

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Friday, August 23, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Craig Wagnild called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Craig Wagnild  
Calvin Young  
Alika Piper  
Ronette Kawakami

Directors Present

Nadine Ando  
Russ Awakuni  
Malcolm Barcarse  
Cecelia Chang  
Vladimir Devens  
David Farmer  
Rhonda Griswold  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Derek Kobayashi  
Laurel Loo  
Timothy McNulty  
Mark Murakami  
Suzanne Terada

Board Members Absent

Steven Chow  
Carol Kitaoka  
Gregory Markham  
Stephanie Rezents

Others Present

Kainani Collins Alvarez  
Shauna Cahill  
Alan Fujimoto  
Ryan Hamaguchi  
James Lee  
Ruth Ann Oh  
John Rhee  
Mark Shklov  
Julie Yang

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Debra White  
Levi Ho'okano

\*2. **NEW BUSINESS**

- b. **Friendship Agreement with Seoul Bar Association** - Representatives of the International Law Section (Alan Fujimoto, Mark Schklov, Julie Yang) and the Korean-American Bar Association of Hawaii (John Rhee, James Lee) were present to request HSBA approval of the friendship agreement with the Seoul Bar Association (SBA) and 7 complimentary seats for SBA delegates at the Annual Meeting luncheon at the Bar Convention. Mr. Fujimoto briefly explained the background of friendship agreements made with bars in other countries and the desire to establish the same with SBA.

\*3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. **Proposed 2014 Projects** - Civics Education Committee Co-chair Ruth Kim Oh and committee member Ryan Hamaguchi thanked the Board for its support of the Committee's work. Ms. Oh also acknowledged the Board for the recommendation on the lump sum amount of \$10,000 for its proposed 2014 projects. She relayed the Civics Education Committee's hope that the Board will allow the opt-out contribution on the attorney renewal/registration form to continue for the Committee. Ms. Oh stated that the Committee looks forward to collaborating with the Board on how it can do things better. She then described the Committee's current and future projects.

Board members expressed their recognition of and appreciation for the initiative and work of the Civics Education Committee. They also discussed the understanding that last year's agreement to include an opt-out contribution on the renewal/registration form for the Committee was to be a one-time occurrence to help the Committee get started on its projects. A suggestion was made to allow the Committee to have a check-off (opt-in instead of opt-out) contribution similar to the HSBA Sections and specialty bar associations.

After further discussion, the Board asked Ms. Oh to return to the Committee to ask whether it would be interested in having a check-off contribution on the attorney renewal/registration form and to inform the Finance Committee of its decision before the next joint Executive/Finance Committee meeting on September 17, 2013.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2013 board meeting.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper reported that the HSBA's 2014 property tax assessment was higher than the previous year due to the increased valuation of the property. The annual tax will now be \$27,200, an increase of approximately \$10,000.

\*Item taken out of order due to the presence of guests.

6. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Malcolm Barcarse reported that the YLD is now working on Junior Judges for October and will be soliciting volunteers shortly.

7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (continued)

- a. **Proposed 2014 Projects** - Treasurer Piper directed the Board's attention to the Budget Request Analysis and reviewed each project request listed.

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the proposed 2014 budget of HSBA projects.

- b. **Proposed 2014 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 2014 budgets of the HSBA Sections, with the exception of the Corporation Counsel, Intellectual Property & Technology, and Litigation Sections which have not yet submitted their budgets.

8. **NEW BUSINESS** (continued)

- a. **Request for Grant from HJF to HSBF**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the proposed letter from HSBA to the Hawaii Justice Foundation requesting a grant from the net proceeds of the 2012 Annual Dinner to be awarded to the Hawaii State Bar Foundation for purposes consistent with tax-exempt purposes of the HJF and Friends of the Judiciary History Center. Director Rhonda Griswold abstained from voting.

- b. **Friendship Agreement with Seoul Bar Association**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the proposed draft of the Friendship Agreement between HSBA and the Seoul Bar Association (SBA) and the luncheon accommodation of seven SBA attorneys at the request of the HSBA International Law Section.

c. **2013 HSBA Annual Awards**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the following nominations that were recommended by the HSBA Awards Committee, the President, and Executive Committee which will be presented at the Annual Meeting luncheon at the Bar Convention:

Golden Gavel Award: Susan Ichinose  
'Ikena Award: James Hoenig  
Malama Hawaii Award: Cynthia Alm  
President's Award: Judge Barbara Richardson  
Judge R. Mark Browning  
Judge Trudy Senda  
Judge Rhonda Loo  
Judge Ronald Ibarra  
Judge Greg Nakamura

d. **Proposed Amendment to Supreme Court Rule 2.17(c) and (d)**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to inform members and seek their written comment on the proposed amendment to Rule 2.17(c) and (d) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, which seeks to allow for disciplinary actions, at the Court's discretion, briefing and oral argument before the Supreme Court and the imposition of costs upon the petitioner a discretionary decision by the Court.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Ronette M. Kawakami  
HSBA Secretary