

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, April 23, 2015

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President-elect Jodi Yi 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

Jodi Yi  
Nadine Ando

Others Present

Rex Fujichaku  
James Kawachika  
Richard Platel

Directors Present

Brian Black  
Cecelia Chang  
Steven Chow  
Rebecca Copeland  
Rhonda Griswold  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Derek Kobayashi  
Mei-Fei Kuo  
Georgia McMillen  
Mark K. Murakami

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Debra White  
Christina Bae

YLD President

Miriah Holden

Board Members Absent

Russ Awakuni  
Vladimir Devens  
Karin Holma  
Carol Kitaoka  
Laurel Loo  
Gregory Markham  
Mark M. Murakami  
Alika Piper

B. **ODC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** - Office of Disciplinary Counsel Executive Director Richard Platel introduced himself and briefly described his background. He responded to a few questions and encouraged Board members to contact him if they had any additional questions.

\*C. **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **Suzhou Friendship Agreement** - International Law Section (ILS) Chair Rex Fujichaku described the good relations with other bar associations with which the HSBA had established Friendship Agreements and urged the HSBA to consider entering into a similar relationship with the Suzhou Bar Association. He stated that HSBA members who participate in events in the other countries fund their own trips and receptions are funded by ILS or other groups. Mr. Fujichaku remarked that HSBA had, in the past, provided funds for gifts of nominal cost, but it was not required or expected. The HSBA also covers the cost of the Bar Convention luncheon for a limited number of visiting members of the sister bar.

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the request of the International Law Section to enter into a Friendship Agreement with the Suzhou Bar Association Foreign Affairs & Maritime Professional Committee. Director Rhonda Griswold recused herself from voting.

D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2015 Board meeting.

E. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - none

F. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Patricia Mau-Shimizu gave a brief overview of the funds that had been remitted to the Supreme Court entities and neighbor island bar associations from the HSBA's annual collection of member dues and fees (see amounts in agenda under Executive Director's Report).

G. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Miriah Holden reported on the following items:

- An employment law attorney is needed for Action Line during Law Week.
- Also for Law Week, legal clinics are being held statewide on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The next YLD Social will be held at Hawaiian Brian's on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

H. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **HSBA/HSBF Administrative Support and Facility Use Agreement** - due to time constraints, this item was deferred to the May Board meeting.

\* Due to the presence of guests, this item was taken out of order and moved up the agenda.

3. **Proposed Revisions to HSBA Questionnaire for Judicial and Executive Nominees** - Director Steve Chow informed the Board that he had received input from Jim Kawachika on the proposed revisions to the HSBA Questionnaire and would like to consider it and submit a further revised proposal for next month's meeting.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:

(Approved but signature not available)

Nadine Y. Ando  
HSBA Vice President