

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, February 27, 2014

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Calvin Young called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Calvin Young
Jodi Yi (by phone)
Ronette Kawakami

Others Present

Liam Deeley
Diane Ono
Craig Wagnild

Directors Present

Nadine Ando
Russ Awakuni
Malcolm Barcarse, Jr. (by phone)
Cecelia Chang
Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi
Mei-Fei Kuo
Laurel Loo
Timothy McNulty
Stephanie Rezents

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Debra White
Angela Sablan Tenorio

Board Members Absent

Karin Holma
Gregory Markham
Mark Murakami

*F. **ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP)** - AAP Board Chair Diane Ono explained that the last 8 months have been very productive for AAP to re-evaluate how they operate and plan how to move forward. She noted that Liam Deeley was selected for the AAP Executive Director position and started in his position on January 2, 2014. Mr. Deeley stated that he and the Board are trying to rekindle awareness of the AAP and get the word out to HSBA members who need help. They are also working with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection.

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

C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Refer to written financial statements.

D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:

- 153 members who had not renewed their licenses were sent certified letters; 20 of those have since renewed;
- \$106k was collected for Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii; \$680 was collected for Civic Education Committee projects;
- 90 members were audited for answering "no" or "n/a" to completing their 2013 MCPE credits; 53 were found to be compliant and 37 were sent certified letters of their non-compliance.

E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Malcolm Barcarse reported that a YLD Committee has started preparations for Law Week which will occur the first week in May.

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **ThinkTech Hawaii Proposal** - The Board was shown a comparison of a CLE video clip recorded with HSBA equipment and a video clip recorded at the ThinkTech Hawaii studio. The video recorded at the studio demonstrated a clearer audial and visual quality. President Young briefly explained ThinkTech Hawaii's proposal.

Board members expressed concern over the proposal of HSBA serving as an underwriter of ThinkTech Hawaii when not fully aware of ThinkTech Hawaii's other activities. They also discussed issues of cost and possible programs aside from the 3-digit oral history project and CLEs.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to form an HSBA Board subcommittee to discuss the issues regarding the proposal from ThinkTech Hawaii for the provision of technical services and make a

**Item taken out of order.*

recommendation to the Board. The subcommittee will include Gregory Markham, Vlad Devens or Jesse Souki, Carol Kitaoka, Mark Murakami, and staff member Brian Simon.

H. **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **2014 HSBA Diversity, Equality, and Access to the Law Committee Co-Chairs**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify President Young's appointment of Catherine Betts and Tatjana Johnson as DEAL Committee Co-chairs for 2014.

3. **International Friendship Agreements** - In light of the request to establish a friendship agreement with the Suzhou Bar Association, the Board discussed HSBA's existing international friendship agreements and bar associations from other foreign cities that may wish to establish an agreement. The Board further expressed a quandary in deciding with which bar associations to develop an agreement.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to form a committee with representatives from the HSBA Board, HSBA International Law Section, and William S. Richardson School of Law to review the issue of, and propose a policy for, entering into additional friendship agreements with bar associations in other countries, and obligations, if any, for existing friendship relationships.

- I. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The Board met in executive session for discussion only; no action was taken.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Ronette Kawakami
HSBA Secretary