

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

Date: 29 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 6:07 p.m. Present were Fox, Visconti, Nageotte, Freestone, Bressler, Bunton, Hansen, Gonzalez, Huston, Schneeweiss, and Margolis. Quorum was present.
- b. Approval of the Minutes.
  - i. Without objection, the Minutes from the August 1, 2013 meeting of the Board were approved.

**II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.**

- a. Lizzette Herrera Castellanos (seeking Board endorsement for SDCBA Board).
  - i. Lizzette Herrera Castellanos made a presentation to the Board regarding her candidacy for the SDCBA Board of Directors. Directors asked questions of Ms. Castellanos.

**III. REPORTS.**

- a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Nageotte).
  - i. Nageotte reported that THLA has approximately \$26,458 in its accounts.
  - ii. Nageotte and Hansen are investigating a debit card for use in THLA expenses. A credit card is unlikely given requirements for non-profit organizations to obtain one.
- b. CLE Report.
  - i. There was nothing to report.

**IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.**

- a. There were no interim actions taken by the Board or Co-Presidents.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- a. Consideration of SDCBA Candidate Endorsements.
  - i. The Board moved into closed session. The Board considered the following candidates for endorsement for the SDCBA Board of Directors: Andy Cook; Kristin Rizzo; Lilys McCoy; Ariel A. Javier; Loren Freestone; and Lizzette Herrera Castellanos.

- ii. The Board endorsed the following candidates for the SDCBA Board of Directors: Loren Freestone, Andy Cook, Lilys McCoy, and Lizzette Herrera Castellanos.
- iii. An email announcing endorsed candidates will be sent to the membership. The email will also include a statement of support for those candidates not officially endorsed because the Board believed all candidates would support LGBT equality.
- iv. Freestone was not present for consideration of endorsements.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS.**

- a. Introductions.
  - i. Nicole Saperstein. Ms. Saperstein works at the Federal Defender's office. She is interested in joining the Board.
  - ii. Kevin Davis. Mr. Davis works at Procopio and is interested in becoming more involved with THLA, including potential involvement on the Board.
- b. THLA Fall Barbeque (Visconti / Bunton).\*
  - i. The Fall BBQ will be held at Tom Bunton's house on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Time TBD. Bunton's address will be sent out via email later in the month.
  - ii. The Board verified that it had previously approved a \$300 budget for the event.
  - iii. Fox will solicit volunteers to help with purchasing supplies and set-up.
- c. Law School Pride Outreach Update (Fox).
  - i. Schneeweiss and Manley are reaching out to Cal Western School of Law and the University of San Diego School of Law.
  - ii. Bressler will reach out to Thomas Jefferson School of Law.
- d. Student Welcome Back Mixer (Visconti / Schneeweiss).\*
  - i. The mixer will be held on October 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Schneeweiss will host the event. Announcements, including the address for the event, will be sent out later.
  - ii. The Board's October 3, 2013 meeting will be moved to Schneeweiss's residence.
- e. The Center's 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala and Table Sponsorship (Visconti).
  - i. The Center has requested that THLA sponsor a table at the annual gala.
  - ii. Visconti will find out whether THLA can make a donation to The Center in exchange for advertising in the evening's program.
  - iii. The Board voted to approve up to \$1,100 for use in subsidizing ticket costs and/or advertising for the event.
- f. Consumer Attorneys of San Diego Mixer Update (Visconti).
  - i. The mixer was well attended and provided a good mixer of THLA members and CASD members.
- g. Dialogue on Diversity (Fox).\*
  - i. Dialogue on Diversity is scheduled for September 12, 2013 at the Bar Center.
  - ii. The topic of this year's presentation is "Religion in the Practice of Law."
- h. SDCBA Law Student Reception (Fox).\*

- i. The annual law student reception is scheduled for September 26, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Bar Center.
  - ii. Freestone will coordinate volunteer efforts for staffing THLA’s table.
- i. DOMA / Prop. 8 Presentation with SDCBA (Visconti).\*
  - i. THLA will be co-sponsoring an event with the SDCBA on the U.S. Supreme Court’s recent decision regarding the Defense of Marriage Act, and how that decision impacts clients.
  - ii. Topics will address a general overview of DOMA and the Supreme Court’s decision, and implications of the decision for taxation, estate planning, employment law, and immigration.
  - iii. The program will be held on September 17, 2013.
  - iv. Three hours of CLE credit will be offered. The cost to attend is \$80.00.
- j. Women of Color in Law Luncheon (Fox).\*
  - i. The Women of Color in Law Luncheon will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Estancia La Jolla Hotel & Spa.
  - ii. Cost for the dinner is \$30.00. Children are welcome to attend, and a child’s plate is \$16.00.
  - iii. Attendees must RSVP by Thursday, September 12, 2013 to [womenofcolorinlaw@gmail.com](mailto:womenofcolorinlaw@gmail.com).
- k. Lawyers Club Luncheon and Judicial Appointments (Fox).\*
  - i. This event has been cancelled.
- l. California Bar Foundation Sponsorship Request (Fox).
  - i. The California Bar Foundation requested a \$500 sponsorship from THLA to their annual scholarship fund and awards reception, which will take place on September 26, 2013.
  - ii. The Board considered the matter, and believed that it would be more appropriate to stay with THLA’s local scholarships.
  - iii. The Board voted not to sponsor the California Bar Foundation’s scholarship program this year.
- m. *Lawyer Magazine* Article (Visconti).
  - i. Visconti has been working on a brief article for publication in *Lawyer Magazine*.
- n. THLA Credit Card (Hansen).
  - i. Hansen and Nageotte indicated that the THLA credit card would be hard to obtain given the requirements for non-profits to obtain one. A debit card linked to THLA’s checking account is a more feasible option.
- o. Proposed Resolution on Law Firms With Offices in Russia (Fox).
  - i. Fox noted that a THLA member suggested a THLA resolution urging law firms with offices in Russia to help protect LGBT employees in Russia.
  - ii. Fox will prepare more formal language for the Board’s consideration.
- p. 2014 Annual Dinner (Fox).
  - i. Potential Speakers.
    - 1. The Board did not consider additional speakers.
  - ii. Flyer for Sponsors.

1. Visconti prepared a flyer to send out to potential sponsors for the 2014 annual dinner.
- iii. Dinner Cost.
  1. The Board did not consider dinner costs.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- a. Open City Commissions / Ethics Commission (Fox).\*
  - i. There are open spots on various city commissions, including the city's Ethics Commission.
  - ii. Interested applicants should refer to the City Clerk's website for more information.
- b. SDCBA Elections (Fox).\*
  - i. Elections will begin on October 15, 2013. Fox will send an email to the membership announcing candidates that are endorsed by THLA.

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.**

- a. Resignations.
  - i. Gonzalez indicated that should would be resigning from the Board effective at the conclusion of the meeting.
  - ii. The Board thanked Gonzalez for her service.
- b. Election of New Director.
  - i. Bressler (Manley) moved to elect Nicole Saperstein to the Board. By a majority vote of the Board, Saperstein was elected as a Director.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT.**

- a. Roll Call.
  - i. The Board adjourned at 7:21 p.m. Present were Fox, Visconti, Nageotte, Freestone, Bressler, Bunton, Hansen, Gonzalez, Huston, Saperstein, Schneeweiss, and Manley.