

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 MEETING**

Date: 4 September 2014 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: The Center (Hillcrest)	GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER.

- a. Opening Roll Call. The Board was called to order at 6:15 p.m. The following Directors of the THLA Board were present (members arriving late are reflected in the closing roll call):

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Geri Rochino was also present. There was quorum.

- b. Approval of the Minutes. Prior minutes were adopted without objection.

Ahrens moved to adopt the minutes as presented to the Board prior to the meeting. Fox seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

Geri Rochino addressed the Board, and as an attorney expressed a desire to work more closely with the THLA. The Board expressed a hope that Ms. Rochino continue to attend Board meetings and work with the Board.

III. REPORTS.

- a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Aguilar).
Aguilar presented the finances for THLA for the month.

Fox moved to remove Kyle Nageotte and Denise Visconti as signers on all THLA checking, savings and investment accounts. Fox further moved that Ben Aguilar and Kim Ahrens be added as signers on all THLA checking, savings, and investment accounts. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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- b. CLE Report (Schneeweiss).
There is a CLE on for mediation at Marriott in Old Town regarding mediation for 4 hours of MCLE credit.

IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.

- a. On August 26-28 2014, the Board voted via email to endorse Dino Paraskevopoulos, Roger Haerr and Lilys McCoy for the SDCBA Board of Directors.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- a. There was no unfinished business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. **South Asian Bar Association Annual Dinner (Fox).**
 - i. Saturday, October 11, 2014.
 - ii. Horton Grand Hotel (311 Island Ave.)

Individual tickets are \$100 and a sponsorship starts at \$500

Schneeweiss moved to purchase up to \$200 in tickets for attendance of the South Asian Bar Association Annual Dinner. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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b. Summer BBQ Planning (Cekola).

- i. Date: Saturday, September 20, 2014.
- ii. Update from Committee on location, details.

Schneeweiss has reserved a spot at the Southwestern Yacht Club (“SWYC”) at possibly no cost to THLA for September 20, 2014. There are nominal fees for having someone man the barbeque and tables and chairs. It is possible that THLA could provide hamburgers and hot dogs and condiments. Schneeweiss is willing to coordinate the event. Other options include Bunton’s house or a park (Presidio

Park or Pioneer Park). The matter was tabled until more information is available to the Board regarding expenses for SWYC. The matter was referred to committee to make final arrangements.

c. **Outreach to Local Law School Pride Groups (Fox).**

- i. USD: Freestone and Nageotte.

No information available at this time.

- ii. TJSJ: Aguilar.

The TJSJ Outlaw meeting was yesterday, 9/3/2014. Aguilar to email Outlaw with talking points to engage THLA.

- iii. CWSL: Schneeweiss and Margolis.

An email was sent to CWSL and we are waiting for their response.

d. **SDCBA Bar Organization Night (Fox).**

- i. Date/Time: September 23, 2014, 5:30 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.

- ii. Location: Bar Center, 401 W. A St., Ste. 1100, San Diego, CA 92101

- iii. Volunteers: Aguilar, Ahrens, Fox, Nageotte

e. **Mentor / Mentee Program (Fox).**

Fox will make assignments to Board members that request mentees.

f. **Update on Affiliate Congress and Lavender Law (Aguilar).**

After a two hour meeting at Lavender Law regarding dual membership with the National LGBT Bar Association and THLA, a motion is pending with that organization to partially fund local LGBT law associations to revamp websites for dual membership access.

g. **Update on PALSD Community Service Event Update (Ahrens).**

The event was challenging but enjoyable and the community was enhanced by THLA efforts.

h. **Legal Clinic Update (Ahrens).**

- i. Date/Time: Thursday, November 13, 2014, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

- ii. Location: Pride, 3620 30th Street, San Diego, CA 92104

- iii. Volunteers

Intake volunteers should arrive at 5pm and attorney volunteers should arrive at 5:30 pm. Attorney volunteers are needed. Law students are also needed. Online registration is being initiated to manage the numbers of attenders to the clinic. Intake and media forms need to be revised. Otherwise preparations are moving forward. A regular legal clinic is being considered.

i. **Website Updates (Manley).**

Links from the THLA website to and from the Pride website are being formulated.

j. **THLA Student Mixer (Fox)**

Todd Stevens has offered to host the mixer at his home. Dates for early to mid-October were debated. Host will select the best date that will be sent via email to members.

k. **San Diego La Raza Lawyers Association Scholarship Fund Dinner (Fox)**

- i. Date: Saturday, September 24, 2014
- ii. Time: 5:30 p.m. reception; 7:00 p.m. dinner program
- iii. Location: Hard Rock Hotel San Diego
- iv. Cost: Tickets \$125, Table \$1,300

The Board considered buying tickets or a table for the event.

Margolis moved to purchase two tickets for the event if before the deadline to support the event. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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l. **THLA Annual Dinner (Ahrens / Fox)**

- i. Speaker Ideas
- ii. Silent Auction Committee

Silent auctions were discussed along with table donations with donation envelopes at the table. A Champagne Challenge was also discussed. Wine sponsors should be courted.

Possible speaker were discussed.

Corporate save the date flyers should be sent out timely to past (2 years) and possible future sponsors.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a. Denise Visconti has resigned from the Board. Her contributions will be missed. There are now two vacancies for the THLA Board.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Closing Roll Call. The Board adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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