MINUTES HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000 Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, March 21, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Derek Kobayashi called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

Officers Present

Derek Kobayashi

P. Gregory Frey

Karin Holma

Russ Awakuni

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu

Iris Ito

Adrienne Hayashi

Directors Present

Steven Chow

Vladimir Devens

Geraldine Hasegawa

Carol Kitaoka

Erin Kobayashi

Corianne Lau

Kai Lawrence

Lisa Munger

Mark K. Murakami

John Tonaki

Summer Kaiawe

Directors Absent

Rebecca Copeland - excused

William Harrison - excused

Kristin Izumi-Nitao - excused

Jacob Lowenthal - excused

Paul Naso - excused

Zale Okazaki - excused

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 board meeting.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** Financials will be reported on at the April board meeting.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
 - 2019 License Renewal Ninety-three members were administratively suspended (slightly lower than last year at this time);
 - Leadership Institute Applications now being accepted for the program;
 - Bar Leadership Institute Attended by Vice-President Greg Frey and Executive Director Mau-Shimizu. Hot issue was the *Fleck* case. Half of attendees who represented integrated bar associations were optimistic about the anticipated outcome. North Dakota has spent \$70k to date.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** YLD President Summer Kaiawe reported on the following items:
 - Mock Trial Program Moanalua Blue Team was the final winner. Chief Justice Recktenwald commented that he had observed the highest level of competition among the students this year. National competitions will be held in May in Georgia.
 - ABA Grant The YLD has applied for the ABA Diversity Challenge which awards grants to YLD programs that strive to increase diversity in the legal profession. The Mock Trial and Junior Judges programs have been submitted.
 - Law Week Week of May 6th: ActionLine on week days and legal clinics held on the weekend.
 - Social March 29th at Bar 35; all HSBA members welcome.
 - Junior Judges Scheduled for October.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

H. **NEW BUSINESS**

Annual Fundraiser Dinner Policy - Director Mark K. Murakami explained the amendments to Section 2.1 G of the HSBA Board Policy Manual being proposed by the subcommittee regarding the annual fundraiser dinner. He explained that the subcommittee recognized that funding HSBA projects will get increasingly more difficult with each passing year. With this in mind, the subcommittee proposed an amendment to ensure that the bulk of the remaining proceeds from the Annual Dinner, after the HSBF notifies the HSBA of the amount available for HSBA recommended beneficiaries, will go towards the funding of HSBA's goal group projects and initiatives approved by the HSBA Board.

Action taken: A motion was made and seconded to adopt the subcommittee's proposed amendment.

Some board members commented that the proposed portion for the President's designated beneficiary, \$5,000 or 10% of net proceeds, was too minimal for the amount of planning and work the President dedicates to the Annual Dinner.

After further discussion, the motion and second for the subcommittee's proposed amendment were withdrawn.

The Board deliberated over an acceptable percentage and decided upon 20% of net proceeds for the President's designated beneficiary and 80% for the funding of goal group projects. The subcommittee will propose revised amendments to the board policy based on these percentages.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Patricia Mau-Shimizu HSBA Executive Director

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Approved by:

Russ S. Awakuni HSBA Secretary