

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
(via Zoom)

Thursday, September 22, 2022

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Shannon Sheldon called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

Officers Present

Shannon Sheldon
Rhonda Griswold
Lanson Kupau
Alika Piper

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Sean Perez
Brian Simon

Directors Present

Steven Chow
Vladimir Devens
Jessica Domingo
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Carol Kitaoka
Jacob Lowenthal
Emiko Meyers
Paul Naso
Mark Valencia
Jasmine Wong

Officers/Directors Absent

Jesse Souki
Jocelyn Chong
William Harrison
Erin Kobayashi
Mark K. Murakami
Zale Okazaki

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made (S. Chow), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2022 board meeting.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper reported on the financial reports for month ending August 31, 2022, noting total dues revenue of \$1.5M, an increase of \$60K over last year. Total expenses year-to-date is about 71% expended at \$1.2M. She also reported on the current mortgage balance at \$491K.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- Bar Convention - Online registration is now available.
 - Judicial Nominations - Circuit Court appointment has been made; awaiting two District Court appointments.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Jasmine Wong reported on the following items:
- YLD Board Election - Slate of candidates for the 2023 YLD Board has been finalized. However, one Oahu Director is needed to fill an anticipated vacancy.
 - 2023 Mock Trial Project - Planning continues.
- F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
1. **Proposal to Reduce Bar Passage Score Requests** - President Sheldon briefly explained the status of this issue and how the Subcommittee came to its recommendation.

Action taken: A motion was made (V. Devens), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Bar Admittees to reiterate the HSBA's position to the Hawaii Supreme Court of keeping the minimum passage rate at 133 and continuing to work with the William S. Richardson School of Law on ideas to better prepare Hawaii law students to pass the Hawaii Bar Exam and to enter the local workforce
- G. **NEW BUSINESS**
2. **Proposed 2023 Disciplinary Board Budget**

Action taken: A motion was made (P. Naso), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the joint HSBA Executive-Finance Committee to send a letter to the Hawaii Supreme Court indicating the HSBA's support of the proposed 2023 budget of the Disciplinary Board. (A. Piper and V. Devens recused themselves from voting.)
 3. **Proposed 2023 Lawyers Fund for Client Protection Budget**

Action taken: A motion was made (S. Chow), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the joint HSBA Executive-Finance

Committee to send a letter to the Hawaii Supreme Court indicating the HSBA's support of the proposed 2023 budget of the Lawyers Fund for Client Protection.

4. **Proposed 2023 Attorney and Judges Assistance Program Budget**

Action taken: A motion was made (P. Naso), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the recommendation of the joint HSBA Executive-Finance Committee to send a letter to the Hawaii Supreme Court indicating the HSBA's support of the proposed 2023 budget of the Attorney and Judges Assistance Program.

5. **2023 HSBA Section Budgets**

Action taken: A motion was made (R. Griswold) and seconded to approve the recommendation of the joint HSBA Executive-Finance Committee to approve the proposed 2023 budgets and dues amounts of the HSBA Sections that have submitted their requests for dues assessments and proposed 2023 expenditure plan. It was noted that 3 Sections have not responded to numerous requests/follow-ups. They have been informed that if no response is received before the attorney renewal portal opens, their Section dues will be set at zero. After discussion, the motion carried without opposition.

6. **Request for Support on U.S. Legislation, Daniel Anderl Judicial Security and Privacy Act of 2021** - President Sheldon stated that the New Jersey State Bar Association President has asked for HSBA to support this U.S. legislation by contacting Hawaii's representatives and urging them to co-sponsor the bill.

Action taken: After discussion, a motion was made (S. Chow), seconded, and carried without opposition to have the Executive Committee review, discuss, and make a recommendation on this issue.

7. **Proposed Amendment to Board Policy Manual: Increase Per Diem Allowance**

Action taken: A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the joint HSBA Executive-Finance Committee approve proposed amendments to the Board Policy Manual that would allow flexibility in determining the out-of-state per diem allowance for non-HSBA meeting expenses by setting per diem amounts annually.

8. **Rename the Ad Hoc Working Group to be known as the Strategic Planning Committee**

Action taken: A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the joint HSBA Executive-Finance Committee to approve the name change of the Ad Hoc Working Group to be known as the Strategic Planning Committee and bring the Committee into compliance with policy regarding its composition.

9. **Appointment/Reappointment to Hawaii State Board of CLE (aka MCLE Board)**

Action taken: A motion was made (A. Piper), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the HSBA Nominating Committee to reappoint the following individuals to the Hawaii State Board of CLE to a 3-year term beginning October 2, 2022: Carol Egan, Jane Kwan, and Mahealani Krafft.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Lanson K. Kupau
HSBA Secretary