

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 2, 2014 MEETING**

Date: 2 October 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 6:05 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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Eran Bermudez 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. Freestone seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

There was no special business discussed.

III. REPORTS.

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

CLE reports and ideas were tabled until next meeting.

IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.

- a. **National Association of Women Judges Annual Conference**
 - i. On September 24, 2014, the Board voted via email to sponsor the NAWJ Annual Conference with a \$250 contribution by unanimous vote (but with one abstention).
 - ii. Justice Sotomayor is the Keynote speaker and THLA will be a listed sponsor.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. **Co-Sponsorship Request: "Holidays Around the World" (Freestone).**
 - i. Date/Time: Thursday, November 6, 2014, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
 - ii. Location: SDCBA Conference Center, 401 West A, Ste. 120
 - iii. Cost: Free to co-sponsoring organizations
 - iv. Need to move November meeting.

The Board will sponsor the Holidays Around the World annual event by providing desserts that was previously approved for \$150.00 at the Board's annual event. There is a conflict with the November's Board meeting. Freestone will take the lead on providing the desserts. Huston moved that the Board move November's meeting to Wednesday November 12, 2014 at Littler. The motion was seconded by Freestone.

The votes went as follows:

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b. Co-Sponsorship Request: State Bar’s Council on Access and Fairness’ program, “Demystifying Judicial Appointments” (Ahrens)

- i. Date: October 20, 2014 (5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.).
- ii. Location: SDCBA Conference Center, 401 West A Street, Ste. 120
- iii. Cost: Free to co-sponsoring organizations

Ahrens moved to sponsor the event in name only. Manley seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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c. THLA Student Mixer (Fox).

- i. Date/Time: Thursday, October 9, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

- ii. Location: Todd Stevens and David Rubin's home.
- iii. Logistics: Approved budget is \$350.

The Board will provide some refreshments from the THLA BBQ to the hosts for this event. The Board has already approved the \$350 budget for this event.

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

- i. Speaker Ideas
- ii. Silent Auction Committee
- iii. Sponsorship List/Flyer

Freestone would like to have the Governor speak. Bunton would like a lawyer to speak. The Attorney General, Harris, was floated. Clinton was floated by Huston. Ted Olsen, argued the prop 8 case, was raised by Bunton. Fox brought up McKeown. Ellen DeGeneres and Rosie O'Donnell were suggested by Aguilar with possible support given by Eran Bermudez. Various sports figures were considered. Ahrens discussed a speaker possibility from an advocate for civil rights in Africa (seeking asylum). Margolis suggested Eric Holder (former US Attorney General). Bunton hopes the Board could get a plaintiff and counsel selected to argue LGBT marriage in front of the US Supreme Court (pending but only if the Court grants cert.)

Ticket prices were discussed. The Board feels the annual Dinner prices should be raised. The THLA dinner is one of the lowest dinners compared to other minority bars. It was suggested that early bird prices could be proffered and late allocations be assessed a greater fee. Fox suggested a wine sponsor be solicited.

The Board plans to ask corporations and law firms to join in the THLA scholarship program.

Huston moved that the prices per person for the annual dinner be raised to \$120 for member tickets and \$135 for nonmember tickets and table prices would be raised to \$1200, and Gold and Silver tables would currently remain the same. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after Board discussion, as follows:

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e. **Monthly LGBT Bar Association Teleconference Update (Ahrens).**

A meeting is set up with Josh Grobin to advocate for LGBT judicial candidates. Topics and suggestions for that meeting were solicited.

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

The Board asked for attorneys to be mentees for the mentorship program.

g. **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:
- iv. Forms:

This matter was tabled for next meeting and sent to committee for next meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

a. **Closing Roll Call.**

The Board adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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