

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 2, 2015 MEETING**

<p>Date: 2 April 2015 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: The Center 3909 Centre Street San Diego, CA 92103</p>	<p>GENERAL MEETING MINUTES</p>
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I. CALL TO ORDER.

a. Opening Roll Call.

The Board was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by 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"/> Kyle Nageotte | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Ahrens – Co-President
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There was quorum. THLA members Christopher Hicks, Miranda Condra, and Jennifer Savion were also present.

b. Approval of the Minutes. (Fox)

The prior minutes were circulated to the Board via email and received some amendments. The amended minutes were adopted without objection.

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

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c. Recess to Annual Meeting of the General Membership at 6:14 pm.

II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

- a. Annual Meeting of the General Membership was convened at 6:14 pm. There was quorum.
 - i. Election of Board of Directors for May 2015 – May 2016.
 - ii. Candidates Timely Nominated by March 6, 2015 deadline: Nicholas Fox, Kyle Nageotte, Shawn Huston, Jonathan Schneeweiss, Thomas Bunton, Anita Margolis, Kim Ahrens, Kevin Davis, Ben Aguilar, Loren Freestone, Eran Bermudez, James Cekola, and Miranda Condra.

Margolis moved that the nominated candidates all be elected to the 2015-2016 Board of Directors. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion carried as follows:

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Also voting affirmatively for the slate of candidates were THLA members Miranda Condra, Christopher Hicks, and Jennifer Savion.

- b. The Annual Meeting of the General Membership adjourned at 6:15 pm. The regular meeting of the Board of Directors resumed at 6:15 pm.

III. REPORTS.

a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Aguilar).

The finance report for the month was presented by Aguilar.

b. CLE Report (Schneeweiss).

The Board moved this matter to next month's meeting.

IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.

- a. On March 5-7, 2015, the Board voted via email to co-sponsor and donate \$100 to the California Western School of Law's Spring Diversity Mixer. Margolis (Freestone) moved and the motion carried by a majority vote (Fox, Huston, Bermudez, Cekola, Manley, Schneeweiss, Bunton, Ahrens, Davis).
- b. On March 15-16, 2015, the Board voted to award the Tom Homann Lifetime Achievement Award to Eric Julber via email. Freestone (Ahrens) moved and the motion carried by a majority vote (Bermudez, Cekola, Manley, Schneeweiss, Davis).
- c. On March 25, 2015, the Board voted via email to co-sponsor, in name only, the Women of Color in the Law luncheon featuring Virginia Essandoh, Chief Diversity Officer, Ballard Spahr LLP. Ahrens (Bermudez) moved and the motion carried by a majority vote (Freestone, Schneeweiss, Davis, Aguilar, Fox, Cekola, Margolis, Huston).

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no unfinished business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Election of Officers for 2015 – 2016 Board of Directors.

i. Junior Co-President.

Fox moved to call a vote to elect Ben Aguilar as the Junior Co-President. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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ii. Chief Financial Officer.

Margolis moved to call a vote to elect Kevin Davis as the Chief Financial Officer. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was carried **discussion** as follows:

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iii. Secretary.

Fox moved to call a vote to elect Shawn Huston as the Secretary. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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All elected officers indicated their acceptance of the election.

b. THLA Annual Dinner (Fox/Ahrens)

i. Annual Awards (Fox).

1. Julber Filming Update (Freestone)

Freestone reported he received the raw footage of the Julber filming and the student producer is in the process of editing the footage. The goal is to create a 3-4 minute video.

2. Award Expense Request - \$250: Filming of Eric Julber (Freestone)

Margolis moved to allocate up to \$250 to cover the cost of the filming of Eric Julber. Aguilar seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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The Board discussed possible awards and recipients.

After Board discussion, Margolis moved to give Steve Smith a Friend of the Community Award. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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After Board discussion, Bunton moved to give Robert DeKoven a Community Pioneer Award. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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After Board discussion, Bermudez moved to give Mike Growe a Service To The Organization Award. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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ii. Dinner Program (Aguilar)

The program for the annual dinner is in the final stages of preparation.

iii. RSVP Update (Aguilar)

The Board discussed RSVPs and who currently has outstanding sponsorships. 28 members of the judiciary will attend and 283 seats have been sold so far.

iv. Invitation and Donation Envelopes (Bermudez)

Donation envelopes have been ordered and should be shipped by next week.

v. Wine & Champagne Update (Ahrens).

The champagne challenge will be announced at the beginning of the program and the champagne will be served during dessert.

vi. Student Scholarship Update (Davis)

The Committee has made recommendations as to who shall receive the scholarship for the 2015 annual dinner.

After Board discussion, Fox moved to give John Whittemore from USD; June Fan from TJSL; Jennifer Monterroso from Cal Western each **recipient** a \$1,000 scholarship. Davis seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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vii. Gift For Keynote Speaker

Bunton moved to allocate up to \$100.00 for a gift to be given the speaker at the 2015 annual dinner. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after Board discussion as follows:

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c. Co-Sponsor Request - \$100: USD School of Law Diversity Committee Annual Banquet & CLE (Fox)

- i. Date/Time: April 16, 2015, 5:30-8:30 pm (5:30 check in/6:30 dinner)
- ii. Location: O'Tooles
- iii. Cost: \$10 for students / \$50 for non-students
- iv. Topic: Workplace Harassment
- v. RSVP: Via email, usddiversity@gmail.com

After Board discussion, Ahrens moved to Sponsor the event with a \$100 Donation. Margolis seconded. The motion was carried as follows:

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d. Lawyers Club Annual Dinner

- i. Speaker: Former U.S. Senator Olympia Snowe
- ii. Date/Time: Tuesday, May 12, 2015
- iii. Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt – 1 Market Place, San Diego, CA 92101
- iv. Tickets: \$135 / \$150 non-member

After Board discussion, Ahrens moved to sponsor the event by purchasing two tickets for the annual dinner. Aguilar seconded. The motion was carried as follows:

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VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no announcements made.

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE MEMBERSHIP:

- a. Women of Color in Law Spring Luncheon**
 - i. Date/Time: April 19, 2015, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm
 - ii. Location: Estancia Hotel & Spa
 - iii. Cost: \$35 (Cash only)

- b. ERDC Spring Mixer**
 - i. Date: April 23, 2015
 - ii. Location: Higgs, Fletcher and Mack, 401 West A Street, Ste. 2600
 - iii. Cost: Free to co-sponsoring organizations

- c. SDSU Softball Game**
 - i. Date: 12:00 p.m., Saturday, May 9, 2015
 - ii. Location: SDSU Softball Stadium
 - iii. Cost: \$4 or \$8.25

- d. Harvey Milk Breakfast**
 - i. Date: Thursday, May 21, 2015

ii. Location: Hilton San Diego Bayfront

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

Bunton moved to amend the standing policy of the Board of Directors, and that Policy Number 3 will be amended so that if both Co-Presidents agree, they may have, in their discretion, and upon informing the Board via email, the authority to bind the board and co-sponsor any event that is a sponsorship in name only. Aguilar seconded the motion. After more discussion, the matter was tabled. Fox will distribute amended language to the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

a. Closing Roll Call.

The Board adjourned at 7:02 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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