



**JANUARY 14 – 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**BONUS SESSION – JANUARY 13TH**

**GRAND HYATT KAUAI RESORT AND SPA**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026**

Time	Session	Location
7:15 – 8:30	Bonus Session Registration	Grand Promenade
	<b>Bonus Sessions (Choose One)</b>	
8:30 – 10:00	<b>Governance for Boards and Audit Committees</b> <i>Amy Hillman</i> , Professor of Corporate Strategy, Arizona State University	Grand Ballroom 1,6,7
8:30 – 10:00	<b>Turning Credit Union AI Ideas into Results</b> <i>Frankie Russo</i> , 8X Inc. 500 Founder   Entrepreneur, The Growth Co.	Grand Ballroom 2,3,4,5
10:00 – 10:15	Break	Grand Promenade
10:15 – 11:30	<b>Bonus Sessions Continue</b>	
4:00 – 6:00	Registration	Grand Promenade

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

Time	Session	Location
7:15 – 3:30	<b>Registration</b>	Grand Promenade
8:00 - 8:30	<b>Welcome to VLI-Hawaii</b> <i>Chant and Blessing</i> Welcome: <b>Tony Ferris</b> , President, Rochdale & <b>Tim Ashcraft</b> , President & CEO, Hawaii Credit Union League Announcements: <b>James L. This</b> , CEO, James L. This & Associates	Grand Ballroom
8:30 - 9:30	<b>Foster Curiosity in Your Organization for Exponential Growth</b> <i>Diana Kander</i> , Author & Innovator	Grand Ballroom
9:30 - 9:45	<b>Break</b>	Grand Promenade
9:45 - 10:45	<b>Regulatory Update</b> <i>Kyle S. Hauptman</i> , Chairman, NCUA - Virtually <i>Brian Knight</i> , President & CEO, NASCUS <i>Tim Ashcraft</i> , President & CEO, Hawaii Credit Union League Facilitated by: <b>Roberta Rodgers</b> , Vice President of Compliance, Rochdale	Grand Ballroom
10:45 - 11:00	<b>Break</b>	Grand Promenade
11:00 – 12:00	<b>Economic Update</b> <i>Byron Gangnes</i> , Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa	Grand Ballroom
12:00 - 1:15	<b>Lunch</b>	Grand Garden Promenade
1:15 – 2:15	<b>Revolutionizing Payments: How Credit Unions Can Thrive in a Real-Time, Digital World</b> <i>Larry Pruss</i> , Managing Director, SRM Perspectives	Grand Ballroom
2:15 - 2:30	<b>Break</b>	Grand Promenade
2:30 - 3:30	<b>What Matters Now: A Multicultural and Multigenerational Consumer Lens</b> <i>Opal Tomashevsk</i> a, Director, Multicultural Business Strategy, TruStage	Grand Ballroom

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026**

Time	Session	Location
7:00 – 8:30	<b>Buffet Breakfast</b>	Grand Garden Promenade
8:30 - 9:30	<b>The Credit Union (Organic) Growth Playbook</b> <i>Sam Brownell, CEO, CUCollaborate</i>	Grand Ballroom
9:30 - 9:45	<b>Break</b>	Grand Promenade
9:45 - 10:45	<b>Modern Cyber Risks and Mitigation Strategies</b> <i>Randy Romes, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP</i>	Grand Ballroom
10:45 - 11:00	<b>Break</b>	Grand Promenade
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Board Chair Concerns and Solutions</b> <i>Amy Hillman, Professor of Corporate Strategy, Arizona State University</i>	Grand Ballroom
12:00 - 1:15	<b>Lunch</b>	Grand Garden Promenade
1:15 – 2:15	<b>AI: Creating a World Where no one Gets Left Behind</b> <i>Frankie Russo, 8X Inc. 500 Founder   Entrepreneur, The Growth Co.</i>	Grand Ballroom
2:15 – 2:30	<b>Break</b>	Grand Promenade
2:30 - 3:30	<b>Asset Breakouts (Choose One)</b>	
	<b>Assets under \$500 million</b>	Kuhio 1
	<b>Assets between \$500 million and \$1 billion</b>	Kauai 2,3,4
	<b>Assets between \$1 billion and \$3 billion</b>	Grand 3,4,5
	<b>Assets greater than \$3 billion</b>	Grand 1,6,7
	<b>Supervisory/Audit Committee</b>	Kauai 1,6,5
6:00	<b>Ohana Dinner</b> <i>Invitation only for attendees who have come to five or more Hawaii Institutes</i>	Grand Garden Promenade

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026**

Time	Session	Location
7:00 - 8:30	<b>Buffet Breakfast</b>	Grand Garden Promenade
8:30 - 9:30	<b>No Bored Boards: Here's What Should be on Your Agendas</b> <i>Frank Diekmann, Credit Union Journalist, CU Daily, LLC</i>	Grand Ballroom
9:30 - 9:45	<b>Break</b>	Grand Promenade
9:45 - 10:45	<b>Next-Gen Banking: Capturing the Future Member Through Innovation and Digital Assets</b> <i>Greg Gallant, CEO, WeStreet Credit Union</i>	Grand Ballroom
10:45 - 11:00	<b>Break</b>	Grand Promenade
11:00 - 12:00	<b>Forming and Nurturing the Board's Relationship with the CEO</b> <i>Kelly Tilden, Attorney, Farleigh Wada Witt</i>	Grand Ballroom
12:00 - 1:15	<b>Lunch</b>	Grand Garden Promenade
1:15 - 2:15	<b>Breakouts (Choose One)</b>	
	<b>Stump the Economist</b> <i>Byron Gangnes, Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Hawaii at Manoa</i>	Grand Ballroom
	<b>Evolving Consumer Expectations: Exploring how Advances in Technology and This Point in History Have Shaped What People Expect from Their Financial Institutions and Brands as a Whole</b> <i>Opal Tomashevsk, Director, Multicultural Business Strategy, TruStage</i>	Kauai Ballroom
2:15 - 2:30	<b>Break</b>	Grand Promenade
2:30 - 3:30	<b>Breakouts (Choose One)</b>	
	<b>Maximizing Member Benefit Through Mergers</b> <i>Sam Brownell, CEO, CUCollaborate</i>	Grand Ballroom
	<b>Audits are a Journey - We'll Guide the Way</b> <i>Brandon Wilson, Principal, Doeren Mayhew Advisors, LLC</i> <i>Candace Silvers, Audit Supervisor, Doeren Mayhew Advisors, LLC</i>	Kauai Ballroom
6:00	<b>Dinner in Paradise Luau</b>	Illima Garden

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026**

Time	Session	Location
7:00 – 8:30	<b>Buffet Breakfast</b>	<b>Grand Garden Promenade</b>
8:30 – 9:45	<b>Politics and Public Trust: Local Institutions as Anchors in a Divided Age</b> <i>Colin Moore</i> , Director, Matsunaga Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution & Associate Professor, University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>
9:45 – 10:00	<b>Break</b>	<b>Grand Promenade</b>
10:00 - 11:15	<b>Mission vs. Model: Evolving Strategy Without Losing the Soul of the CU Movement</b> <i>Greg Gallant</i> , CEO, WeStreet Credit Union <i>Mary Beth Spuck</i> , CEO, Resource 1 Credit Union <i>Bob Newcomb</i> , President & CEO, SELCO Community Credit Union <b>Moderator: Tony Ferris</b> , CEO, Rochdale	<b>Grand Ballroom</b>
11:15	<b>Institute Concludes</b>	