

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Friday, April 24, 2020

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President P. Gregory Frey 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

P. Gregory Frey (via GoToMeeting)  
Karin Holma (via GTM)  
Levi Hookano (via GTM)  
Russ Awakuni (via GTM)  
Paul Naso (via GTM)

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Christina Bae (via GTM)  
Adrienne Hayashi (via GTM)

Directors Present

Steven Chow (via GTM)  
Craig De Costa (via GTM)  
Jessica Domingo (via GTM)  
William Harrison (via GTM)  
Geraldine Hasegawa (via GTM)  
Carol Kitaoka (via GTM)  
Erin Kobayashi (via GTM)  
Jeen Kwak (via GTM)  
Corianne Lau (via GTM)  
Mark K. Murakami (via GTM)  
Zale Okazaki (via GTM)  
Ralph O'Neill (via GTM)  
Addison Bonner, YLD President  
(via GTM)

Directors Absent

Kristin Izumi-Nitao - excused  
Jacob Lowenthal - excused

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2020 board meeting.

**C. TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Paul Naso, reported that revenues as of March 31, 2020 are in line with last year's YTD revenues at the same time. There

was a decrease in CLE revenue for the month due to live CLEs being cancelled during the month of March. Executive Director Pat Mau-Shimizu noted that HSBA is working to offer live webcasts only; the Trial Academy has been postponed to 2021; the June Hawaii Professionalism Course has been cancelled; and the Bar Convention scheduled for October is questionable. Mr. Naso also stated that operating expenses are currently tracking normally.

**D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Ms. Mau-Shimizu also reported on the following items:

- HSBA Operations Continuity: Proceeding by rescheduling activities. Katra Cuskaden left HSBA; Adrienne Hayashi promoted to Director of Operations position.
- Partnerships with Other Groups: Besides the Judiciary, partnerships have been developed with the groups such as the Chamber of Commerce and the AG's office to assist in communicating their messages to members.
- Special member services: CLE discount to members; presentation from Merrill Lynch on CARES Act; GoToMeeting services offered free.
- LRIS panels: In anticipation of increased bankruptcy filings, Judge Faris has been contacted to encourage more bankruptcy attorneys to join LRIS in this category.
- July Bar Exam: postponed until September 2020.
- Disaster Recovery Response: Working with Legal Aid, Volunteer Legal Services, and the YLD to update disaster materials to reflect COVID-19.
- Member Survey: May send out survey to measure the impact on the legal community due to COVI-19 pandemic.
- ABA Law Graduate Limited Practice Rule Resolution: The Wm.S. Richardson School of Law, in response to the ABA's resolution, has asked the Hawaii Supreme Court to allow 3L's to have limited license provisions.

**E. YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Addison Bonner reported that the YLD is working on getting Legal Line restarted as a remote model where volunteer attorneys answer calls from their own office/home. He explained that they are analyzing third party call-handling vendors that can route incoming calls to different phone numbers and in the process of deciding which one to use.

**F. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.

**G. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ratification of Submittal of SBA Loan Application** - Ms. Mau-Shimizu summarized the process of submitting the SBA loan application for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) of the CARES Act passed by the U.S. Congress. She explained that after discussions with Hawaii's Congressional delegates, it did not appear that 501(c) 6's will be included in the PPP.

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify HSBA's decision to submit the Small Business Administration loan application for the Paycheck Protection Program of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act passed by U.S. Congress.

2. **Proposed Amendments to Rule 1.17(c) of the Rules of Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii** - The Board determined that no further action was necessary since notice had been given to members through normal HSBA communication channels.
3. **Board Vacancies on Rule 19 Committee** [Director Jeen Kwak excused herself and left the meeting]

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the HSBA Nominating Committee to request of the Hawaii Supreme Court appointment of the following individuals to the Special Committee on Judicial Performance for a term of 3 years:

- ◆ Rosemary Fazio (reappointment)
- ◆ Jeen Kwak (reappointment)
- ◆ John Nishimoto (reappointment)
- ◆ Richard Sing (new appointment)

#### H. INFORMATION

- Judiciary's Committee on Operational Solutions - President Frey reported that CJ Recktenwald has established a Judiciary Committee with about 30 members for the purpose of developing a plan to get the courts as fully operational as it can. Coordination is being done in conjunction with the federal court also.
- Annual Fundraiser Dinner-- It likely will not occur as scheduled since it is set for late August. The Dinner Committee will discuss further.

#### I. ADJOURNMENT

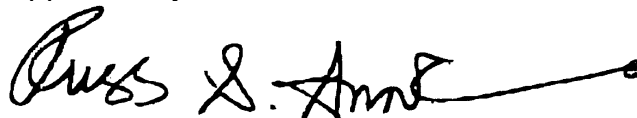
The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni  
HSBA Secretary