

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, January 27, 2022

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Shannon Sheldon 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

Shannon Sheldon  
Rhonda Griswold  
Jesse Souki  
Lanson Kupau  
Alika Piper

Others Present

Johnathan Bolton  
Brandon Kimura  
Lisa Lum  
Rodny Maile  
Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald

Directors Present

Jocelyn Chong  
Steven Chow  
Vladimir Devens  
Jessica Domingo  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Kristin Izumi-Nitao  
Erin Kobayashi  
Jacob Lowenthal  
Emiko Meyers  
Mark K. Murakami  
Paul Naso  
Zale Okazaki  
Mark Valencia  
Jasmine Wong

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Sean Perez

Directors Absent

William Harrison  
Carol Kitaoka

- B. **HAWAII STATE JUDICIARY UPDATE** - Chief Justice Mark Recktenwald gave an update on Judiciary activities over the last year. He also discussed the Judiciary's modest legislative supplemental budget requests for the fiscal biennium beginning on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2023.

CIP construction and maintenance requests include funding to address issues previously raised to address obsolete fire alarm systems, security issues, leaking roofs and pipes, and failing air conditioning systems. The only new CIP request is the conversion of a storage area in the Second Circuit facility into a courtroom to assist with the growing backlog of cases due to COVID restrictions and orders.

With the exception of a multifactor authentication system for cyber security purposes, all of the General Fund requests involve the restoration of funding. Among the funding restoration requests are the salaries of two judge positions in the Third Circuit (one District and one Circuit) which were vacant but going through the judicial nomination process at the time the budget was prepared and which were filled after the legislative session adjourned last year.

- D. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021 board meeting.
- E. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper delivered the financial report as of December 31, 2021, including YTD revenues and expenses. She noted a \$65k net income at year's end after the \$30k additional payment on the mortgage loan that had been approved by the Board in December.
- F. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on some problems with the annual attorney registration process (due to the new system) which resulted in a delay of processing paper registrations. She also reported on in-person CLEs planned for May.
- G. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Jasmine Wong reported that the YLD Board will hold its first meeting on Friday. Committee assignments are in the works for 2022. She noted that 14 high school teams are participating in the virtual Mock Trial program.
- H. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.
- I. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **2022 HSBA Committee Chair Appointments**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (Steven Chow), seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify President Sheldon's appointment of 2022 HSBA Committee Chairs:

- Attorney/Client Relations – Charles Crumpton and Peter Lenhart
- Awards -Tristan Andres and Kristin Izumi-Nitao
- Civic Education - Troy Andrade, Ryan Hamaguchi, and Ruth Oh
- Consumer Protection - Paul Alston
- Continuing Legal Education - Brian Black
- Delivery of Legal Services to the Public - Micah Smith
- Diversity, Equality, and the Law - Kaliko Fernandes and Trisha Nakamura

- Judicial Administration - Justice Simeon Acoba (ret.) and Vladimir Devens
- Legislation - Noah Gibson
- Nominating - Calvin Young
- Professional Responsibility & Risk Management - Hayley Cheng, Judge Kevin Morikone, and Judge Jill Otake
- Publications - Cynthia Johiro and Carol Muranaka
- Staff & Facilities - Paul Naso
- Transitioning Lawyers - Geraldine Hasegawa
- Well-Being - Summer Kaiawe

2. **2022 HSBA Nominating Committee Members**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (S. Chow), seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify President Sheldon’s appointment of the following individuals as 2022 HSBA Nominating Committee members: Calvin Young (chair), Trejur Bordenave, Rhonda Griswold, Judge Darien Nagata, Judge Michael Soong, Jesse Souki, Elmira Tsang, and Mark Valencia.

3. **HSBA Representatives on 2022 Supreme Court Nominating Committee**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (Geraldine Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify President Sheldon’s appointment of the following individuals as 2022 HSBA representatives to the Supreme Court Nominating Committee: Sherry Broder, P. Gregory Frey, Leighton Hara, and Levi Hookano.

4. **HSBA Representative on Judiciary’s Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition ratify President Sheldon’s appointment of the Co-Chair of the HSBA Committee on Diversity, Equality, and the Law (Kaliko Fernandez) to serve as the HSBA representative on the Judiciary’s Committee on Equality and Access to the Courts.

5. **Proposed Amendment to HSBA Committee Name**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the Executive Committee’s recommendation to change the name of the Professional Responsibility & Risk Management Committee to the Professional Responsibility Committee.

6. **Update of HSBA Membership Demographics Study**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (Vladimir Devens), seconded, and carried without opposition to authorize HSBA member Duane Seabolt to update the member demographic study he conducted in 2013. Mr. Seabolt has offered to conduct the study free of charge again.

7. **Proposed Amendment to Eliminate Health Inquiry on HSBA Questionnaire**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried by a vote of 13 to 1 to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to eliminate health as a criterion for the evaluation of judicial nominees. Director Jessica Domingo abstained from voting.

\*8. **Judiciary Supplemental Budget and Legislative Requests**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (Mark Murakami), seconded, and carried without opposition to determine that the issues of the FY 2023 Judiciary budget is germane to the purposes of unified bar and would be generally supported by HSBA members, therefore, passes the *Keller* test.

- ◆ General Funds Requests: Essential staffing for court/administrative operations
- ◆ CIP Requests: Building repair and maintenance

**Action taken:** After discussion, a motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to submit testimony in support of certain General Funds requests and CIP requests proposed by the Judiciary when the measures are scheduled for hearing.

\* 9. **Other Judiciary Legislation**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to determine that legislation relating to the Zero-to-Three Court in the Third Circuit passes the *Keller* test, and to submit testimony in support of the substance of this legislation.

**Action taken:** A motion was made (R. Griswold), seconded, and carried without opposition to determine that legislation relating to a Women's Court and legislation relating to an ICA position pass the *Keller* test.

**Action taken:** A motion was made (R. Griswold), seconded, and carried without opposition to testify in support of these measures when they are scheduled for hearings at the Legislature.

C. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (P. Naso), seconded, and carried without opposition to move into executive session.

\* Addendum to agenda.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Lanson K. Kupau  
HSBA Secretary