

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES FOR THE JULY 10, 2014 MEETING**

Date: 10 July 2014 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: The Center (Hillcrest)	GENERAL MEETING
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I. CALL TO ORDER.

- a. Opening Roll Call. The Board was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Nicholas Fox. The Following Directors of the THLA Board were present (members arriving late are reflected in the closing roll call):
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Schneeweiss | <input type="checkbox"/> Denise Visconti |
- James Cekola, Brad Weinreb, and Darlene White were also present. There was quorum.
- b. Approval of the Minutes. Prior minutes were adopted without objection.

II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

- a. Judicial Endorsement Request.
- i. Brad Weinreb: Election to San Diego Superior Court. Brad Weinreb requests THLA’s endorsement for judicial election. Mr. Weinreb ran for the open seat in the June primaries. He will be advancing to the November election against his opponent, Ken Gosselin. Mr. Weinreb is the only candidate for this position that is rated “qualified” to be a judge by SDCBA. 80 incumbent judges support Mr. Weinreb as well as other minority bars and public defenders (Mr. Weinreb has spent 25 years as a prosecutor). Mr. Weinreb is active in various volunteer organizations in service to the community.
- ii. Bunton moved to endorse Brad Weinreb for judicial election in the November 2014 election against candidate Ken Gosselin (there is not an incumbent judge in this particular race). Nageotte seconded the motion. The motion was carried after Board discussion by a majority vote, after Mr. Weinreb had made his request and his leave, as follows:

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b. Election of New Directors to Fill Vacancies.

- i. Margolis moved to elect James Cekola to the THLA Board of Directors. Bunton seconded the motion. The motion was carried after no discussion by a majority vote as follows:

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III. REPORTS.

a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Nageotte).

Current balance in checking and savings was reported.

Pillsbury is still an outstanding Accounts Receivable from the 2014 THLA annual dinner.

Kyle Nageotte resigned on the record at CFO and was thanked by the Board for his contributions.

- i. Election of a Chief Financial Officer.
- ii. Nageotte moved to elect Ben Aguilar as Treasurer, CFO of THLA effective at the conclusion of the July 10, 2014 meeting. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried after no Board discussion, as follows:

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IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.

- a. On July 2, 2014, via email vote, the Board agreed to express interest in joining the *amicus curiae* brief filed in *Latta v. Otter*, challenging Idaho’s ban on same-sex marriage. The Board will review the brief prior to the July 24, 2014, deadline to determine whether to withdraw its assent to join the brief.

V. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. Summer BBQ Planning.
 - i. Committee. A committee was formed to plan the BBQ. Cekola volunteered and Margolis, Davis and Manley did as well
 - ii. Date. The planned date is in September
 - iii. Location. This location is to be determined by the committee.
- b. Website Updates.
 - i. Status Update. The website progression and development has stalled but it is partially functional. Manley recommends a Wordpress solution.
- c. Legal Clinic Update.
 - i. Committee. The committee consists of Ahrens, Manley, Aguilar, Fox, and Schneeweis.

- ii. Target Date. Sometime in the fall. The term clinic will be avoided in the name to avoid creating an attorney client relationship.
- iii. Location. Options are being explored.
- d. PALSD Community Service Event Update. Proposed date for volunteering Sunburst Housing Program (a project focusing on homeless LGBT) is August 16, 2014 at 1:00pm. Tasks include planting, cleaning, painting, and contributing funds for supplies.
 - i. Ahrens moved to contribute \$175 to the PALSD Community Service Event to support the Sunburst Housing Program and support the event. Fox seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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- e. Bar Association Night.
 - i. Chapman University on October 23, 2014, from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. is seeking THLA Board representatives to appear at their Bar Association Night Event.
- f. National Association of Women Judges 2014 Annual Conference.
 - i. San Diego: October 15 – 19, 2014.
 - ii. Need for volunteers (able to spend at least two hours).
- g. ERDC Dialogue on Diversity.
 - i. Co-Sponsorship request in name and promotion. The Board agreed to sponsor this event without exception.
 - ii. Date: Sept. 17, 2014, at 5:30 p.m., at the Bar Center.
 - iii. Free to attorneys and law students. CLE credit offered. Reception to follow.
- h. FALSD Annual Golf Scramble. Wants THLA to sponsor students taking the bar with a scholarship. The matter was not taken to a vote.
- i. Diverse Women’s Committee of Lawyers Club.

- i. Co-Sponsorship request in name and promotion only of a panel to discuss issues of race and justice was approved without objection.
 - ii. 1 CLE Credit for Elimination of Bias.
 - iii. Free to members.
 - iv. Date / time / location TBD. The date is July 23, 2104.
- j. Monthly LGBT Bar Association Teleconference Update.
 - i. General Update. The LGBT law associations are compiling a list of LGBT members of the judiciary as a resource to encourage and assist LGBT members to join the judiciary A secondary goal is to encourage LGBT members to become members of the JNE commission.
- k. Receptions at State Bar Convention.
 - i. Convention: September 11 – 14, 2014, in San Diego.
 - ii. LGBT Reception.
 - 1. Update from LBGT Bar Coalition .
 - 2. Funding Options.
 - 3. Locations. Procopio is open to provide space for the event only.
 - 4. Committee.
 - 5. The Board declines to formally create and sponsor this event at this time.
 - iii. Reception for New State Bar President Craig Holden.
 - 1. Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 - 2. Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt.
 - 3. Sponsorship Levels. The Board declines to sponsor the event with monetary funds.
- l. SDCBA and Lawyers Club “50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.”
 - i. August 14, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.
 - ii. 1 CLE General Credit.
 - iii. Co-Sponsorship request in name and promotion. Without objection the Board agreed to sponsor this event.
 - iv. \$20 special rate for members from THLA to attend.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. Margolis has a collection of THLA T-shirts that are off-sized.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

- a. Closing Roll Call. The Board adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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