

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, August 25, 2016

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Jodi Yi called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Jodi Yi
Nadine Ando
Howard Luke
Russ Awakuni
Mark M. Murakami

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Debra White
Christina Bae

Directors Present

Cecelia Chang
Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi
Mei-Fei Kuo
Kai Lawrence (by phone)
Lisa Munger
Alika Piper
Ryan Hew (by phone)

Others Present

Associate Justice Sabrina McKenna

Board Members Absent

Vladimir Devens
Georgia McMillen
Mark K. Murakami

- B. **ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SABRINA McKENNA** - Justice Sabrina McKenna thanked the HSBA for its support of the Judiciary by having the Hawaii State Trial Judges Association as one of the beneficiaries of its recent Annual Dinner. She also expressed the Court's appreciation for the HSBA's 2016 legislative activities on the Judiciary's budget and the bills to establish judicial elections and to change the judicial retention process. The Board also discussed with Justice McKenna its role in providing comment on the Supreme Court entities' budgets.

- D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of July 28, 2016.

- E. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Mark M. Murakami reported that receipt of dues income is on budget; credit card fee expense is slightly over budget; and that the balance on the mortgage loan is \$1.3M.

- F. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu offered remaining silent auction items available for sale. She said that it is too early to give any statistics on the Annual Dinner since expenses are still coming in.

- G. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Ryan Hew stated that the YLD is reworking its numbers on their 2017 program and project budget requests as requested by the Executive and Finance Committees.

- F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.

G. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2017 HSBA Budget Process** - Treasurer Murakami provided an overview of the annual budgeting process.

2. **Goal Group Projects Funding Requests** - Treasurer Murakami reviewed each project request for 2017 from Goal Groups 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6, and explained any differences from the 2016 budget. He commented that the YLD and Civic Education Committee, groups with project requests under Goal Group 4, were asked by the Executive and Finance Committees to rework/reduce their budget request to come closer to 2016 funding levels. He noted that proposed project requests from the Civic Education Committee exceeded their 2016 budget amount by almost \$12k.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive and Finance Committees' recommendation to approve the proposed project requests of Goal Groups 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6.

Director Steven Chow, Co-chair of the Judicial Administration Committee, asked how the Committee should handle the situation if it needed to fund travel

for a mainland speaker for next year's Bench-Bar Conference. It was explained that if the request was relatively small it could be funded out of the current operating budget; otherwise it could be funded out of reserves.

The Board also discussed the role of the Diversity, Equality, and Access to the Law Committee.

3. **HSBA Annual Awards** - Vice President Howard Luke, Awards Committee Co-chair along with President-elect Nadine Ando, explained the Committee's recommendation to present the HSBA awards to three deserving individuals.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Awards Committee's recommendation to present the HSBA Annual Awards at the luncheon at the Bar Convention to the following individuals:

- ❖ *Golden Gavel Award* (for outstanding service to the state or federal judiciary in Hawaii) - **Debi Tulang-De Silva**
- ❖ *'Ikena Award* (for outstanding service to the profession or the public towards legal education) - **Robert S. Toyofuku**
- ❖ *Ki'e Ki'e Award* (for outstanding provision of *pro bono* legal services) - **Daniel R. Foley**

H. ADJOURNMENT

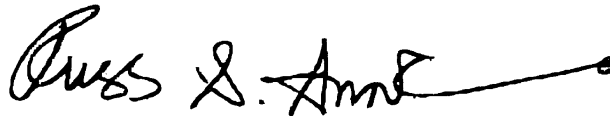
The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary