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Dear Members of the Native Hawaiian Coalition:

We are aware that the Coalition and Chair Pro Tem have requested a two-day meeting. However, OHA is not committed to paying for a two-day meeting.

We believe the Coalition's next step needs to be election of permanent leadership, and that can be accomplished in one day. After permanent leadership is in place, Coalition members can appoint committees or set up some other kind of structure to flesh out the details on the steps to forming a nation.

As many of you know, when the Coalition was formed in February 2004, it was tasked with determining the steps to form a nation. That is the only task OHA trustees agreed to fund. It took the Coalition a year to determine the steps.

Coalition members then asked OHA to continue funding meetings so its members could flesh out the details of those steps. OHA agreed, but another year has passed and that task is still not done because the Coalition has been stuck on organizational structure. We encourage the Coalition to immediately elect a permanent leader so the group can move forward with the task of fleshing out the steps to building a nation.

For the meeting on March 18, 2006, OHA is committed to paying for the following:

- Cost of the meeting room and food at the East-West Center.
- Bus transportation for neighbor island and continent participants from the Airport and airport hotels to the East-West Center on the morning of March 18.
- Return bus transportation back to the Airport and airport hotels in the afternoon of March 18.

- The same number of roundtrip airfares as in the past for neighbor island participants. If you choose to arrive on March 17, please understand *OHA will not be paying for overnight accommodations.*
- The same number of roundtrip airfares as in the past for participants from the continent. OHA will pay for *overnight accommodations for continent participants for the night of March 17 only.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Hawaiian Governance staff. We look forward to working with the Coalition to finalize its task and move the Native Hawaiian people into the next phase of nation-building.

'O wau iho nō,



Clyde W. Nāmu'o
Administrator