

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
TOM HOMANN LAW ASSOCIATION

A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

October 2, 2000

The regular meeting of the Tom Homann Law Association was called to order on Monday, October 2, 2000, at 5:40 p.m. in the conference room of the second floor of the California Western School of Law Annex, located at the corner of Third and Cedar Streets, San Diego, California. Co-Presidents Bill Hargreaves and Linda Cory Allen chaired the meeting.

The following Board Members were present in addition to Co-Presidents William Hargreaves and Linda Cory Allen: Rebecca Jones, Jeff Orr, Darin Wessel and Bradley Youngston.

The minutes were recorded by Secretary Darin Wessel.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. A quorum of the board members was not present. Accordingly, no votes were taken, but the following items of business were discussed among the members present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES.

Tabled.

III. CO-PRESIDENTS' REPORTS.

Linda Cory Allen - see correspondence.

Bill Hargreaves - The Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association's annual dinner is on November 11, 2000. We would like to try and get a table or arrange something similar.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE.

E-mail message from the Center was received regarding the establishment of a trust fund and potential pro bono support in setting up the trust fund..

E-mail message from M.E. Stephens — the Center is considering THLA for an award at their annual Gala dinner event.

October 19-24 is the Lavender Law Conference in Washington D.C.

California Western School of Law is seeking adjunct professors.

V. **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

No report.

VI. **SECRETARY'S REPORT.**

Minutes for September Board of Directors meeting were completed and e-mailed to the Board.

Whereupon a portion of agenda item XIV, Ongoing Business: Introduction of SDCBA Board Candidates was taken out of order.

A discussion was held regarding how to best have the Board decide whether additional SDCBA Board Candidates should be endorsed, and if so, which of the remaining candidates should be endorsed. It was decided among the members present that an e-mail vote would be taken and tallied by Co-president Bill Hargreaves.

VII. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT.**

No report.

VIII. **PUBLICITY REPORT.**

No report.

IX. **SOCIAL REPORT.**

No report.

X. **AMICUS REPORT.**

No report.

XI. **GENERAL MEETINGS.**

- A. The National Lawyers Guild has requested that THLA co-sponsor an MCLE seminar.
- B. The November seminar on Family Law may actually occur in December. Bill has the speakers lined up, the question is the date. IRRC will co-sponsor the seminar, "How to represent GBTL persons in Family Court."

Whereupon the remaining portion of agenda item XIV, Ongoing Business: Introduction of SDCBA Board Candidates was taken out of order.

Andrew Albert: A partner in Albert & Wohlfiel. His primary motivation in running is the under-representation of consumer attorney's on the SDCBA Board of Directors. He has been the chair of the Education Committee of the Consumer Attorneys of San Diego. He admitted that he has not been involved in "gender related" issues. He believes that people need education on how

to deal with "gay, lesbian and cross-gendered issues." Whereupon a question was posed on how he might address potentially divisive GLBT issues and the purview rule. As a parent, he wonders how to do the right thing. "It's a difficult question," e.g. same sex parenting — he doesn't feel qualified to answer at this time — he would think they should be treated the same but would want more information.

Ken Brooks: He works at the DA's office and as a judge pro tem in the small claims court. In his position as a small claims court judge pro tem, he cannot make public statements on issues that might come before him. As to the purview issue, he would speak out. He believes that people are entitled to access in the process — beliefs derived from years as a Peace Corps lawyer.

Sam Judd: He is active in the SDCBA's Ethics Committee. He participates in the SDCBA ethics hotline approximately two times per month. He is also involved in several SDCBA social subcommittees. He stated that will vote for items are designed to eliminate prejudice and thinks that the SDCBA should have backed a bill for same sex marriages.

Whereupon the balance of agenda item XI, General Meetings, was discussed.

Tedd Roberts reported that the Student Reception turned out well. It appears that THLA made good contacts with the law firms that attended. It may be a good idea to add those law firms to the THLA mailing list.

Whereupon agenda item XV, Old Business (Annual Dinner), was discussed.

^{Brad Youngston}
~~Tedd Roberts~~ reported that the last meeting of the Annual Dinner committee was very productive. Assignments were made regarding speaker selection.

XII. NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT.

There was no newsletter last month and the Editor gave her sincerest apologies. She doesn't think that she can continue in the position and suggested that THLA go to bi-monthly newsletters with fliers between months to publicize events.

ADJOURNMENT.

Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Dated: _____, 2000

DARIN L. WESSEL
Secretary