

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, May 28, 2015

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Gregory Markham called the meeting to order at 12:05 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

Others Present

Roger Epstein  
Associate Justice Sabrina McKenna

Directors Present

Brian Black  
Cecelia Chang  
Steven Chow  
Rebecca Copeland  
Vladimir Devens  
Rhonda Griswold  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Carol Kitaoka  
Derek Kobayashi  
Mei-Fei Kuo  
Laurel Loo  
Georgia McMillen  
Mark K. Murakami  
Alika Piper

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Debra White  
Christina Bae

YLD President

Miriah Holden

Board Members Absent

Karin Holma  
Mark M. Murakami

- B. **ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SABRINA McKENNA** - Justice Sabrina McKenna thanked the HSBA for its lobbying efforts for the Kona Court Complex. She stated that the Legislature approved the \$55M this past session and that the next step is to have the building design sent out to bid. Justice McKenna also expressed the Court's appreciation for the HSBA's support of the Courts-in-the-Community program and Self Help Centers/Access to Justice Rooms.
- \*C. **REPORT ON SUZHOU FRIENDSHIP AGREEMENT** - International Law Section representative Roger Epstein shared with the Board the positive experience he and other ILS members had on their visit to China in conjunction with the signing of the Friendship Agreement with the Suzhou Bar Association Foreign Affairs & Maritime Professional Committee. He noted that valuable connections were made with the Chinese companies that intend to do business in the U.S. He also brought back gifts that were presented by the Suzhou Bar Association.
- D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2015 Board meeting.
- E. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - none.
- F. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Patricia Mau-Shimizu referred the Board to the financial report on the Dementia Training held earlier in the year and noted that over 200 attorneys and 200 healthcare professionals attended the statewide training. She also reported on the remaining funds for the Courts-in-the-Community program. The Court is considering holding the next programs in the Windward Oahu and Waianae areas.
- G. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Miriah Holden reported on the following items:
- The next YLD Board meeting will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup> with a social to follow at Hawaiian Brian's.
  - A financial planning seminar for young lawyers is planned for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Training on the Disaster Assistance Recovery Center (DARC) Manual will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Project Street Youth, a project to advocate for homeless youth, is scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup>.

A further discussion ensued on disaster planning and a suggestion to deliberate this further at a future board meeting.

\* This item was not on the agenda.

H. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**HSBA/HSBF Administrative Support and Facility Use Agreement** - Ms. Mau-Shimizu briefly explained the amendments that were being proposed to the Agreement between HSBA and HSBF.

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the proposed amendments to the HSBA/HSBF Administrative Support and Facility Use Agreement.

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

**Upcoming Vacancies on Legal Aid Society of Hawaii Board**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to approve the nominees listed below to the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2015. HSBA Secretary Russ Awakuni abstained from voting.

Michael Cruise	new appointment
Regan Iwao	reappointment
Gary Murai	reappointment
J. Blaine Rogers	new appointment
Jodi Yamamoto	reappointment

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

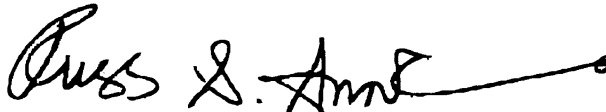
The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni  
HSBA Secretary