

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, February 25, 2021

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Levi Hookano called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

Officers Present

Levi Hookano
Shannon Sheldon
Rhonda Griswold
Russ Awakuni
Alika Piper

HSBA Staff Present

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Sean Perez
Brian Simon

Directors Present

Tristan Andres
Steven Chow
Craig De Costa
Vladimir Devens
Jessica Domingo
Geraldine Hasegawa
Carol Kitaoka
Erin Kobayashi
Jacob Lowenthal
Mark K. Murakami
Paul Naso
Ralph O'Neill
Zale Okazaki
Christopher St. Sure

Directors Absent

William Harrison
Kristin Izumi-Nitao

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2021 board meeting.

- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper stated that some year-end entries still need to be made, so the January and February financials will be presented at next month's meeting. She also reported that the PPP loan was approved and accepted by HSBA.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify the board's email vote on the PPP loan approval. A report will be made on how the funds will be expended prior to expenditure.

- F. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:

- License Registration Update - To date, there are 50 Active members and 88 Inactive-Voluntary members (total 138) who have not yet renewed compared to 154 members last year at this time that did renew.
- Legislation affecting the Judiciary - The Judiciary's budget bills are now with the Senate Way & Means Committee and the House Finance Committee; the special funds bills have been scheduled for hearing next week; the Service of Process bill has not yet been scheduled for hearing.

- G. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Christopher St. Sure reported that the High School Mock Trial project is being held virtually and will start its first round on March 4th. Volunteer judges have been secured.

H. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Merrill Lynch Investment Account** - Ms. Piper reported that she met with Emily McCollum of Merrill Lynch. One last signature is needed to execute the document and make the investment of funds (\$135,000) from the Raymond James investment account which was previously closed.

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **Board Vacancies on Commission on Professionalism**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation to request that the Judiciary reappoint Erika Amatore and Kenneth K.P. Wong to the Commission on Professionalism for 4-year terms beginning March 14, 2021.

3. **Appointment to PACE Commission**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the Nominating Committee's recommendation to appoint Ruth Oh as the HSBA representative to the PACE Commission for a 3-year term.

4. **Amendment to Banking Resolution & Signature Cards**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the amendment to the banking resolution that replaces the name of the former Director of Operations (Adrienne Hayashi) with the name of the new Director of Operations (Sean Perez).

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

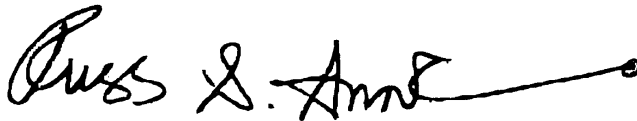
The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary