A. CALL TO ORDER

President Calvin Young called the meeting to order at 12:52 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

**Officers Present**
Calvin Young  
Gregory Markham  
Jodi Yi  
Ronette Kawakami  
Mark M. Murakami

**Directors Present**
Nadine Ando  
Russ Awakuni  
Steven Chow  
Rebecca Copeland  
Vladimir Devens  
Rhonda Griswold  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Karin Holma  
Carol Kitaoka  
Derek Kobayashi  
Mei-Fei Kuo  
Laurel Loo  
Timothy McNulty  
Miriah Holden  
Stephanie Rezents

**Board Member Absent**
Cecelia Chang

**Others Present**
R. Brian Black  
James Kawachika  
Georgia McMillen  
Mark K. Murakami  
Alika Piper  
Craig Wagnild  
Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Debra White  
Christina Bae

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2014 Board meeting.

C. TREASURER’S REPORT - Treasurer Mark M. Murakami reported that as of November 30th, while dues income was greater than projected, total income was under budget, however a considerable amount of CLE revenue is anticipated in December. Total expenses are under budget.
D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported that while the online registration portal opening was delayed, online and mail-in license registrations are consistent with prior years’ numbers. Staff is responding to phone calls and email requests for information before they leave the office.

E. **YLD PRESIDENT’S REPORT** - YLD President Miriah Holden reported that the YLD Officers and Board are planning its 2015 events and projects calendar. They have scheduled a planning retreat for Saturday, January 10th.

F. **CONSENT CALENDAR (NEW BUSINESS)**

1. **Change Name of Mentoring Committee**

   **Action taken:** By consent calendar, the Board approved a change in name of the HSBA Mentoring Committee to the Transitioning Lawyers Committee due to the committee’s new focus.

2. **2015 HSBA Committee Chair Appointments**

   **Action taken:** By consent calendar, the Board ratified the appointment of the following individuals as 2015 HSBA Committee Chairs:
   - Attorney/Client Relations - Charles Crumpton & Beverly Hiramatsu
   - Awards - Rhonda Griswold
   - Civic Education - Ted Pettit & Ruth Oh
   - Consumer Protection - Paul Alston & Bernard Bays
   - CLE - Vladimir Devens & Jesse Souki
   - Delivery of Legal Services to the Public - Scott Shishido
   - Diversity, Equality, and the Law - Catherine Betts & Tatjana Johnson
   - Judicial Administration - Steven Chow & Justice Simeon Acoba
   - Professional Responsibility & Risk Management - John Yamano
   - Publications - Cynthia Johiro & Carol Muranaka
   - Staff & Facilities - Christopher Cole & Paul Naso
   - Technology - Damien Elefante
   - Transitioning Lawyers - Geraldine Hasegawa

3. **2015 HSBA Nominating Committee Members**

   **Action taken:** By consent calendar, the Board ratified the appointment of the following individuals as 2015 HSBA Nominating Committee members: Judge Linda Luke (Chair), Nadine Ando, Sidney Ayabe, Rosalyn Loomis, Henry Nakamoto, Caryn Okinaga, and Jodi Yi.

4. **HSBA Representatives on 2015 Supreme Court Nominating Committee**

   **Action taken:** By consent calendar, the Board ratified the appointment of the following individuals as HSBA representatives to the 2015 Supreme Court Nominating Committee members: Sidney Ayabe, Sherry Broder, Judge Linda Luke, and Stephanie Rezents.
G. **NEW BUSINESS**

5. **Amendment to Board Policy Manual** - Some Board members voiced concern that the proposed amendment requiring Strategic Planning Committee members to be of active status may eliminate members that could make meaningful contribution to the strategic planning process, including those designated by virtue of their office. Another view expressed was that it was important to have active members, who are likely more familiar with HSBA activities and services than inactive members, serve on the Strategic Planning Committee.

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to table the proposed amendment to require Board Strategic Planning Committee members to be “Active.”

H. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6. **Subcommittee to Review Judicial Appointment Process** - Director Steven Chow explained the proposed amendments to the HSBA Board Policy Manual regarding Board participation in judicial and executive appointments. The Board focused its attention on the procedures when negative comments are received, and on separating the criterions Integrity and Diligence which are currently included in one line item category, but are clearly different qualities.

In conjunction with this discussion, the Board also acknowledged receipt of the report of the AJS’s Committee to Improve the Judicial Nomination Process and discussed significant recommendations for HSBA consideration.

**Action taken:** After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt proposed amendments, including non-substantive technical revisions for purposes of consistency made at the meeting, to the Board Policy Manual for procedural changes that had been previously Board-approved with respect to the judicial/executive appointment process.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Submitted by:

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:

Ronette Kawakami  
HSBA Secretary