

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, February 27, 2020

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President P. Gregory Frey called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

Officers Present

P. Gregory Frey
Levi Hookano
Russ Awakuni
Paul Naso

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Christina Bae
Katra Cuskaden

Directors Present

Steven Chow
Craig De Costa
Jessica Domingo
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Erin Kobayashi
Jeen Kwak
Jacob Lowenthal
Mark K. Murakami
Ralph O'Neill - phone
Addison Bonner, YLD President

Directors Absent

Karin Holma - excused
Vladimir Devens - excused
William Harrison - excused
Corianne Lau - excused
Zale Okazaki - excused

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 board meeting.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Paul Naso, reporting on HSBA's performance in 2019, stated that total income was slightly under budget primarily because dues revenue was significantly lower than projected but was made up by unanticipated non-dues revenue. He noted that expenses were under budget by \$184k in large part due to a staff position that was budgeted but had not been filled and goal group projects that did not spend all their budgeted monies. Mr. Naso also said that a review of the financial reports is currently underway to make it more user-friendly and visually easier to read.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- 2020 License Registration - 140 members not yet renewed (most are Inactive), compared to 156 at this time last year
 - 2019 Mandatory CLE Compliance - 6 are not in compliance
 - HSBA Student Membership Enrollment - Forty 1 L's joined as HSBA student members after presentation at WSRSL
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Addison Bonner reported that the YLD Board now has a full board having filled their vacancies. He also noted that the Mock Trial finals will be held in March.
- F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
1. **Ratification of 2020 HSBA Committees & Other Appointments** - President Frey presented in the board agenda appointment ratification of the following individuals:
- a. **2020 HSBA Committee Chairs**
- Attorney-Client Relations: Charles Crumpton, Peter Lenhart
 - Awards: Erin Kobayashi, Mark K. Murakami
 - Civic Education: Troy Andrade, Ryan Hamaguchi, Ruth Kim Oh
 - Consumer Protection: Paul Alston
 - Continuing Legal Education: Lissa Andrews, R. Brian Black
 - Delivery of Legal Services to the Public: Christine Daleiden
- b. **Hawaii State Trial Judges Association - Hawaii State Bar Association**
- Addison Bonner (one of eight attorney members on committee)
- c. **Finance Committee** (in addition to the HSBA President-elect, Vice President, and Treasurer)
- Alika Piper
 - Shannon Sheldon
 - Craig Wagnild

- d. **HSBA Nominating Committee** (in addition to Chair Florence Nakakuni)
 - Rhonda Griswold
 - Karin Holma
 - Rosalyn Loomis
 - Judge Henry Nakamoto
 - Zale Okazaki
 - Judge Michael Soong
- e. **Supreme Court Nominating Committee** (to replace Judge Linda Luke due to resignation)
 - Carol Muranaka

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify President Frey's appointment of 2020 HSBA Committee Chairs and other appointments as presented in the agenda and addendum.

2. **2020 Legislative Update (JUD Supplemental Budget)**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the continued monitoring of the Judiciary supplemental budget measure and submittal of supportive testimony.

3. **2020 Legislative Update (Other Measures)** - The Board discussed SB2117 which establishes an additional District Court judge in the Second Circuit and HB2656 which establishes a program to provide student loan assistance to lawyers who practice in underserved rural areas.

Action taken: An initial motion was made to track and support both bills should it meet the first decking deadline, however, the motion was later withdrawn. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to track and support SB2117 only, noting that this bill is within the parameters of the Judiciary's legislative budget.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to determine that legislative measure SB2117 meets the *Keller* analysis (i.e. is germane to the purposes of the unified bar and would generally be supported by HSBA members).

4. **Proposed Amendments to HSBF Bylaws**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the proposed amendments to the HSBF Board bylaws.

G. **NEW BUSINESS**

5. **U.S. Department of Justice Investigations and Criminal Court Proceedings**
- The Board determined that no action was necessary on this issue.

- *6. **Proposed Amendments to the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii** - Having published notice to members regarding proposed amendments to Rule 2.2(a) and (b) and to Rule 1.17(d) and 2.16(b), the Board determined that no further action was necessary.

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

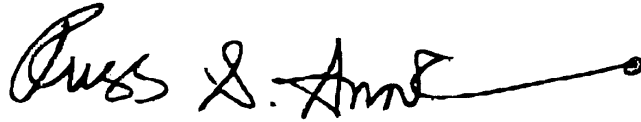
The meeting adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary

* Addendum to agenda.