

## Board Member Bio Sheet

Name: [Nai'a AhSam](#)

Occupation/ Job Title/ Degree(s): [Executive / Fund Development Assistant](#)  
[BA: History: Eastern Asian and Pacific Island Studies](#)

Spouse's name: [Kai AhSam](#)

Children? List names and age: [1 boy – Lahaina, age 2; another boy on the way in October!](#)

Hobbies? [Surfing, paddling, running, reading, and doing yard work](#)

Years of paddling? Clubs? [17 years. 1<sup>st</sup> year with Koa Kai; 13 years with Lokahi and last 3 years with Healani.](#)

Why do you choose Healani Canoe Club for your volunteer commitment? [I chose to commit my time on the Healani Board because I love the sport and care about the people who hold Healani close to their hearts. The purpose of my commitment is to help move Healani in the direction of becoming a stronger and competitive canoe club.](#)

Any other information you want us to know? (e.g. other boards you serve on, your own or family accomplishments, accolades, family members who paddle for Healani Canoe Club, etc.)

Fact: [My husband, Kai AhSam has been paddling for Healani since 1985. He won the State Championships for Boys 12s, 14s, and 16s with your very own head coach, Keali'i Paiaina.](#)

During my 17 years of paddling, I have gained so much knowledge, experience and the utmost respect for the sport and the athletes who choose to dedicate their time to the sport year-round and day after day.

- [Coached Lokahi Novice B Men](#)
- [5th in the Na Wahine O Ke Kai;](#)
- [3<sup>rd</sup> in the Open Women Catalina Channel;](#)
- [1<sup>st</sup> in the Mixed Open Catalina Channel;](#)
- [And, most importantly, I am especially proud of placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 2005 Coastal Relay one-man race, Women's Novice division, with my best friend Celeste Paiaina. \(She rocks\) The conditions were close to perfect storm but, we did it!](#)