

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, November 16, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Rhonda Griswold called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. with a quorum present.

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

Officers Present

Rhonda Griswold
Mark M. Murakami
Lanson Kupau
Alika Piper

Others Present

Amanda Jones
Simeona Mariano
Robert Miyashita

Directors Present

Jocelyn Chong
Steven Chow
Vladimir Devens
Jessica Domingo
Geraldine Hasegawa
Kristin Izumi-Nitao
Ronette Kawakami
Carol Kitaoka
Erin Kobayashi
Jacob Lowenthal
Emiko Meyers
Mark K. Murakami
Paul Naso
Zale Okazaki
Mark Valencia
Lisa Yang

HSBA Staff Present

Lyn Flanigan
Iris Ito
Sean Perez
Brian Simon

Officers & Directors Absent

Jesse Souki

- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – A motion was made (M.M. Murakami), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2023 board meeting.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT – The financials as of October 31st will be reported on at the December board meeting.

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Griswold reported on the following items:

- The Senate Judiciary Committee hearing for the 2 Associate Justice nominees is scheduled for tomorrow, 11/17/2023.
- Moya Gray, the temporary pro bono coordinator hired to determine the legal needs of those impacted by the Maui wildfires, will submit a report to the Board next month including a recommendation to engage someone to develop a comprehensive disaster response plan.

E. YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT – YLD President Lisa Yang reported on the following items:

- A social will be held on November 17th to introduce newly admitted attorneys to the YLD and get them involved in HSBA activities.
- The YLD is busy coordinating with schools and volunteers on the High School Mock Trial project.

***F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Banking Resolution & Signature Cards for 2024 HSBA Officers**

Action taken: A motion was made (S. Chow), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the proposed Banking Resolution which authorizes the 2024 HSBA Officers, the Interim Executive Director, and the Director of Operations (in the absence of the Executive Director) to sign for monetary transactions on behalf of the HSBA.

2. **HSBF Board Vacancies**

Action taken: A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to reappoint/newly appoint the following individuals to the Hawaii State Bar Foundation for a term of 3 years beginning January 1, 2024:

- ◆ Jan Boivin
- ◆ Lance Collins
- ◆ Kimi Ide-Foster
- ◆ W. Keoni Shultz

President Rhonda Griswold and Treasurer Alika Piper recused themselves from voting.

* Item taken out of order.

3. **Request for Funding by the Delivery of Legal Services to the Public Committee**

Action taken: A motion was made (J. Chong), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the request of the HSBA Delivery of Legal Services to the Public Committee for up to \$600 for 2 events planned in December to recognize and thank the volunteers of the Kapolei and Honolulu Access to Justice Rooms. Funding will come from Goal Group 6, Access to Justice Rooms & Self-Help Centers. Secretary Lanson Kupau recused himself from voting.

G. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Executive Director Lyn Flanigan reported that Inkinen is working to finalize the ED job description summary for posting and that the application deadline will be 12/31/2023. She also reported that the Consumer Protection Committee has reported to ODC and the Attorney General's office possible violations by attorneys on Maui wildfire cases.

H. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

4. **Specialty Bar Association** – The Board went into executive session on this item.

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Submitted by:



Lyn Flanigan
Interim Executive Director

Approved by:



Lanson K. Kupau
HSBA Secretary