

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, July 22, 2021

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Levi Hookano called the meeting to order at 2:27 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

Officers Present

Levi Hookano  
Shannon Sheldon  
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  
Kristin Izumi-Nitao  
Jacob Lowenthal  
Mark K. Murakami  
Paul Naso  
Ralph O'Neill  
Christopher St. Sure

Directors Absent

Rhonda Griswold  
William Harrison  
Carol Kitaoka  
Erin Kobayashi  
Zale Okazaki

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2021 board meeting.

C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper reported that the revised financials that were emailed before the meeting made a correction to an amount in the June 2020 column. She noted that the annual audit will be at the end of July. Regarding dues revenue, \$9500 was collected in the month of June, which is HSBA ahead of budget by \$16k. Ms. Piper also reported that operating expenses as of June 30<sup>th</sup> were \$120k and total operating expenses YTD were \$875k. FHB liabilities (mortgage loan) is at \$566k as of June 30<sup>th</sup>; and goal group project expenses YTD are \$9300.

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

- Legislation - The two bills of interest that were on the Governor Ige's veto list, HB338 regarding a conflict of interest bill when raised against a judge or justice, and SB639 which 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, were both overridden by the House. Since the Senate did not vote to override the veto, the veto for both bills stand.
- Law Coalition Food Drive - \$82k has been raised, exceeding the \$75k goal.

E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Christopher St. Sure reported that Law Week is confirmed for August 9-15, 2021. Volunteers are needed for Legal Line which will be held every day, Monday-Friday and legal clinics which will be held at farmer's markets on August 14<sup>th</sup> (2 on Oahu; 1 in Hilo).

F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Proposed Questions on License Registration** - President Hookano briefly explained the request for changes to the annual attorney registration, specifically to add more and different options under the categories of Ethnicity/Race and Gender Identity, and to consider adding new categories of Sexual Orientation and Disability.

It was clarified that the reason for not including the options of American Indian/Alaska Native and Middle Eastern/North African was that those numbers would likely be very small and could be indicated under "other."

**Action taken:** After full discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the HSBA Executive Committee

G. **NEW BUSINESS**

2. **HSBA Representative on Supreme Court Nominating Committee**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify the appointment of Leighton Hara as an HSBA representative on the Supreme Court Nominating Committee for the seat vacated by Carol Muranaka.

3. **Board of Certified Shorthand Reporters**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the HSBA Nominating Committee to appoint Judge Rowena Somerville to the Board of Certified Shorthand Reporters for a three-year term beginning August 2021.


G. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- HCR5 Committee - President Hookano reported that the committee had its first meeting and will proceed to study the issue of procedures and rules of the Judicial Selection Commission. Other members on the committee include: Mihoko Ito, Judge Walter Kirimitsu (ret.), David Louie, Chief Judge Craig Nakamura (ret.), and Dana Viola.
- Please see agenda for other announcements.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

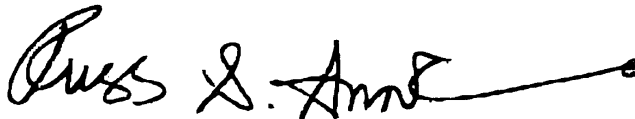
The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni  
HSBA Secretary