

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Friday, August 22, 2014

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Calvin Young called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Calvin Young
Jodi Yi
Gregory Markham (phone)
Ronette Kawakami
Mark Murakami

Directors Present

Nadine Ando
Russ Awakuni (video conference)
Cecelia Chang
Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi (phone)
Mei-Fei Kuo
Laurel Loo
Timothy McNulty
Miriah Holden

Board Members Absent

Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Geraldine Hasegawa
Karin Holma
Stephanie Rezents

Others Present

James Kawachika
Craig Wagnild

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Debra White

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2014 Board meeting.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Mark Murakami reported that as of July 31, 2014, HSBA was slightly ahead of budget on dues revenue. He noted that the outstanding balance was \$1.4M+ on the acquisition loan (for the mortgage) and \$111K+ on the construction loan.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items: (1) Disaster Legal Assistance - HSBA members volunteered at the Disaster Assistance Recovery Center in Puna last week Thursday through Sunday and other members volunteered at the HSBA office to answer calls to the toll-free Hotline this past Monday through Wednesday; (2) State Office on Aging will, in its Alzheimer's report, mention the HSBA and its willingness to assist in continuing legal education training programs for attorneys who service this special group of clients; (3) Annual Dinner this Saturday at HiSAM.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Miriah Holden reported that the YLD will have the Junior Judges project in October and has agreed to participate at KHON's ActionLine in early November.

F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. **2015 HSBA Budget (Goal Group Project Budgets)** - The Board discussed the funding of public service projects in the future. Although grant requests through HSBF is a source, it was acknowledged that pursuing other sources of funding may be necessary. President Young explained that HSBA will need to find a way to continually fund successful recurring projects and noted that HSBF had just been approved as a 501(c)3 entity.

Two groups of projects had not yet had a recommendation from the joint Executive/Finance Committee due to the receipt of additional information after the September joint committee meeting. Director and Civic Education Committee member Carol Kitaoka explained the priority of the Committee's projects.

YLD President Miriah Holden described Project Street Youth, an ABA YLD initiative, and shared information provided by the ABA.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve \$23,000 for all six prioritized Civic Education projects, as part of the 2015 HSBA public service budget. The Civic Education Committee was given flexibility to determine the specific expenditure of funds for each prioritized project.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve \$2,500 for Project Street Youth as part of the 2015 HSBA public service budget.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the joint Executive/Finance Committee to approve the project under Goal Group 1 totaling \$6,000 as part of the 2015 operating budget.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the joint Executive/Finance Committee to approve the projects under Goal Group 2 totaling \$6,300 as part of the 2015 operating budget.

Action taken: A motion was made to budget zero dollars for any project under Goal Group 3. After further discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the joint Executive/Finance Committee to approve the project under Goal Group 6 totaling \$5,500 as part of the 2015 operating budget.

The Board discussed whether the funds for the remainder of the projects under Goal Groups 4 and 5 would come from the operating budget or from reserves. Immediate past president Craig Wagnild reminded the Board that HSBA works with a balanced budget, so it cannot rely on unspent, but budgeted, funds at the end of the year. It was suggested that the Board wait until after the HSBF Board's September 10th meeting to find out the result of the HSBA's grant request, and to move the September Executive/Finance Committee meeting, currently set for September 9th, later so that it too could take into account the HSBF Board's decision. President Young stated that the suggestion would be taken into consideration and staff conferred with on funding the remainder of the projects under Goal Groups 4 and 5.

2. **Proposed Amendment to Rules 17 and 22**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to inform the Hawaii Supreme Court of HSBA's support of the proposed amendments to Rules 17 and 22 which seek to expand the scope of the type of programs eligible for mandatory CLE credit for Hawaii-licensed attorneys.

G. **NEW BUSINESS**

3. **Constitutional Amendment Questions** - The Board decided that it would take up both of the following issues together: (a) **Disclosure of Names of Judicial Nominees**, and (b) **Mandatory Retirement Age for Judges**.

Action taken: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to take no position on the constitutional amendment questions related to disclosure of names of judicial nominees and the mandatory retirement age for State court judges.

- *H. **REPORT OF THE ABA HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING** - HSBA/ABA Delegate James Kawachika reported on the following two issues that may be of interest to HSBA members: (1) mandatory CLE credit being given for law practice management courses, and (2) revised standards for approving law schools.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Ronette Kawakami
HSBA Secretary

* Item not on the agenda; taken up after item F.1.