

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, April 25, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Craig Wagnild called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Craig Wagnild
Calvin Young
Gregory Markham
Ronette Kawakami
Alika Piper

Others Present

Shauna Cahill

Directors Present

Russ Awakuni (by videoconference)
Cecelia Chang
Steven Chow
Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi
Laurel Loo
Timothy McNulty
Stephanie Rezents
Suzanne Terada
Jeffrey Kent

HSBA Staff

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

Board Members Absent

Nadine Ando
David Farmer
Mark Murakami

* 2. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. **Executive Director's 2013 Contract** - The Board moved into executive session to discuss renewal of the Executive Director's 2013 contract.

* This item was taken out of order.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2013 board meeting.
4. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper stated that as of the end of March, HSBA was on budget. She noted that a presentation on the HSBA reserves policy will be held later in the meeting.
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the other following items:
 - HSBA Room at Kapolei Court Complex - Family Law Section Chair Jessi Hall reported that family law practitioners are using the HSBA room since being informed/reminded of its availability.
 - Leadership Institute - L.I. fellows were selected and informed. There is at least one from each neighbor island.
6. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Jeffrey Kent reported on the following items:
 - Law Week activities next week include free legal information through Action Line every day of the week and legal clinics at shopping centers/stores throughout the State on Saturday.
7. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** (continued)

- b. **Licensing Fees for Attorneys Employed by Legal Service Providers** - President Wagnild gave a brief background of the LSP's request to waive/reduce bar dues and fees, and the ensuing discussions held.

In reply to a question, the HSBA Board agreed to be available to meet with the LSP Consortium and others if requested, to explain its decision should the Board adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to decline the LSP's request.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried by a vote of 12 to 1 to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The following members abstained from voting: Russ Awakuni, Ronette Kawakami, Derek Kobayashi, and Gregory Markham. The rationale for the Board's decision will be included in the notification letter to the LSP Consortium.

- c. **Proposed Amendments to Rules 2, 11, and 17 of the Rules of the Supreme Court**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to inform the Hawaii Supreme Court that it has no comments to submit with respect to the proposed amendments to Rules 2, 11, and 17.

- d. **Hawaii Supreme Court's Commission on Professionalism** - Due to its difficulty selecting between 2 highly qualified applicants to fill a seat on the Commission on Professionalism, the HSBA Nominating Committee submitted the resumes of 2 applicants for the Board's consideration (resumes distributed at the meeting).

Action taken: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried by a vote of 12 to 1 to select Joanne Grimes as the nominee to fill the HSBA representative seat on the Commission on Professionalism. Russ Awakuni abstained from voting. The Board expressed its desire for the Nominating Committee in future nominations to submit the exact number of nominees being requested (aside from elections).

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

Memorandum of Understanding for Access to Justice Workstation Equipment at Access to Justice Room and NI Self-Help Centers - A redlined version, edited by President Wagnild, of the proposed revised MOU was distributed at the meeting. This version referred to and took into account previously executed MOUs regarding the self-help centers.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the redlined version of the proposed revised MOU.

9. **HSBA RESERVES** - Ms. Piper presented an explanation of HSBA reserves, including the reserves board policy, how reserves are calculated, the differences between restricted and unrestricted funds, and recommended changes to the current policy. Ms. Piper stated that the proposed language for changes to the policy will be presented at a future board meeting.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Ronette Kawakami
HSBA Secretary