

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, February 24, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Louise Ing called the meeting to order at 11:41 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

Steven Chow
Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold
Robert Harris
Geraldine Hasegawa
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi
Christine Kubota
Gerald Matsunaga
Timothy McNulty
Suzanne Terada (phone)
Calvin Young
Levi Hookano

Board Members Absent

Nadine Ando
William Harrison
Gregory Markham

Others Present

James Kawachika
Roman Amaguin

HSBA Staff

Lyn Flanigan
Iris Ito
Debra White

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – [Minutes](#) of the January 27th board meeting were approved by consensus.
3. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Referring to the year-end report, Treasurer Robert Godbey stated that 2011 attorney renewal dues are still coming in. He also noted that HSBA received a \$5,000 refund on maintenance fees from the former landlord and a \$1,500 rebate from purchase of the new color copier. See [financials](#) for more details.
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**-- Executive Director Lyn Flanigan reported that: a) Casemaker will do 3 presentations at the Solo Bar Conference on March 4th. President-elect Carol Muranaka reported that at the ABA Midyear Meeting in Atlanta, Casemaker announced that it will be offering shepherdizing capability to individual members for \$19.95/month; b) over 40 members joined the Bankruptcy Law Section; Family Law Section status; c) about 16 members in the emeritus group (aged 70 and over) switched from Active to Inactive status; d) the Executive Director Search Committee had its first organizational meeting and is working on procedures, criteria, etc. See [agenda](#) for other HSBA activities.
5. **YLD REPORT** - YLD President Levi Hookano reported that mock trial finals will be held on March 12 at the Supreme Court. He also announced that for Law Week (May 2-6), Legal Line volunteers will answer calls at Action Line at KHON2, 11am-1pm, Mon-Fri. In addition, community clinics are planned for several locations on all islands on Saturday, May 7.
6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. **Review of Judicial Evaluations** (see agenda item [3.a.](#)) - FYI only.
 - b. **Formation of a 501(c)3** - committee studying this issue will have its first meeting on March 2, 2011.
 - c. **Executive Director Search** (see Executive Director’s report above).
 - d. **HSBA Involvement in APEC** - President Ing reported that there will be an international reception that companies/law firms may want to participate in at a cost of \$50k-\$100k during the APEC conference.
 - e. **Revisions to HRPC** (see agenda item [3.e.](#)) – Jim Kawachika pointed out several issues both for large firms and solos. HSBA is organizing seminars on all islands. One of the big issues noted in the proposed revisions to HRPC is screening mechanisms for conflicts when attorneys change firms. June 9, 2011 is the deadline to submit comments on the proposed revisions to the Court.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Appointments to Special Committee on Judicial Performance (Rule 19 Committee)**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee and Judicial Administration Committee to recommend to the Supreme Court the following individuals for appointment/reappointment to the Special Committee on Judicial Performance (Rule 19 Committee) for a 3-year term beginning March 29, 2011: Susan Arnett, Gail Cosgrove, Todd Eddins, and Rosemary Fazio.

As a side note, Director and Judicial Administration Committee Chair Steven Chow reported that the Committee completed a survey of First Circuit civil administrative judges on their court's procedures/forms regarding motions, pre-trial conferences, settlement conferences, etc. The results are being finalized and will be sent to CJ Recktenwald for approval before dissemination to HSBA members.

b. **Appointments to Nominating Committees of the HSBA and Supreme Court**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify President Ing's appointment of individuals to the Nominating Committees of the HSBA and Supreme Court as noted below. Director Geraldine Hasegawa abstained from voting.

HSBA

Ellen Carson
Jill Hasegawa (chair)
Jay Kimura
Marie Milks
Carol Muranaka
Jesse Souki

Supreme Court

Sidney Ayabe
Ellen Carson
Jill Hasegawa
Carolyn Yu

c. **Amendments to Board Policy Manual** (see agenda item [4.c.](#))

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify the Executive Committee's recommendation of amending the board policy manual to indicate a 30-40% reserve policy which reflects board approval of this range in 2008 and succeeding years.

- *d. **Legislation** - Ms. Flanigan reported that Matt Matsunaga agreed to chair the Legislation Committee and track bills of interest to bar members. The following bills are being tracked: 1) tax credit for pro bono service, SB129 - has not moved since 1/28/11; 2) temporary veteran's court, SB254 - passed

* Item added to agenda.

2nd reading and referred to Judiciary Cmte; 3) access to justice trust fund, SB946 - establishes fund; will not pass; 4) ILAF bill, SB1073 - increases amount of surcharges and expands scope of filing fees that would benefit indigent legal services (put on March board agenda for discussion and vote); 5) elected AG, SB1187 - hearing on 2/25/11; 6) non-profit corps, SB1349 - allows electronic voting; 7) legal assistants, SB147 - establishes licensing requirements; 8) small claims court, HB1278 - increases monetary limits.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Submitted by:



Lyn Flanigan
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Ronette M. Kawakami
HSBA Secretary