

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 13 June 2013 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: The Center	GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER.

- a. Opening Roll Call.
 - i. The Board was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
 - ii. Directors present: Fox, Visconti, Bressler, Freestone, Gonzalez, Huston, Manley, Nageotte. Quorum present.
- b. Approval of the Minutes.
 - i. There were no Minutes to approve.

II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

- a. Marvin Mizell (seeking Board endorsement).
 - i. Mr. Mizell spoke to the Board seeking a letter of endorsement for judicial appointment to the San Diego Superior Court. Prior endorsement – SDCBA, prior judgeship application.
 - ii. Manley (Huston) moved to endorse Mr. Mizell. Motion carried. Visconti to prepare endorsement letter.

III. REPORTS.

- a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Nageotte).
 - i. Report was tabled to Agenda IV(a).
- b. CLE Report.
 - i. No report.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- a. Brief update on Annual Dinner Final Numbers / Revenue (Nageotte).
 - i. No total net revenue at this time because checks are still arriving.
 - ii. Gross revenue is approximately \$30,700.
 - iii. There were 272 attendees at the dinner.
- b. Brief Board feedback on dinner logistics / video.
 - i. Individual ticket holders did not know where to sit.
 - 1. Consider more individual tables that are clearly marked, or assign individuals to empty sponsored tables.
 - ii. Pre-dinner reception area was too small, crowded, and warm.
 - iii. Need for more bars during pre-dinner reception.

1. Two was not enough.
2. US Grant was supposed to have three bars.
- iv. Drink prices were expensive.
- v. Consider potential sponsorship for wine at dinner.
 1. Will still need to meet bar minimum in contract.
- vi. Video presentation was good, but consider further expansion with more interviewees.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Expense Approval: THLA Notecards (Visconti).
 - i. Visconti indicated a need for notecards with THLA logo.
 - ii. Manley (Bressler) moved to approve expense. Motion carried.
- b. Board Vacancies (Visconti / Bressler).
 - i. Board has one current vacancy. Bressler reached out to some potential candidates, but most are busy. Bressler and Gonzalez will continue to search for potential Directors.
- c. Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Mixer – date TBD (Visconti).
 - i. Board will try to schedule a mixer event for August with CASD.
- d. THLA Table Covers (Manley).
 - i. Manley received a quote for tablecloths with THLA logo. Manley expressed a need for tablecloths because current THLA banner does not work well for table events.
 - ii. Range \$290 - \$370 per tablecloth.
 - iii. Bressler (Freestone) moved to approve expense of two tablecloths, one on white background and the other on maroon background. Motion carried.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a. Archival Project / Centralized Information (Fox).
 - i. Fox reported that over the summer he and Nageotte would be working to archive and digitize THLA files, including posting more documents and photographs to the website. The goal is to centralize information to preserve institutional memory. Directors with documents, contacts, or other information should forward them to Fox.
- b. Open City Commissions / Ethics Commission (Fox).*
 - i. Fox reported that various San Diego Commissions will have upcoming vacancies, including four vacancies on the Ethics Commission. THLA members interested in applying for appointment can find applications and information on the San Diego City Clerk's website. THLA and/or the Victory Fund may be potential avenues for endorsement.
- c. San Diego County Bar Association: 2014 Board of Directors.*
 - i. Nominations for the 2014 Board of Directors are now open and accepted through August 1, 2013. There are four at-large positions, and one regional position for the East County Division.
 - ii. Any active California attorney in good standing for the last three of four years can self-nominate.

* Announcement scheduled for distribution to membership.

- iii. “How to Run for the Board” informational session to be held on July 2, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Bar Center (401 “A” Street, Suite 1100). RSVP at emiller@sdcb.org.
- d. Lambda Archives Event Recap – June 12, 2013 (Fox).
 - i. THLA sent out event information to membership. Event was to promote awareness of LGBT history specific to San Diego. Event was held at the Diversionsary Theatre.
- e. Marriage Equality CLE Recap (Visconti / Schneeweiss).
 - i. Barbara Cox (California Western School of Law) and Matt Stephens gave a presentation on the pending cases related to the Defense of Marriage Act and California’s Prop. 8, including possible outcomes.
 - ii. THLA was a co-sponsor of the event.
- f. Board discussed potential happy hour for THLA members if favorable decisions come from the U.S. Supreme Court.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Scheduling of Next Board Meeting.
 - i. Next Board meeting scheduled for July 10, 2013. This conflicts with a Lambda Legal fundraiser that members of the Board will likely attend.
 - ii. July 10, 2013 Board meeting is cancelled.*
 - iii. In lieu of the monthly Board meeting will be the THLA Summer BBQ on July 27, 2013. Visconti will coordinate details.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT.

- a. Closing Roll Call.
 - i. The Board adjourned at 7:01 p.m.
 - ii. Directors present: Fox, Visconti, Bressler, Freestone, Gonzalez, Huston, Manley, Nageotte.

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