

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Mezzanine Conference Room  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, February 25, 2010

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Hugh Jones called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. No quorum was present at the time, however a quorum was present at the time the Board took action. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Hugh Jones  
Carol Muranaka  
Louise Ing  
Ronette Kawakami  
Craig Wagnild

Directors Present

Nadine Ando  
Steven Chow  
Robert Harris  
William Harrison  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Carol Kitaoka  
Derek Kobayashi  
Christine Kubota  
Gerald Matsunaga  
Alika Piper  
Suzanne Terada (by phone)  
Calvin Young  
Lisa Nakahara (YLD)

Board Members Absent

Gregory Markham  
Kenneth Robbins

Others Present

Catherine Betts  
James Kawachika  
Charlene Norris  
Shannon Wack

HSBA Staff

Lyn Flanigan (by phone)  
Iris Ito  
Debra White

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the January 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting were approved by consensus.
3. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Treasurer Craig Wagnild reported that for the period ending January 31<sup>st</sup>, HSBA was slightly ahead of budget for total expenses. He noted that income under Penalties will be less than in previous years due to the 1-month extension on attorney registration. Refer to written financials for more detail.
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** - Director of Operations Debra White reported on issues of concern in the building as described by building management which may result in increased maintenance fees: delay of installation of new parking gate system; elevator upgrade and rust problem; purchase of new chiller. Executive Director Lyn Flanigan also reported that: a) HSBA switched to a new company for the employee health savings account to reduce costs on administrative fees; b) we are trying to secure furniture and/or equipment to furnish the HSBA room at Kapolei Courthouse; c) substantial revisions to Hawaii Rules for Professional Conduct coming out soon. See agenda for other HSBA activities.
5. **YLD REPORT** - YLD President Lisa Nakahara reported that finalists have been announced for the Mock Trial Program. She also noted that the recent YLD Social at Ka garnered over 100 people.
6. **ABA REPORT** - HSBA/ABA Delegate James Kawachika brought to the Board’s attention two important issues voted on by the ABA House of Delegates at the Midyear Meeting in Orlando: a) a proposal for the ABA to examine the validity and criteria, and all other issues relevant to this issue, of U.S. News and World Report’s state and national rankings of law firms in each state; b) a proposal to reduce ABA dues by 25% for all members, and an additional 25% for judges, government attorneys, and solo practitioners. Both measures passed.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
  - a. **Reporting Procedures for HSBA Sections** (see agenda item 7.a.) - FYI only.
  - b. **DLSP Committee’s Budget Request and Project Plan** (see agenda item 7.b. and Exhibit C) - President Jones stated that the Executive Committee recommended funding the DLSP Committee projects in the amount of \$10,000 which would not include mainland travel and would include reporting back to HSBA on how funds are being spent. He explained that it was a split vote. Vice President Carol Muranaka expressed her position that the DLSP

Committee be allowed to use funds for mainland travel so that a committee representative could attend the national Equal Justice Conference.

There was also discussion on the need for the amount of funds being requested for neighbor island travel to set up self-help centers for pro se litigants at the courts.

**Action taken:** After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried by a vote of 11 to 5 to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to fund 2010 projects of the DLSP Committee in the amount of \$10,000 which would not include mainland travel and would include reporting back to HSBA on how funds are being spent.

## 8. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Judiciary Request for Database Access** (see agenda item 8.a.) - Carol Muranaka agreed to be involved in meetings/discussions with ODC and Judiciary on this issue. A meeting will be held with the Judiciary staff in early March.

- b. **Rule 19 Committee (Special Committee on Judicial Performance Vacancies)** (see Agenda Item 8.b.)

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee and the Judicial Administration Committee to recommend to the Supreme Court the reappointment of James McWhinnie and new appointment of Kenneth Robbins to the Rule 19 Committee (special committee on judicial performance) for a 3-year term beginning July 2, 2010.

- c. **Request by Legal Group to be Recognized by HSBA** (see Agenda Item 8.c.)

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to recognize the Hawaii LGBT Legal Association as a law-related organization.

## 9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Request by Government Lawyers Section to become a Division** - President Jones will meet with the GLS to discuss and will report back to the Board.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyn Flanigan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lyn Flanigan  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronette M. Kawakami". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Ronette M. Kawakami  
HSBA Secretary