

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, April 22, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Hugh Jones called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Hugh Jones
Louise Ing
Carol Muranaka
Craig Wagnild

Directors Present

Nadine Ando
Steven Chow
William Harrison
Geraldine Hasegawa
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi (by phone)
Christine Kubota
Alika Piper
Kenneth Robbins (by phone)
Suzanne Terada (by phone)
Calvin Young
Lisa Nakahara (YLD)
Rai Saint Chu (ex-officio)

Board Members Absent

Robert Harris
Ronette Kawakami
Gregory Markham
Gerald Matsunaga

Others Present

Catherine Betts
Richard Brawley
Walter Davison
David Farmer
Jerrold Guben
Steven Guttman
James Hochberg
Victoria Kalman
James Kawachika
Gregory Kugle
Dyan Medeiros
William Plum
Trina Yamada

HSBA Staff

Lyn Flanigan
Iris Ito
Debra White

- * 2. **HEARING CONCERNS OF HSBA SECTIONS** - Nine bar members representing five Sections (Walter Davison, Jerrold Guben, James Hochberg of Bankruptcy Law; Steven Guttman, David Farmer, William Plum of Collection Law; Gregory Kugle of Real Property & Financial Services; Dyan Medeiros of Family Law; and Trina Yamada of Child Law) expressed concerns over the relationship between HSBA and its Sections. Different concerns were voiced by the various Sections ranging from the Sections' autonomy and control over their finances to not receiving their membership lists in a timely manner. President Hugh Jones thanked the section representatives for their input and comments. He further explained that the reporting procedures were still being worked on and that Sections would be informed when the procedures are finalized. These Section representatives left the meeting after this discussion.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the February 25th board meeting were approved by consensus.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Craig Wagnild referred to the income statement ending 03/31/2010. He noted that membership dues revenue was slightly higher than projected for March and penalties were lower than projected. He also reported that non-dues income was down, so total income was lower than projected. However, total expenses were also lower than projected, so HSBA is ahead of budget to date.
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Lyn Flanigan reported that: a) staff was retrained in CPR earlier this month; b) webcast training is being offered to Sections; c) proposal is being offered to Sections to develop their own website through Esqsites123.com; d) demographic report on ethnicity run for the first time. See agenda for other HSBA activities.
6. **YLD REPORT** - YLD President Lisa Nakahara reported that volunteers are still needed for Law Week at the Kalihi, Kailua, Kapolei, and Waipahu legal clinics. This year's Law Week Committee is addressing the problems that occurred last year to avoid the same things from happening this year. A Law Week proclamation was signed by Lt. Governor Aiona and one will also be signed by Mayor Hanneman.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. **Honoring Chief Justice Moon** (see agenda item 6.a.) - due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.
 - b. **Unified Bar Exam -- reciprocity** (see agenda item 6.b.) - FYI only.

* Item not on agenda.

- c. **Request by Government Lawyers Section to Become a Division** (see agenda item 6.d.) - due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.
- d. **Annual Fundraiser** - considering “Boat Days” theme since the site of the fundraiser will be the Superferry Terminal. Will try to keep ticket prices affordable so that more members can attend.
- e. **Minor Misconduct Program** (see agenda item 6.f.) - FYI only.
- f. **Strategic Planning Committee** (see agenda item 6.g.) - FYI only.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **HRPC** (see agenda item 7.a.) - FYI only. HSBA is waiting for a clean copy of the proposed rules.
- b. **Approval of HSBA Nominating Committee Members** (see agenda Item 7.b.)

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to appoint the following individuals to the HSBA Nominating Committee: Ellen Carson (chair), Riki Amano, Joann Grimes, Jill Hasegawa, Carol Kitaoka, and David Pendleton.

- c. **Proposed Disclaimer Language for Section Communications** (see agenda Item 7.c.) - FYI only.
- d. **Proposed Amendment to Rule 17(d)(1)(iii)** (see agenda Item 7.d.) - due to time constraints, this item was not discussed..

9. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Jones called an executive session of the Board to discuss personnel and governance items.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyn Flanigan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lyn Flanigan
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:

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Hugh R. Jones
HSBA President