

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES FOR THE MAY 7, 2015 MEETING**

<p>Date: 7 May 2015 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: The Center 3909 Centre Street San Diego, CA 92103</p>	<p><b>GENERAL MEETING AGENDA</b></p>
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**I. CALL TO ORDER.**

**a. Opening Roll Call.**

The Board was called to order at 6:09 p.m. by Ahrens. The following Directors of the THLA Board were present (members arriving late are reflected in the closing roll call):

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There was quorum. Aguilar, Fox, and Nageotte were present telephonically. THLA member Christopher Hicks was also present.

**b. Approval of the Minutes. (Ahrens)**

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

Ahrens moved to adopt the minutes as presented to the Board with edits made by Margolis 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.**

No Special Business was discussed

**III. REPORTS.**

**a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Aguilar).**

The finance report for the month was presented by Aguilar. The Board needs to reimburse some members for expenses for the 2015 Annual Dinner. Aguilar reported he will draft a profit loss statement regarding the 2015 Annual Dinner and present the statement to the Board at the June 2015 General Meeting.

**b. Income Tax Update (Aguilar).**

The Board discussed the income taxes for the Association. Aguilar reported he filed the 2014 income taxes for the Association.

**IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.**

There were no interim actions to discuss.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

**a. 2015 Annual Awards & Installation Dinner (Ahrens)**

**Wrap-Up, Suggestions and Comments.** The Board felt the 2015 was an overall success. One suggestion was to have the speaker after the awards ceremony and to have the dinner earlier in the year and perhaps have the awards or scholarships during the cocktail hour. The Grant took too long to serve the various courses and the main program did not start soon enough. Some suggested that there were too many awards given out. We could save a lot of time by having the cocktail hour in the main dining room. Verbal cues as to what is coming up might have kept more people.

Streamlining the champagne challenge was suggested. Connecting the event to social media such as Facebook and twitter was encouraged. A different or additional photographer was floated.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS.**

**a. Committee Structure (Ahrens)**

The Board discussed how committees should be structured and what committees should be created to encourage members that are not on the Board to participate in the Association's business and activities and to streamline and make more efficient the necessary business and duties that the Board is called upon to accomplish. Various different committees were proposed, including a scholarship committee, an events committee, an endorsement committee, and an advisory committee.

Ahrens moved to create the following committees: an events committee, program committee and an outreach committee. Schneeweiss moved to adopt all the committees that were listed in the attached in the document provided by Ahrens (Advisory, Outreach, Endorsements, Events, Public Relations, Programming) Margolis moved to adopt all the committees except the endorsement committee. Huston seconded Schneeweiss's motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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**b. Board Standing Resolutions, Policies & Procedures Revision**

- i. Revisions to Board Standing Resolutions, Policies & Procedures regarding expense reimbursement and sponsorships.

After Board discussion, Ahrens moved to adopt the proposed revisions to the Standing Policies and Procedures of the Association as amended by the Board at the May 7, 2015 meeting. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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**c. San Diego Pride Event (Aguilar)**

This matter was tabled.

**d. California Bar Foundation Joint Bar Stipend (Ahrens)**

This matter was tabled.

**e. SDSU Softball Event (Ahrens)**

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

This matter was tabled.

**f. Harvey Milk Breakfast (Aguilar)**

- i. Date: Thursday, May 21, 2015
- ii. Time: 7:30 -9:00 a.m.
- iii. Location: Hilton San Diego Bayfront
- iv. Attendees/Dietary Restrictions? Ahrens, Nageotte, Davis, Aguilar, Huston, Fox (?), Freestone

This matter was tabled.

**g. Lawyers Club Annual Dinner (Aguilar)**

- i. Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2015
- ii. Time: 5:00 p.m.
- iii. Location: Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego
- iv. Attendees?

This matter was tabled.

**h. Urban Street Angels Outreach Project (Ahrens)**

This matter was tabled

**i. Lavender Law (Aguilar)**

- i. Date: August 5-8, 2015
- ii. Location: Chicago
- iii. THLA has one free ticket, but attendee must attend the Affiliates Congress.

This matter was tabled.

**j. SDVLP – HIV/AIDS Legal Service Project (Ahrens)**

This matter was tabled.

**k. Newsletter (Aguilar)**

This matter was tabled.

**l. Premiere Screening: One: A Story of Love and Equality (Ahrens)**

- i. Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2015
- ii. Time: 6:30 p.m.
- iii. Location: City of Carlsbad Library
- iv. Cost: \$13.75/ group pricing available
- v. North County Mixer? Ignite Bistro & Wine Spot

This matter was tabled.

**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:

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- iii. Cost: \$13.75/ Center Jewish Culture Member \$11.75

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS.**

After Board discussion, Aguilar moved to have the Board immediately reimburse all Board members for their expenses for the 2015 Annual Dinner without submitting receipts to the Board. Nageotte seconded. The motion did not carry as follows:

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After Board discussion, Ahrens moved to reimburse Board members for the 2015 Annual Dinner on a provisional basis so that the Board members may be reimbursed prior to the next meeting provided they first provide receipts of the expenses to the Board for review at the next meeting. Miranda seconded. The motion was carried as follows:

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## **X. ADJOURNMENT.**

### **a. Closing Roll Call.**

The Board adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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