



Ishimitsu To Head Oahu NARPM Chapter In 2012



Liz Ishimitsu (RA), a Property Manager with Marie Hansen Properties, Inc., has been elected 2012 president of

the Oahu Chapter of the National Association of Residential Property Managers. Founded in 1988, NARPM is the nation's premier professional association of residential property managers, currently representing over 3,300 members comprised of real estate agents, brokers, managers, and their employees.

NARPM certifies its members in the standards and practices of the residential property management industry and promotes continuing professional education.

The Oahu Chapter, founded in 2004, is now the largest in the nation with over 203 members. The Chapter holds monthly meetings featuring guest speakers, which may include attorneys, professionals in insurance and advertising, and specialists in mold and lead based paint, among others.

"We invite licensed real estate agents to attend our meetings, up to two a year, to see if NARPM is an organization they would benefit from joining," Ishimitsu said. "Anyone interested in finding out more about our organization and services can access information on our website, www.narpmoahu.org.

"Each year, our Chapter holds a special seminar geared to homeowners who are managing their own properties, but it also attracts professionals from the real estate industry. It's very popular and sells out each year. So

although it's still five months off – August 14 – we suggest that anyone interested make reservations as soon as possible by contacting me at 593-2780 or emailing liz@mhprops.net."

Ishimitsu noted that speakers cover such topics as landlord tenant code, fair housing, lead based paint regulations, tenant selection, and insurance. A question and answer session is conducted by a panel that includes an attorney, property manager, insurance executive, and other professionals in fields that relate to management of residential property. A binder that contains the essential forms used in managing residential property as well as relevant codes is included in the admission cost along with a buffet lunch.

"Every other year we hold a two-day State Conference for real estate professionals," Ishimitsu said. "This year it will be held May 14 and 15. We will be bringing in a national NARPM speaker to update licensed agents on the most recent laws and will be offering the course Management Risk Essentials, which has been approved for Continuing Education credit by the Hawaii Association of Realtors. The seminar is still in the planning stages, but interested parties can contact me at any time for more information."

Landlords and Tenants, please keep in mind that this space in the Sunday Star-Advertiser is dedicated weekly to "Landlord Tenant Q&A," where past presidents of our NARPM Chapter answer your questions about property management. Please email your questions to cathy@callahanrealtyhawaii.com and we will answer them on a space available basis.