

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, September 28, 2017

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Nadine Ando 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

Nadine Ando
Howard Luke
Derek Kobayashi
Karin Holma

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu (by phone)
Iris Ito
Christina Bae

Directors Present

Cecelia Chang
Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Vladimir Devens (by phone)
Rhonda Griswold
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Mei-Fei Kuo
Kai Lawrence (by phone)
Lisa Munger
Mark K. Murakami
Zale Okazaki
Alika Piper
Shannon Sheldon
Trejur Bordenave

Others Present

Associate Justice Sabrina McKenna

Board Members Absent

Russ Awakuni (excused)
Geraldine Hasegawa (excused)

- B. **HAWAII STATE JUDICIARY UPDATE** - Associate Justice Sabrina McKenna reported that Chief Justice Recktenwald discussed civil justice reform with the administrative judges and plans to continue those discussions. She stated that the Chief Justice will make his rounds at the Legislature and is cautiously optimistic for a better Session in 2018. The Judiciary would like to secure FFE for the Kona Courthouse in the next session. Justice McKenna thanked the Board for its continued support of the Judiciary budget and other legislation.
- C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2017 Board meeting.
- D. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Karin Holma reported that income for the year was slightly understated. For payroll and professional services, although expenses are higher than last year, it is still within budget in 2017. A column will be added to compare YTD budget with YTD actual that will give more meaning to the financial statements.
- E. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Although Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu was present by phone, Assistant Executive Director Iris Ito and Director of Operations Christina Bae reported on the following items:
- Courts in the Community - Set for November 9th in Hilo (they have all their volunteers) and December 14th in Windward, Oahu (Russ Awakuni lead coordinator; more volunteers needed).
 - Election - Online election through October 16th. Check your spam filter/junk mail folder in case the email with the voting link was directed there.
 - JSC lists for 3 Circuit Court and 1 District Court positions (all First Circuit) should be issued shortly.
 - Bar Convention on October 18th - Five CLEs will be presented by HSBA Sections; 3 all day and 2 morning only. These include: Environment, Energy, & Resources; Family Law; Appellate; Real Property & Financial Services; and Solo & Small Firm. At the Annual Meeting Luncheon, Judge Rupa Goswami of the Superior Court of Los Angeles County will give a keynote address on violence against minorities after 9-11.
- F. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Trejur Bordenave reported on the following items:
- Junior Judges - recently wrapped up.
 - Mock Trial - in its beginning stages; volunteers will be needed.
 - 2018 projects - planning.
- G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.

H. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2018 Goal Group Funding Requests** - President Ando reported that she had initially requested a \$25k grant from HSBF to help support HSBA's public service projects for 2018. Any remaining balance of the public service projects would then have to be funded out of the operating budget. In light of this year's Annual Dinner netting over \$62k, President Ando stated that she subsequently asked HSBF President Calvin Young for a grant up to \$35k.

President Ando explained that all committees were asked to cut their budget requests for 2018 so that the HSBA may continue to pay down the mortgage and not leave it for the future generations of HSBA members. In the past 2 years, HSBA did not receive any HSBF funds for the public service projects.

Treasurer Holma recommended that the HSBF Board be invited to the HSBA Board meeting every January to explain its role and relationship to the HSBA. **Action taken:** After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the joint Executive-Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the 2018 budget of the Goal Group project requests totaling \$62,339.

2. **2018 Attorneys and Judges Assistance Program Budget**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the joint Executive-Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed 2018 budget of the Attorneys and Judges Assistance Program.

3. **2018 Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection Budget**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the joint Executive-Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed 2018 budget of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection.

4. **2018 Disciplinary Board Budget**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the joint Executive-Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed 2018 budget of the Disciplinary Board. Director Vladimir Devens recused himself from voting on this item.

5. **2018 HSBA Section Budgets**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the joint Executive-Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the proposed 2018 budgets and dues amounts of the HSBA Sections.

H. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Howard K.K. Luke
HSBA President-elect