

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, June 24, 2010

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Officers Present

Hugh Jones  
Carol Muranaka  
Ronette Kawakami  
Craig Wagnild

Directors Present

Steven Chow  
Robert Harris  
William Harrison  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Derek Kobayashi  
Christine Kubota  
Gregory Markham  
Gerald Matsunaga  
Alika Piper  
Kenneth Robbins  
Gordon Stewart  
Suzanne Terada  
Calvin Young  
Lisa Nakahara (YLD)

Board Members Absent

Nadine Ando  
Louise Ing  
Carol Kitaoka

Others Present

James Kawachika  
Marion Reyes-Burke

HSBA Staff

Lyn Flanigan  
Iris Ito  
Debra White

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the May 27<sup>th</sup> board meeting were approved by consensus.
3. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Treasurer Craig Wagnild reported that as of 05/31/2010, overall income and overall expenses were below budget. See financial statements for more detail.
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** - Executive Director Lyn Flanigan reported that: a) eight lists of judicial nominees are out for comment; b) eighteen to 20 attorneys volunteered for the Minor Misconduct program; need someone from Maui; c) meeting with managing partners were well attended and well received; d) flyers for the Fundraiser Dinner were distributed; there will be pupu stations, wine-tasting, entertainment, silent auction; e) Strategic Planning Subcommittees working on issues of civics education, mentoring, communications; Retreat on July 24; f) plan to film informational program on HRPC proposed revisions; will be posted on website; encourage members to comment; g) acting Solicitor General Neal Katyal is a possibility as keynote speaker at bar convention; h) page in July issue of the Bar Journal to honor CJ Richardson - Lisa Nakahara offered her YLD President’s perspective page to be replaced for a CJ Richardson page.

President Jones announced that the American Judicature Society has asked for HSBA representatives to serve on 3 special committees: Effects of the Economy on the Judiciary, Judicial Independence, and Effectiveness; Judicial Careers and Selectivity; and Rules Governing Mediation in Civil Cases. Anyone interested in serving on one of these committees should let President Jones know.

5. **YLD REPORT** - YLD President Lisa Nakahara invited Board members to the YLD Social at Ka Restaurant at Ward Centre on July 1<sup>st</sup>. She noted that the Junior Judges project is coming up in the Fall and that they are gearing up for the next Mock Trial.
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. **Request by Government Lawyers Section to Become a Division** - awaiting more details from GLS on this.
  - b. **Proposed Disclaimer Language for Section Communications** (see agenda Item 6.b.) - FYI only.
  - c. **Proposed Amendment to RSCH Rule 17(d)(1)(iii)** (see agenda Item 6.c.)

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee’s recommendation that the Board request

that the Supreme Court to delay implementation of the proposed rule amendment to Rule 17(d)(iii) that would require HSBA to provide on-line disclosure whether an attorney has professional liability insurance, and to consider the amendment in conjunction with the proposed insurance disclosure requirements in the amendments to the Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct. It was suggested that information be given to the Court on the cost to HSBA if this proposed rule amendment was adopted.

d. **Proposed Amendments to RSCH Rules 1.3, 1.9, 2.16 and Addition of New Rules 1.15, 1.25, 8.16** (see agenda Item 6.d.)

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to inform the Court of its approval of proposed amendments to Rules 1.3, 1.9, 2.16 and addition of new rules 1.15, 1.25, 8.16, with the exception of deleting the minimum requirements for the bar examination form in Rule 1.3(a)(2).

e. **Revised Procedures for Section Integration** (see agenda item 6.e.) - after discussion, the Board recommended that the procedures be forwarded to the Sections.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Legal Aid Society of Hawaii** (see agenda Item 7.a.)

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive and Nominating Committees' recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the LASH Board for a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2010: Andrew Levin, Howard Luke, Francis Mukai, Galen Nakamura, and Blake Oshiro.

b. **Disciplinary Board Request for HSBA Data** (see agenda Item 7.b.)

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation that HSBA and ODC form a working committee to discuss the details of the Disciplinary Board's request.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into executive session for the discussion, interview, and vote on Leslie E. Kobayashi for the position of U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Hawaii.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyn Flanigan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "L".

Lyn Flanigan  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronette M. Kawakami". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "R".

Ronette M. Kawakami  
HSBA Secretary