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28<sup>th</sup> Annual PIALA Conference November 26 – November 30, 2018 Kosrae, FSM

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 2018 Pacific Island Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA) Conference "Let's Work Together" to be held in Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia, November 26 - November 30, 2018.

This year, we are excited to celebrate our 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PIALA. PIALA is a regional association committed to fostering awareness and encouraging cooperation and resource sharing among libraries, archives, museums, and related institutions of the Pacific Islands. The seeds of PIALA was first planted during the Governor's meeting held in Saipan in 1990, which was finalized in Guam the year after. Since then, the PIALA Conference is hosted by each island entity once a year in November.

The concept of "Let's Work Together" exemplifies our PIALA mission to enhance the quality of leadership in order to support and strengthen libraries, archives, and museums across the Pacific Islands. The Kosrae Library Association articulates it best: "The idea of sharing your professionalism with our friends, colleagues, and counterparts can make a big difference in the endeavors of good librarianship, creative curators, and better historians. Since the founding of this Association, our motto remains 'fostering together and paddling forward.' So let's work together for the betterment of our services. Share your professions and present to move these three educational institutions forward. Let's work together to reach our goals."

We have partnered with United Airlines to offer travel discounts to our event. Visit <u>www.united.com/meetingtravel</u> and enter ZFRW886741. \*Please note that travel must be booked between 11/23/18-12/03/18 in order to receive the discount.

To register for the conference or for more information on call for papers, please visit PIALA's website at <a href="http://piala-pacific.wixsite.com/piala-pacific/">http://piala-pacific.wixsite.com/piala-pacific/</a> or email <a href="mailto:piala.org@gmail.com">piala.org@gmail.com</a>.

Thank you in advance for your support, and "Let's Work Together" on a successful PIALA Conference!

Sincerely,

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