

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

<p>Date: 3 December 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 6:05 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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There was quorum. Freestone was present at roll call via telephone and arrived shortly thereafter.

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.

Margolis moved to adopt the minutes as presented to the Board. Fox seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

- a. CONGRATULATIONS to fellow board member Loren Freestone on being elected SDCBA President for the 2016-2017 term!!**

III. INTERIM ACTIONS.

- a. Holiday Party** – On 11/17/15, Aguilar moved via email for the board to vote on the venue for the Holiday Party. The motion as presented carried by a majority. The Holiday Party will be on December 11, 2015 at the T-Lounge at 6:00 pm.
- b. Toy Drive** – On 11/17/15, Aguilar moved via email for the board to vote on contributing \$100.00 to FALSD’s annual Toy Drive (event details listed below). The motion/vote passed.

IV. REPORTS.

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

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

There was nothing new to report.

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

There was nothing new to report.

d. Public Relations Committee Report (Fox & Cekola)

i. Newsletter Updates

Members are invited to contribute to the THLA newsletter

ii. Survey

The survey is being prepared with the goal to it being sent out in January to get feedback from the membership as to how THLA is doing and what it can do better.

e. Events Committee Report (Schneeweiss & Condra)

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

i. Holiday Party – Update // Friday, December 11, 2015

1. Final Budget – has been set as \$1,100.00. Drink tickets will be provided and food as well.

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

The Community Outreach and Planning Committee reported on two projects.

i. Recap: Earl B. Gilliam Annual Dinner (Ahrens & Condra)

Toni Atkins spoke to a crowd of about 230 people at the Westin at Horton Plaza.

ii. Holidays Around the World (Freestone)

Freestone has the THLA banner and will submit his expenses for the event for reimbursement. Attendance was down due to competing events. THLA desserts were a crowd favorite.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

a. City Attorney Debate (Aguilar)

- i. Date: January 14, 2016 or January 21, 2016
- ii. Venue: USD or Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- iii. Co-Sponsors: Other minority/diversity bar association – TBD
- iv. Budget: TBD // Quotes

USD has not responded to request for hosting the debate. TJSL has responded and they have January 21, 2016 open for the debate and for \$2,500 they will provide food and wine. The Board will also check with

Cal Western as alternative option. KUSI and PBS were contacted for moderator volunteers. The matter was tabled until further information was gathered.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

a. 2016 THLA Annual Dinner (Aguilar)

- i. Speaker Ideas –Mary Bonauto is still a possibility. The PR American Program Bureau firm of has provided a list of potential speakers for a cost. Aguilar will send the list of potential speakers to the Board for review and input.
- ii. Venue Ideas –US Grant has raised their prices by \$10 per head but the Board is trying to negotiate the expenses for a better price.

b. Cal Bar Foundation Scholarship (Aguilar)

The Cal Bar Foundation is represented by and they have 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. Heather Rosing has agreed to come to speak to the THLA board to discuss the matter at the THLA retreat.

c. Liability Insurance Renewal (Aguilar)

- i. Cost: \$440.00
- ii. Renewed in November and in place for December events forward.

d. 2015 Membership Drive (Fox, Ahrens & Aguilar)

- i. Goals for 2016
The goal for 2016 is to refer to the existing database to contact past members for renewal for the 2016 year.
- ii. Volunteers
Board members may be contacted to reach out to people they may know to personally reach potential members and ask them to join THLA or to help plan a membership event.
- iii. Membership Drive Event
February would be a good month for an event to encourage people to join the THLA

e. Schedule 2016 Board Retreat (Aguilar)

- i. Date: Thursday, January 7, 2015
- ii. Time: 6:00pm - TBD
- iii. Location: Littler
- iv. Budget: \$250.00

Margolis moved to allow the Board to purchase food and drinks for the Board retreat up to \$250.00. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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f. PALSD / FALSD Toy Drive (Aguilar)

- i. Date: Tonight
- ii. Time: 5:30pm
- iii. Location: Werewolf Pub Gaslamp

This event was held at the same time as this December 3, 2015 THLA Board Meeting

g. PALSD / FALSD Annual Dinner (Aguilar)

- i. Date: Thursday, January 28, 2015
- ii. Time: 5:30pm
- iii. Location: Westin San Diego
- iv. Cost: \$135/ticket (if purchased by 12/31/15) or \$350.00 for 2 tickets + ¼ page ad (Community Org. Sponsorship Level).

Margolis moved to allow the Board to purchase two tickets for the annual dinner at \$135 per ticket. Ahrens seconded the motion. The motion was carried as follows:

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h. The Center’s Masquerade (Aguilar)

- i. Date: Thursday, February 11, 2016
- ii. Time: 6:00pm – 10:00pm
- iii. Location: Brick 828 – Liberty Station
- iv. Cost: \$125.00/ticket + Various Sponsorship levels

The matter was tabled for a future meeting.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no new announcements.

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

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

a. Stepping Up to the Bar

- i. Date: Friday, December 4, 2015
- ii. Time: 7:30 p.m.
- iii. Location: SDCBA

b. THLA Holiday Party

- i. Date: Friday, December 11, 2015
- ii. Time: 6:00pm
- iii. Location: T-Lounge

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

No miscellaneous business was discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

a. Closing Roll Call.

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

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