

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, December 18, 2014

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Calvin Young called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Calvin Young
Gregory Markham
Jodi Yi
Ronette Kawakami
Mark M. Murakami

Others Present

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

Directors Present

Nadine Ando
Russ Awakuni
Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Karin Holma
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi
Mei-Fei Kuo
Laurel Loo
Timothy McNulty
Miriah Holden
Stephanie Rezens

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Debra White
Christina Bae

Board Member Absent

Cecelia Chang

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014 Board meeting.
- C. TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Mark M. Murakami reported that as of November 30th, while dues income was greater than projected, total income was under budget, however a considerable amount of CLE revenue is anticipated in December. Total expenses are under budget.

- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported that while the online registration portal opening was delayed, online and mail-in license registrations are consistent with prior years' numbers. Staff is responding to phone calls and email requests for information before they leave the office.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Miriah Holden reported that the YLD Officers and Board are planning its 2015 events and projects calendar. They have scheduled a planning retreat for Saturday, January 10th.
- F. **CONSENT CALENDAR (NEW BUSINESS)**

1. **Change Name of Mentoring Committee**

Action taken: By consent calendar, the Board approved a change in name of the HSBA Mentoring Committee to the Transitioning Lawyers Committee due to the committee's new focus.

2. **2015 HSBA Committee Chair Appointments**

Action taken: By consent calendar, the Board ratified the appointment of the following individuals as 2015 HSBA Committee Chairs:

- Attorney/Client Relations - Charles Crumpton & Beverly Hiramatsu
- Awards - Rhonda Griswold
- Civic Education - Ted Pettit & Ruth Oh
- Consumer Protection - Paul Alston & Bernard Bays
- CLE - Vladimir Devens & Jesse Souki
- Delivery of Legal Services to the Public - Scott Shishido
- Diversity, Equality, and the Law - Catherine Betts & Tatjana Johnson
- Judicial Administration - Steven Chow & Justice Simeon Acoba
- Professional Responsibility & Risk Management - John Yamano
- Publications - Cynthia Johiro & Carol Muranaka
- Staff & Facilities - Christopher Cole & Paul Naso
- Technology - Damien Elefante
- Transitioning Lawyers - Geraldine Hasegawa

3. **2015 HSBA Nominating Committee Members**

Action taken: By consent calendar, the Board ratified the appointment of the following individuals as 2015 HSBA Nominating Committee members: Judge Linda Luke (Chair), Nadine Ando, Sidney Ayabe, Rosalyn Loomis, Henry Nakamoto, Caryn Okinaga, and Jodi Yi.

4. **HSBA Representatives on 2015 Supreme Court Nominating Committee**

Action taken: By consent calendar, the Board ratified the appointment of the following individuals as HSBA representatives to the 2015 Supreme Court Nominating Committee members: Sidney Ayabe, Sherry Broder, Judge Linda Luke, and Stephanie Rezens.

G. NEW BUSINESS

5. **Amendment to Board Policy Manual** - Some Board members voiced concern that the proposed amendment requiring Strategic Planning Committee members to be of active status may eliminate members that could make meaningful contribution to the strategic planning process, including those designated by virtue of their office. Another view expressed was that it was important to have active members, who are likely more familiar with HSBA activities and services than inactive members, serve on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to table the proposed amendment to require Board Strategic Planning Committee members to be "Active."

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. **Subcommittee to Review Judicial Appointment Process** - Director Steven Chow explained the proposed amendments to the HSBA Board Policy Manual regarding Board participation in judicial and executive appointments. The Board focused its attention on the procedures when negative comments are received, and on separating the criteria Integrity and Diligence which are currently included in one line item category, but are clearly different qualities.

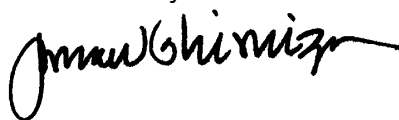
In conjunction with this discussion, the Board also acknowledged receipt of the report of the AJS's Committee to Improve the Judicial Nomination Process and discussed significant recommendations for HSBA consideration.

Action taken: After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt proposed amendments, including non-substantive technical revisions for purposes of consistency made at the meeting, to the Board Policy Manual for procedural changes that had been previously Board-approved with respect to the judicial/executive appointment process.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Ronette Kawakami
HSBA Secretary