

Nominee for the position of **International Council Member Elect (ICM(E))**

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**Name:** Mr Robert "Bobby" Stivers-Apiki  
**Nationality:** American  
**Date of birth:** 17-01-1949  
**Name of spouse:** N/A  
**Number of children:** N/A  
**Religion:** Catholic  
**Profession:** Retired, Chief Executive Director (CEO), The Island of Hawaii YMCA  
**Name of Y's Men's Club:** Kaimuki (& Hilo)  
**Club chartered on:** 22-06-1963  
**Number of Club members as at 1 February this year:** 25



**Schools and Professional Experience:**

BA Degree, Hawaii Loa College (Hawaii Pacific University), 1971; Hawaii Business Management Program, University of Hawaii, 1985. Over forty years of YMCA leadership development training including but not limited to Trainer of Trainers in child & youth development, values education, teen & family programs, outreach & youth gang prevention, health & fitness, safety & risk management, staff & board development, financial, communication & program development.

**Examples of one or two club activities (both local and international):**

Kamuki Club: Limited participation due to residence on another island. Attended the club's annual Y Service Club-YMCA Sunday Church visit; supported the club's yearly Endowment Dinner.

Hilo Club: Co-organizer, Stop Dengue Fever Repellent Bracelet Campaign; co-organizer annual Christmas tree sale fundraiser, in its 67th year; organized Time of Fast-Global Project Fund (TOF-GPF) 'Bento Auction' Fundraiser; promoted Roll-Back Malaria World Day Promotion and fundraiser efforts.

**Involvement in Y's Men International:**

**INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT:**

- Delegate to 72nd International Convention, Taipei, Taiwan 2016
- Golden Book Living Tribute Kaimuki Y's Men's Club 1998
- Golden Book Living Tribute Hilo Club 2010
- Golden Book Living Tribute Hawaii Region 2015
- Paul William Alexander Fellow 2015

**US AREA INVOLVEMENT:**

- Alexander Scholarship Fund Trustee 2012-2017
- Henry Grimes Award – Outstanding Regional Director 2016
- US Area Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada 2013
- US Area Convention, Grand Rapids, Michigan 2015
- US Area Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada 2017

HAWAII REGION INVOLVEMENT:-CM - Kaimuki Y Service Club 1980's and  
-CM - Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club 2007  
-CP - Hilo Y's Men & Women's Club 2012-2014  
-RD - Hawaii Region 2014-2016  
-RDE- Hawaii Region 2013  
-IPRD - Hawaii Region 2016 - present  
-RSD - Alexander Scholarship Fund & Dollars For Scholars 2012-2014, 2016 - present  
-RSD - Awards, IPRD 2016 - present  
-RSD - Membership 2016 - present  
-RSD - Co-Chair/Trainer Hawaii Region Leadership Academy

-Donated and raised funds for Roll-Back Malaria, Time of Fast-Global Project

### **YMCA and other involvement:**

-Vice President, Child Care 1994-2004; Youth Director - Executive Director - 1972 - 1993; Retired 2004, YMCA of Honolulu  
-Chief Executive Officer 2009-2010, 2014, Vice President of Operations, (VPO) Executive Director 2004-2008, The Island of Hawaii YMCA; Retired 2010, 2015.  
-Volunteer Board Member, The Island of Hawaii YMCA 2015 to present.  
-Club Member & Board Member, Rotary Club of Hilo, Rotary International, Vocational Services Director 2007 to present  
-Volunteer Board Member, Friends of East Hawaii Children's Justice Center  
-Board Member, YMCA Asian/Pacific Islander Leadership Network Board  
-Member, HANO - Hawaii Association of Non-Profit Organizations  
-Organized Hui Organization - non-profit organization networking group

### **International Experiences:**

-Staff Associate, Osaka Minami YMCA, Osaka, Japan 1971-1972  
-Delegate to Five YMCA Conference held in Singapore & Korea, YMCA of Honolulu  
-Staff Leader to Blue Sea Green Land Voyage from Honolulu to Tokyo, Japan, YMCA of Honolulu  
-Co-Leader to Beijing, China YMCA, YMCA of Honolulu  
-Staff Director conducted Summer Program, Federation of Micronesia, Chuuk (Truk), YMCA of Honolulu  
-Delegate to Nuclear Free YMCA Conference, Samoa, YMCA of Honolulu

### **1. My ideas and/or concerns about Y's Men International today:**

-Membership Development Plan. International would best be served if it had a Strategic Plan For Membership Development. The efforts of Y's Men International are only as effective as its membership. YMI is experiencing decline in membership in the US, Canada and Europe and the Council should commit to membership development by appointing a Task Force on Membership Development. The plan must be an action plan that provides YMI with clear direction for membership recruitment and retention activities for all Areas.

-Communication. International is making a positive impact in communicating with Areas and Regions with the update and much improved website; regular communication from the International President and informative and professional looking publications like YMI World and YMI Youth should be continued.

-Training Materials. International continues to improve its training materials which now is on the website, but such materials as well a printer manuals, like RD Manuals all need upgrade including YMI branding and use of today's vernacular, graphics, and style of promotion.

## **2. What I would like to do for Y's Men International during my term if elected:**

-As an ICM, for the first year or so, I would like to effectively and fully understand the 'breadth and depth' of the organizational structure, operations, functions, line of authority, duties, programs and services, etc. Once versed in the complexity of the organization, I would be able to make sound decisions that will benefit the members' programs and services of YMI.

-I would like to work with the Council to update the goals of Toward 2022 by establishing realistic and attainable goals; work toward achieving stated goals of Toward 2022 and all its programs including its International Convention 2022.

As an ICM, I would like to incorporate my Hawaiian cultural values and experiences with the diverse cultures of other Council members to ensure YMI is a multicultural organization that values and demonstrates this diversity.

-I expect to develop relationships through mutual respect with members and leaders of all Areas and together, achieve the purpose and goals of YMI.

-I have a deep 'love' for the YMCA due to its influence in my life and working with and through YMI we can make a difference in the lives of children, youth, families and seniors around the world.

## **3. How we can develop Y's Men International internationally:**

**-World Values.** Be the leading international organization that aspires to the appreciation of diversity, intercultural understanding and world peace through common global values.

**-Strengthening partnerships with local YMCAs.** There are some 45 million YMCA members around the world. Imagine if we recruit just 1% or 2% of the Y members!

**-In Partnership.** Execute a BOLD, SIGNATURE world-wide initiative that focuses on 'YMCA youth'. This could build a strong bridge between YMI and the YMCA but must be directed by Y's Men International through its Areas, Regions and Districts and adapt to the uniqueness of their needs.

**-Flexible Membership.** Many national community organizations that have experienced a decline in membership have adopted flexible membership structures. While a single option membership is good for the majority of members, it does not help to grow membership or maximize revenue to support its activities. What assets could a corporate/business membership bring to a YMI club?

## **4. My personal belief in and concept of the Christian dimension in Y's Men International:**

I firmly believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ and I hold dear to the principles and values of *caring, respect, honesty* and *responsibility* in alignment with the YMCAs of the USA. In Hawaii, we pride ourselves in teaching and demonstrating the 'aloha spirit' which in essence embraces the values of the YMCA. "Aloha" is the value of unconditional love, and it is my intention to treat everyone I meet with the spirit of *aloha*.