

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, April 28, 2016

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Jodi Yi 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

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

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Debra White
Christina Bae

Directors Present

Cecelia Chang
Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi
Georgia McMillen
Lisa Munger
Mark K. Murakami

Board Members Absent

Mei-Fei Kuo^x
Emiko Meyers^x
Alika Piper^x
Ryan Hew

^xExcused Absence.

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the Board meeting on February 25, 2016 (the regularly scheduled Board meeting in March was cancelled) and minutes of the informal meeting on March 22, 2016.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Mark M. Murakami reported that payroll expenses are below budget and Neighbor Island administrative allocations are greater than budgeted due to an increase in Neighbor Island memberships. The property tax payment is consistent with budget projections. He also noted that the balance of the mortgage is now \$1.3M.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- The lists of judicial nominees for District Court in the Third Circuit and the First Circuit will be issued by the JSC soon.
 - Legislative Update - Bills of concern that are still being monitored include the Judiciary's budget and HB2121 which appropriates moneys from the general fund for civil legal services for low and moderate income persons.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Ryan Hew was not present, however, information to volunteer for Law Week was distributed.
- F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.
- G. **NEW BUSINESS**
1. **Memorandums of Understanding for Honolulu Access to Justice Room and Hilo, Maui, Kauai, Kona Self Help Centers/Desk**
Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve and authorize the Executive Director to sign the Memorandums of Understanding between the HSBA, the Judiciary, county bar associations, and the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii regarding the operation and management of the Honolulu District Court Access to Justice Room and the Neighbor Island Self Help Centers/Desk. HSBA Secretary Russ Awakuni abstained from voting.
 2. **Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association Friendship Agreement**
Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation to ratify the Friendship Agreement with the Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association for another 5-year term through October 2020.
 3. **HSBA CLE Committee Update**
HSBA Director and CLE Committee Co-Chair Vlad Devens thanked Executive Director Mau-Shimizu and CLE & Communications Director Christina Bae for

their work in developing a full schedule of CLE programs for 2016. Ms. Mau-Shimizu reported that for the 2016 Bar Convention, Sections will be offered a \$10 discount for each registrant when the Section brings in a mainland speaker. She also stated that in an effort to encourage greater participation from Neighbor Island members, the “early bird” registration fee discount for those members will be increased to \$50, and programs will start at 9:00 a.m. instead of at 8:30 a.m.

4. **Courts in the Community Program**

Director Rebecca Copeland, who also coordinates the Courts-in-the-Community program, reported that Oahu volunteer attorneys are needed for two programs that will be held in the fall this year: in late October and early December. She also stated that other programs on the calendar include: Maui in Spring 2017, Hilo and Oahu in Fall 2017, and Kona in Spring 2018.

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

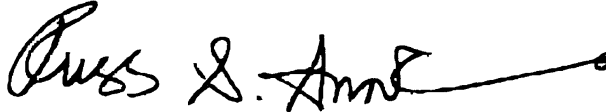
The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary