

MINUTES  
HAWAII STATE BAR ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING

1100 Alakea Street, Suite 1000  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Thursday, January 28, 2010

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Hugh Jones called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m. with a quorum present. The following persons were present for all or part of the meeting:

Officers Present

Hugh Jones  
Carol Muranaka  
Louise Ing (by phone)  
Ronette Kawakami  
Craig Wagnild

Others Present

Steven Dixon  
David Forman  
Shannon Imlay  
Shannon Wack

Directors Present

Nadine Ando  
Steven Chow  
Robert Harris  
William Harrison  
Geraldine Hasegawa  
Carol Kitaoka  
Derek Kobayashi  
Christine Kubota  
Gregory Markham  
Gerald Matsunaga  
Calvin Young  
Lisa Nakahara (YLD)

HSBA Staff

Iris Ito  
Debra White

Board Members Absent

Alika Piper  
Kenneth Robbins  
Suzanne Terada

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the December 17<sup>th</sup> board meeting were approved by consensus.
3. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Treasurer Craig Wagnild reported that the bottom line for 2009 was that HSBA was ahead of budget by about \$124k. Taking this into consideration, \$80k is being planned to pay down the improvement loan for the premises. Refer to written financials for more detail.
4. **GUESTS** - a) Attorney and Judges Assistance Program Director Steven Dixon introduced himself and explained what AAP was all about to new board members. He noted that over 700 attorneys in Hawaii are in need of some kind of assistance and AAP tries to get them help before the attorneys hurt their client, their practice, and their family; b) David Forman was present representing the Hawaii Filipino Lawyers Association; c) Shannon Imlay was present representing the Maui County Bar Association.
5. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** - In Lyn Flanigan’s absence, Assistant Executive Director Iris Ito reported that 20-25% of bar members have not yet sent in their annual renewal statement. See agenda for other HSBA activities.
6. **YLD REPORT** - YLD President Lisa Nakahara reported that the YLD Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> at Capitol Place.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Action taken:** By consent the Board approved the following agenda items:

- a. **2010 Committee Chairs** - ratified President Jones’s committee chair appointments (see agenda Exhibit A).
- b. **Proposed Amendments to Board Policy Manual** - approved amendments (see agenda Exhibit B).
- c. **Proposal for new HSBA Awards** - approved creation of two new awards (see agenda Exhibit C). The Awards Committee will be asked to develop criteria for these new awards.
- d. **Proposed Amendment to RSCH Rule 2.7, 2.8, 2.22 regarding mentor confidentiality and immunity** - approved posting proposed amendment (see agenda Exhibit D) on website for members to comment directly to Judiciary.
- e. **HSBA Invitation - Fourth Seminar on Principles of Chinese and American Law** - approved the proposal to participate in this seminar (see agenda Exhibit E).

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. **Reporting Procedures for HSBA Sections** - FYI only (see agenda item 7.a.)
- b. **Proposed Amendments to HRSC Rule 2.20 regarding Trusteeship proceedings** - FYI only (see Agenda Item 7.b.)
- c. **\$20,000 Budget Item under Goal Group 5 for 2010** (see Agenda Item 7.c.) - Delivery of Legal Services to the Public Committee Chair Shannon Wack was present to explain the value the Committee has found in attending the Equal Justice Conference and urged the Board to approve the travel budget for it. A few board members voice their support for Ms. Wack's request. Other board members expressed concern over spending money on travel to a mainland conference in a tight economy.

After further discussion, President Jones suggested that this item be tabled until the February board meeting to allow the DLSP Committee to come back and present projects that will address the issue of providing programs that provide more access to justice. Ms. Wack agreed to do so and also requested that the Executive Committee provide guidance on what the DLSP Committee can/cannot spend HSBA funds on.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### **HSBA Representatives on 2010 Supreme Court Nominating Committee**

**Action taken:** A motion was made, seconded, and carried without opposition to ratify the appointment of the following individuals as HSBA representatives to the Supreme Court Nominating Committee: Ellen Godbey Carson, Jill Hasegawa, Carolyn Yu, and David Pendleton. Director Geraldine Hasegawa abstained from voting.

## \*10. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

President Jones reported on the following upcoming activities at which he would be participating: a) swearing-in ceremony of judicial appointee Edward Nacino; b) senate confirmation hearing of judicial appointee Lawrence Reifurth; c) National Bar Association's Mid-Winter Meeting

\* Item added to agenda.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Iris M. Ito  
HSBA Assistant Executive Director

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronette M. Kawakami". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ronette M. Kawakami  
HSBA Secretary