

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, March 30, 2017

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Nadine Ando called the meeting to order at 11:11 a.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Nadine Ando
Howard Luke
Derek Kobayashi
Russ Awakuni
Karin Holma

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Christina Bae

Directors Present

Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Mei-Fei Kuo
Kai Lawrence
Lisa Munger
Zale Okazaki
Alika Piper
Shannon Sheldon
Trejur Bordenave

Board Members Absent

Cecelia Chang
Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Carol Kitaoka
Mark K. Murakami

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2017 Board meeting.

C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Karin Holma reported that as of January 31, 2017 licensing fee income is greater than at the same time in 2016, as well as total revenue. She noted that increased penalty income is anticipated for the months of February and March. Ms. Holma also stated that the expense for cloud storage is higher than anticipated.

D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported that she met with new Disciplinary Counsel Bruce Kim. She also announced the following upcoming noteworthy events:

- April 5th Senate confirmation hearings for Costa, Lendio, Morikawa
- April 7th Swearing in for Eddins, Hiraoka, Remigio
- April 11th Special Supreme Court Session to Honor Judge Burns
- April 13th Swearing in for Chan
- April 27th Courts in the Community, Baldwin High School, Maui. Director Shannon Sheldon reported that 604 students are attending.

E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Trejur Bordenave reported that High School Mock Trial finals will be on Saturday, April 1st, with two Moanalua teams, Island Schools, and Hawaii Baptist Academy competing. He also reported that Law Week is May 1-5 and that Law Day clinics at shopping centers throughout the State will be on Saturday, May 6th.

F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.

G. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **New Positions on the Hawaii State Bar Foundation Board**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the HSBA Nominating Committee to appoint the individuals listed below to the Board of the Hawaii State Bar Foundation for staggered terms beginning immediately.

- Jan Boivin
- Collin (Marty) Fritz
- Carol Kitaoka
- Diane Ono

2. **Legal Service Corporation (LSC)** - President Ando gave an overview of the LSC funding issue. Board members discussed whether a *Keller* analysis needed to be made. They also discussed the current HSBA Board policy with respect to *Keller* and its higher threshold.

Action taken: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to determine that the issue of taking a position on the federal government's funding of LSC is germane to the purposes of the unified bar, and therefore passed the *Keller* test.

In response to a request, Russ Awakuni explained that LSC is a predominant funding source (60-70%) for Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, and this funding is critical to LASH's mission of providing legal services to the indigent population.

Action taken: After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition that the HSBA send a letter to its Congressional delegation urging support of LSC by opposing any funding reduction. Derek Kobayashi agreed to draft Hawaii-specific information that will be added to the sample letter provided by the ABA. Russ Awakuni recused himself from voting.

3. **Federal Travel Ban Affecting Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and Other Countries**

Action taken: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to determine that the issue does not satisfy the requirements of meeting the *Keller* analysis according to HSBA Board policy. Howard Luke abstained from voting.

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:

Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary