

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, June 24, 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
Rhonda Griswold
Russ Awakuni
Alika Piper

HSBA Staff Present
Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Sean Perez

Directors Present

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

Directors Absent

Shannon Sheldon
Jessica Domingo
William Harrison
Zale Okazaki

B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2021 board meeting.

C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper reported that \$10,110 in dues revenue was collected in the month of May, \$7k of which came from pro hac vice registrations. HSBA is currently ahead \$7k in dues revenue for the year. She also reported that total operating expenses for the month of May were \$145k, and total YTD expenses are \$755k. Goal group project expenses YTD are \$9k.

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

- Bar Convention - Participants include the Family Law Section - all day; Environment, Energy, & Resources Section - all day; Appellate Section - half day; Real Property & Financial Services Section - half day; Technology - half day. Hawaii Women Lawyers - still contemplating.
- Law Coalition Food Drive - To date, \$46,678 has been raised. Goal: \$75,000.
- Hawaii Rules of Civil Procedure - HSBA is working with the Judiciary to sponsor 2 free training sessions on November 4th (judges panel) and November 5th (changes to JIMS and forms). Open to attorneys and staff. No CLE credit.
- Legislation - Two bills that affect the Judiciary are on Governor Ige's veto list: HB338 requires a hearing each time a conflict of interest is raised against a judge or justice by any party in a suit; SB639 prevents the courts from making a decision based on reasons not brought up by the parties of the case unless the parties are given the chance to weigh in on the issue.

E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Christopher St. Sure reported that Law Week is being planned for August 9-15, 2021. Legal Line topics will include landlord-tenant and bankruptcy. The YLD is open to ideas for other topics and for speakers to be on Action Line.

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2021 HSBA Budget Process** - Ms. Piper gave a brief overview of the timeline for the 2022 budget.
2. **Request from HSBA DEAL Committee**

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the request of the HSBA Diversity, Equality, and Access to the Law Committee to co-sponsor, in name only, the July 15th event of "A Conversation of Race in Hawaii," a discussion by leaders from various sectors of the community.

3. **HSBA Representative on Joint Committee on Judicial Selection** - President Hookano noted that the Hawaii Supreme Court appointed Chief Judge Craig Nakamura (retired) as its representative to the Joint Committee on Judicial Selection; the Senate President appointed Walter Kirimitsu; and Hawaii Women Lawyers appointed Mihoko Ito. President Hookano then left the meeting and Vice President Rhonda Griswold then presided.

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the HSBA Nominating Committee to appoint the current HSBA President as the HSBA's representative to the Joint Committee on Judicial Selection.

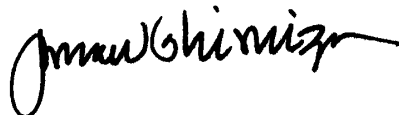
G. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- HSBA Awards - Nominations are being accepted until July 9th.
- Slate of Candidates - A slate of candidates for the 2022 HSBA Board has been presented by the Nominating Committee.
- Succession Ad Hoc Study Group - ODC has requested a joint group between HSBA and the Disciplinary Board be formed to address the issue of succession planning among HSBA members.

I. ADJOURNMENT

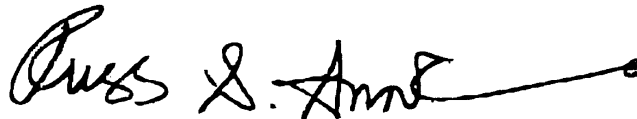
The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary