

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 6, 2015 MEETING**

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

**a. Opening Roll Call.**

The Board was called to order at 6:16 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.

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

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**II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.**

No special business was discussed.

**III. INTERIM ACTIONS.**

- a. On July 20, 2015, the Board voted via e-mail to change the date for the Summer BBQ from 8/15/15 to 9/12/15. Aguilar moved and the motion carried by a majority of the vote (Fox, Freestone, Bermudez, Nageotte, Cekola, Ahrens, Condra, Schneeweiss, Davis, Huston, Margolis).
- b. On August 3, 2015, Co-Presidents Ahrens and Aguilar approved a request to co-sponsor, in name-only, Omar Passon’s diversity event “Photo and Fashion Day”. There is a possibility that Passon will request a \$100 donation for the event, but that request is pending and was not voted on by the Board.

**IV. REPORTS.**

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

The finance report for the month was presented by Davis. There was a proposal to switch banks to union bank because Union Bank supports the THLA annual dinner while the Board’s current bank does not.

THLA is also considering becoming a 501c(3) organization so that donations for charity through THLA may be tax deductible. These matters were tabled to next meeting.

**b. Endorsements Committee Report (Margolis & Bunton)**

The following five people have approached THLA seeking endorsements as they seek to be elected to the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Bar Association to date. The Committee requests that all five people that have not

already met with the Board meet with the Endorsement Committee at a certain date(s) with resumes and cover letters in advance and then the Committee will report back to the Board by September 1, 2015. The Committee will request a vote by email and there will be a 7 board member vote required to endorse that person.

Ahrens moved to allow the Board to vote for people seeking endorsement by email. Condra seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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i. Anna Romanskaya

The Endorsements Committee

Huston moved to endorse Anna Romanskaya as she has already met with the Board and fully complied with Board requirements for an endorsement. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was amended by Fox to decide whether we would vote tonight rather than defer her consideration at a later date to the Endorsements Committee. Condra seconded the motion. There was much discussion on the matter motion was not carried and the vote was deferred as follows:

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**c. Advisory Committee Report (Ahrens & Aguilar)**

The Advisory Committee provided no report.

**d. Public Relations Committee Report (Fox & Cekola)**

The Public Relations Committee reported. Members should be getting regular emails on Tuesday morning by THLA regarding points of interests for the members

**e. Events Committee Report (Schneeweiss & Condra)**

There are three main events currently being planned by the Events Committee.

- i. Summer BBQ Planning. At the last meeting the Board selected August 15, 2015 as the date for the BBQ. That date has now been moved to September 12, 2015 by an interim action by the Board. The Board has previously approved a budget of \$400.00

The location will be held at 4620 Narragansett San Diego, CA 92107.

- ii. Day at the Races.

The idea to create this event occurred too soon for the Committee to effectively plan and the Committee will address and plan for this event for the following year.

- iii. Student-Attorney Mixer.

The Events Committee is looking for a date and location for this event. The budget for this event has been pre-approved at \$300.00.

- iv. The Events Committee is looking for a new location for the Holiday Party as an alternative location if needed.

- v. The Events Committee is open to sponsoring and hosting additional events throughout the year.

**f. Community Outreach / Planning Committee Report (Ahrens, Condra & Huston)**

The Community Outreach and Planning Committee reported on three projects.

- i. Urban Street Angels Volunteer Outing -
  1. Date/Time: Friday, September 4, 2015, 5:30 p.m./ 6:30 p.m.
  2. Volunteers: Ahrens, Rob Donaldson, Bunton, Margolis (13 more slots are available for other volunteers) The Outreach Committee is looking for more volunteers.
  
- ii. Law Student Outreach – this matter was tabled
  1. THLA Rep to Law School 1<sup>st</sup> Pride Meeting
  2. Mentor/Mentee Program
  3. SDCBA Law Student Reception (Thurs. Sept. 24, 5:30-7:30)
  
- iii. MCLEs and Board participation. The Board was solicited for volunteers to provide a speaker for one MCLE in 2016. The goal is to have a consistent MCLE event each month so that THLA members may obtain all their MCLE requirements through their membership in THLA. This matter was tabled.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS.**

**a. California LGBT Judicial Coalition Update (Ahrens)**

The article has been published in multiple media sites.

**b. AIDS Walk (Ahrens)**

- i. Date/Time: Saturday, September 26, 2015

The Board discussed the upcoming AIDS Walk as to whether the Board should form a team to run/walk together. Discussion was held to join forces with local law schools.

**c. San Diego LGBT Community Leadership Council (Fox)**

- i. Representatives from 40 LGBT organizations in the San Diego area coordinated at the Center in Hillcrest.

The primary goal of the Leadership Council is to coordinate LGBT events and provide networking for LGBT professional. The Leadership Council requested that we send a representative to their meetings even though they meetings conflict with THLA monthly Board of Directors meetings.

Fox moved that THLA join the San Diego LGBT Community Leadership Council by selecting and sending Chris Hicks representative to the Council. Nageotte seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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**d. Diversity Bar Coalition Liaison (Aguilar)**

The Diversity Bar Coalition matter was tabled.

**e. Korean American Bar Association Annual Dinner Tickets (Ahrens)**

- i. Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2015
- ii. Location: Coronado Community Center

This matter was tabled.

**f. Sponsorship Request - Multicultural LGBT Literary Foundation Gala (Ahrens)**

- i. Levels: \$500-\$2500

This matter was tabled.

**g. 2016 THLA Annual Dinner (Aguilar)**

- i. Speaker Ideas

This matter was tabled.

**VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**a. Committee/Board Member Spotlight.** (Condra signed up 10 new members and THLA's PR Committee received accolades regarding the new format of the emails).

**b. CWSL Invitation to Sunset Reception Honoring mentors and student leaders.**

- i. Date/Time: Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 5:30 p.m.- 7
- ii. Location: 225 Cedar Street, San Diego, 92101
- iii. Keynote: Hon. Tamila E. Ipema
- iv. RSVP: diversity@cwsledu

**VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES.**

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

**a. THLA/FASLD Community Outreach- Urban Street Angels**

- i. Date/Time: Friday, September 4, 2015, 5:30 p.m./6:30 p.m.
- ii. Location: 3090 Polk Avenue, San Diego, 92104

**b. Summer BBQ**

- i. Date/Time: Saturday, September 12, 2015 (Time TBA)
- ii. Location: Estate de Schneeweiss

**c. KABA Annual Dinner**

- i. Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2015
- ii. Time: Cocktails- 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 6:45 p.m.

**d. SDCBA Law Student Reception**

- i. Date: Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- ii. Location: Bar Center

**e. Couture for Cause**

- i. Date: Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 p.m.

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**IX. MISCELLANEOUS.**

No miscellaneous business was discussed.

**X. ADJOURNMENT.**

**a. Closing Roll Call.**

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

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