

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, August 26, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Levi Hookano called the meeting to order at 12:02 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

Directors Present

Tristan Andres
Steven Chow
Vladimir Devens
Jessica Domingo
Geraldine Hasegawa
William Harrison
Carol Kitaoka
Erin Kobayashi
Jacob Lowenthal
Mark K. Murakami
Paul Naso

Directors Absent

Craig De Costa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Ralph O'Neill
Zale Okazaki
Christopher St. Sure

LSP Consortium Members Present

Louis Erteschik
Leela Bilmes Goldstein
M. Nalani Fujimori Kaina
Ray Kong
James Pietsch
Erin Sugita
Summer Sylva
Grant Teichman
Tracey Wiltgen
Josh Wisch

HSBA Staff Present

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Sean Perez
Brian Simon

- *B. NEW BUSINESS** - Members of the Legal Service Provider Consortium introduced themselves, thanked the HSBA for its support, and described how their organization serves the community.

* This item was taken out of order due to the presence of guests.

- C. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021 board meeting.
- D. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper reported that the new auditors completed their on-site review for the HSBA's 2020 financial audit. She also delivered the financial report as of July 31, 2021.
- E. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items: buildout of the attorney registration form in the membership database; the virtual Bar Convention in October; and the Judiciary's COVID-19 vaccination plan.
- F. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - In the absence of YLD President Christopher St. Sure, President Hookano reported that Mr. St. Sure had reported earlier on the success of Law Week and on the upcoming Wellness Challenge in the fall.
- G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.
- H. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. **2022 Goal Group Projects Funding Requests** - Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair Piper summarized the Finance Committee's review process of the 2022 budget of the Goal Group projects and its recommendations. She stated that due to having no annual fundraiser in 2021 to support goal group project funding in 2022, all budget requests were carefully reviewed to see where costs could be reduced.

Action taken: A motion was made (Russ Awakuni) and seconded to adopt the recommendation of the joint Executive-Finance Committee to set the per head allotment for Neighbor Islands at \$20 per member for the 2022 year. After discussion, the motion carried by a vote of 11 to 3.

Discussion ensued on the project requests.

Action taken: A motion was made (Russ Awakuni) and seconded to adopt the proposed 2022 budget for the Goal Group projects and events. Recommended budget amounts by Goal Group were discussed.

Action taken: A motion was made (Steven Chow) and seconded to amend the main motion revert the budget amount of Criminal, Civil, and Family Law Forums to its original request of \$6k. The motion failed by a vote of 2 to 11. President-elect Shannon Sheldon abstained from voting.

Action taken: The main motion to adopt the proposed 2022 budget for Goal Group projects and events as recommended by the joint Executive-Finance Committee was carried by a vote of 12 to 1.

2. Civic Education Committee Project Co-Sponsorship Request

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the joint Executive-Finance Committee to approve the request of the Civic Education Committee to co-sponsor a project with the University of Hawaii that will provide college students statewide with educational information on the U.S. and Hawaii Constitutions.

3. Proposed HSBA Well-Being Committee

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to approve the proposal to establish an HSBA Well-Being Committee.

4. HSBA Annual Awards

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Awards Committee and the HSBA President to honor the following individuals with HSBA Awards.

- ❖ **Carrie Ann Shiota** - Champion for Social Justice Award (*for courageous legal work in the face of public controversy that helps to promote the interests of justice and preserves the integrity of the Judiciary*)
- ❖ **Gerald Y. Sekiya** - Golden Gavel Award (*for outstanding service to the state or federal judiciary*)
- ❖ **Elliot H. Loden** - Malama Hawaii Award (*for outstanding and effective non-legal community service activities to make a difference and improve the quality of life in Hawaii*)
- ❖ **Robert A. Alm** - HSBA President's Award (*for extraordinary contributions and lifetime achievement that best exemplify the mission statement of the HSBA*)
- ❖ **Judge Riki May Amano** - HSBA President's Award
- ❖ **Jill M. Hasegawa** - HSBA President's Award

H. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action taken: A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to go into executive session.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

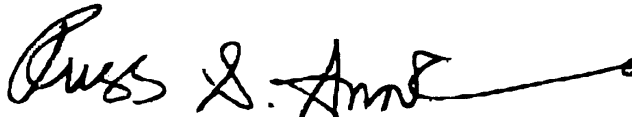
The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary