

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, April 28, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Louise Ing called the meeting to order at 11:42 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
Robert Harris
William Harrison
Geraldine Hasegawa
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi (phone)
Christine Kubota
Gregory Markham
Timothy McNulty
Suzanne Terada
Levi Hookano

Board Members Absent

Vladimir Devens
Gerald Matsunaga
Calvin Young

Others Present

James Kawachika
Jennifer Oana

HSBA Staff

Lyn Flanigan
Iris Ito
Debra White

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – [Minutes](#) of the March 24th board meeting were approved by consensus.
3. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Treasurer Robert Godbey stated that as of March 31, HSBA was slightly under expected income and expenses. The build-out loan was reduced by \$50,000 as approved at last month’s board meeting. He noted that the Finance Committee will meet next week. See [financials](#) for more details.
4. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** - Executive Director Lyn Flanigan reported that: a) planning continues for the 2011 Fundraiser Dinner. A weekend lease for a Ferrari may be a silent auction item; b) about 2.5% or 80-90 members will be audited for compliance with Rule 22/ MCPE credit; c) still waiting to hear whether California CJ will accept the invitation to be bar convention keynote speaker; d) Louise, Carol, Craig, and Lyn met with other bar leaders at the Western States Bar Conference, sharing issues and learning about good programs such as a veteran’s assistance program and other states’ mentoring programs. See [agenda](#) for other HSBA activities.

President Ing noted that due to a resignation of a member of the Nominating Committee, Judge Victoria Marks (ret.) was appointed to fill the vacated seat.

Action taken: a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify the appointment of Judge Marks to the Nominating Committee.

5. **YLD REPORT** - YLD President Levi Ho’okano reported that upcoming Law Week activities include: Launch Party at Vino sponsored by the SCD; Legal Line volunteers answering calls daily on KHON2, with lots of morning and evening publicity; Volunteer Appreciation party at Indigo; Legal Clinics across the State on Saturday, 5/7; Law Week Proclamations signed by mayors of various islands; Law Day Golf Tournament.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. **Review of HSBA Judicial Evaluations for Per Diem Judges** (see agenda item [6.a.](#)) - Secretary Ronette Kawakami, and chair of this committee, reported that the Committee will submit for the May board meeting proposed amendments to the Board Policy Manual and a proposed evaluation form for per diem judges.
- b. **Formation of a 501(c)3** (see agenda item [6.b.](#)) - the Committee is working on a statement which will articulate the mission for a 501(c)(3) organization and articles and bylaws.
- 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.](#)) - President-elect Carol Muranaka suggested that each board member take one proposed rule amendment to review and be prepared to present and discuss it at a future board meeting. Discussion of the proposed rules changes could occur over the next several board meetings before the board votes upon it and decides what comments to send to the Supreme Court. She also recommended that a videotaped copy of the HRPC seminar be made available to members free of charge.

Action taken: a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to request the Supreme Court to further extend the deadline for comment on proposed amendments to HRPC to October 31, 2011.

James Kawachika, a member of a 2002 committee who worked on the proposed rule amendments, recommended that Board members take a position on each proposed rule amendment. He noted that there are 4 or 5 really controversial topics. Director Christine Kubota suggested that a special board meeting be held to discuss the proposed HRPC amendments only. President Ing asked President-elect Muranaka and Mr. Kawachika to identify the hot topics so that board members could address those proposed amendments. It was agreed that Ms. Muranaka and Mr. Kawachika would assign the proposed amendments to each board member for review and presentation at an upcoming board meeting. Mr. Kawachika commented that it would be good to get input on the proposed amendments from the current committee members who worked on these rules.

- f. **Legislative Update** (see agenda item [6.f.](#))

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **2012 Attorney Renewal Proposals** (see agenda item [7.a.](#)) - Due to time constraints, discussion on this item was deferred to a future meeting.
- b. **AJS Reports on HSBA Involvement in Judicial Selection Process** (see agenda item [7.b.](#)) - Due to time constraints, discussion on this item was deferred to a future meeting.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Submitted by:



Lyn Flanigan
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Ronette M. Kawakami
HSBA Secretary