

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING  
1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, August 24, 2022

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

President Shannon Sheldon called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

Officers Present

Shannon Sheldon  
Rhonda Griswold (via Zoom)  
Jesse Souki  
Lanson Kupau (via Zoom)  
Alika Piper

Others Present

Gilbert Doles

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Sean Perez

Directors Present

Jocelyn Chong (via Zoom)  
Steven Chow (via Zoom)  
Vladimir Devens (via Zoom)  
Jessica Domingo (via Zoom)  
William Harrison (via Zoom)  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Kristin Izumi-Nitao (via Zoom)  
Emiko Meyers (via Zoom)  
Mark K. Murakami (via Zoom)  
Jasmine Wong

Officers/Directors Absent

Carol Kitaoka  
Erin Kobayashi  
Jacob Lowenthal  
Paul Naso  
Zale Okazaki  
Mark Valencia

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made (W. Harrison), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2022 board meeting.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper reported on the financial reports for month ending July 31, 2022, noting total revenue year-to-date of \$1.7M, an increase of \$35K over last year, and total expenses year-to-date of \$1.1M. She also reported on the current mortgage balance at \$495K.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- Bliss v. Core civic subpoena - Response negotiated; attorney fees of \$3,600 were paid.
  - Bar Convention - Seminars set for 6 subject areas. Neighbor island bars working on providing subsidies for their members.
  - Judicial Nominations - Three lists will be issued shortly by the Judicial Selection Commission to the appointing authorities. Special session to be held in mid-October.
  - FBI wants businesses to train on cybersecurity.
- E. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - President Sheldon reported on her attendance to the meetings of the National Conference of Bar Presidents and the ABA House of Delegates. The message she took away was that bar leaders should bear in mind that bar associations exist to provide services to its members. Please refer to her written report.
- F. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Jasmine Wong reported that the YLD will start planning for the 2023 Mock Trial project. They are looking for attorney volunteers to serve as coaches, especially on the neighbor islands. She also reported that she attended the ABA/YLD meeting in Chicago.
- G. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.
- H. **NEW BUSINESS**
1. **2023 Goal Group Projects Funding Requests** - Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair Piper explained that the concern over loss of members due to retirement/resignation did not materialize in the significant numbers that were initially anticipated for the 2022 year. Therefore, there is not such a concern for the 2023 year, and subsequently, not necessary to reduce project requests. The Goal Group projects budget worksheet (p.17) was presented and projects under each Goal Group were reviewed.
- Action taken:** A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the proposed 2023 budget for the Goal Group projects and events as recommended by the Executive-Finance Committee.

## 2. HSBA Annual Awards

**Action taken:** A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendations of the HSBA Awards Committee to honor the following individuals with HSBA Awards.

- ❖ **Charles F. Fell** - C. Frederick Schutte Award (*for outstanding and meritorious service to the legal community and the profession*)
- ❖ **Chief Judge Richard T. Bissen** (Retired) - Golden Gavel Award (*for outstanding service to the state or federal judiciary*)
- ❖ **Karen Char** - Greeley Key Award for Innovation (*for out-of-the-box legal work that involves promoting new and creative uses of, or approaches to, the law as a positive force in our community or world*)

HSBA President Sheldon presented her selection for the President' Award.

- ❖ **Judge Joseph E. Cardoza** (Retired) - HSBA President's Award (*for extraordinary contributions and lifetime achievement that best exemplify the mission statement of the HSBA*)

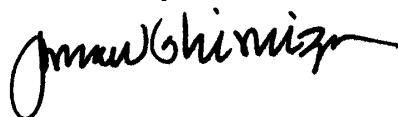
3. Update from The Working Group - Co-Chair of The Working Group Mark K. Murakami referred board members to the Group's written report. He called attention to one of the recommendations that needed board action: that all members of Active status receive both a printed and electronic version of the *Hawaii Bar Journal* unless the member elects not to receive the *Journal*.

**Action taken:** After discussion, a motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of The Working Group to allow members of Active status in Hawaii to receive the *Hawaii Bar Journal* via hard copy and electronically.

## I. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Lanson K. Kupau  
HSBA Secretary