



## Dave Kozuki, Josh Levinson, and Ben Wo Join EF Hawai'i Board of Directors

April 16, 2009 – The Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i welcomes the following new members to its Board of Directors:



**Dave Kozuki** is the founder and CEO of People Bridge, which develops Internet-based software for building neighborhood communities. People Bridge moved to Hawai'i from Silicon Valley in 2005. Prior to People Bridge, he was the VP of Business Development and Sales at PacifiCall, a developer of telecommunications software for mobile phones and PCs based in Palo Alto. At Sylanro of Campbell, Dave developed strategic alliances with domestic and international device manufacturers to interoperate with the Sylanro VoIP application server. As a program manager for the Net Generation group at IBM in Mountain View, Dave helped start the international Application Service Provider partner program ASP Prime. He ran a five-store retail chain as its president and held sales and marketing management positions with Sprint, IBM, and Pacific LightNet in Hawai'i. Dave graduated from UH Manoa with a BBA in Management Information Systems and Marketing.



**Josh Levinson** is President and CEO of Community Links Hawai'i, a nonprofit incubator that helps people turn their ideas for solving community problems into projects that make a powerful impact. Josh was born and raised in Hawai'i, graduating from Punahou School before leaving Hawai'i for college.

While away from Hawai'i, Josh's experience included: working at the Center for Documentary Studies on a large oral history project documenting African-American life in the segregated South; public radio production at Marketplace Productions in Los Angeles; and working as a project ethnographer, documenting the occupational health hazards of commercial fishing in North Carolina.

Immediately prior to coming home to join Community Links Hawai'i, Josh was Deputy Director at the District of Columbia's premier public interest advocacy organization, the DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice, tackling some of the most intractable public policy problems facing our nation's capital city.

Some of Josh's little-known or forgotten accomplishments include co-founding a radio show on WXYC-FM in Chapel Hill, NC, called "Hell or High Water," and starting an ill-conceived company called "Dump, Inc." that offered to take out people's trash for a nominal fee.

Josh is a graduate of Duke University and holds a Master's degree in Folklore from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He lives in Kailua with his wife, son, and persnickety cat.



**Bennett Wo** is a Vice President of C.S. Wo & Sons, where his responsibilities include asset management, alternative investments, and internet applications. As a founding partner of Wo Capital Group, he oversees investments in private equity and venture capital.

He is also managing partner of BJM Properties, a real estate development fund, BJM Partners, a fund which invests in early-stage Hawai'i companies, and The Wo Private Equity Fund, a fund which invests globally in private equity.

Prior responsibilities at C.S. Wo included managing the company's restaurant supply subsidiary (American Restaurant Supply), the furniture operations division, and the bedding division.

Bennett sits on the board of directors of the Hawai'i Angels, Hawai'i Venture Group, Pacific Venture Capital, Punahou Alumni Association, and the Honolulu Symphony. He graduated from Punahou School, and earned engineering degrees from Stanford University and an MBA from the UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management.

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**Terry George**, Executive Director of the Harold K.L. Castle Foundation; **Jerry Rauckhorst**, President & CEO of Catholic Charities Hawai'i; and **Bill Richardson**, General Partner of HMS Hawai'i Management, have transitioned off the Board of Directors. EF Hawai'i is grateful to them for their years of dedicated service and support for developing a new generation of philanthropists in Hawai'i.

Continuing on the EF Hawai'i Board are **Chairman John Dean**, Managing General Partner, Startup Capital Ventures; **President & Executive Director Leigh-Ann Miyasato**, Vice President, DragonBridge Capital, LLC; **Vice President Mark Rossi**, Vice Chairman & Chief Administrative Officer, Bank of Hawaii; **Secretary/Treasurer Rachel Ogdie**, Executive Director, HiBEAM; **John Bower**, CEO, uBoost; and **Henk Rogers**, Mastermind, Blue Planet Software.

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## About EF Hawai'i

The Entrepreneurs Foundation of Hawai'i, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, engages entrepreneurial companies in community service and philanthropy.

- Community service: EF Hawai'i helps companies establish a community service program for their employees.
- Philanthropy: EF Hawai'i accepts donations of company equity. When there is a liquidity event, EF Hawai'i places 50% of the proceeds in a company-advised charitable fund. The remainder is retained by EF Hawai'i to support its programs.

For more information, please visit [www.efhawaii.org](http://www.efhawaii.org) or e-mail [info@efhawaii.org](mailto:info@efhawaii.org).

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