

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

MW Restaurant  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, July 27, 2023

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Rhonda Griswold called the meeting to order at 11:46 a.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  
Lanson Kupau  
Alika Piper

HSBA Staff Present

Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
Iris Ito  
Sean Perez  
Brian Simon  
Sara Taira

Directors Present

Steven Chow  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Kristin Izumi-Nitao  
Ronette Kawakami  
Erin Kobayashi  
Mark Valencia

Officers & Directors Absent

Jocelyn Chong  
Vladimir Devens  
Jessica Domingo  
Carol Kitaoka  
Jacob Lowenthal  
Emiko Meyers  
Mark K. Murakami  
Paul Naso  
Zale Okazaki  
Lisa Yang

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2023 board meeting.

- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Alika Piper updated the Board on its cash diversification action noting that savings in some accounts will be withdrawn and others rolled over depending on its yield. She also reported that ending June 30, 2023, Year-To-Date dues-related revenue was \$1.5M, and YTD expenses were \$934K. Total liabilities were \$409K.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Executive Director Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- Judicial Vacancies - Circuit and district court appointments will be made soon. Federal court appointments also coming up, likely before Supreme Court appointments.
  - Pau Hana Update - To date, 348 guest passes have been sold. 15 Ilima tables, 3 Ohia tables, 13 Plumeria tables sold.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - None.
- F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **ABA House of Delegates' Resolutions**

The board briefly discussed the pre-unified funds policy and efforts to preserve it by funding travel for HSBA-sponsored delegates to the ABA House of Delegates' meetings through the general funds (i.e. mandatory dues). As a result, these delegates are being asked to refrain from voting on resolutions that do not pass the *Keller* analysis.

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the list of ABA resolutions, identified by the Hawaii ABA members that serve in the ABA House of Delegates and the list identified by the HSBA President, President-elect, and Vice President, that do not pass the HSBA's *Keller*\* analysis, and to inform those delegates of the Board's position.

\* Excerpt 7.2 B of HSBA Board Policy Manual (Keller Policy): HSBA will not use mandatory dues, engage in activities, permit the use of its name in relationship with, or take positions on, political or ideological issues unless the HSBA Board:

1. determines to a reasonable certainty, that the issue is germane to the purposes of the unified bar (“germane” under Keller means “regulating the legal profession: or “improving the quality of legal services available to the people of the State”); and
2. believes that such activities or position taken by the HSBA generally would be supported by its members

- G. **NEW BUSINESS** - Discussed in executive session.

H. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu  
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Lanson K. Kupau  
HSBA Secretary