

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, April 27, 2023

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Rhonda Griswold 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

Rhonda Griswold  
Jesse Souki  
Mark M. Murakami  
Alika Piper

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Sean Perez  
Brian Simon

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  
Mark Valencia  
Lisa Yang

Directors Absent

Lanson Kupau  
Zale Okazaki

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, (M.M. Murakami, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2023 board meeting.

- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper gave an update on the diversification of assets that were deposited into 4 FDIC-covered Hawaii banks. She also delivered the financial reports for months ending March 2023, including YTD revenues of \$1.6M and YTD expenses of \$504K, and the current mortgage balance at \$411K.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- JSC Vacancies and Elections - HSBA staff working with Judiciary staff to coordinate election.
  - Judicial Nominations - Two Supreme Court seats and one Federal Court seat coming up.
  - Legislative Update - It looks good for the Judiciary's budget. The crossover deadline to establish a First Circuit District Court position was missed, so the bill increasing the number of judicial positions did not pass although the funding is in the Judiciary's FY 2023-2024 budget.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Lisa Yang reported that Island School from Kauai won by 1 point in the Mock Trial program. She also reported that Law Week is coming up next and scheduled for May 22-28, 2023. Volunteers are needed.
- F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - None.
- G. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Request by International Law Section for Funding Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association (DITBA)**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (M.M. Murakami), seconded, and carried without opposition to adopt the recommendation of the Executive Committee to contribute \$300 towards a group gift for the Dai-Ichi Tokyo Bar Association during its friendship meeting with the International Law Section on June 2, 2023.

2. **Funding for Seoul Bar Association**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (G. Hasegawa), seconded, and carried without opposition to contribute \$300 towards a group gift for the Seoul Bar Association during its friendship meeting with the International Law Section in late June 2023. A request was made to ask the International Law Section for an itinerary or program of the Seoul Bar Association's visit similar to what was provided for the DITBA visit.

A suggestion was made (J. Souki) to establish guidelines and criteria for determining if membership dues should be spent on a particular group gift or contribution towards a group gift for "sister" bars. Another suggestion was made to put a budgeted item for this purpose in the annual budget.

3. **Proposed New Rule 1.9B of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawaii**

**Action taken:** A motion was made (J. Souki), seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee to post a notice to members informing them of the proposed new Rule and advising that comments be sent directly to the Hawaii Supreme Court.

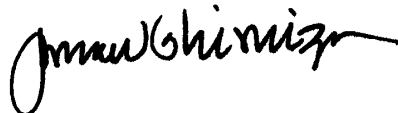
4. **Western States Bar Conference** - President Griswold reported on the useful information she gained from attending this Conference in late March and shared her ideas and plans for applying it to HSBA. She also recommended that the President-elect's attendance to this conference, the Midyear Meeting, and Annual Meeting, be budgeted for future years (in addition to the Bar Leadership Institute which is already budgeted). A suggestion was made (J. Souki) to wholistically consider and then prioritize which conferences leadership and staff should attend to establish which provides the most value to the organization and membership in any given year.

5. **Proposed Data Use Agreement** - The Board went into executive session to discuss this agenda item.

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Jesse Souki  
HSBA President-elect