# MINUTES HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

## 1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000 Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, January 22, 2015

#### A. CALL TO ORDER

President Gregory Markham 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
Gregory Markham
Jodi Yi

Nadine Ando Russ Awakuni Mark M. Murakami

**Directors Present** 

Brian Black
Cecelia Chang
Rebecca Copeland
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Miriah Holden
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi (by phone)
Mei-Fei Kuo (by phone)
Laurel Loo (by phone)
Georgia McMillen
Mark K. Murakami

Board Members Absent
Steven Chow
Vladimir Devens
Karin Holma

Alika Piper

Others Present Calvin Young

HSBA Staff
Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Debra White
Christina Bae

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Board meeting.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** Treasurer Mark M. Murakami reported that as of December 31, 2014, income was \$33k above budget and expenses were \$90k under budget. He noted that the construction loan was paid off in December, and \$1.4M remains on the acquisition loan.
- D. **CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT** Director Carol Kitaoka, also a member of the Civic Education Committee, distributed 2015 calendars which recognize Patsy Mink and her Presidential Medal of Freedom Award. Also distributed was a flyer announcing a January 29<sup>th</sup> event recognizing Civil Liberties and Constitutional Law Day.
- E. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
  - Approximately 5500 members have completed their attorney registration online and 3300 submitted hard copy registrations
  - Dementia training on all islands is scheduled for early February; 6 CLE credits, one of which qualifies as an ethics credit, for \$30
  - A special board meeting will be scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2015 to interview Attorney General nominee Douglas Chin
- F. YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT Miriah Holden reported that the YLD Board held its first meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. They are actively seeking volunteers for Legal Line on Wednesday evenings. The YLD is also planning a joint meeting and social with the SCD on February 18<sup>th</sup>.
- G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed Amendment to Rule 6.1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (LFCP) - Treasurer Murakami described the background of the LFCP and the rationale for proposed amendment to Rule 6.1 as explained by an LFCP Trustee at the HSBA Executive Committee meeting. He stated that the concerns expressed by the Board at its November meeting had been addressed satisfactorily. Mr. Murakami further remarked that the amendments clarify timing requirements for the Trustees and the extension of the filing deadline from 2 to 5 years would have minimal impact on the LFCP's solvency.

**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 that it has no objection to the proposed amendments to Rule 6.1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (LFCP).

### \* H. **NEW BUSINESS**

<u>Legislative Support for Kona Judiciary Complex</u> - In prior years, HSBA has submitted testimony in support of legislation for the Kona Judiciary Complex. Approximately \$55M is needed to start building the courthouse. If not appropriated this year, all funding will be lost for the courthouse.

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to authorize the 2015 HSBA President to submit legislative testimony in support of the Kona Judiciary Complex.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

Patricia Mau-Shimizu HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:

Russ S. Awakuni HSBA Secretary

<sup>\*</sup> Addendum to Agenda