

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

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| <p>Date: 5 March 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 6:02 p.m. by Fox. 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 amendments. The amended minutes were adopted without objection.

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

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II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

a. Endorsement Request from Roseline Feral.

Roseline Feral is seeking an endorsement for judicial appointment to the San Diego Superior Court. Roseline Feral came before the Board with a request and reasons for the Board to endorse her in her application to be appointed as a judge.

Huston moved to endorse Roseline Feral to be appointed as a California Superior Court Judge. Bermudez seconded the motion. The motion carried by majority vote. Freestone abstained from the vote.

Fox will draft a letter to the Governor on behalf of Ms. Feral.

III. REPORTS.

a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Aguilar).

The finance report was tabled due to time constraints.

b. CLE Report (Schneeweiss).

The CLE report was tabled due to time constraints.

IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.

- a. On February 10, 2015, the Board voted via email to co-sponsor, in name only, the Lawyers Club's Diverse Women's Committee luncheon featuring State Controller, Betty Yee. Ahrens (Nageotte) moved and the motion carried by a majority vote (Fox, Davis, Aguilar, Bermudez, Cekola, Freestone, Manley, Schneeweiss, Bunton, Margolis).
- b. On February 10, 2015, the Board voted via email to sign on to the SCOTUS *amicus* brief in *Obergefell v. Hodges*. Ahrens (Fox) moved and the motion carried by a majority vote (Davis, Aguilar, Bermudez, Cekola, Freestone, Manley, Schneeweiss, Bunton, Margolis).
- c. On February 20, 2015, the Board voted via email to co-sponsor, in name only, the PALSD *Wards Cove* Case Reenactment Program. Bermudez (Freestone) moved

and the motion carried by a majority vote (Davis, Ahrens, Schneeweiss, Nageotte, Huston, Bunton, Manley).

- d. On February 27-28, 2015, the Board voted via email to sign on to the finalized SCOTUS *amicus* brief in *Obergefell v. Hodge*. Ahrens (Fox) moved and the motion carried by a majority vote (Davis, Aguilar, Bermudez, Cekola, Schneeweiss, Margolis, Huston).

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

a. THLA Annual Dinner (Fox/Ahrens)

i. Speaker Follow-Up

1. Speaker travel logistics (Nageotte / Aguilar)

THLA will be arranging for a car service for Mr. Collins to and from Los Angeles.

The Board discussed the traditional gift to the speaker for being willing to speak to the organization. Board members will follow-up on possible gift items.

2. Overnight stays (Nageotte / Aguilar)

There will be two rooms set aside for Mr. Collins and his aunt (who will be introducing him). If a room is not used, THLA will see if the US Grant will present it as an auction item.

ii. Sponsors Follow-Up (Ahrens)

1. Update from board members. The Board reviewed the sponsors already committed to the annual dinner.
2. Assignment of outstanding sponsors. The Board assigned sponsors to Board members who had contacts with the entity.

iii. Venue and Date (Aguilar)

The Annual Dinner 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.

iv. Invitation and Donation Envelopes (Bermudez)

1. The Board prepared the dinner invitations for mailing.

v. Student Scholarship Update (Davis)

The Committee has sent the materials for the scholarship applications to the law schools and also sent out a reminder notice. Davis will also reach out to the law school career services or financial aid departments to reach more potential students.

vi. Invitation to Elected Officials (Ahrens)

THLA typically sends invitations to the elected officials giving them the opportunity to purchase tickets to the THLA annual dinner. This year the Board will likewise be mailing out an updated list to the local elected officials.

vii. Annual Awards (Fox)

The Board discussed the 2015 awards for the annual dinner. The Board solicited potential awards, including friend of the community and/or pioneer award for Eric Julber. A community service award was suggested for Fernando Lopez.

Ahrens moved to award Fernando Lopez the Community Leader Award. Schneeweiss seconded the motion. After Board discussion, the motion carried by a six to five vote, as follows:

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Members voting nay did so on grounds of prematurity of the award vote, not on substance of the nomination.

viii. **Additional April Board Meeting (Fox)**

The Board determined that an additional Board meeting in April prior to the annual dinner would not be necessary at this time. A special meeting may be called if needed.

b. **Legal Resource Clinic Update (Ahrens)**

- i. Date/Time: Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- ii. Location: Pride, 3620 30th Street, San Diego, CA 92104
- iii. Volunteers: Ahrens, Kaftal, Javier, Zanolli, Margolis, Aguilar, and Fox

Fox will reach out to law schools of student volunteers for the intake process.

c. **Board Of Directors Election Update And Dates (Fox)**

The deadline for nominations for the 2015/2016 Board is March 6, 2015. Fox will send out a final list of candidates to the membership when the nomination period closes.

d. **Website Updates (Manley).**

The website is almost complete and will undergo testing and final revisions soon. Registration for the annual dinner will be up and running once testing is complete.

e. **Committee Structure (Fox/Ahrens)**

The Board circulated six potential key committees to the Board Members along with mission statements to encourage involvement and leadership opportunities to THLA members not currently on the Board.

f. **Volunteer Project with FALSD – Urban Street Angels (Fox/Manley)**

FALSD (Filipino American Lawyers of San Diego) has a volunteer project in connection with Urban Street Angels that they are seeking our help in volunteering and assisting in a proposed project.

g. **Co-Sponsorship Request (Name-only): ERDC Spring Mixer (Ahrens)**

- i. Date: April 23, 2015
- ii. Location: Higgs, Fletcher and Mack, 401 West A Street, Ste. 2600
- iii. Cost: Free to co-sponsoring organizations

Ethnic Relations & Diversity Committee is seeking the THLA to sponsor their upcoming spring mixer in name only.

Margolis moved to co-sponsor in name only the ERDC Spring Mixer. Freestone seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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h. Newsletter (Aguilar)

This matter was tabled until the next meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a. Michael Manley will not seek election to the 2015 Board so he can further pursue his work with Urban Street Angels. The Board thanks Manley for his hard work.
- b. The Board will seek to fill two vacant seats for the 2015/2016 year.

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES.

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

- a. Victory Fund Brunch
 - i. Date: March 8, 2015

- ii. Location: Bahia, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA
- b. 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
- c. SDLRLA Joint Mixer (the Amistad)
 - 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
- d. 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
- e. Lawyers Club Diversity Committee Luncheon Featuring State Controller Betty Yee. The topic will be, "Ascending in Leadership:
 - i. Date March 19, 2015
 - ii. Time: 12:00 -
 - iii. Location: U.S. Grant Hotel
- f. PALSD- Wards Cove Case Re-enactment
 - i. Date March 25, 2015
 - ii. Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
 - iii. Location: U.S. District Court, 333 West Broadway, San Diego, CA 92101
- g. THLA Legal Resource Clinic
 - i. Date March 24, 2015
 - ii. Time: 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
 - iii. Location: Pride Offices
- h. Lawyers Club Spring Judicial Reception in Honor of IWOC
 - i. Date March 26, 2015
 - ii. Time: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
 - iii. Location: Procopio, 525 B Street, Ste 2200, Sand Diego, CA 92101
- i. ERDC Spring Mixer
 - i. Date: April 23, 2015
 - ii. Location: Higgs, Fletcher and Mack, 401 West A Street, Ste. 2600

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

No Miscellaneous items were discussed

X. ADJOURNMENT.

a. **Closing Roll Call.**

The Board adjourned at 7:36 p.m. The following Board members were present:

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