

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, May 23, 2019

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Derek Kobayashi 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

Derek Kobayashi
Karin Holma
Russ Awakuni
Paul Naso

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Katra Cuskaden
Evelyn Gomez

Directors Present

Steven Chow
Rebecca Copeland
William Harrison (phone)
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Erin Kobayashi
Corianne Lau
Kai Lawrence
Lisa Munger
Mark K. Murakami
John Tonaki (phone)

Directors Absent

P. Gregory Frey
Vladimir Devens
Jacob Lowenthal
Zale Okazaki
Summer Kaiawe

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2019 board meeting with an amendment to change the words “Unbundled Rules” to “Unbundled Practice Rules” under the Executive Director’s Report.
- C. **TREASURER’S REPORT** - Treasurer Paul Naso reported that total income YTD exceeds YTD budget, which is consistent with YTD income of last year, and noted that expenses overall were under the YTD expense budget. He also reported that, in an effort to enhance member benefits and communicate the value of those benefits to members, the functionality of the website needs to be improved. Funds in the current budget will need to be found to cover this expense if due diligence is completed and the Board approves the consultant for work to begin in 2019. If website consultant is approved for 2020, funds will be included in the 2020 operating budget.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- Kauai Courts-in-the-Community - Expenses were just over \$6,000. The next event will be at Farrington High School in the fall; anticipate expenses of \$8,000.
 - Insurance Policies - Various policies were recently renewed with a minimal total increase of about \$500.
 - Member Benefits Brochure - Updated brochure was distributed with new benefits due to efforts by Director of Programs Katra Cuskaden.
 - Attorney-Client Relations (aka Fee Dispute) Committee - Presentation by Evelyn Gomez, Attorney-Client Relations/LRIS Administrator who explained the program (jurisdiction and parameters) via PowerPoint.
 - Electronic Filing for Civil Cases - The Judiciary will issue the training schedule the first week in June. HSBA will inform members via e-blast and through the HSBA website.
 - Annual Dinner - Table and ticket sales have begun. Special room rates at Ala Moana Hotel have been secured.
 - HSBF Golf Tournament at Leilehua Golf Course - Raised \$8,000+ this year compared to \$2,000-\$3,000 in previous years. Golfers enjoyed the better maintained course, better food, games, and prizes.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT’S REPORT** - In her absence, a written report by YLD President Summer Kaiawe was distributed at the meeting. See attached YLD President’s report.
- G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.
- H. **NEW BUSINESS**
1. **Board Vacancies on the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii** - The HSBA Nominating Committee’s recommendation for filling upcoming vacancies on the Legal Aid Board was distributed at the meeting.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendations of the HSBA Nominating Committee to appoint the following individuals to the Board of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii for a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2019:

Catherine Aubuchon	(new appointment)
Joanne Grimes	(reappointment)
Ian Jung	(reappointment)
Andrew Levin	(reappointment)
Arsima Muller	(reappointment)

Russ Awakuni and Mark K. Murakami recused themselves from voting on these appointments.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

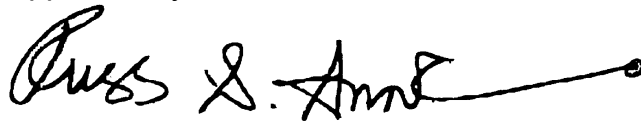
The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary

May 23, 2019 – YLD President’s Report

I. Law Week

Attorney volunteers provided valuable legal information throughout our communities statewide from topics ranging from trust and estate planning, guardianship, landlord tenant issues, custody, and more during Law Week 2019 (May 6-12, 2019).

Thank you to Law Week Chair Kyleigh Nakasone and Committee Leader Katherine Lukela together with Site Captains Marissa Agena, Addison Bonner, Michelle Ching, Laura Cushman, Christilei Hessler, Michi Momose, Jamil Newirth, Christopher St. Sure, Kelden Waltjen; KHON2 Wake Up 2Day interviewees; KHON2 Action Line Volunteers; and our law clinic volunteers throughout the state served community members statewide! Thanks to Adrienne, Pat, and Brian of the HSBA for their work in supporting this program. Thank you to Russ Awakuni for volunteering (on Mother’s Day) for the Windward Mall legal clinic.

YLD heavily marketed Law Week using cost-efficient grassroots efforts such as social media, e-mail letters to legislators, and promotional interviews aired on KHON2.

We are gathering the intake sheets and working to tally our final numbers. At the YLD Board meeting on May 31, 2019, we will compare the intake numbers compared to prior years, assess the strengths and areas needing improvement within this program, and finalize a report containing our assessment of this year’s program and recommendations for next year’s program.

II. Mock Trial

The Moanalua Blue team faced steep competition in the recent National competition in Athens, GA. The team won against Nevada in the first round, then lost against Washington (the defending national champions, and this year’s 3rd place winner) in the second round. The team then faced California and Mississippi in the third and fourth rounds, respectively. The team lost the fourth round by a split decision. While the final standing was not the result the team had hoped and prepared for, the tournament provided an invaluable experience for the students.

III. Social Events

- **Pau Hana & Kanikapila, May 8, 2019**

Thank you to all who attended the recent pau hana and kanikapila on May 8, 2019 featuring Donald Kaulia, Walt Keale, Judges Chan, Amano (ret.), Yim (ret.), and Domingo who played music for all to enjoy. The YLD thanks Pat, Katra, Brian of the HSBA and the SCD for their support of this event.

- **Brews & News, June 28, 2019**

As part of our efforts to connect new attorneys with the YLD and HSBA, the YLD will host two (2) socials this year honoring the new admittees who pass the February and July Hawaii bar exams. The first semi-annual “Brews & News” event will be co-hosted by the YLD and SCD. It is confirmed for 5-8 pm on June 28, 2019 at Square Barrels. Ralph Rosenberg Court Reporters, Inc. and Westpac Wealth Partners sponsored appetizers and brews. An e-invite will be issued to all HSBA members. Save the date and join us for this event.

IV. **Professional Development**

- **Survive and Thrive as Young Attorneys, June 13, 2019 at the HSBA Conference Room, 12-1:30 pm**

YLD and Litigation Section partnered to host a CLE geared toward younger attorneys. This is a panel discussion format. We are seeking approval from HSBA for 1.5 CLE credits for this panel discussion.

- **Financial Fitness for Young Attorneys, July 31, 2019 at the HSBA Conference Room, 12-1pm**

YLD will offer a practical financial primer for attorneys on topics such as managing student debt, tax saving strategies, income protection, buying your first home or investment property. Westpac Wealth Partners will assemble a panel of professionals to address these important topics. This will not be a sales pitch or marketing event.

- **YLD + Solo & Small Firm Practice Section, August 21, 2019 at the HSBA Conference Room, 12-1pm**

YLD and the Solo & Small Firm Practice Section are partnering to offer a CLE featuring a topic of interest to solo practitioners and small firms.

V. **Wellness**

As part of the growing importance of maintaining attorney wellness, the YLD had recent discussions with fitness programs on Oahu regarding free classes for members. The HSBA has a robust existing member benefits program. We will work with the HSBA in an effort to onboard these wellness opportunities as member benefits.

VI. **Outreach Events**

The YLD will visit with new admittees at the mandatory Professionalism Course on June 22, 2019 at William S. Richardson School of Law, and discuss the many benefits to being a YLD member. Thanks to Pat and the HSBA for including the YLD in this visit.

VII. **Legal Lines & LRIS**

YLD will work with the HSBA to increase grassroots efforts to promote legal lines and the LRIS in an effort to continually expand our community reach.

VIII. **2020 Elections**

YLD is preparing for the 2020 Board Elections. Positions that will be up for election include VP/President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer; 4 Oahu directors, 1 Kona director, and 1 Maui director.