

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, June 28, 2018

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Howard Luke called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. with a quorum present. [Prior to the Call to Order, Associate Justice Sabrina McKenna thanked the HSBA Board for its support for Courts in the Community and Kokua for Kauai and Puna efforts. She also provided an update on the Chief Justice's Civil Justice Improvement project. Recently appointed Attorney General Russell Suzuki gave an overview of his background, his years at the AG's office, and what he would like to accomplish during his tenure as the State's chief legal officer.]

The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Howard Luke  
Derek Kobayashi  
P. Gregory Frey  
Karin Holma  
Russ Awakuni

Directors Present

Cecelia Chang  
Steven Chow  
Rebecca Copeland  
Vladimir Devens (by phone)  
Rhonda Griswold  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Kristin Izumi-Nitao  
Kai Lawrence  
Lisa Munger  
Mark K. Murakami  
Zale T. Okazaki  
Alika Piper  
Shannon Sheldon  
John Tonaki  
Jamila Jarmon, YLD President

Directors Absent

Carol Kitaoka (absent excused)

Others Present

Sabrina McKenna, Associate Justice  
Russell Suzuki, Attorney General

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Christina Bae  
Katra Cuskaden

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2018 board meeting.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Karin Holma referred to the May 31, 2018 financials and reported that income YTD was \$1.6M which is on par with the income report this time last year. Lawyer referral income is below budget, but will increase next month when the annual billing occurs. Expenses YTD were \$779k.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- 2019 Budget - Revenues will decrease due to the shrinking base of members. Committee chairs and others have been informed that budget requests will need to be tightened.
  - Kokua for Kauai - \$5k grant from Hawaii Community Foundation was secured. Kokua for Puna - \$2.5k grant received for legal clinics. Crime rate and domestic violence issues increasing in this area.
  - Attorney Renewal for 2019 - Software is being upgraded and renewal forms will be tested.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Jamila Jarmon reported on the following items:
- YLD Board Election - Nominations are being sought for candidates.
  - Rock for Justice Event - Coming up; all bar members welcome.
- F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Proposed Amendment to Rules 1.14 and 22 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii**: The proposed amendments are intended to clarify the intersection and interaction between RSCH Rule 1.14 (governing the Professionalism Course required of all new bar admittees by the Supreme Court) and RSCH Rule 22 (imposing among other things a requirement of Continuing Legal Education credits in ethics).

Ms. Mau-Shimizu explained that the proposed amendments are housekeeping in nature and was a result of a request for clarification by the HSBA administration.

**Action taken:** After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to indicate no objection to the proposed amendments. The motion was withdrawn.

A further motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to inform the Court that HSBA supports the proposed amendments to Rules 1.14 and 22.

## 2. Appointments to Other Boards

### a. Board of Certified Shorthand Reporters

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the HSBA Nominating Committee to appoint Judge Rhonda A. Nishimura (ret.) to the Board of Certified Shorthand Reporters for a three-year term beginning August 1, 2018.

### b. Legal Aid Society of Hawaii Board

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the HSBA Nominating Committee to reappoint the following individuals to the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii Board for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018: Michael Cruise, Regan Iwao, Gary Murai, J. Blaine Rogers, and Jodi Yamamoto. Russ Awakuni abstained from the vote.

## G. **ADJOURNMENT**

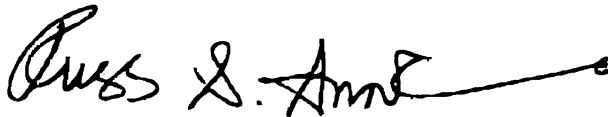
The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni  
HSBA Secretary