

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

Date: 1 August 2013 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: The Center	<b>GENERAL MEETING MINUTES</b>
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**I. CALL TO ORDER.**

- a. Opening Roll Call.
  - i. The Board was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Present were Fox, Visconti, Nageotte, Freestone, Manley, Hansen, Schneeweiss, Margolis, and Huston. Quorum was present.
- b. Approval of the Minutes.
  - i. Without objection, the Minutes of the June 13, 2013 Board Meeting were approved by consent.

**II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.**

- a. Welcome Nicole Martinez.
  - i. Tabled until next Board meeting.
- b. Mattheus E. Stephens (seeking Board endorsement for judicial appointment).\*
  - i. Matt Stephens spoke with the Board regarding the Board's endorsement for judicial appointment.
  - ii. Margolis (Huston) moved to endorse. The Motion carried, and the Board endorsed Matt Stephens. Visconti will notify the candidate and prepare the endorsement letter.
- c. Andy Cook (seeking Board endorsement for SDCBA Board).\*
  - i. Andy Cook spoke with the Board regarding the Board's endorsement for the San Diego County Bar Association's Board of Directors.
  - ii. The Board tabled consideration of the endorsement request.
  - iii. Freestone was not present during the consideration of the endorsement.
- d. Kristin Rizzo (seeking Board endorsement for SDCBA Board).\*
  - i. Kristin Rizzo spoke with the Board regarding the Board's endorsement for the San Diego County Bar Association's Board of Directors.
  - ii. The Board tabled consideration of the endorsement request.
  - iii. Freestone was not present during the consideration of the endorsement.
- e. Lilys McCoy (seeking Board endorsement for SDCBA Board).\*
  - i. Lilys McCoy spoke with the Board regarding the Board's endorsement for the San Diego County Bar Association's Board of Directors.
  - ii. The Board tabled consideration of the endorsement request.
  - iii. Freestone was not present during the consideration of the endorsement.

\* Announcement scheduled for distribution to membership.

- f. Ariel A. Javier (seeking Board endorsement for SDCBA Board).\*
  - i. Ariel Javier spoke with the Board regarding the Board's endorsement for the San Diego County Bar Association's Board of Directors.
  - ii. The Board tabled consideration of the endorsement request.
  - iii. Freestone was not present during the consideration of the endorsement.
- g. Commissioner Cindy Davis (seeking Board endorsement for judicial appointment).\*
  - i. Commissioner Cindy Davis spoke with the Board regarding the Board's endorsement for judicial appointment.
  - ii. Margolis (Manley) moved to endorse. The Motion carried, and the Board endorsed Commissioner Cindy Davis. Visconti will notify the candidate and prepare the endorsement letter.
- h. Loren Freestone (seeking Board endorsement for SDCBA Board).\*
  - i. Loren Freestone spoke with the Board regarding the Board's endorsement for the San Diego County Bar Association's Board of Directors.
  - ii. The Board tabled consideration of the endorsement request.
  - iii. Freestone was not present during the consideration of the endorsement.

### **III. REPORTS.**

- a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Nageotte).
  - i. Nageotte reported that the checking account had \$25,125.00. The savings account had \$1,900.00.
- b. CLE Report.
  - i. Schneeweiss suggested a CLE program based on amended tax filings given the recent court rulings involving California's Proposition 8.

### **IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- a. None.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. THLA Fall Barbeque (Visconti / Bunton).\*
  - i. Original proposed date of September 14 conflicts with Yom Kippur. Visconti will follow-up with Bunton to confirm another date.
- b. Law School Pride Outreach (Fox).
  - i. THLA will send representatives to pride groups at local law schools to inform them about THLA, its mission, and student involvement.
  - ii. Gonzalez will meet with Thomas Jefferson School of Law.
  - iii. Schneeweiss and Manley will meet with California Western School of Law and the University of San Diego School of Law.
- c. Student Welcome Back Mixer (Visconti / Schneeweiss).\*
  - i. Schneeweiss will host the mixer.
  - ii. Tentative date scheduled for mid-October. Schneeweiss, Fox, and Visconti will coordinate.
- d. The Center's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala and Table Sponsorship (Visconti).
  - i. The Center has requested THLA be a \$2,500 sponsor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala.

- ii. Gala will be held on October 19, 2013.
  - iii. The Board will follow-up to see about other levels of sponsorship.
- e. Amicus Brief Request: *Sevcik v. Sandoval* (NV) and *Jackson v. Abercrombie* (HI) (Visconti).
  - i. THLA has been asked to sign on to two amicus briefs challenging state court bans on same-sex marriage. The briefs will be similar to the arguments in the amicus brief in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*.
  - ii. Margolis (Gonzalez) moved to sign on to the amicus briefs. The Motion carried by voice vote. Visconti will prepare the engagement letter.
- f. Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Mixer – date TBD (Visconti).\*
  - i. No new updates. Event date and location still pending.
- g. 2014 Annual Dinner (Fox).
  - i. Potential Speakers.
    1. California Governor Brown.
    2. California Attorney General Kamala Harris.
    3. Board members should think of other prospective speakers so that planning can begin now.
  - ii. Flyer for Sponsors.
    1. Visconti has prepared a flyer to distribute to potential sponsors. Flyer contains information on sponsorship levels, past speakers, and past sponsors.
    2. Goal is to distribute flyer soon so that potential sponsors can include sponsorship prices in their budgeting processes.
  - iii. Dinner Cost.
    1. Board recommended to keep sponsorship prices the same for the 2014 annual dinner, pending securing a venue.
- h. Update on Checking Account Signatories (Fox).
  - i. New signatories on the THLA checking account are Fox, Visconti, and Nageotte.
  - ii. Bunton and Megan Zellmer (former Board member) have been removed.
- i. Dialogue on Diversity (Fox).\*
  - i. THLA is co-sponsoring the event.
  - ii. Event will be held on September 12, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Bar Center.
- j. SDCBA Law Student Reception (Fox).\*
  - i. Event will be held on September 26, 2013 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
  - ii. THLA will secure a table.
  - iii. Board will need to provide volunteers to be at the table for the event. Visconti and Fox will be out of town.
- k. Update on Federal Magistrate Judges Association Panel on Diversity (Fox).
  - i. Fox and Visconti attended the presentation, which provided statistics on diversity in the federal judiciary.
  - ii. Magistrate Judge Major was thankful for THLA’s co-sponsorship of the program.
- l. DOMA / Prop. 8 Presentation with SDCBA (Visconti).\*
  - i. THLA is co-sponsoring the event with other organizations.

- ii. Event will be on September 17, 2013. Time is to be determined.
- m. *Lawyer Magazine* Article (Visconti).
  - i. THLA has been invited to write a piece for *Lawyer Magazine*. Visconti is coordinating with Judge Rosenstein and others to draft the article.
- n. THLA Credit Card (Hansen).
  - i. Hansen proposed that THLA should look into getting a credit card to make THLA-related purchases easier, including the annual dinner.
  - ii. The Board was receptive to the idea.
  - iii. Hansen will conduct further research and provide proposals to the Board for consideration.

#### **VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- a. SDCBA Bench / Bar and I Love a Clean San Diego Shoreline Clean-Up (Fox).\*
  - i. Event is August 24, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. at Playa Pacifica Beach.
  - ii. THLA is a co-sponsor of the event.
- b. Open City Commissions / Ethics Commission (Fox).\*
  - i. Several City Commissions, including the Ethics Commission, have upcoming vacancies.
  - ii. Interested applicants can see Commission-related information, as well as application, online at the City Clerk's website.
- c. SDCBA Elections (Fox).\*
  - i. Elections will commence on October 15, 2013.

#### **VII. MISCELLANEOUS.**

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT.**

- a. Closing Roll Call.
  - i. The Board adjourned at 8:03 p.m.
  - ii. Present were Fox, Visconti, Nageotte, Freestone, Manley, Hansen, Schneeweiss, Margolis, and Huston.

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