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

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February 1, 2001

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tom Homann Law Association was called to order on Thursday, February 1, 2001, at 5:45 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-President Linda Cory Allen chaired the meeting.

The following Board Members were present in addition to Co-President Linda Cory Allen: Secretary Darin Wessel, and Board Members Jerry Davis, Lauri J. Stock, and Bradley Youngston. Co-president Bill Hargreaves, Treasurer Leigh Kretzschmar and Board Members Andrea Kimball, Ted Roberts and Theresa Talplacido were absent.

The minutes were recorded by Secretary Darin Wessel.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.**

Upon reviewing the Articles and Bylaws of the Tom Homann Law Association and determining that the present five members of the current total of 10 sitting members of the Board constituted a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES.**

Upon motion duly made by Lauri J. Stock and seconded by Jerry Davis, the Agenda and the Minutes of the January 2, 2001 board meeting, as corrected, were approved by unanimous vote of the Board. Approval of the November, 2000, minutes was tabled.

III. **CO-PRESIDENTS' REPORTS.**

Bill Hargreaves - no report.

Linda Cory Allen - see discussion under correspondence.

IV. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

Correspondence was received from the San Diego County Bar Association's Legislation Committee's reorganization of its structure. Additional correspondence (attached to the original minutes) was received from the ABA, the Law Library Justice Foundation, and the National Association of Women Lawyers regarding upcoming seminars.

Whereupon Lauri J. Stock inquired of the Board whether we pass event information received from other organizations on to the Newsletter Editor for inclusion in the newsletter. A discussion was held and it was determined that while there is no established protocol, the information is generally forwarded for publication in the newsletter when the information is received timely and there is sufficient time between newsletter publication and the event.

The discussion then turned to an e-mail message received from former Board Member and current member of the Amicus Committee, Robert Lynn, regarding the "Safe Schools Coalition" which is being formed by GLSSN and PFlag to help coordinate the delivery of efforts to obtain fair and equal treatment for the GLBT student community. GLSSN and PFlag have asked THLA to be a part of the coalition.

Upon motion duly made by Darin Wessel, seconded by Bradley Youngston, and upon unanimous vote of the Board, THLA will join the Safe Schools Coalition (which may ultimately have a different name) as a part of THLA's Student Protection Project and Robert Lynn is authorized to act as the THLA representative to this coalition organization.

A request by California Western School of Law's McGill Center for Creative Problem Solving to co-sponsor a May 1, 2001 Law Day program was received. This item was tabled to allow Co-president Linda Cory Allen to obtain additional information regarding the event and what obligations/responsibilities would be entailed in co-sponsorship. Co-president Linda Cory Allen agreed to also transmit the program information to Ted Roberts for inclusion in the THLA Newsletter.

22. **TREASURER'S REPORT.**
No report.

VI. **SECRETARY'S REPORT.**
Minutes for the January, 2001 Board of Directors meeting were completed. Preparation of the November, 2000, minutes remains outstanding.

VII. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT.**
No report.

VIII. **PUBLICITY REPORT.**
No report.

IX. **SOCIAL REPORT/ANNUAL DINNER: AWARD RECIPIENTS.**
Annual Dinner Committee Chair Jerry Davis reported that **HE NEEDS HELP!!!!** There are still a number of key tasks that need to be done and the dinner is fast approaching. Of particular concern are the invitations and someone to handle the RSVP's (e.g. collecting them, noting who has paid, who has not paid, and seating arrangements).

The Co-presidents should make personal calls to the Presidents of the San Diego County Bar Association and the various minority and specialty bar associations inviting them to attend the dinner.

Where upon the discussion diverted to the recent death of the Honorable Earl B. Gilliam. Upon unanimous consensus of the Board, THLA will send a letter of condolence regarding the passing of Judge Gilliam.

The discussion returned to the annual dinner. It was decided that Jerry Davis will identify assignments that need to be accomplished and e-mail that list of assignments to the Board.

24. **AMICUS REPORT.**

Amicus Committee Chair, Darin Wessel, reported that there will likely be a meeting of the committee in February to discuss the status of the Boy Scout case and other potential future projects.

11. **GENERAL MEETINGS.**

- A. March - Representing the GLBT Client in family law matters. Bill Hargreaves has the speakers lined up. He will get the date scheduled.
- B. June - A discussion was held regarding this seminar, the topic and who would coordinate the seminar. Upon reviewing the Minutes of the 2000 Board Retreat, it was decided that the June seminar would be on Estate Planning. Darin Wessel volunteered to arrange for this seminar.

12. **NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S REPORT.**

No Report.

13. **KUDOS.**

Co-president Linda Cory Allen gave kudos to Jerry Davis for hanging in there with the Annual Dinner preparations. The kudos were unanimous among the Board.

14. **NEW BUSINESS.**

Nomination of M.E. Stephens for the SDCBA's annual awards. This nomination was submitted by Co-president Bill Hargreaves.

XV. **OLD BUSINESS.**

- A. ABA Pursuit of Justice 5k Run. - see correspondence.
- B. New Board Members - a brief discussion was held, Brian Murphy was added to the list of potential new board members, and the matter tabled until next month.
- C. NGL Conference - The NGL has asked THLA to Co-sponsor this event without charge.

Whereupon a discussion was held regarding THLA's co-sponsorship of events and approval of same. Upon motion duly made and seconded, and upon unanimous approval of the Board, the Co-presidents are authorized to okay THLA's co-sponsorship of events where there would be no cost to THLA. Events that would require a monetary commitment by or costs to THLA will still require approval of the Board.

Whereupon Co-president asked the members of the board to get names for nominees for this year's THLA awards.

ADJOURNMENT.

Whereupon on motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Dated: _____, 2001

DARIN L. WESSEL
Secretary