

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, November 17, 2016

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Jodi Yi called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Jodi Yi
Nadine Ando
Howard Luke
Russ Awakuni
Mark M. Murakami

Directors Present

Cecelia Chang
Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi
Mei-Fei Kuo
Kai Lawrence
Georgia McMillen (by phone)
Lisa Munger
Mark K. Murakami
Alika Piper
Ryan Hew (by phone)

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Christina Bae
Levi Hookano

Others Present

Karin Holma
Brandon Kimura
Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald
Shannon Sheldon
Calvin Young

- *B. **CHIEF JUSTICE MARK E. RECKTENWALD** - Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald thanked board members for their continuing support of the Courts in the Community program; the Kona Courthouse, which recently held its groundbreaking and is scheduled to open in late 2019; the well-attended Bench-Bar Forums; and the Access to Justice Rooms and Self-Help Centers. He noted that a \$100k grant was just awarded to Hawaii for a legal services assessment survey to further efforts in access to justice for the public. The Chief Justice also gave an overview of the Judiciary's legislative fiscal priorities for 2017.

Lastly, he asked for the HSBA's continued support to oppose changing the judicial retention process if legislation similar to 2016 is introduced for consideration in 2017.

*C. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Proposed Amendment to HSBF Bylaws** - HSBF Vice President Calvin Young explained that the proposed amendments to the HSBF Bylaws will allow for more flexibility and greater reach.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the proposed amendment to the HSBF Bylaws to:

- Allow the number of voting HSBF Board members to range from 9 to 21; and
- Set the quorum requirement to be the greater of: 1/3 the total number of Directors or 5 Directors.

- D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the Board meeting of October 28, 2016.

- E. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - There are no written financial reports, however Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported that finances are consistent with the 2016 budget.

- F. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Ms. Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:

- Attorney Renewal 2017: Testing on the online form in process. Disciplinary Board and Lawyers' Fund budgets and fees have been approved by the Supreme Court; awaiting approval on proposed AAP budget and fees.
- 2016 Annual Dinner: Payments are being finalized; some bills in dispute. Over \$95k in total revenue collected which includes the \$19k raised through the Silent Auction.
- 2017 Bar Convention: Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2017 at Hawaii Convention Center.
- 2017 Courts in the Community: April 6th at Baldwin High School on Maui. Plans are also being made for oral arguments on the Windward side and in East Honolulu for the months of October and December.

* Item take on of order due to the presence of guests.

G. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Ryan Hew reported on the following items:

- Mock Trial Program for 2017 has started.
- YLD will have a CLE in January or February.
- A resolution will be submitted to the HSBA Board setting forth the YLD travel reimbursement policies when attending ABA meetings on the mainland which are subsidized by the HSBA.

Director Derek Kobayashi requested that the YLD consider adjusting the schedule, to the extent possible, for the Junior Judges program since it conflicted with the Courts in the Community project this past October.

H. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

2. **Confidentiality of HSBA Judicial Evaluation Survey** - Director Lisa Munger stated that the purpose of the proposed language was to explain the importance of the evaluations in providing feedback to sitting judges on their performance and addressing the concern of keeping confidential the results of such evaluations to the intended recipients only.

Action taken: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the language in the email message that is sent to active members for the HSBA online judicial evaluation.

I. **NEW BUSINESS** (continued)

3. **Banking Resolution and Signature Cards for 2017 HSBA Officers**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the banking resolution which authorizes the 2017 HSBA Officers, the Executive Director, and the Director of Operations to make monetary transactions on behalf of the HSBA.

4. **Executive Director Employment Agreement** (in executive session)

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to empower the Executive Committee to negotiate with Patricia Mau-Shimizu for a new employment agreement. Once tentatively in place, the Executive Committee will bring the agreement back to Board for ratification/approval.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

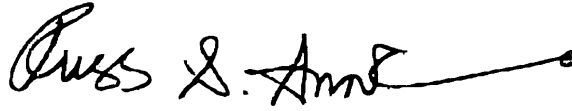
The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary