

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, January 27, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Louise Ing called the meeting to order at 11:37 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
Ronette Kawakami
Robert Godbey

Directors Present

Nadine Ando
Steven Chow
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Derek Kobayashi
Christine Kubota
Gerald Matsunaga
Timothy McNulty
Suzanne Terada
Calvin Young

Board Members Absent

Vladimir Devens
Robert Harris
William Harrison
Carol Kitaoka
Gregory Markham
Levi Hookano

Others Present

James Kawachika
Noel Tipon

HSBA Staff

Lyn Flanigan
Iris Ito
Debra White

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the December 16th board meeting were approved by consensus.
3. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Referring to the year-end report, Treasurer Robert Godbey stated that as of December 31, 2010, HSBA was a little less than budgeted total revenues and significantly less in total expenses. The bottom line was that HSBA is within 5% of budget at the end of 2010.
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**-- Executive Director Lyn Flanigan reported that: a) the 2011 fundraiser dinner committee is seriously considering the Convention Center for the event; b) Director of Operations Debra White reported that the recently implemented new accounting system provides more flexibility, expandability, and details. Purchase cost was \$15k and annual cost to maintain is \$12k-\$13k; c) HSBA will launch Facebook and Twitter accounts in mid-February. The YLD Board and Communications Subcommittee have been asked to review and give feedback. See [agenda](#) for other HSBA activities.
5. **YLD REPORT** - Ms. Flanigan reported for YLD President Levi Hookano that Malcolm Barcarse and Ryan Hew filled 2 vacancies on the YLD Board; mock trial competition has begun and finals will be held on March 12; preparations for Law Week under way; YLD Director Miriah Holden will attend the ABA-YLD Midyear Meeting in Atlanta.
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. **Review of Judicial Evaluations** (see agenda item [6.a.](#))

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the Executive Committee’s recommendation to provide the results of the HSBA’s online mid-term judicial evaluations to the JSC and to make judicial evaluation results available to the Board for review when a sitting judge is nominated for another judicial seat. This would be started the next time that the judicial evaluations are done; it would not be retroactive to any judicial evaluations that have already been completed.

The Board also agreed with the Committee’s recommendation to establish an ad hoc committee to study the issue of conducting an evaluation of per diem judges, who are not currently evaluated. The following directors will serve on the ad hoc committee: Ronette Kawakami, Gerald Matsunaga, Steven Chow, Nadine Ando, and Suzanne Terada.
 - b. **Evaluation of Executive Director** (see agenda item [6.b.](#)) - item discussed in executive session.

- c. **Proposed Revisions to Hawaii Rules of Professional Conduct** (see agenda item [6.c.](#)) - the Board discussed how to educate members about the proposed amendments to the HRPC. James Kawachika noted that some proposed rule changes are controversial and members will be surprised by them. It was suggested that a 3-hour MCPE credit seminar be offered for a fee. It was also suggested that Sections be asked to review relevant rule changes and comment on it to HSBA. Another option was to do a traveling road show on all islands and charge minimally to cover the cost of doing a live CLE. Calvin Young, James Kawachika, Craig Wagnild, Rhonda Griswold, and Carol Muranaka agreed to serve on a committee to develop a plan to educate members on the proposed changes to HRPC. Janet Hunt and Carroll Taylor will be asked to serve on the committee also.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Formation of a 501(c)3** (see agenda item [7.a.](#)) - a committee to study this issue will be formed shortly.
- b. **Executive Director Search** (see agenda item [7.b.](#)) - a search committee will be formed shortly to work on procedures, criteria, etc.
- c. **HSBA Involvement in APEC** - Directors Christine Kubota and Derek Kobayashi volunteered to watch for opportunities in ways that HSBA can be involved with APEC. President Ing said that HSBA member and AHFI Associate Stephen Tannenbaum is doing the same.
- *d. **Kona Courthouse** - Goal Group 7 members met earlier in the day and agreed that the West Hawaii Bar Association, Hawaii County Bar Association, Maui County Bar Association, and Kauai Bar Association would join with HSBA in submitting a resolution to the Legislature urging support of a new Kona Courthouse.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt a resolution that would include all neighbor island bar associations to support the building of a new Kona Courthouse.

* Item added to agenda.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 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