

Close Shave But Center Is Reelected President Of Hawaiian A. A. Union

Conkling Cinched Election Next Year by Openhanded Manner of Withdrawing in Favor of Present Incumbent—Finances Are Healthy.

By withdrawing in favor of George (Dad) Center at the annual meeting last night when the balloting stood even, D. L. Conkling practically cinched the position of president of the Hawaiian A. A. U. for himself next year. The open-handed way in which the Hui Makani representative replaced the crown upon the Outrigger man won the esteem and respect of many in the association who had voted against Conkling at the present election. Upon Conkling's bow to Center, W. T. Rawlins, who received two votes in the race for the presidency, moved that the election of Center be made unanimous. Conkling second the motion, which was adopted.

There were only 10 votes cast last night, and of that number Center and Conkling received four each. When the election of presidency came before the new board, Conkling nominated Center, and Robbins of the Y. M. C. A. seconded. The representative from the Rizal association nominated Conkling, and August Guerrero of the Kaimuki A. C. seconded. Then Guerrero nominated Rawlins, and Wallace Saffery of Palama seconded.

Prediction Verified

While the ballot was secret, the prediction of The Star-Bulletin some weeks ago of a close race was verified. W. W. Harris, representative of the Maui Athletic Club, was not present, but had notified the secretary to cast a ballot for Center. This would have swung the tide in his favor, but Harris had failed to provide the secretary with the proper proxy and hence his vote was not cast.

In the election of the vice president, both Wallace Saffery of Palama and R. J. Borden of Kamehameha were nominated, the latter winning the race by a vote of 6 to 4.

For Secretary

D. L. Conkling in nominating Mrs. E. Fullard-Leo for secretary-treasurer commented on the splendid work she had done in the past. She in turn nominated W. T. Rawlins, who declined the honor, and she was elected by unanimous vote.

The appointment of committees was put over until the next meeting, which will be held early next week.

Reports of the officers for the past year were read and filed. Discussions of various suggestions by the secretary took place, most of them being referred to committees to be appointed.

Strong Man Wanted

The need of sending a strong representative to national A. A. U. meeting received considerable attention, and an effort will be made to find someone interested in local athletics who is going to New York about November to undertake the task.

The secretary's report showed the finances of the association to be in a healthy condition, the amount of actual cash on hand being \$4735.25.