

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

(via Zoom)
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, July 23, 2020

A. CALL TO ORDER

President P. Gregory Frey called the teleconference meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

P. Gregory Frey
Karin Holma
Levi Hookano
Russ Awakuni
Paul Naso

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Zale Okazaki - excused

Others Present

Judge Leslie Hayashi (retired)
Derek Kobayashi

HSBA Staff Present

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Christina Bae
Adrienne Hayashi

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2020 board meeting.

- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Paul Naso reported that YTD revenue as of June 30, 2020 was about \$1.594M, slightly less than last year at this time. CLE revenue and interest income were down. The Trial Academy and one of the Hawaii Professionalism Courses were cancelled this year due to COVID-19 large gathering restrictions. The Bar Convention will be virtual this year which may further affect income negatively. On the expense side, the HSBA spent about \$18k less than last year at this time. Savings have been in travel and meeting expenses. There has not been much activity in Goal Group projects. If the HSBF grant funding the Goal Group projects are not expended this year, HSBF will be asked if these grant funds may be carried over to 2021.

Mr. Naso noted that in addressing future budgeting concerns, the HSBA had earlier refinanced the mortgage at better terms and is reviewing other budgeted expenditures to see what could be reduced. He remarked that it is important to keep members informed about what HSBA is doing to address these concerns. With respect to other jurisdictions, Ms. Mau-Shimizu commented that membership in some unified bar associations has either stayed the same or has increased.

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

- **Provisional Licensing** - The Hawaii Supreme Court's order to allow a provisional license until July 2022 to individuals who are registered for and who do not want to sit for this in-person bar exam on September 9-10, 2020 at the Hawaii Convention Center has generated comments from bar members. The Order does not indicate that HSBA can charge these individuals dues. Board members asked the staff to check with other jurisdictions that offer similar provisional licenses. NOTE: The Executive Director subsequently informed the Board that provisional licenses will be assessed the same dues and fees as individuals who successfully pass the bar exam and elect to activate their licenses.
- **Bar Convention** - HSBA is moving forward with planning for a virtual bar convention. Sections intending to participate include the Appellate Section, Environment Energy & Resources Section, Hawaii Women Lawyers, and a seminar on e-discovery. The Annual Meeting, which includes the recognition of HSBA award recipients and retiring judges, will be pre-recorded.
- **Legal Industry Food Drive** - The amount raised to date is \$52k+; very close to the \$55k goal. Deadline to contribute is July 30th.
- **Well-Being Summit** - The William S. Richardson School of Law, along with the HSBA and the Hawaii Task Force on Lawyer Well-Being will sponsor a Well-Being Summit via Zoom on September 11, 2020, 12:00-1:00 pm to assist attorneys and law students manage stress in their professional capacities.

- F. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Addison Bonner reported on the following items:

- **YLD Board Election** - Working on the slate.
- **Legal Line** - Doing well. They received good response on a call for more volunteers, including those from the neighbor islands.
- **Junior Judges and Mock Trial** - In a state of flux due to the uncertainty of schools re-opening.

- **2021 Budget Request** - Working with Vice President/President-elect Christopher St. Sure to keep it lean.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **HSBA Survey Regarding COVID-19** - Ms. Mau-Shimizu had earlier sent to the Board the email lists for transmission of the survey regarding COVID-19. She described the breakdown of the various lists.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the survey instrument that will measure the impact that COVID-19 has had on the legal community. The Board recognized Director Erin Kobayashi for her hard work on developing the survey.

H. INFORMATION

- **ABA House of Delegates' Meeting** - Judge Leslie Hayashi (retired), who serves as the HSBA Delegate to the ABA House of Delegates, stated that the ABA Annual Meeting will be held virtually. The House of Delegates will meet on August 3-4, 2020, beginning at 5:00 AM Hawaii Time. She will participate along with Marvin Dang, Summer Kaiawe, and Lisa Bail. Judge Hayashi also noted that there were no controversial resolutions.
- **Bench Bar Conference Forums** - Director Steven Chow announced that the forums would be held via Zoom and that the Judicial Administration Committee is working with the Court on getting trained on webinar platforms such as Zoom and WebEx. He and Director William Harrison expressed their appreciation to Ms. Mau-Shimizu for providing information and direction on options for holding the forums.

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary