



# Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
FSM, State of Chuuk  
FSM, State of Kosrae  
FSM, State of Pohnpei  
FSM, State of Yap  
Island of Guam  
Republic of Kiribati  
Republic of the Marshall Islands  
Republic of Nauru  
Republic of Palau  
State of Hawaii

## A RESOLUTION

### Resolution No. 53-BOD-03

**“Expanding on APIL Resolution No. 31-GA-12 to provide that the status reports and communiqués required by that resolution be issued in an effective and timely manner by the Office of the APIL President.”**

1           **WHEREAS**, at the 31<sup>st</sup> General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island  
2 Legislatures held in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, June 20-23,  
3 2012, Resolution No. 31-GA-12 was adopted by the General Assembly acknowledging  
4 that the “Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL) is an assembly of  
5 representatives of the people of the Pacific Islands who meet periodically to consider  
6 matters of mutual interest in areas where regional cooperation, coordination, exchange  
7 and assistance would help individual governments achieve their goals through collective  
8 action, and to address in depth the substantive regional and international issues facing the  
9 emerging Pacific governments”; and

10           **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 31-GA-12 further acknowledged that the “APIL has  
11 undertaken bold, innovative, and progressive initiatives designed to strengthen the  
12 economies of our region; preserve and promote our respective and unique island cultures;  
13 and preserve and promote our indigenous, natural, and human natural resources for the  
14 mutual benefit of our Pacific peoples”; and

15           **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 31-GA-12 went on to reason that the “APIL  
16 acknowledges and appreciates the need to follow-up, report, and further act on initiatives  
17 adopted by APIL in order that we may advance our common agenda, account for, and  
18 disseminate such information for the mutual benefit of our respective member  
19 jurisdictions”; and

1           **WHEREAS**, in consideration of these factors, Resolution No. 31-GA-12 resolved  
2     that the “Association of Pacific Island Legislatures requests that each member entity,  
3     during the opening of its Board of Directors Meetings, submits to the APIL President, a  
4     written report and oral report on the status of previously adopted resolutions during the  
5     General Assembly Conference and Board of Directors Meeting, that were applicable to  
6     the member country”; and

7           **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 31-GA-12 further resolved that “the APIL Central-  
8     Secretariat shall compile a comprehensive report based on each of the members’ country  
9     reports and post such reports on the APIL website for information purposes”; and

10          **WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific Island  
11     Legislatures is in full support of the intent of Resolution No. 31-GA-12, but is of the  
12     mind that the subject matter of the resolution should be expanded upon to more fully  
13     achieve its purpose; and

14          **WHEREAS**, this opinion is predicated on the sense of the Board members that  
15     because a significant number of resolutions adopted by the APIL are directed to parties  
16     other than the APIL member jurisdictions, the responses to those requests for action are  
17     more easily monitored by the Association itself rather than the individual Legislatures,  
18     and that the comprehensive reports requested by Resolution No. 31-GA-12 to be  
19     formalized following each General Assembly and each Board Meeting of the APIL  
20     would carry more weight and authority if the communiqué emanated out of the Office of  
21     the APIL President, rather than the Central-Secretariat as set forth in 31-GA-12; now,  
22     therefore,

23          **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Association of Pacific  
24     Island Legislatures, 53<sup>rd</sup> Board of Directors’ Meeting, State of Pohnpei, FSM, December  
25     5-6, 2012, that the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Association of Pacific Island  
26     Legislatures, hereby authorizes and directs the President of the APIL, with the assistance  
27     of the APIL Central and Member Secretariats, to submit a written report to each Member  
28     Legislature of the APIL on the status of previously adopted resolutions and other  
29     directives of the APIL at least two weeks preceding each General Assembly and Board of  
30     Directors Meeting of the APIL; and

1           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President of the APIL, with the  
2 assistance of the Secretary of the APIL and the APIL Central and Member Secretariats, is  
3 authorized and directed to compile a comprehensive report, in the form of an official  
4 APIL Communiqué, of all actions taken at each General Assembly and each Board of  
5 Directors Meeting, inclusive of the acknowledgement and actions taken with respect to  
6 previously adopted resolutions and directives, which communiqué shall be submitted to  
7 each Member Legislature of the APIL and posted on the APIL website for information  
8 purposes within one month following the respective General Assembly or Board of  
9 Directors Meeting of the APIL; and

10           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the  
11 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same be  
12 transmitted to the Chief Executives and Legislative Presiding Officers of each member  
13 jurisdiction of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2012.**



**JUDITH T. WON PAT, ED. D.  
PRESIDENT**



**CHANG B. WILLIAM  
SECRETARY**

