

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, July 28, 2011

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President-elect Carol Muranaka called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Carol Muranaka  
Craig Wagnild  
Robert Godbey

Others Present

Travis Agustin  
Steven Dixon  
James Kawachika

Directors Present

Nadine Ando  
Steven Chow  
Vladimir Devens  
Robert Harris  
William Harrison  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Carol Kitaoka  
Derek Kobayashi  
Gregory Markham  
Gerald Matsunaga  
Timothy McNulty  
Suzanne Terada

HSBA Staff

Lyn Flanigan  
Iris Ito  
Debra White

Board Members Absent

Louise Ing  
Ronette Kawakami  
Rhonda Griswold  
Christine Kubota  
Calvin Young  
Levi Hookano

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2. **REPORT OF ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM** - AAP Director Steven Dixon stated that over the year, there had been 1000 contacts, 230 support group meetings, and 1200 attendees. He also noted that over 700 practicing attorneys are impaired, and that he lost one of those attorneys recently. Mr. Dixon reported that he is working on the 2012 budget and the AAP Board will likely ask for a \$3 increase in its fees.
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**- Minutes of the June 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting were approved by consensus.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT**-Treasurer Robert Godbey stated that as of June 30, 2011, the HSBA was slightly better than this time last year. Refer to written financials in agenda for more details.
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Lyn Flanigan reported that: a) Fundraiser Dinner - netted approximately \$50k; b) Self-Help Centers - Kauai has its training for volunteer attorneys on July 29<sup>th</sup>; c) Neal Katyal - will speak on the topic of the U.S. government's misrepresentations to the Supreme Court during World War II during his visit in late October. See agenda for other HSBA activities.
6. **YLD REPORT**- YLD President Levi Ho'okano was not present due to military leave.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. **Formation of a 501(c)(3)** (see agenda item 6.a.) - Zac McNish reviewed and commented on draft bylaws and articles of incorporation. The Committee will review his comments.
  - b. **Executive Director Search** - A good number of applications received; Committee narrowed down to small group for preliminary interviews.
  - c. **HSBA Involvement in APEC** - Executive Director Lyn Flanigan reported that topics on intellectual property rights for indigenous arts, music programs were submitted to the APEC host committee; waiting to hear back from them.
  - d. **Revisions to HRPC** - the Board held a special meeting last week to discuss the proposed revisions. President-elect Muranaka is working on a draft letter to the Supreme Court that will incorporate the board's comments.

- e. **AJS Reports on HSBA Involvement in Judicial Selection Process** (see agenda item 6.e.) - Director Steven Chow reported that the meeting with Susan Ichinose and James Bickerton was helpful and that they gave good insight into the JSC's process. Vice President Craig Wagnild summarized four points he thought should be made in the response letter to the AJS: 1) HSBA's process complements the JSC's process, both have their purposes – JSC determines the list of applicants and the HSBA comments on a particular nominee; 2) the JSC's process is a confidential one and cannot easily be changed; 3) HSBA's process catches negative comments that JSC cannot hear and will otherwise be lost; 4) the AJS Committee is not representative of the bar or the judiciary and its report omits positive attributes of the HSBA's involvement in the judicial selection process.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Proposed Appellate Section of the HSBA** (see agenda item 7.a.) - There were no questions on the proposed Appellate Section; will be on the August agenda for a Board vote.
- b. **Services for Military Families** (see agenda item 7.b.) - The Board discussed and decided to refer to the YLD and SCD for their consideration an invitation from the Joint Service Family Support Network/Army One Source to participate in one of their programs: Legal Assistance for Military Personnel (LAMP), Young Lawyers, and Military Pro Bono Project.
- c. **Appointment of HSBA Member to AJS Special Committee on Disclosure of Judicial Applicants** (see agenda item 7.c.)

Director William Harrison volunteered to serve on the American Judicature Society's Special Committee on the Disclosure of Judicial Applicants charged with undertaking an independent review of the issues relating to disclosure. Robert Harris agreed to serve as an alternate.

## 9. OTHER NEWS

- a. **Judicial Surveys** - Director Steven Chow reported that the Judicial Administration Committee has completed its survey on preferences in courtroom procedures for First Circuit Court judges on the civil calendar. (The goal is to expand the survey to other Circuits eventually.) The survey results include court forms and procedures regarding pre-trial and post-trial conferences, status conferences, settlement conferences, etc. used by each of the judges who were surveyed.
- b. **American Judicature Society** - AJS Member and Director on the Hawaii State Chapter James Kawachika urged board members to join the AJS. He commented that the AJS is committed to improving the administration of justice on the national and local levels.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

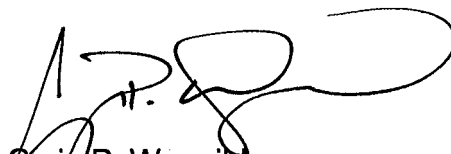
The meeting adjourned at 12:34 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Lyn Flanigan  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:

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Craig P. Wagnild  
HSBA Vice-President