

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, September 25, 2014

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Calvin Young called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Calvin Young  
Jodi Yi  
Gregory Markham  
Ronette Kawakami  
Mark Murakami

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Debra White  
Ruby Tomokiyo

Directors Present

Nadine Ando  
Steven Chow  
Rebecca Copeland  
Vladimir Devens  
Rhonda Griswold  
Carol Kitaoka  
Derek Kobayashi  
Mei-Fei Kuo  
Laurel Loo (phone)  
Timothy McNulty (phone)  
Miriah Holden  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Stephanie Rezents

Board Members Absent

Russ Awakuni  
Cecelia Chang  
Karin Holma

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2014 Board meeting.

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Mark Murakami reported that the HSBA was on budget as of August 31, 2014. He noted that \$109k remained on the construction loan and \$1.46m remained on the acquisition loan.

D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported that the Bar Convention on October 24, 2014 has a full schedule of CLE programs in the morning and afternoon sessions.

E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Miriah Holden reported that the YLD is finalizing their program for their Annual Meeting ; working on the Junior Judges project in October; and updating the Disaster Assistance Recovery Center manual.

F. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Sister-Bar Association Relationship (Friendship Agreement) Policy** - There was a discussion over the financial obligations, including the reciprocity of gifts, of the HSBA in having a friendship agreement with a bar association. The Board also discussed adding a section on procedures for an entity to request that a friendship agreement with another bar association be established.

**Action taken:** A motion was made to place on the attorney renewal statement an option for members to contribute to a fund that would help defray expenses related to friendship agreements. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Another motion was made, seconded, and carried by a vote of 16 to 1 to adopt, as part of the HSBA Board policy manual, the proposed sister-bar association relationship (friendship agreement) policy with an amendment to delete the paragraph related to the reciprocity of gifts and to add a paragraph on procedures for requesting such a relationship.

H. **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **2015 Disciplinary Board Budget**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to inform the DB and the Supreme Court of the HSBA's support of the proposed 2015 DB budget.

3. **2015 Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection Budget**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to inform the LFCP and the Supreme Court of the HSBA's support of the proposed 2015 LFCP budget.

4. **2015 Attorneys and Judges Assistance Program Budget**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to inform the AAP and the Supreme Court of the HSBA's support of the proposed 2015 AAP budget.

**5. 2015 HSBA Section Budgets**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the proposed 2015 budgets and dues amounts of the HSBA Sections.

**6. 2014 HSBA Annual Awards**

**Action taken:** After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the following nominees submitted by the Awards Committee and the HSBA President.

Champion for Social Justice Award:	Calleen Ching
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'Ikena Award:	Hawaii Coalition for Immigration Reform
Ki'e Ki'e Award:	Joanna Sokolow
President's Award:	Charlene Iboshi

**7. Appointment/Reappointment to Hawaii State Board of CLE (aka MCLE Board)**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried out without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to reappoint Susan Arnett and David Fitzpatrick and newly appoint Marie Gavigan to the Hawaii State Board of CLE for a term of 3 years beginning October 2, 2014 and expiring October 1, 2017.

**8. Proposed Partnership from Executive Office on Aging for Dementia Training**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried out without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to move forward with the proposed partnership with the State Executive Office on Aging on the 2015 Legal Training on Dementia Issues and serve as its fiscal officer.

**9. Question on Attorney Renewal Form from Mentoring/Transition Committee**  
*A revised question from the Mentoring/Transition Committee was distributed at the Board meeting.*

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried out without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve the proposal from the Mentoring/Transition Committee to include a question on the optional section of the attorney renewal statement on whether another active Hawaii attorney has been designated to oversee the law practice in the event of the member's disability or death.

## **10. Proposed Amendment to Rule 1.9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried out without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to publish a notice in the HSBA e-newsletter and website seeking written member comments on the proposed amendment to Rule 1.9 of the Rules of the Supreme Court which seeks to clarify additional requirements for out-of-state attorneys seeking *pro hac vice* admission to the Hawaii bar.

## **11. Proposed Amendment to Rule 6.1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried out without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to publish a notice in the HSBA e-newsletter and website seeking written member comments on the proposed amendment to Rule 6.1 of the Rules and Regulations of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection which seeks to extend the deadline for aggrieved clients to file a claim from 2 years to 5 years.

## **12. HSBA Procedures on the Judicial/Executive Appointment Process** - The Board discussed revised procedures for handling member comments and for meeting with the judicial nominee the day before the Board interview to go over the interview process and to apprise the nominee of any issues which may have been raised during the review to allow the nominee time to prepare to address these issues before meeting with the Board. The form letter to the nominee will be further revised and circulated to the Board for approval.

### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Ronette Kawakami  
HSBA Secretary