

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

Date: 1 April 2014 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Littler Mendelson	GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER.

- a. Opening Roll Call.
 - i. The Board was called to order at 6:06 p.m. Present were Fox, Visconti, Nageotte, Ahrens, Huston, Margolis, Davis, Schneeweiss, Manley, and Bunton. Ben Aguilar was also present.
 - ii. Quorum was present.
- b. Approval of the Minutes.
 - i. The Minutes from the March 62014 meeting were approved without objection.
- c. Adjourn to Annual Meeting of the General Membership.
 - i. The meeting was recessed at 6:07 p.m. for the Annual Meeting of the General Membership, and the Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

- a. Annual Meeting of the General Membership.
 - i. Election of Board of Directors for May 2014 – May 2015.
 - ii. Candidates Timely Nominated by March 10, 2014 deadline: Nicholas Fox, Denise Visconti, Kyle Nageotte, Shawn Huston, Jonathan Schneeweiss, Thomas Bunton, Anita Margolis, Kim Ahrens, Kevin Davis, Abbie Dillon, Michael Hansen, Ben Aguilar, Loren Freestone, and Michael Manley.
 - 1. Ahrens (Fox) moved to approve the candidates timely nominated. The motion carried by majority vote.
- b. Adjourn to General Meeting of the Board.
 - i. The Annual Meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m. and the Board Meeting resumed at 6:09 p.m.

III. REPORTS.

- a. Chief Financial Officer Report.
 - i. Nageotte reported the balance in THLA's accounts.
- b. CLE Report.
 - i. There was no CLE Committee Report.

IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.

- a. There were no interim actions.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- a. May 2014 Annual Dinner.

- i. Speaker.

1. Fox reported an update on the speaker Judge Victoria S. Kolakowski. The arrival and departure logistics for the speaker have been coordinated.
 2. The Board concurred the speaker should take the stage earlier in the program.

- ii. Venue and Date.

1. Nageotte reported an update on the dinner venue. Nageotte reported payment to the US Grant was remitted.
 2. Nageotte reported the audio and visual amenities provided by the venue. The 5:30 start time was confirmed with the venue.

- iii. Invitations.

1. Bunton reported the invitations are completed and printed. The invitations were compiled by the Board.

- iv. Program.

1. Visconti presented an update on the dinner programs. Visconti is in the process of inquiring with Teris to confirm they will sponsor the cost of printing the programs.

- v. Sponsorships.

1. Visconti and Fox presented an update on the confirmed sponsorships. Littler, USD Law, Cal Western, Foley, Higgs, and Procopio are confirmed.
 2. Board Members reported on the status of their potential sponsors and will follow up with potential sponsors not yet secured.
 3. The Board discussed additional potential sponsors.

- vi. Awards.

1. Fox reported the nominations received for the awards.
 2. Bunton (Fox) moved to issue the awards as follows:
 - a. Judge Joan Lewis as Friend of the Community
 - b. Toni Akins as Pioneer of the Community
 - c. Todd Gloria as Service to the Community
 - d. Judge Paula S. Rosenstein as Service to the Organization.

3. Schneeweiss reported the award cost is \$36.90 per award.

- vii. Student Scholarships.

1. Fox reported the award recipients have been notified of the award.
 2. Davis reported Procopio will contribute \$500 to the scholarship award.

- viii. Current RSVPs.

1. The item was tabled.

- ix. Gifts.
 - 1. The item was tabled.
- x. Pre-Dinner Video.
 - 1. Visconti reported
- xi. Wine Contribution.
 - 1. Nageotte reported the corkage fee is \$15 per bottle and the fee is not included in the already remitted contract fee.
 - 2. Ahrens will secure a donation of at least thirty-six (36) bottles of white wine and thirty-six (36) bottles of red wine to be served at dinner.
 - 3. The Board decided to include a wine sponsor category in next year's sponsorship form.
- xii. List of Dignitary Invitees.
 - 1. The item was tabled.
- xiii. Other Topics.
 - 1. Matt Stephens will introduce the dinner speaker.
 - 2. Margolis will ask Judge Cindy Davis to swear in the Board at the dinner.
 - 3. Visconti and Nageotte will schedule the order of dinner events.

VI. NEW BUSINESS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- a. THLA Bylaw Amendments.
 - i. The Board moved to approve the proposed Bylaw amendments changing the term and gender requirement of the co-presidents and changing the requirement for co-presidents to one president. By a vote of 6-4, the vote failed to reach the required two-thirds majority and the motion failed.
 - ii. The Board voted on a second version of proposed Bylaw Amendments retaining term requiring co-presidents, retaining the 2-year co-president term and changing the gender requirement of the co-presidents. Nageotte (Huston) moved to amend Bylaw Article Nine section 9.01 to state the co-presidents shall be one female and one male, when feasible. The Board approved this motion by the requisite two-thirds vote.
 - iii. Fox will email a copy of the revised proposed amendment to the Bylaws to the Board for approval before distributing to the General Membership.
- b. Mediation CLE Presentation.
 - i. Schneeweiss reported the Mediation CLE will take place on April 18, 2014, at 12:00 p.m., at Thomas Jefferson School of Law.
- c. Harvey Milk Breakfast Sponsorship.
 - i. May 22, 2014, at 7:30 a.m., at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront.
- d. Installation of Judge Cindy Davis.
 - i. April 3, 2014, at 4:15 p.m., at the US Grant.
 - ii. Reception to follow.

- e. Law Student / Judge Mixer.
 - i. Co-Sponsored with PALSD and other diversity organizations.
 - ii. April 7, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., at the SDCBA Center.
- f. EDRC Spring Mixer (Freestone).
 - i. April 24, 2014, beginning at 5:30 p.m., at Higgs Fletcher & Mack.
 - ii. THLA is a co-sponsor.
- g. Co-Sponsorship Request: Diverse Women’s Committee’s program, “Gender, Race and Outside Status: All In a Day’s Work for Women of Color.”
 - i. April 25, 2013, 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., at Foley & Lardner
 - ii. Free to THLA members.
 - iii. Fox (Nageotte) moved to sponsor this event in name only. The Board approved this motion by majority.
- h. Website Updates.
 - i. Manley reported the website has been successfully transferred and will be self hosted until a third party hosting option is found.
- i. Annual Membership Drive.
 - i. Visconti reported the annual membership drive letters are completed and will be mailed tomorrow.
- j. National LGBT Bar Affiliate Conference Call.
 - i. Schneeweiss reported the National LGBT Bar Affiliate seeks nominees and will provide further details for anyone interested in applying.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a. There were no additional announcements.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Lavender Law 2014.
 - i. August 21-23, 2014, in New York.
 - ii. A ticket has been sponsored for one Board member. Attendance at the Affiliates Congress Meeting is required.
- b. LGBT Reception at the California State Bar Annual Meeting in San Diego
 - i. The Board decided to contact LGBT affiliates to coordinate a joint networking reception.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

- a. Closing Roll Call.
 - i. The Board adjourned at 7:43 p.m. Present were Fox, Visconti, Nageotte, Ahrens, Huston, Margolis, Davis, Schneeweiss, Manley, Bunton, Aguilar and Freestone.