

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, May 27, 2021

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Levi Hookano called the meeting to order at 12:01 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

Other Present

Leslee Matthews

HSBA Staff Present

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Sean Perez
Brian Simon

Directors Present

Tristan Andres
Steven Chow
Vladimir Devens
Jessica Domingo
William Harrison
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Erin Kobayashi
Jacob Lowenthal
Mark K. Murakami
Paul Naso
Ralph O'Neill
Christopher St. Sure

Directors Absent

Craig De Costa
Zale Okazaki

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2021 board meeting.

C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alike Piper reported that dues revenue collected in the month of April was about \$2200 and income from penalties was about \$1700. YTD revenue in these areas was about \$1.6M, an increase of \$28k over 2020 revenue at this time. On the expense side, there was a decrease in IT professional expenses and property taxes were slightly less than last year at this time. YTD expenses were \$610k, a decrease of about \$17k over 2020 at this time.

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

- Upcoming Judicial Appointments - JSC lists are scheduled to be delivered to the appointing authorities on June 4th. The Legislature will reconvene for the confirmation process in July. The next group of lists will be delivered in late August, with confirmations likely in late October.
- Bar Convention - A virtual convention will be held on October 15, 2021. Participating HSBA Sections and topics confirmed to date: Family Law; Real Property & Financial Services; Appellate; Environment, Energy and Resources; court proceedings and technology.

E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Christopher St. Sure reported that the Law Week is being planned for early August in a virtual format. YLD continues to work on the upcoming Wellness Challenge which will be open to all members.

E. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Legal Service Providers Opt-In on Dues Renewal** - HSBA Director Jessica Domingo, who served as chair for the ad hoc committee to explore whether other legal service providers (besides Volunteer Legal Services Hawaii) should be included on the attorney renewal form, reported that the committee looked at the history of the close relationship between HSBA and VLSH. Ms. Domingo noted that the committee referred to HRS 607.-5.7 to define which groups were legal service providers (LSPs). She explained that the committee considered the cost in time, money, and labor to add the other LSPs to the renewal form and did not feel it was justifiable to include them.

Action taken: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the ad hoc committee.

As a side note, Ms. Mau-Shimizu stated that as a result of a request for support from the LSP Consortium, HSBA will send stand-alone eblasts to HSBA members listing the LSPs and encouraging members to donate or volunteer to these groups.

F. NEW BUSINESS

2. Board Vacancies on Legal Aid Society of Hawaii Board

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the HSBA Nominating Committee to appoint/reappoint the individuals listed below to the Board of the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii for a term of 3 years beginning July 1, 2021. Secretary Russ Awakuni and East Hawaii Director abstained from voting.

- ◆ Kristin Holland (new appointment)
- ◆ Regan Iwao (reappointment)
- ◆ Gary Murai (reappointment)
- ◆ Blaine Rogers (reappointment)
- ◆ Edmund Saffery (new appointment)

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- House Concurrent Resolution No. 5, S.D.1 - HSBA may appoint 1 representative to the Joint Committee on Judicial Selection. The Nominating Committee will make a recommendation to the Board.
- New Admittees - Swearing-in ceremony will take place via Zoom on June 4, 2021.
- Law Day Golf Tournament - Scheduled for August 23, 2021, Oahu Country Club.

I. ADJOURNMENT

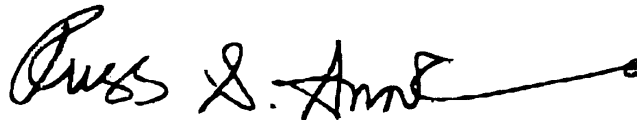
The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary