughly 36,500 recipients on Oahu, 18,000 on the neighbor islands, and 4,500 on the U.S. continent.
• Created the OHA Annual Report, calendar and greeting card with the artistic theme “Na Wahi Pana – Celebrated Places,” featuring images of wahi pana around Hawai‘i photographed by Kapalani Landgraf and Anna Johnson.
• Assisted PIO in the production of the 2007 Grants Report.
• In collaboration with volunteers from other OHA divisions, PIO produced and directed Ha naui Laha‘u Aloha, a television series exploring programs for OHA Community Television, with content coordination provided by the OHA Division. The program airs weekly on SATV Channel 13.
• PIO produced “Coded Lands: The People’s Legacy”, a live on-air broadcast on KITV.
• In concert with the Hawaiian Governance Hall and outside contractors, PIO produced four testimonial television spots featuring prominent Native Hawaiians who encourage participation in the Ku ‘Au Hawaiian governance registration. Audio versions aired on a variety of radio stations and print versions ran in major newspapers.

• For the first time, based a PIO position outside the Honolulu office. A Publications Editor is now assigned to the East Hawai‘i CRC office for better access to the Native Hawaiian community in that area.
• Sustained advertising sponsorship of major events including the Queen Lili‘uokalani Kū Hula Ho‘olaule‘a, Merrie Monarch Hula Festival, the Kealohilani Schools Song Contest and Nā Kūkui Hana‘ano awards.
• Organized news conferences and issued dozens of press releases, newspaper opinion pieces and letters-to-the-editor.
• Produced a broad variety of fliers, business cards, brochures and other publications.
• Made overhaul of OHA.org to include frequent web updates of OHA and community events via photographs and write-ups. Created new section of the website to include program updates and reports in a continued effort to keep the public informed of OHA’s activities.

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