

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, December 21, 2017

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Nadine Ando called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Nadine Ando  
Howard Luke  
Derek Kobayashi  
Russ Awakuni

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Christina Bae  
Levi Hookano

Directors Present

Cecelia Chang  
Steven Chow  
Rebecca Copeland  
Rhonda Griswold  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Kristin Izumi-Nitao  
Carol Kitaoka  
Mei-Fei Kuo  
Kai Lawrence (by phone)  
Lisa Munger  
Zale Okazaki  
Alika Piper  
Shannon Sheldon (by phone)  
Trejur Bordenave

Others Present

Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald  
Brandon Kimura  
Daylin Heather  
P. Gregory Frey

Board Members Absent

Vladimir Devens (excused)  
Karin Holma (excused)  
Mark K. Murakami (excused)

- B. CHIEF JUSTICE MARK RECKTENWALD** - Chief Justice Recktenwald thanked the HSBA Board for its continued support of the Courts-in-the-Community programs, the Bench-Bar Conference, and its access to justice initiatives. He also updated the Board on the following issues:
- 2018-2019 Judiciary Budget - CJ has met with 27 legislators including both Judiciary Committee Chairs and is cautiously optimistic that the Judiciary will have a good year. He then gave an overview of the Judiciary's supplemental budget request, highlighting 3 priorities:
    - 1) \$5.8M for furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the Kona Courthouse;
    - 2) \$1.2M for essential staffing for court and administrative operations; and
    - 3) \$8.9M for upgrades to the fire alarm system and elevators at Circuit Court, First Circuit.
  - 2018 Legislation - Regarding bills on judicial independence and judges' retirement, CJ asked for HSBA's support if these bills come up.
  - Civil Justice Reform - CJ noted that the Judiciary is moving forward with a task force to study the issues and discuss ideas to address matters in this area.
  - Judicial Retention - CJ stated that judges have expressed concern over HSBA taking positions on judicial retention and how HSBA will ensure fairness in its process. He remarked that HSBA has a significant voice from bar members through its current online judicial evaluation which provides important information to individual judges, the Chief Justice, and the Judicial Selection Commission.
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2017 Board meeting with an amendment to reflect that Rhonda Griswold's absence was excused.
- D. TREASURER'S REPORT** - In the absence of Treasurer Karin Holma, Director of Operations Christina Bae reported that as of November 30, 2017, the Self Help Centers line item is negative, and any further expenses for the year will come out of the operating budget. She also stated that a \$50k prepayment on the acquisition loan will be paid in 2017, as was approved by the Board in October.
- E. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- Thanked the HSBA staff for their work during her absence.
  - Attorney renewal for the 2018 year is going smoothly.
  - In 2018, the Board will take positions on the USDC position (Jill Otake has been nominated), the U.S. Attorney, and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals position.
- F. YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Trejur Bordenave reported that attorney volunteers are needed for Mock Trial so YLD will be soliciting bar members for that project.
- G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.

## H. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. RPFSS Bylaw Amendments

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the amendments being proposed by the Real Property and Financial Services Section to its bylaws.

### 2. Board Vacancies

#### a. Access to Justice Commission

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to reappoint Carol Muranaka and to newly appoint Katie Bennett as HSBA representatives to the Hawaii Access to Justice Commission for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018.

#### b. Hawaii State Bar Foundation

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to appoint Cheryl Kakazu Park to a new position on the Hawaii State Bar Foundation Board for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2018. Director Steve Chow abstained from voting.

### 3. Executive Session

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to authorize President-elect Howard Luke to discuss the 2<sup>nd</sup> year compensation issue with Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu before the end of 2017.

## I. ADJOURNMENT

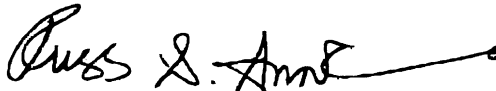
The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni  
HSBA Secretary