

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, June 23, 2011

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Louise Ing called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Louise Ing  
Carol Muranaka  
Craig Wagnild  
Robert Godbey

Others Present

Rebecca Gardner  
James Kawachika  
Shannon Wack

Directors Present

Nadine Ando  
Steven Chow  
Rhonda Griswold  
William Harrison  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Carol Kitaoka  
Derek Kobayashi  
Christine Kubota  
Gregory Markham  
Timothy McNulty  
Suzanne Terada  
Calvin Young  
Levi Hookano

HSBA Staff

Lyn Flanigan  
Iris Ito

Board Members Absent

Vladimir Devens  
Robert Harris  
Ronette Kawakami  
Gerald Matsunaga

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2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the May 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting were approved by consensus.
3. **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Robert Godbey explained that the format of the financial reports was revised to give a clearer picture and comparison of the financials. See written financials in agenda for more details.
4. **YLD REPORT** - YLD President Levi Ho`okano reported that the YLD had a professional services social jointly with the Shidler College of Business Alumni Association last week; their YLD Retreat is this coming weekend; and a Mock Trial Coaches' meeting tonight.
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Lyn Flanigan reported that: a) about 40 tables have been sold for the Fundraiser Dinner; b) WSRSL Professor Eric Yamamoto will be the bar convention keynote speaker. See agenda for other HSBA activities.
6. **REPORT ON NATIONAL EQUAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE & HAWAII SELF-HELP CENTERS** - DLSP Committee Chair Shannon Wack reported that the Conference was attended by 4 DLSP Committee members: herself and Ben Lowenthal, both funded by HSBA, as well as Jo Kim and Derek Kobayashi. Among other things, they learned that different self help centers have different models, they need to develop a "best practices" manual, it is important that judges buy into the concept of the self help center, some centers on the mainland are staffed by Legal Aid and a Judiciary attorney. Ms. Wack commented that with respect to Hawaii, different districts have different needs, and so may operate differently. The Committee is wrestling with the issue of giving out legal information vs. legal advice at the centers, and also the need for professional liability insurance for the volunteers. Ms. Flanigan noted that she has contacted Marsh and Monarch to get quotes on liability insurance and is working with Dew Kaneshiro at VLSH.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. **Review of HSBA Judicial Evaluations for Per Diem Judges** (see agenda item 6.a. and Exhibit B)

**Action taken:** a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve the amended HSBA judicial evaluation form that would be used for retentions, mid-term evaluations, and per diem judge evaluations.
  - b. **Formation of a 501(c)(3)** (see agenda item 6.b.) - FYI only.

- c. **Executive Director Search** (see agenda item 6.c.) - FYI only.
- d. **HSBA Involvement in APEC** (see agenda item 6.d.) - FYI only.
- e. **Revisions to HRPC** (see agenda item 6.e.) - a template for Board members' use in reporting on their assigned HRPC rule(s) was distributed in hard copy at the meeting (same template that was emailed earlier).

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Slate of Candidates for HSBA Board Election** (item added to agenda)

**Action taken:** a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to amend the slate of candidates submitted by the HSBA Nominating Committee to remove Rhonda Griswold's name and move Ronette Kawakami's name from Oahu Director to Secretary.

- b. **Proposed Appellate Section of the HSBA** (item added to agenda) - President Ing announced that a group of bar members is interested in forming an Appellate Section and have submitted the necessary documents (distributed at the meeting). This will start the 60-day notice requirement to the Board. Item will be on the July agenda for discussion/questions and on the August agenda for vote.
- c. **AJS Reports on HSBA Involvement in Judicial Selection Process** (see agenda item 7.a.) - FYI only.
- d. **Vacancies on LASH Board** (see agenda item 7.b. and Exhibit C)

**Action taken:** a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive and Nominating Committees' recommendation to appoint/reappoint the following individuals to the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii Board: Naomi Fujimoto, Susan Ichinose, Susan Li, Calvin Pang, and Kristin Shigemura for a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2011. The Board also voted to appoint Sara Silverman to complete the unexpired neighbor island term of a LASH Board member who recently resigned. Her term will begin July 1, 2011 and expire on June 30, 2013.

- e. **HSBA Bankruptcy Law Section** (see agenda item 7.c.)

**Action taken:** a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to dissolve the Bankruptcy Law Section and to refund the dues to section members less a \$5 administrative fee/member. Craig Wagnild abstained from voting.

- f. **Mid-2011 Review of HSBA Activities** (see agenda item 7.d.) - President Ing spoke of programs HSBA is currently working on and plans to accomplish by the end of the year including: mentoring, civic education, 501(c)(3) formation, and per diem judges evaluation.

The board also discussed the idea of broadening the definition of pro bono in the Supreme Court Rules to include the work by attorneys on boards, commissions, and other types of community service. It was noted that there was an attempt to do this several years ago, but it was not approved by the Court. It was suggested that this idea be re-submitted to Chief Justice Recktenwald.

## 9. **OTHER NEWS**

- a. **Judicial Surveys** - Director Steven Chow reported that the Judicial Administration Committee is almost done with the survey on preferences in courtroom procedures for Oahu Circuit Court judges on the civil calendar. After it is finalized, the survey results will be shared initially with the HSBA Sections who participated in the last year's forum with these judges, then shared with the rest of the bar.
- b. **Uniformity in the Courtroom** - Director Geraldine Hasegawa reported that the Supreme Court committee addressing uniformity is working on telephone conferences.
- c. **Online Attorney Registration/Renewal** - Director Flanigan asked board members to consider for the future the issue of requiring members to register online to minimize hard copy costs as well as extra labor costs. It may not be palatable to large law firms and government agencies until software used by HSBA is able to accept group payments.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

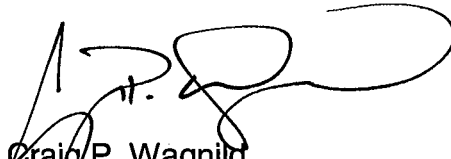
The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by:



Lyn Flanigan  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Craig P. Wagnild  
HSBA Vice-President