

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 1, 2015 MEETING**

<p>Date: 1 October 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 6:02 p.m. by Aguilar. The following Directors of the THLA Board were present (members arriving late are reflected in the closing roll call):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Aguilar – Co-President<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis – CFO, Treasurer<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eran Bermudez<br><input type="checkbox"/> James Cekola<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicholas Fox<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anita Margolis<br><input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Schneeweiss | <input type="checkbox"/> Kim Ahrens – Co-President<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shawn P. K. Huston – Secretary<br><input type="checkbox"/> Tom Bunton<br><input type="checkbox"/> Miranda Condra<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loren Freestone<br><input type="checkbox"/> Kyle Nageotte |
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There was quorum.

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

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

Aguilar moved to adopt the minutes as presented to the Board. Bermudez 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 3, 2015, Co-Presidents Ahrens and Aguilar approved a request to co-sponsor, in name-only, Lawyers Club October Luncheon featuring Speaker Toni Atkins; at October 15, 2015 between noon and 1:15. THLA members pay the Lawyer’s Club membership rates to attend.
- b. On September 18, 2015, Co-Presidents Ahrens and Aguilar approved a request to add THLA to the 2015 Stakeholders Circle, a list of friends of the State Bar Council on Access & Fairness who support diversity in the legal profession.

**IV. REPORTS.**

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

The finance report for the month was presented by Davis.

THLA is also considering creating a 501c(3) organization so Procopio has cleared conflict and is willing to take on the case but THLA will have to budget around \$1,000.00 to cover the application fees needed to accomplish the work. Procopio would take on this formation matter pro bono for the Association. The Board considered forming a committee for the sole purpose of setting up this organization.

Nageotte moves that THLA move forward and engage Procopio as pro bono attorney to have THLA form a 501c(3) organization as soon as is possible and budget \$1,000.00 for fees and costs to make the change happen. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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

There was no Endorsements Committee Report this month.

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

The Advisory Committee will meet on October 22, 2015 at 6:30pm at the San Diego County Bar Center. The Advisory Committee includes, Judge Rosenstein, Judge Rubin, Matthew Stephens, Robert Dekoven, Marriane Dean, and Michael Growe.

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

The Public Relations Committee is working on sending emails out to members to update the members on THLA activities.

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

There are two main events currently being planned by the Events Committee and one was just completed.

- i. Summer BBQ Recap. The event was well attended and so there was a shortage of selection of food over snacks.
- ii. Under consideration, the Holiday Party could be on December 12, 2015 at the Southwestern Yacht Club located at 2702 Qualtrough Street - San Diego, CA, 92106 with a \$2,000 budget even though the Board had previously allocated only \$850.00 for this event.

The general view of the Board was that the expense and location makes the Yacht Club less desirable for this particular event. The Committee will contact Michael Grove to see if he is amenable to hosting again this year and the Committee will explore Heat and the former T-Lounge or other venues for the Holiday Party.

\*\* The Board also decided to move the date from Saturday, December 12 to Friday, December 11, 2015. THLA traditionally hosts the holiday party on a Friday evening.

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 at 6 pm. The budget for this event has been pre-approved at \$300.00.

\*\* This event is scheduled for October 29, 2015 at 6pm at the home of Judge Rubin and Todd Stevens. Address will be emailed by the PR committee prior to the event.

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

The Community Outreach and Planning Committee reported on two projects.

- i. Law Student Outreach & SDCBA Law Student Reception Update. Many Board members attended the event and the THLA table was well received
- ii. Mentor/Mentee Program. Fox has the list of mentors and mentees to be paired and will move forward to pair the mentors with mentees.

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS.**

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

- i. Speaker Ideas – Cekola is waiting to hear back from Rachel Maddow to inquire about her interest in being the keynote. Aguilar will reach out to Mary Bonauto.

\*\* Speaker Idea: Thomas Roberts (First out gay man to anchor network tv news. Gavin Newsom (Judge Rubin) could be a connection to him (Gavin Newsom performed Roberts' wedding ceremony a couple years ago).

- ii. Venue Ideas – Nageotte will get quotes from venues and also contact the US Grant and ask for a better deal than last year.
- iii. We should discuss sending out a save the date for April 2016 sometime soon.
- iv. Bermudez volunteered to complete the invitations for this year's dinner.

**b. South Asian Bar Association Annual Dinner Tickets (Aguilar)**

- i. Date: on October 10, 2015
- ii. Location: Royal India in Miramar

Aguilar moved to allow the Board to purchase two tickets for the annual dinner at \$100 per ticket. Freestone seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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\*\* Fox and Aguilar will attend the dinner on behalf of THLA.

**c. La Raza Bar Association Annual Dinner Tickets (Bermudez)**

- i. Date: Tuesday, October 16, 2015
- ii. Location: Hard Rock Hotel, Downtown San Diego

Nageotte moved to allow the Board to purchase four tickets for the annual dinner at \$150 per ticket. Aguilar seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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\*\* Margolis, Freestone, Huston and possibly Ahrens will attend the dinner on behalf of THLA.

**d. THLA Storage Needs (Aguilar)**

THLA has banners, past promotion items, paperwork and party supplies for various annual THLA events that require storage that will now be stored at the Schneeweiss residence.

**e. Cal Bar Foundation Scholarship (Aguilar)**

The Cal Bar Foundation has a scholarship program for students. The Board is still trying to forge a one-time alliance for a joint scholarship where the Cal Bar Foundation would match our contribution for an LGBT scholarship. Terms are still being discussed.

**f. City Attorney Candidate Debate Event (Aguilar)**

The minority bar associations are still planning to host a candidate debate for mid-January at USD. THLA would be the leading organization and will be the host for the debate. We still need to budget the costs of the event before the minority bar associations will commit to participating.

**VII. UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES.**

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

**a. South Asian Bar Association Annual Dinner Tickets**

- i. Date: Saturday, October 10, 2015
- ii. Time: 6:00 p.m.
- iii. Location: 8990 Miramar Road, San Diego, CA 92126

**b. La Raza Bar Association Annual Dinner Tickets**

- i. Date: Friday, October 16, 2015
- ii. Time: 6:00 p.m.
- iii. Location: Hard Rock Hotel // Downtown San Diego

**c. Student Attorney Mixer**

- i. Date: Thursday, October 29, 2015
- ii. Time: 6:00 p.m.
- iii. Location: Todd Stevens and Judge Rubin's home

**d. Holidays Around the World**

- i. Date: Thursday, November 12, 2015
- ii. Time: 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- iii. Location: SDCBA
- iv. The Board has a pre-approved budget for the event.

\*\* A budget of \$150 is already approved. Typically Freestone orders cupcakes from Babycakes and everyone loves them. We may want to consider mixing up the large cupcakes with smaller ones (maybe one box of each). Also, we need some volunteers to man the table.

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.**

No miscellaneous business was discussed.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT.**

**a. Closing Roll Call.**

The Board adjourned at 6:54 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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