

## *A special insert for Hawaii Betsuin's May 2017 Goji Newsletter*

### **Temple Closure Due to Termite Fumigation**

-Stacy Bradshaw

Happy May, Everyone! Hope everyone is enjoying the cooler spring weather before the hot of summer. As the completion of the new PBA building draws closer (scheduled completion in August), the temple facilities and finance committees have been working hard to begin the temple's next large capital improvement project. This project includes the complete termite fumigation of the temple's main buildings, repair work of any termite damage to the structures, and painting of the main temple and annex buildings. **Due to the tenting, we will be closing the temple operations for roughly a 4-day span. The current plans call for the closing to be from Wednesday, May 31st through Saturday, June 3rd.** If all goes as planned, we will resume operations on Sunday, June 4th with our regularly scheduled Sunday services. We would like to reassure the membership that the facilities committee and office staff are handling all preparations and preliminary work. We sincerely apologize for the late notice and for any inconvenience this may cause our membership. We only have this small window for the fumigation, which we believe would cause the least amount of impact to the temple's activities. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we continue with this project. As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Business office during normal business hours.

### **What's Up on the Betsuin Board?**

Inquiring minds have asked for reporting from the Betsuin Board. A fair request! We will try to provide periodic updates in the *Goji*.

First, a little about the makeup of the board. We currently have 45 board members, of which 10 are officers and 8 are *ex officio* (board members by virtue of their positions as ministers, executive-level staff, or affiliated

group representatives). We used to have a separate Executive Board made up of officers. Following a 2016 bylaws change, we are now a single board that meets monthly (typically 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:30 a.m.), though an Executive Committee of officers still has authority to act independently in special situations.

The board has a lot of committees. Some are one-person committees and some are full-fledged. In the past year we have tried to group related committees together with the President and VPs providing oversight. (We'll say more about committees in another update.)

Board meetings are an opportunity to review temple finances and attendance data, set direction and priorities, review and approve proposals from committees (including funding requests), resolve issues, and plan and budget for the coming year.

Some highlights from the April meeting include plans to review our memorial service offerings and policies, identifying priority projects for centennial fundraising (e.g., renovating the lounge), and considering ways to encourage new people to join the board. We received briefings on the upcoming campus-wide termite treatment and a new property management arrangement for the ministers' residences.

We also updated each other on events, including the recent Taste of Hongwanji and Bazaar, the Earth Day Service and Fair, the MusicFest to follow the Eshinni/Kakushinni Day Service, and the upcoming visit by the Gomonshu. And if you were wondering about the centennial mascot, the Events Committee said a winner has been selected but the announcement is pending a copyright review.

Elections for the next two-year term for board members (2018-2019) will be held in November. You don't have to be a board member to serve on a committee. To learn more, contact a board member directly or through the Betsuin office.

- David Atcheson  
*Communications Committee convener*