

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, September 27, 2018

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Howard Luke called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

Officers Present

Howard Luke
Derek Kobayashi
Russ Awakuni (by phone)
Karin Holma

Others Present

Curtis Saiki, HSBF President
Craig Wagnild, HSBF Treasurer

Directors Present

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

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Christina Bae

Directors Absent

P. Gregory Frey
John Tonaki

- B. HSBF-HSBA RELATIONSHIP and Annual Dinner Revenue** - HSBF President Curtis Saiki briefly described the formation and mission of the HSBF. He explained that the HSBF's current sources of revenue include the Annual Dinner, the golf tournament, and the donations received from the Fellows program. A guideline

was distributed indicating the proposed allocation percentage for future Annual Dinner proceeds after dinner expenses, reserves commitment, and other HSBF expenses related to the Dinner. Mr. Saiki also stated that the HSBF is looking to build its reserves for future giving.

Director Shannon Sheldon noted that Section 2.1G of the Board Policy Manual sets forth provisions for the Annual Fundraiser Dinner and that a review of the Section maybe appropriate.

- C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2018 board meeting.
- D. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Karin Holma referred the Board to the written financial reports.
- E. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu announced that registration is now open for the Annual Bar Convention on November 2nd. She also reported there will be a special board meeting on October 19th beginning at 2:15 p.m. to interview the ICA nominee who be appointed by Governor Ige and the First Circuit District Court nominee who will be appointed by Chief Justice Recktenwald.
- F. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Jamila Jarmon reported on the following items:
- Junior Judges in October - Invited board members to participate in this project where attorneys work with students in grades 3 to 5 in guiding them to make good decisions when faced with tough choices.
 - President's Project - Event on October 27th at the Wm. S. Richardson School of Law designed to increase minority student enrollment at the law school.
- G. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2019 Goal Group Projects Funding Requests** - Treasurer Holma presented the proposed goal group project requests for 2019 as recommended by the joint Executive-Finance Committee. She noted a correction to the total of the project requests.

There was a discussion of Law Week and whether the requested funds were being put to good use. It was noted that the value of Law Week was the public awareness that it garners. A suggestion was made to look at other ways to publicize the event that are less costly.

The Board also discussed the cost of the Courts in the Community project and what might be done to reduce those expenses. The issue of giving recognition to the vendors who donate or discount their goods or services towards the project was also discussed.

A request was made to increase the Neighbor Island CLE funds for East Hawaii members to \$1500.

In response to a question about how the 2019 HSBA operating budget was looking (will be on the October board agenda), Executive Director Mau-Shimizu explained that the following assumptions were being made: there will be no increase in HSBA dues; that only 50% of law school graduates will pass the bar and join HSBA; and that overhead costs increase annually. She also noted that the balloon mortgage payment for the Alakea headquarter office will be due in 2022 and the ongoing wish of the Board to make an end of the year pre-payment.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the proposed goal group project requests totaling \$68,410 for 2019.

2. **2019 Section Budgets**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the joint Executive-Finance Committee to approve the proposed 2019 Section budgets and dues amounts.

3. **2019 Attorneys and Judges Assistance Program (AAP) Budget**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the joint Executive-Finance Committee to recommend to the Hawaii Supreme Court approval of the proposed 2019 budget of the Attorneys and Judges Assistance Program. The Board discussed asking the AAP to provide, on an annual basis, statistics on the number and types of cases received, and the number of individual attorneys assisted.

4. **2019 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 recommend to the Hawaii Supreme Court approval of the proposed 2019 budget of the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, as revised, to include a new \$50 license fee assessment for *pro hac vice* attorneys.

5. **2019 Disciplinary Board Budget**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the joint Executive-Finance Committee's recommendation to recommend to the Hawaii Supreme Court approval of the proposed 2019 budget of the Disciplinary Board.

6. Hawaii State Board of CLE (aka MCLE) Appointments

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint the following individuals to the MCLE Board for 3-year terms beginning October 2, 2018:

- David Farmer [reappointment]
- Kanoelani Kane [new appointment]
- Diane Sherman (layperson) [reappointment]

7. HSBA Annual Awards

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the Awards Committee's recommendation to present the HSBA Annual Awards at the luncheon at the Bar Convention to the following individuals:

- *C. Frederick Schutte Award* (outstanding and meritorious service to the legal community and the profession) - **Gary M. Slovin**
- *'Ikena Award* (outstanding service to the public or profession toward legal education) - **David M. Hayakawa**
- *Malama Hawaii Award* (outstanding non-legal community service activities) - **Allen K. Hoe**

Additionally, President Luke made the following selection:

- *President's Award* (extraordinary contributions and lifetime achievement that best exemplify the mission of the HSBA: to unite and inspire Hawaii's lawyers to promote justice, serve the public, and improve the legal profession) - **Chief Justice Mark E. Recktenwald**

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary