

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 5, 2015 MEETING**

<p>Date: 5 February 2015 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: The Center 3909 Centre Street San Diego, CA 92103</p>	<p>GENERAL MEETING MINUTES</p>
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I. CALL TO ORDER.

a. Opening Roll Call.

The Board was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Ahrens. The following Directors of the THLA Board were present (members arriving late are reflected in the closing roll call):

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There was quorum.

b. Approval of the Minutes. (Fox)

The prior Minutes were circulated to the Board via email and received some minor amendments. The amended Minutes were adopted without objection.

Ahrens moved to adopt the Minutes as presented to the Board prior to the meeting. Fox seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

There was no special business discussed.

III. REPORTS.

a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Aguilar).

The finance report for the month was presented by Aguilar.

b. CLE Report (Schneeweiss).

The Board moved this matter to next month's meeting.

IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.

There were no interim actions.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

a. THLA Annual Dinner (Fox/Ahrens)

i. Speaker Follow-Up

With Jason Collins selected as the keynote speaker for the 2015 THLA Annual Dinner for Thursday, April 30, 2015, the event will be held at the US Grant. Cocktails will commence at 5:30 pm and Dinner will be at 6:30 pm.

ii. Sponsors Follow-Up (Ahrens)

The Board will send out flyers to potential sponsors including minority bars, law associations, and corporations. The Board is considering assigning to individual Board members a list of companies and people to contact and request that these contacts sponsor the THLA dinner.

iii. Venue and Date

The Annual Dinner THLA will be on Thursday, April 30, 2015. Cocktails will commence at 5:30 pm and Dinner will be at 6:30 pm. The event will be held at the US Grant.

The Board discussed having an MC and also who would swear in the new Board members for THLA. Judge Weathers was suggested as an option to swear in the new Board members.

Ideas for entertainment and potential videos were discussed. Awards were discussed. Freestone will follow-up with Mr. Jubler as a potential award recipient. An email will be sent to the membership requesting nominations. The following is a list of past awards given at the THLA annual dinners: Pioneer Award, Co-Presidents' Award, Friend of the Community Award, and Community Service Award.

iv. Invitation and Donation Envelopes (Bermudez)

Bermudez submitted a proof of the envelopes and invitation. Pricing for the invitations and envelopes were discussed. The prices for these items will be within the \$400 budget. The proofs will be submitted to the speaker's publicist for approval.

After approval, Bermudez will order the invitations and envelopes with a shipment date prior to the next Board meeting. The Board will stud the envelopes at the March Board meeting, or will hold a special working group meeting.

v. Student Scholarship Update (Cekola)

The Committee sent the materials for the scholarship applications to the law schools this week.

vi. Invitation to Elected Officials (Ahrens)

The THLA typically sends invitations to the elected officials giving them the opportunity to purchase tickets to the THLA annual dinner. In

addition to inviting elected officials to the dinner, the Board typically solicits letters of support from elected officials.

b. Victory Fund Champagne Brunch Sponsorship Request (Fox)

- i. Date: March 8, 2015
- ii. Location: Bahia, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA

Should the THLA sponsor the Victory Fund Champagne Brunch?

The Board discussed sponsoring the Victory Fund brunch, which raises money for LGBT candidates. The event will be on Sunday March 8, 2015 for \$200 per ticket and \$2,000 for a table.

There were no motions and the matter was taken of the Agenda.

c. Harvey Milk Breakfast Sponsorship Increase (Fox)

- i. Date/Time: May 21, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.
The event celebrates milestones and successes in the LGBT community.
- ii. Location: Bayfront Hilton
1 Park Boulevard
San Diego, CA 92101

The Board allocated \$600 to buy a table at the event in the past, however the table prices have increased to \$1,000 per table or \$65 per chair in general and unassigned seating.

Huston moved to pay the extra amount and purchase a table for \$1000. Aguilar seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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d. Co-sponsor Request – Legal Secretaries Annual Conference (Ahrens)

The Legal Secretaries Annual Conference has requested that we sponsor their conference between a \$100 to \$1,000 Sponsorship.

There were no motions and the matter was taken off the Agenda.

e. California Bar Foundation - Joint Scholarship Request (Ahrens)

The California Bar Foundation (CBF) will provide a scholarship for a LGBT law student studying for the bar. THLA is requested to sponsor the scholarship and THLA will help in selecting the winner and our name would be mentioned when the scholarship is given and we can mention that we contributed at our annual dinner. The CBF is requesting between \$2000 and \$2,500 for this scholarship from THLA, with the remaining \$2,500 - \$3,000 coming from CBF.

The matter was discussed but no motions were presented and the matter was taken off the Agenda with the intent to revisit the sponsorship in the following year.

f. Co-sponsor Request - Lawyers Club Spring Judicial Reception Honoring International Women of Color in the Law (Ahrens)

- i. Date/Time: March 26, 2015, 5-7p.m.
- ii. Location: Procopio downtown office, 525 B Street, Ste 2200

The Board discussed a request to sponsor the event in name only. Margolis moved that we sponsor the event in name only. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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g. SDLRLA joint Mixer Update (Bermudez)

- i. Date March 10, 2015
- ii. Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
- iii. Location: The W, 421 West B Street, San Diego, CA 92101

The Board discussed THLA’s sponsorship for \$100 to support that event. The Board has already approved this sponsorship.

h. Co-Sponsor Request – SDLRLA Speed Networking Event (Bermudez)

- i. Date/Time: February 25, 2015, 5-7p.m.
- ii. Location: Procopio downtown office, 525 B Street, Ste 2200

The Board discussed a request to sponsor the event in name only. Ahrens moved that we sponsor the event in name only. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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i. **Review THLA Committees (Ahrens)**

The Board seeks to review and reflect the committee structure to streamline processes, encourage non-Board members to participate in achieving Board goals and to increase overall efficiency of the Board.

j. **Newsletter (Aguilar)**

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

k. **Website Updates (Manley).**

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

l. **Board Of Directors Election Update and Dates (Fox)**

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

m. **Annual Membership Drive Update (Fox).**

Fox presented a report on the number of members in THLA and the income the membership has yielded for THLA. All Board members are current on their dues.

n. **CA LGBT Coalition Report (Ahrens)**

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

o. **Bench Bar Coalition Report (Ahrens)**

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no new announcements made.

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

- a. SDLRLA Speed Networking Event
 - i. Date February 25, 2015
 - ii. Time: 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
 - iii. Location: Procopio downtown office, 525 B Street, Ste 2200
- b. Victory Fund Brunch
 - i. Date: March 8, 2015

- ii. Location: Bahia, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA
- c. THLA BOD Election Dates
 - i. Deadline to notify of nominations/intent to run: March 6, 2015
 - ii. Director election // annual membership meeting: April 2, 2015
- d. SDLRLA Joint Mixer (the Amistad)
 - i. Date March 10, 2015
 - ii. Time: 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.
- e. CWSL Spring Diversity Mixer
 - i. Date March 10, 2015
 - ii. Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
 - iii. Location: California Western School of Law, Roy Bell Reading Room
- f. Lawyers Club Spring Judicial Reception Honoring International Women of Color in the Law
 - i. Date: March 26, 2015
 - ii. Time: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
 - iii. Location: Procopio downtown office, 525 B Street, Ste 2200

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

No Miscellaneous items were discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

a. **Closing Roll Call.**

The Board adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The following Board members were present:

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