

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, August 26, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Hugh Jones called the meeting to order at 11:36 a.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Hugh Jones
Louise Ing
Carol Muranaka
Ronette Kawakami (phone)

Others Present

James Kawachika
Ronald Federizo

Directors Present

Nadine Ando
Robert Harris
William Harrison
Geraldine Hasegawa
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi
Christine Kubota
Gerald Matsunaga
Alika Piper
Kenneth Robbins (phone)
Gordon Stewart (phone)
Suzanne Terada (phone)
Calvin Young
Lisa Nakahara (YLD)

HSBA Staff

Lyn Flanigan
Iris Ito
Debra White

Board Members Absent

Steven Chow
Gregory Markham
Craig Wagnild

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the June 24th board meeting were approved by consensus. Minutes of Executive Sessions for judicial interviews on June 24th, July 27th, and July 30th were approved by consensus after amendments.
3. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – In the absence of Treasurer Craig Wagnild, Executive Director Lyn Flanigan reported that property taxes were lower than anticipated and that we will be providing “variances with total budget”, rather than “variances to monthly budget” to assess the ytd situation for the rest of the year. An additional page showing the reserves and the preunified and public service funds was added to the financials. See financial statements for more detail.
4. **HSBA/ABA DELEGATE REPORT** - James Kawachika brought to the Board’s attention three issues of interest voted on by the ABA House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting in San Francisco: a) Model Rules for Client Trust Account Records, to address issues arising from changes in banking laws, advances in technology, and methods of lawyer practice, were adopted; b) Model Access Act which implements a civil right to counsel was adopted ; c) a proposal to grant separate representation in the House to American Samoa, the Northern Marianas Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands failed.
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** - Executive Director Lyn Flanigan highlighted some features on the HSBA website such as the bar convention schedule and registration form, archived e-newsletters, court links, CLE programs, and member search. Please refer to written report in agenda for other HSBA activities.

President Jones announced that for the Annual Fundraiser Dinner, food stations, wine-tasting, and live entertainment are all lined up. Fifty percent of the net proceeds will go to VLSH and the remainder will go to the HSBA Public Services Fund. He also noted that the online registration is now available.

6. **YLD REPORT** - YLD President Lisa reported that: a) 31 people attended the recent Financial Planning Seminar ; b) the YLD Board is having a mid-year retreat in conjunction with their September board meeting; c) YLD is gearing up for the Junior Judges project and the next Mock Trial.

7. **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** - awaiting proposed language from subcommittee.
- c. **Revised Procedures for Section Integration** (see agenda item 6.e.) - no action at this time.

- d. **Requests for HSBA Support for International Programs** (see agenda item 6.d.) - President-elect Louise Ing reported that the ad hoc committee working on the April 2011 program in Japan discussed renewal of the 5-year friendship agreement. The committee is planning a pau hana event on September 29th for members to hear more about the 2011 Japan program. She also noted that IPBA Japan attorneys will visit Hawaii on December 10, 2010.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the renewal of the friendship agreement, subject to any revisions the ad hoc committee deems appropriate to the language of the agreement.

- e. **Committee Reports** - DLSP Committee report will be given at the September board meeting.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Review of Judicial Selection Procedures and Policy** (see agenda Item 4.a.)

- b. **2010 HSBA Awards** (see agenda Item 4.b.)

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive and Award's Committees recommendation on the following award presentations:

Schutte:	Mediation Center of the Pacific/Tracey Wiltgen, Esq.
Golden Gavel:	Justice Simeon Acoba, Jr. re: Access to Justice Commission
Ki'e Ki'e:	Jo Kim re: pro bono contributions
'Ikena:	Ka Huli Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law
Greeley Key: Champion for	Leigh Wai Doo re: China programs
Social Justice:	Justice Steven Levinson (ret.), Rep. Blake Oshiro, WSRSL Professor Linda Krieger
President's Award:	Chief Justice Ronald T.Y. Moon

- c. **Upcoming Vacancies on MCLE Board** (see agenda Item 4.c.)

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation that the following individuals be appointed to a 3-year term beginning October 1, 2010: Jane Kwan, a small firm practitioner (reappointment); David Proudfoot, from the neighbor islands (new appointment); and Jenai Sumida, in-house counsel (new appointment).

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:38 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 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 initial "R".

Ronette M. Kawakami
HSBA Secretary