

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, November 20, 2014

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Calvin Young called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Calvin Young
Jodi Yi
Ronette Kawakami
Mark M. Murakami

Others Present

R. Brian Black
James Kawachika
Georgia McMillen
Mark K. Murakami
Craig Wagnild

Directors Present

Nadine Ando
Russ Awakuni
Cecelia Chang
Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Karin Holma
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi (phone)
Mei-Fei Kuo
Laurel Loo
Timothy McNulty
Miriah Holden (phone)

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Debra White
Christina Bae

Board Member Absent

Vladimir Devens
Gregory Markham
Stephanie Rezents

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2014 Board meeting.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Mark M. Murakami reported that as of October 31st, HSBA was slightly under budget. Additional CLE revenue is

anticipated before year's end. He also stated that the budget to replace the existing conference room tables was \$9k, however, the actual cost will be \$12k. The reserves set asides for equipment/furniture will be used to cover the difference.

D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported that staff is looking into other venues for the Annual Dinner and also for next year's Bar Convention due to increasing costs at the Hilton. She also reported that the disaster hotline for Big Island residents affected by the lava flow had sufficient volunteers, but not many calls. It was likely due to residents having time to plan in advance and proactive efforts on the part of the State Insurance Commissioner's Office to provide assistance.

E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Miriah Holden reported that the YLD recently held its Volunteer Appreciation social at Ground Floor and they are now gearing up for 2015 projects.

F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Proposed Amendment to Rule 6.1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection**: President Young stated that the Executive Committee had discussed the proposed amendment and expressed concern over the need for this amendment, which extends the period for the filing of claims from 2 to 5 years, given the absence of an explanation for the proposed change, the delay in payout of claims by the Lawyers' Fund, and the seemingly adequate two-year claim period. Board members voiced their unease at the financial situation of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection if the deadline for filing claims is extended and how that extension might affect the malpractice insurance policies of attorneys affected.

Action taken: A motion was made and seconded to inform the Hawaii Supreme Court that due to serious concerns and the uncertainty of the impact the proposed rule amendment to Rule 6.1 may have, the HSBA Board opposes the rule amendment. A further motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to amend the motion to request an extension of time to submit comments on the rule amendment, and to further inform the court staff that if an extension of time is not approved, HSBA is inclined to oppose the rule amendment.

G. **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **Banking Resolution & Signature Cards for 2015 HSBA Officers**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve a banking resolution which authorizes 2015 HSBA Officers, the Executive Director, and the Director of Operations to execute monetary transactions on behalf of the HSBA.

3. Upcoming Vacancies on the Hawaii State Bar Foundation (HSBF) Board

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried out without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to appoint the individuals listed below to the HSBF Board beginning January 1, 2015.

Three positions have 3-year terms; one position has a 2-year term due to the impending resignation of a sitting board member.

- Curtis Saiki (reappointment)
- Rose Sam (new appointment) - 2 year term
- Lynne Toyofuku (reappointment)
- Calvin Young (new appointment)

H. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried by majority vote to approve a revised employment agreement for the Executive Director.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Ronette Kawakami
HSBA Secretary