

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Kahili Golf Course, Nahele Ballroom
2500 Honoapiilani Highway
Wailuku, Hawaii

Friday, April 27, 2018

A. Call to Order

HSBA President Howard Luke called the meeting to order at 11:54 a.m. with a quorum present. He thanked the Maui County Bar Association for hosting the HSBA Board meeting. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Howard Luke
Derek Kobayashi
P. Gregory Frey
Russ Awakuni

Directors Present

Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Kai Lawrence
Lisa Munger
Mark K. Murakami
Zale Okazaki
Alika Piper
Shannon Sheldon
John Tonaki
Jamila Jarmon

Board Members Absent

Karin Holma
Cecelia Chang
Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito

Others Present

Stephanie Thompson
Loren Tilley
Other Members of Maui County
Bar Association

B. Welcoming Remarks

Maui Director Shannon Sheldon welcomed HSBA Board members to Maui. She thanked members of the Maui County Bar Association for providing transportation services for visiting HSBA board members and for hosting the Board meeting. She also thanked CLE presenter Stephanie Thompson and CLE attendees.

C. Remarks from Maui County Bar Association President

MCBA President Loren Tilley described the activities of the Maui legal community, such as the recent trap shooting, the golf tournament, and the Self Help Center. He encouraged MCBA members to volunteer at the Center to assist the community at large. Mr. Tilley also urged them to apply for judgeships when it becomes available in the Maui courts.

D. Pro Bono Aspirations and Volunteer Activities

President-elect Derek Kobayashi stated that the Self Help Centers and Access to Justice Rooms started with Kauai's Center in 2011 and is now servicing all islands. He noted that there were 50 users of Maui's Center during last month, and that the users are very appreciative of the attorneys volunteering their time. VP Kobayashi also described the *Hawaii Appellate Pro Bono Program*, where volunteer attorneys help *pro se* litigants who want to appeal their case.

E. Introduction of HSBA Board

The HSBA Board members introduced themselves to the MCBA members.

F. HSBA Role in Judicial Appointments and Member Surveys for Judicial Retention Purposes

Oahu Director Steve Chow outlined the judicial selection process and HSBA's involvement in that process. He explained the importance of members submitting comments on judicial nominees to the HSBA. Director Chow also described the HSBA's role in the judicial retention process. He encouraged members to submit comments and complete the evaluations in these important processes.

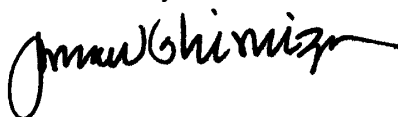
G. Assistance for Kauai Residents

Vice President Greg Frey talked of efforts, notably by Noah Gibson, to assist the Kauai community with food and other supplies and monetary donations. Kauai Director Kai Lawrence described the flood devastation on Kauai's hardest hit areas. He said that a number of organizations are assisting residents with immediate needs, and that legal assistance will later be offered.

H. ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary