

MINUTES
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000
Honolulu, HI 96813

Friday, August 28, 2015

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

President Gregory Markham called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Gregory Markham
Nadine Ando
Russ Awakuni
Mark M. Murakami

HSBA Staff

Patricia Mau-Shimizu
Iris Ito
Debra White
Christina Bae
Ashley Abordonado
Noil Buscaglia

Directors Present

Brian Black
Cecelia Chang
Steven Chow
Vladimir Devens
Rhonda Griswold
Geraldine Hasegawa
Karin Holma
Carol Kitaoka
Derek Kobayashi
Mei-Fei Kuo
Laurel Loo
Georgia McMillen
Alika Piper
Miriah Holden - YLD President

Board Members Absent

Rebecca Copeland
Mark K. Murakami
Jodi Yi

- B. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2015 Board meeting.
- C. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Mark M. Murakami reported that dues collection is on budget; the property tax expense is slightly under budget; the credit card fee expense is slightly over budget due to an increase in members renewing online; and personnel expenses are under budget.
- D. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Patricia Mau-Shimizu reported on the following items:
- Annual Dinner - preliminary calculations indicate about \$50k in net proceeds.
 - Bar Convention seminars include - Real Property, Family Law, Insurance Coverage Litigation, Appellate, Health, Litigation, and a seminar on succession planning. The Bench-Bar Conference will also be held in the afternoon.
 - Disaster Assistance Recovery Center (DARC) manual and DVD have been distributed to Neighbor Island Directors so that attorneys there may be trained.
- E. **YLD PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - YLD President Miriah Holden reported on the following items:
- The August 25th CLE on "Making the Record Clear" was well attended and well received.
 - On September 5th, attorney volunteers will help homeless teens in Waianae with various legal issues as part of Project Street Youth.
 - Future of the Mock Trial Program - Ms. Holden expressed concern over difficulty finding any YLD member to take over the coordination of the program. She will contact Matt Mattice of the Judiciary History Center.
- F. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none.
- G. **NEW BUSINESS**
1. **2015 HSBA Annual Awards** - HSBA Director Rhonda Griswold, who also serves as the Awards Committee Chair, presented the recommendations of the Awards Committee briefly describing the nominees' extraordinary service either to the profession, to the Judiciary, or to the community.
- Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the Awards Committee to present the following HSBA Awards at the Annual Meeting Luncheon on October 23, 2015:
- **Carol K. Muranaka** - C. Frederick Schutte Award (meritorious service to the legal community and the profession)
 - **Judge Steven S. Alm** - Golden Gavel Award (outstanding service to the Judiciary in Hawaii)
 - **Thomas P. Huber** - Malama Hawaii Award (outstanding non-legal community service that improves the quality of life in Hawaii)

Additionally, President Markham announced his selection of **Jay Fidell** to receive the President's Award in recognition for his outstanding contributions, including his time and effort on the 3D project.

2. **2016 HSBA Budget Telephone System Proposal** - The Executive Director described the dire situation with the current phone system in the HSBA office and the obsolescence of the underlying software which is no longer supported or maintained by Microsoft, hence, the need for a new system. She further explained the process the staff followed in developing the recommendation for the proposed Avaya system.

Action taken: After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to approve the recommendation of the joint Executive/Finance Committee on the purchase of the proposed 2016 telephone system.

H. **INFORMATION**

- Girls Court - Donation of \$10 requested of HSBA Board members to provide dinner for the Girls Court group sessions
- Executive/Finance Committee Meeting on September 15th
- September Board Meeting on Thursday, September 24th
- Bar Convention on Friday, October 23rd - Admiral Harry Harris will be the keynote speaker at the Annual Meeting Luncheon

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

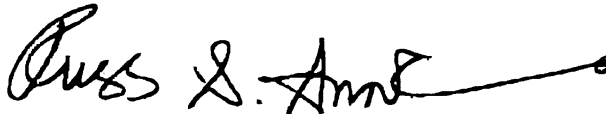
The meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Submitted by:



Patricia Mau-Shimizu
HSBA Executive Director

Approved by:



Russ S. Awakuni
HSBA Secretary