

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, February 26, 2015

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Gregory Markham called the meeting to order at 12:03 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
Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Miriah Holden
Karin Holma
Derek Kobayashi
Mei-Fei Kuo
Laurel Loo
Georgia McMillen
Mark K. Murakami
Alika Piper

Board Members Absent

Carol Kitaoka

Others Present

Hon. Mark Recktenwald
Rodney Maile
Calvin Young

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Debra White
Christina Bae

- B. PRESENTATION BY THE HAWAII STATE JUDICIARY** - Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald thanked the HSBA Board for its continuing support of the Judiciary's Courts in the Community program and announced that the next program is scheduled for April 23rd on Kauai. He also thanked the HSBA for funding the Bench-Bar Conference which generates a lot of solid ideas, and noted the work and effort of the subsequent 2014 civil law and criminal law forums.

Regarding the Kona Courthouse, the Chief Justice stated that the cost to build it is \$90M, \$35M of which has already been appropriated. The balance of \$55M needs to be appropriated or the funds appropriated previously will lapse on June 30, 2016. Cognizant of immediate as well as future need, the Judiciary has scaled back on costs for the Courthouse to meet legislative observations. The Judiciary has also reduced their hiring budget request by $\frac{2}{3}$ and operating budget request by $\frac{1}{2}$ in an effort to heed the Governor's message of fiscal discipline.

- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2015 Board meeting.
- D. TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Mark M. Murakami answered questions that were raised at last month's board meeting about the outstanding balance on the mortgage. He noted that the balance will be \$1.1M when the balloon payment is due in 2022, and if the Board continues to make additional prepayments whenever possible, the balance may decrease to \$800,000.
- E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- Suspension letters were sent in mid-February to 347 members, half of which are active members.
 - The January 15-16 Hawaii Land Use Conference garnered 110 registrants. Conference coordinators David Callies and Ben Kudo were pleased with the record turnout and reasonable registration fee.
 - Live dementia capability training sessions were held statewide in early February with 223 registrants.
- F. YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Miriah Holden reported on the following items:
- The YLD Board held a joint meeting with the SCD Board on February 18th to discuss partnering opportunities including a CLE.
 - The Mock Trial semi-final and final competition will take place on March 7, 2015, at the Hawaii Supreme Court. Competing teams: Moanalua High School Silver, Moanalua High School Blue, St. Joseph High School (Big Island), and Island School (Kauai).
 - The YLD Board Secretary will be moving to Kona; the issue of her travel expenses for continued participation in YLD board meetings and events is being discussed.

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

H. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Board Vacancies**

a. **Special Vacancy on the Legal Aid Board**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve of the recommendations by the HSBA Nominating Committee and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii to appoint Ian Jung to fill the unexpired term of a sitting board member who recently resigned from the Legal Aid Board. Mr. Jung's term will start immediately and expire on June 30, 2016. Secretary Russ Awakuni abstained from voting.

b. **Upcoming Vacancies on the Commission on Professionalism**

Action taken: After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to nominate three of the individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A subsequent motion was made, seconded, and carried by a vote of 15 to 4 to adopt the recommendation of the HSBA Nominating Committee to appoint the following individuals to the Commission on Professionalism for 4-year terms: Susan Arnett and Jane Kwan to begin on March 14, 2015; Rebecca Copeland and Judith Pavey to begin on April 27, 2015.

Director Rebecca Copeland recused herself from voting.

2. **Young Lawyers Division Bylaws**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the YLD Board's request to propose an HSBA Bylaw amendment to the membership to reduce the quorum amount for YLD Annual or Special Meetings from 75 to 25, as was amended in the YLD Bylaws last November. Note: the HSBA Bylaw amendment will be considered at the 2015 HSBA Annual Meeting.

I. **INFORMATION**

- 2015 Leadership Institute - Application deadline is April 3, 2015.
- Courts in the Community on Kauai - Director Laurel Loo reported that there is overwhelming support of this program by Kauai attorneys who have volunteered to assist classroom teachers to prepare students for the argument. The argument will be held at the Kauai Community College Performing Arts Center on April 23rd. Logistics are being worked on.

- HSBA 'Open House' - As a way to introduce new admittees to the HSBA, a member outreach program will be held in conjunction with the Hawaii Professionalism Course on June 13, 2015 and November 14, 2015 at the William S. Richardson School of Law. The intent is for board members to meet & greet the newest members of the HSBA and welcome their participation in HSBA programs and activities.
- Judicial Administration Committee Update - Director Steve Chow, who also serves as a co-chair of the Judicial Administration Committee, stated that reports from the Criminal Law and Civil Law Forums held last year were delivered to CJ Recktenwald and President Markham, and will be posted on the HSBA website.

J. ADJOURNMENT

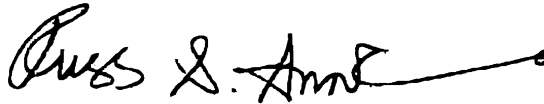
The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary