

Phyllis Sumiko Shimabukuro-Geiser

Objective

Vision Statement: Perpetuating the uniqueness of Hawaii through dedicated public service to the people of Hawai`i through righteousness.

Mission Statement: Assisting all farmers and ranchers to grow more wholesome food, fiber and energy through coexistence of conventional and organic practices, with innovative tools to double local food production by 2020.

Education

University of California – Davis

June 15, 1984 - Masters of Science in Avian Sciences

Thesis title: Cryopreservation of Male Gametes from Avian Species for Future Restoration of These Valuable Genetic Stocks.

University of Hawaii at Manoa

December 21, 1980 – Bachelors of Science in Animal Science with Distinction

Wallace Rider Farrington High School – Honolulu, Hawaii

Professional Accomplishments

- State of Hawai`i Medical Marijuana Dispensary License Selection Panel member - March 2016
- State of Hawai`i Interagency Climate Adaptation Committee member designee– 2015 to 2017
- State of Hawai`i Agriculture Workforce Advisory Board member designee – 2015 to present
- Stakeholder resource for Senator Mazie Hirono – 2013 National Egg Bill
- Legislative Testimonies – Smart Business Success Story 2011 recipient by Small Business Hawai`i Entrepreneurial Education Foundation
- USDA Farm Services Agency Hawaii State Committee member 2001-2009
- UH CTAHR Extension Veterinary Specialist Search Committee member
- UH CTAHR Reorganization member
- Hawai`i Farm Bureau Federation Outstanding Member 1995
- University of California Davis College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Outstanding Young Alumna 1993
- State of Hawai`i Board of Agriculture Member-At-Large 1989-1997
- Gamma Sigma Delta (Agriculture Honor Society) member

Experience

State of Hawai`i Department of Agriculture

Deputy to the Chairperson from January 16, 2015 – present

Resume October 25, 2018

As the principal assistant to the Chairperson of the Board, assist in the direction and coordination of day-to-day activities of the Department; relieve the Chairperson of administrative details as assigned; and assume active direction of the Department in his absence.

Attends meetings of policy boards, committees, and legislative, and community stakeholder groups as assigned by the Chairperson.

Assists and maintains departmental operational efficiency, standard of performance and general employee performance. In addition to the duties of Deputy to the Chairperson, I have concurrently served as Acting Plant Industry Division Administrator twice in 2016 and 2018 due to the vacancy of the administrator for the department's largest division comprised of the Pesticides Branch, Plant Quarantine Branch and the Plant Pest Control Branch.

Mikilua Poultry Farm, Inc. Waianae, Hawai'i

President from 2009 – December 31, 2014

Vice President from 1994 – 2009

Administrative and Fiscal Assistant from June 16, 1984 - 1994

Mikilua Poultry Farm, Inc., a family cooperation produced fresh local eggs to all islands in the State of Hawaii except Niihau. I provided administrative and managerial supervision of operational activities such as nutrition, genetics, avian health, food safety and quality assurance. I oversaw internal policies for planning, budgeting and staffing needs.

Associated Producers Corp. Honolulu, Hawaii

Vice President from 2007 – December 31, 2014

Advised the President of egg quality assurance and technical information.

Skills

- Private agribusiness and state government administration
- Human Resources – recruitment and performance reviews
- Contract administration
- Agricultural outreach and education of federal, state and county rules and regulations
- Agricultural research

Interests

- Japanese American National Museum member
- Okinawan dance
- St. Mark's Episcopal Church Stewardship Chairperson
- World Poultry Science Association member