

MEMORANDUM

TO: HSBA Board of Directors

FROM: HSBA Civic Education Committee
Troy J.H. Andrade, Co-Chair
Ryan M. Hamaguchi, Co-Chair
Ruth K. Oh, Co-Chair

DATE: November 19, 2020

RE: **HSBA Civic Education Committee Annual Report**

On behalf of the HSBA Civic Education Committee (the “Committee”), we submit the following Committee Annual Report. To begin, the Committee would like to thank the HSBA Board and Members for the past and continued support of civic education and the work of the Committee.

I. Committee Background

The Committee’s mission is to “[d]evelop[] and work[] in partnership with other entities such as the Department of Education, Executive Office on Aging, and others, to implement programs that will educate students about citizenship and government.” The Committee is made up of the following members from the bar and community:

Troy J.H. Andrade, Co-Chair	Judge Leslie A. Hayashi (ret.)
Ryan Hamaguchi, Co-Chair	Carol Kitaoka
Ruth K. Oh, Co-Chair	Matt Mattice (King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center)
Sara Ayabe	Michelle Moorhead
Rosanna Fukuda (HIDOE)	Liam Skilling
Daniel Jacobs	

The Committee holds monthly meetings to discuss and plan programs and activities to increase civic education in the community.

II. Brief Recap of 2020 Committee Activities

In 2019, the Board approved a budget of \$8,500 (plus \$15,039.00 in Committee reserve funds) to fund the Committee’s various projects. With this funding, the Committee, in partnership with various community organizations such as, the William S. Richardson School of Law, the State Department of Education, the District Court for the District of Hawai‘i, the State Judiciary, and the King Kamehameha V Judiciary History Center, was able to accomplish a number of important civic oriented projects, including: (1) an observation of Civil Liberties and the Constitution Day, which included a film screening of *Minidoka: An American Concentration Camp* with a discussion by Hanako Wakatsuki, Chief of Interpretation and Education at

Minidoka National Historic Site; (2) a riveting discussion and program with ABC senior correspondent Terry Moran called, “News by Tweet & American Civic Culture in 2020”; (3) a public school calendar contest titled, “Your Vote, Your Voice, Our Democracy”; (4) the creation of a traveling exhibit celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment; (5) a successful two-day Teacher Workshop, titled, “Social Justice & Remote Learning.”

The Teacher Workshop is a program that we are particularly proud to highlight as it will have tremendous impact on students. Indeed, this virtual Teacher Workshop conducted via Zoom offered teachers an immersive experience in law-related education and critical pedagogies. Sessions showcased successful remote teaching methodology that align with the C3 Framework for Social Studies State Standards and Hawai‘i Content and Performance Standards. It incorporated an inquiry-based model to explore law, social justice, race, and policy related to the Hawaiian constitution, federalism, and political processes. Over the course of the Workshop, trainers modeled lessons and instructional strategies that address issues specific to Hawai‘i and demonstrate how to modify the curriculum for remote learning. The session modeled interactive, participatory activities that engage students on social justice and human rights issues. Facilitators also worked with participants to analyze pedagogical approaches and teaching methodologies and discussed curricular connections to the Teaching Tolerance Social Justice Standards. Finally, the sessions challenged participants to bridge theory with practice. Participants were provided with curriculum materials that can be used to implement the course in their physical or virtual classroom.

Given the coronavirus pandemic, some of the programs that we had planned (i.e., Redeploying Injustice, Civic Sense 2020, and Law and Justice Program) were cancelled.

III. Conclusion

The Committee has worked diligently to ensure that programs maximize exposure of the bar association to members of the public and school children. After multiple lengthy discussions and given the financial conditions at this time, the Committee has prioritized our projects moving forward and will maximize the use of technology to provide greater access to and safety for the community.

We would be remiss if we did not also take this opportunity to thank HSBA Executive Director Pat Mau-Shimizu and the HSBA staff for their unyielding support. Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve the bar and please feel free to let us know if you have any questions.