

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 3, 2015 MEETING**

<p>Date: 3 September 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 6:10 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.

Huston moved to adopt the minutes as presented to the Board. 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 August 25, 2015, the Board voted by e-mail to endorse the 6 candidates (Chow, Hanumadass, Knaier, Korber, Schiavoni, Romanskaya) that requested THLA’s endorsement for the upcoming SDCBA election. Aguilar moved and Margolis seconded the motion. The motion carried by a majority of the vote. Freestone abstained from this vote.

IV. REPORTS.

a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Davis).

The finance report for the month was presented by Davis. The balance in the Paypal account will be transferred to the Association checking or savings account.

The Board will inquire of Margolis about the previous 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. Approval takes six to nine months. Davis stated that Procopio would take on this formation matter pro bono for the Association. Voting on the matter was tabled to next meeting.

b. Endorsements Committee Report (Margolis & Bunton)

The Endorsement Committee provided feedback on how they conducted their interview and decision process on the candidates for the San Diego County Bar Association Board of Directors.

c. Advisory Committee Report (Ahrens & Aguilar)

The Advisory Committee provided a list of about six committee members not already on the Board to meet on a quarterly basis.

Ahrens moved to allow the Advisory Committee to approve a \$150 budget for food for the next quarterly meeting of the Advisory Committee on October 22, 2015 at 6:30pm at the San Diego County Bar Center. Condra seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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d. Public Relations Committee Report (Fox & Cekola)

The Public Relations Committee is working on updating the website to make sure that it is working properly with added security to prevent unauthorized intrusions. It was suggested that the website link up member attorney to their areas of practice in the Association Directory. A phone number for the association was also considered so that non-members can contact the Board without emails

e. Events Committee Report (Schneeweiss & Condra)

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

- i. Summer BBQ Planning. The Board selected September 12, 2015 at noon as the date for the BBQ. The location will be held at 4620 Narragansett San Diego, CA 92107. PR Committee was asked to put the event of the Association Facebook.

- ii. The proposed date and venue for the Holiday Party is December 12, 2015 at the Southwestern Yacht Club located at 2702 Qualtrough Street - San Diego, CA, 92106 with a \$850 budget. The Events Committee is negotiating with the Yacht Club for a good deal. There is no set venue, date and time as of yet.
- iii. Student-Attorney Mixer.

The Events Committee is proposing October 22, 2015 or the 29th for the mixer and location for this event is hoped to be at Judge Rubin's house. The budget for this event has been pre-approved at \$300.00.

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: It was reported the volunteer commitments are at capacity.
- ii. Law Student Outreach –
 - 1. THLA Rep to Law School 1st Pride Meeting – Aguilar will go to TJSI and Margolis tentatively agreed to go to CWSL and Fox was asked to attend USD's first meeting. Ahrens will follow up with CWSL and USD to get the date of each school's first Pride meeting.
 - 2. Mentor/Mentee Program – Fox previously agreed to lead the mentor/mentee pairing. Ahrens will have a sign up sheet at the SDCBA Law Student Reception.
 - 3. SDCBA Law Student Reception (Thurs. Sept. 24, 5:30-7:30). Ahrens will attend the law student reception. All Board members are encouraged to attend.
 - 4. MCLE goals included a regular CLE program for the members possibly every quarter. The Board was asked to consider having each member plan a CLE or provide a speaker. Members will be asked if they want to promote their business by providing a CLE that will be advertised within the Association.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

a. 2016 THLA Annual Dinner (Ahrens)

- i. Speaker Ideas – Mary Bonauto is a possible speaker – she argued before the US Supreme Court on the marriage equality case. Rachel Maddow, Laverne Cox, Jodie Foster, Thomas Roberts were also discussed.
- ii. Venue Ideas – this matter was tabled.

b. Korean American Bar Association Annual Dinner Tickets (Aguilar)

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

Margolis moved to allow the Board to purchase two tickets for the annual dinner at \$95 per ticket. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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c. Sponsorship Request - Multicultural LGBT Literary Foundation Gala

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

The board declined to hear a motion to sponsor this request at this time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

a. City Attorney Candidate Debate Event (Aguilar)

The minority bar associations are planning to host a candidate debate. The Association is asked to be the host for the debate. The matter was tabled after feedback was sought from the Board.

b. Reimbursement Request (Aguilar)

Aguilar is seeking reimbursement for \$41.73 for the Endorsement Committee meeting. Receipts were presented to Davis to verify the expense.

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

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c. Dues Request - SD LGBT Community Leadership Council (Ahrens)

- i. Suggested dues: \$50-\$250
- ii. Checks should be made out to The Center, with SD LGBT Community Leadership Council in the memo line.

The SD LGBT Community Leadership Council does not have a fixed dues policy.

Condra moved to allow the Board to pay a \$50 due to the SD LGBT Community Leadership Council. Aguilar seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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d. CA LGBT Bar Coalition Update (Ahrens)

This matter was tabled.

e. LavLaw Update (Aguilar)

This matter was tabled

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES.

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

a. Summer BBQ

- i. Date/Time: Saturday, September 12, 2015 12:00-4:00 p.m.
- ii. Location: Estate de Schneeweiss

b. KABA Annual Dinner

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

c. SDCBA Law Student Reception

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

d. Couture for Cause (Aguilar)

- i. Date: Thursday, September 24th, 6-9 p.m.

e. AIDS Walk

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

f. CWSL 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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

No miscellaneous business was discussed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

a. Closing Roll Call.

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

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