

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 4, 2015 MEETING**

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| <p>Date: 4 June 2015 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: The Center 3909 Centre Street San Diego, CA 92103</p> | <p>GENERAL MEETING AGENDA</p> |
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I. CALL TO ORDER.

a. Opening Roll Call.

The Board was called to order at 6:03 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.

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. Fox 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. Aguilar is completing the paperwork to transfer the THLA banking documents to Davis, the new treasurer for THLA.

b. Annual Dinner Profit & Loss Statement (Aguilar).

The Board discussed the finances for the 2015 Annual Dinner. Aguilar presented the expenses and income figures from the 2015 Annual Dinner.

IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.

On May 12, 2015, the Board voted via email to purchase an advertisement in the San Diego Pride program to congratulate Bridget Wilson on her award. Ahrens (Schneeweiss seconded the motion) moved but the motion did not carry.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

a. Committee Structure (Ahrens)

The Board, have previously approved the creation of committees to streamline and divide the work to maintain the association in a more equitable manner considered assigning Co-chairs to the committees. The following committees have previously been created by the THLA Board of Directors: Advisory, Outreach, Endorsements, Events, Public Relations, Programming.

- i. Co-Chair assignments.

The Board nominated the following assignments for Co-Chairs of the various committees in the THLA:

- Advisory: **Aguilar and Ahrens**
(Committee with past Board members that provide insight and advice to the current board)
- Outreach: **Huston and Condra**
(Advances the legal and other interests of the LGBT members to the community)
- Endorsements: **Margolis and Bunton**
(Assisting candidates and the THLA Board so that THLA endorses candidates to public office that will further LGBT interests)
- Events: **Schneeweiss and TBD**
(Organize and produce the various annual events of THLA sans the Annual Dinner)
- Public Relations: **Cekola and TBD**
(Communications from THLA to the press and public)
- Programming: **Ahrens and TBD**
(Coordinating CLEs and speakers for educating the community and memebrs)

Huston moved to approve the above Co-Chair nominations for the assigned committees as stated above. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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b. Standing Resolutions, Policies & Procedures Revision (Ahrens)

i. Expense Reimbursement Provision.

There was much discussion as to how THLA Board members should be reimbursed for expenses related to THLA activities. Many Board members do not feel that every single expense must be approved by the THLA Board, and that this duty should be delegated to the CFO – treasurer to approve as long as the amount is within the budget that has already been approved by the THLA Board. But what happens when an expense is generated when the THLA Board has not already established a budget? Accounting practices and check and balances are a chief concern when compensating members for expenses. Just as important is compensating Board members who have paid out personal funds to make sure an event or project succeeds.

This matter was tabled.

c. San Diego Pride Event

The Board considered cooperating with San Diego Pride in a more meaningful manner.

d. Urban Street Angels Outreach Project (Ahrens)

The Board addressed working with Urban Street Angels Outreach Project.

This matter was tabled

e. California Bar Foundation Joint Bar Stipend (Ahrens)

This matter was tabled

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

The HIV/AIDS Legal Service Project is seeking volunteers for the project see Ahrens.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Lavender Law Update (Aguilar)

- i. Date: August 5-8, 2015
- ii. Location: Chicago

- iii. THLA has one free ticket, but attendee must attend the Affiliates Congress.

b. CA LGBT Bar Coalition Update (Ahrens)

The CA LGBT Bar Coalition is seeking approval for THLA to be a co-author of an article regarding LGBT representative in the judiciary.

Ahrens moved to list THLA as a co-author of that article. Nageotte seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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c. Fundraiser for The Center

- i. Date/Time: Sunday, June 7, 2015, 5-8 p.m.
- ii. Location: 98 Bottles, 2400 Kettner Blvd., Suite 110
- iii. Parking: Free in nearby Harley Davidson lot.
- iv. Tickets: \$40, single; \$75, pair; \$375, ten.

d. Couture for Cause (Aguilar)

- i. Date/Time: September 24, 2015, 6-9 p.m

Nageotte moved to co-sponsor the event (that includes lawyers as models) by contributing \$100 to the cause for a silent auction. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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e. Summer BBQ Planning (Schneeweiss).

- i. Date.
- ii. Location.

This matter was tabled.

f. SDCBA Law Student Reception (Ahrens)

- i. Save the Date: Thursday, September 24th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- ii. Coordinate law school outreach.

This matter was tabled.

g. Reschedule August General Board Meeting (Ahrens)

This matter was tabled.

h. Event & Press Release SCOTUS Ruling (Ahrens)

This matter was tabled

i. Discussion/Vote RE: Reimbursement Policy (Nageotte)

This matter was tabled.

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

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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IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

No miscellaneous business was discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

a. Closing Roll Call.

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

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