

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, February 24, 2022

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Shannon Sheldon called the meeting to order at 12:00 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

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Sean Perez
Brian Simon

Directors Present

Steven Chow
Vladimir Devens
William Harrison
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Erin Kobayashi
Emiko Meyers
Mark K. Murakami
Paul Naso
Mark Valencia
Jasmine Wong

Directors Absent

Jocelyn Chong
Jessica Domingo
Jacob Lowenthal
Zale Okazaki

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made (W.Harrison), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2022 board meeting with correction indicating that Director Steven Chow (not Jessica Domingo) abstained from voting on the proposed amendment to eliminate the health inquiry on the HSBA Questionnaire.
- C. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President Sheldon raised the idea of a fundraiser Annual Dinner or some type of social event. Board members discussed whether there was sufficient time this year to plan a large event; having a smaller pau hana/cocktail hour gathering instead; having a fundraising campaign for straight donations in lieu of a fundraiser/silent auction event; requesting more in grant aid from the HSBF; asking for donation from law firms for certain public service projects. More discussion with the HSBF Board will follow.
- D. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper briefly explained that HSBA uses the modified cash basis of accounting and how the financials are reflected using that method. She delivered the financial report as of January 31, 2022, noting less revenues this year at this time compared to last year due to mail-in renewal forms still being processed. Ms. Piper also reported on total fixed assets net depreciation as of 12/31/2021, total current liabilities, and long-term liabilities.
- E. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the status of legislation as noted in the agenda. She also reported on the commencement of a process to examine regulatory reform.
- F. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Jasmine Wong noted a need for volunteers as Zoom hosts for the High School Mock Trial project. She also reported that the YLD is in the planning stage for Law Week in May.
- G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **2022 Committee Chair Appointment: HSBA Technology Committee**

Action taken: A motion was made (R. Griswold), seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify President Sheldon's appointment of Glenn T. Melchinger as Technology Committee Chair for 2022.

I. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Legislation: Children's Justice Program (Expansion of program to include investigation & case management of cases suspected of child sex trafficking, commercial exploitation of children, or other child maltreatment)**

Action taken: A motion was made (R. Griswold), seconded, and carried without opposition to determine that legislation relating to the Children's Justice Program passes the *Keller* test.

Action taken: A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to submit testimony in support of Children's Justice Program legislation.

2. **Legislation: Internet Posting of Personal Information of Federal and State Judges, Judiciary Social Workers, Federal Probation & Pretrial Officers**

Action taken: A motion was made (M. Murakami), seconded, and carried without opposition to determine that legislation relating to the Internet Posting of Personal Information passes the Keller test.

Action taken: A motion was made (R. Griswold), seconded, and carried without opposition to submit testimony in support of Internet Posting of Personal Information legislation.

3. **Increase fees for Court Appointed Counsel & GAL Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services. In-court from \$60 to \$90, and increases other flat fee court appointed cases**

Action taken: A motion was made (M. Murakami), seconded, and carried without opposition to determine that legislation relating to the increase of fees for Court Appointed Counsel and GAL passes the *Keller* test.

Action taken: A motion was made (W. Harrison), seconded, and carried without opposition to submit testimony in support of the House version of legislation related to Court Appointed Counsel and GAL on the condition that funding will not come out of the Judiciary budget.

J. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Lanson K. Kupau
HSBA Secretary