

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, April 25, 2019

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Derek Kobayashi called the meeting to order at 12:05 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
Paul Naso

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Katra Cuskaden

Directors Present

Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
Vladimir Devens (phone)
William Harrison
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Erin Kobayashi
Corianne Lau
Kai Lawrence
Jacob Lowenthal
Lisa Munger
Mark K. Murakami
Zale Okazaki
John Tonaki
Summer Kaiawe

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019 board meeting.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Paul Naso reported on the disbursements to the other entities for which HSBA collects dues and fees. He also reported that as of March 31, 2019, total revenue was \$1.5M which is slightly more than last year at this time. Expenses year-to-date are higher compared to 2018 at this time due to movie ticket purchase early this year, heavier conference travel, higher credit card fees, and payment for *Hawaii Bar Journal* production.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- Judicial Appointments - The Judicial Selection Commission has yet to start its interview process for all vacant judicial positions. The lists from which the appointing authority may select judicial nominees will likely be published after Labor Day.
 - Judiciary Information Management System - JIMS plans to rollout electronic filing for civil cases in October 2019 and family court cases in early 2020. HSBA will assist the Judiciary with communications and live training sessions for bar members and their staff. [On a side note: Director Steve Chow, who is also the Judicial Administration Committee Co-Chair, reported that this will be discussed at the Bench-Bar Conference in October. However, the main topic will be civil justice reform where the rules are being revamped to track the Federal Rules.]
 - Unbundled Practice Rules - Will be proposed for all courts on or around July 2019.
 - Bar Passage Rate - Hopefully rising with the February 2019 exam.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Summer Kaiawe reported on the following items:
- Visit to William S. Richardson School of Law - 3L's were encouraged to join HSBA as law student members.
 - Law Week - May 6-12th: Attorneys will be interviewed on KHON2 morning show; ActionLine on week days 11am-1pm; legal clinics held on the weekend.
 - YLD/SCD Social (co-sponsored by Watanabe Ing LLP) - Wednesday, May 8th at Cafe Julia.
- G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
1. **2018 Annual Dinner Proceeds** - The Board discussed 2018 President Howard Luke's beneficiary designations of \$25k to the University of Hawaii Immigration Law Clinic and \$35k to the HSBA public service projects. Since the allocation of the net proceeds needs to be recommended to the HSBF, the Board needs to formally communicate these designations to HSBF.
- Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to inform the Hawaii State Bar Foundation of immediate past HSBA President Howard Luke's requested beneficiaries of the 2018 Annual Dinner: \$25,000 for the Immigration Law Clinic at the William S. Richardson School of Law and \$35,000 for the HSBA's public service projects.

2. **Annual Fundraiser Dinner Policy** - Director Mark K. Murakami explained the Annual Fundraiser Dinner Policy subcommittee's proposed revised amendments to the board policy.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the revised proposed amendment to the Annual Fundraiser Dinner policy presented by the Board subcommittee of 20% of net proceeds for the President's designated beneficiary and 80% for the funding of HSBA public service projects beginning with the 2019 Annual Dinner.

H. **NEW BUSINESS**

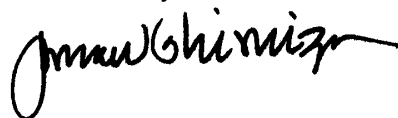
3. **Proposed Amendment to Rule 6 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii**

Action taken: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to notify the membership via email of the proposed amendment to Rule 6 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii that would clarify the allowed ownership structure of Lawyer's Professional Business Organizations, in light of the Court's recent decision in *Sheveland v. Wells Fargo Bank et al.*

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

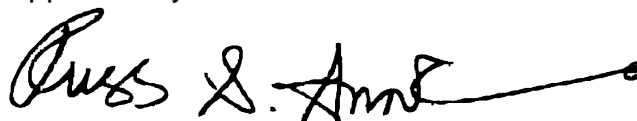
The meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary