

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, January 25, 2018

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Howard Luke called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Howard Luke
Derek Kobayashi
P. Gregory Frey
Russ Awakuni
Karin Holma

Others Present

Ronette Kawakami
Jackie Young

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Christina Bae

Directors Present

Cecelia Chang
Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Vladimir Devens (by phone)
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Kai Lawrence (by phone)
Lisa Munger
Mark K. Murakami
Alika Piper
Shannon Sheldon
John Tonaki
Jamila Jarmon - YLD President

Board Members Absent

Zale Okazaki (excused)

***B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Judicial Retention:** Judicial Selection Commission (JSC) representatives had been invited to the meeting to give more information on the JSC's process and criteria on judicial retention. JSC Chair Jackie Young and JSC bar-elected member Ronette Kawakami were present.

Director Steve Chow gave an overview of the history of HSBA's involvement in the judicial selection and retention process. He also briefly explained Board Policy 1.8 on judicial retention.

Ms. Young stated that there was no official position of the JSC on HSBA taking a position on judicial retention. She explained the methodology of JSC's process on judicial retention. While she was not able to reveal the criteria used in the retention process, she noted that comments from the bar, court personnel, and resource people are all taken into consideration. Ms. Young stated that the JSC is very thorough in its investigations, and it appears that although information it receives has improved over the years, it still does not have enough information. The JSC would like information from HSBA to be more impactful.

Ms. Kawakami explained that the JSC is not political; its members strive for objectivity and impartiality. She expressed her opinion that if HSBA starts taking positions on judicial retention it would turn into a popularity contest.

After the JSC representatives left the meeting, the Board discussed how to proceed. Board members were interested in hearing from the other JSC bar-elected member, James Kawachika.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to defer action on this issue until the February board meeting to allow for further discussion.

- C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2017 Board meeting.
- D. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Karin Holma reported that for the 2017 year, income was higher than budgeted and expenses were lower than budgeted.
- E. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
 - 2018 Licensing Registration - 390 HSBA members have yet to renew and 140 pro hac vice outstanding.
 - CLE Seminars - Many CLEs being offered in the first half of the year. Some are free.
 - Annual Staff Meeting - Policies on anti-discrimination, sexual harassment, hostile work environment, etc. will be reviewed with staff.

* This item was taken out of order due to the presence of guests.

- F. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Jamila Jarmon reported on the following items:
- Due to the false missile alert, the YLD Board's orientation has been rescheduled for January 27th where committee chairs will be assigned for 2018 projects.
 - Mock Trial competition is underway.

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.

H. **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **2018 HSBA Committee Chair Appointments**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify President Luke's appointment of 2018 HSBA Committee Chairs.

3. **2018 HSBA Nominating Committee Members**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify President Luke's appointment of the following individuals as 2018 HSBA Nominating Committee members: Judge Linda Luke (chair), P. Gregory Frey, Derek Kobayashi, Rosalyn Loomis, Judge Henry Nakamoto, and Judge Michael Soong.

4. **HSBA Representatives on the Supreme Court Nominating Committee**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify President Luke's appointment of the following individuals as 2018 HSBA representatives to the Supreme Court Nominating Committee: Sidney Ayabe, Sherry Broder, Judge Linda Luke, and Stephanie Rezens.

5. **Judiciary Budget Requests**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to support the Judiciary's top three priorities, as identified by Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald, when the budget bill is scheduled for hearings at the Legislature.

- Kona courthouse furniture, fixtures, equipment
- Essential staffing for court/administrative operations
- Kaahumanu Hale fire alarm systems & elevator upgrade

6. **ABA Resolution 10A**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to support ABA Resolution 10A by directing Hawaii delegates to vote in favor of it at the upcoming ABA House of Delegates Midyear Meeting in Vancouver.


7. Hawaii State Bar Foundation

HSBF President Calvin Young explained how the HSBF was established and described the ensuing relationship between HSBF and HSBA. He stated that the HSBF has made grants the past 5 years to entities that serve the community, and provides another avenue for these needy entities from which to receive grants. A request was made for the HSBF to give an annual report on its activities to HSBA. Treasurer Karin Holma asked about consolidating future HSBA financial statements with the HSBF, as recommended by HSBA auditors. Mr. Young directed her to speak with HSBF Treasurer Craig Wagnild about that possibility and Treasurer Holma said she would.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

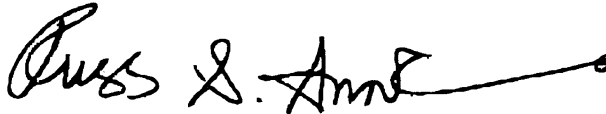
The meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary