



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 3, 2016 MEETING**

Date: March 3, 2016 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: The Center 3909 Centre St. San Diego, CA 92103	GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER.

a. Opening Roll Call.

The Board was called to order at 6:04 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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Kelly Hale and George Seymour were present. 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.

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

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II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

- a. No special business discussed.**

III. INTERIM ACTIONS.

- a. No interim actions were discussed.**

IV. REPORTS.

a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Davis).

- i. 501(c)(3) Update - The bylaws and the articles of organization have been filed and an EIN number has been generated by the federal government for the non-profit organization to receive and manage the charitable funds and interests of THLA. Davis recommends that to avoid alter ego status only a few existing THLA board members should serve simultaneously on the board for THE TOM HOMMANN LGBT LAW FOUNDATION.
- ii. 2015 Taxes – Davis will timely file THLA’s 2015 taxes
- iii. Davis presented the current finances of THLA

b. Endorsements Committee Report (Margolis & Bunton)

- i. City Attorney Endorsement

c. Advisory Committee Report (Ahrens & Aguilar)

- i. No report was given. A new committee will be selected in after the 2016 THLA Annual dinner

d. Public Relations Committee Report (Fox & Cekola)

- i. Newsletter Updates – weekly emails have been sent out since the last meeting.
- ii. Membership Survey Update – This survey is ready to be deployed once we have a larger membership base. The consensus remains that the survey will be sent to the membership after the annual dinner.
- iii. Membership Drive Update – invoices were sent out and reminders were sent to the membership. New members have been added since the last meeting

e. Events Committee Report (Schneeweiss & Condra)

- i. No report was made.

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

- i. Proposals from Committee (Huston)
 - 1. As an alternative to an online legal clinic, a THLA hosted website that provided links to the forms and to attorneys and organizations that provide free legal work for transgendered seeking a name/gender change would limit liability to THLA.
 - 2. Ahrens reported the first CLE is scheduled for March 15, 2016. The speaker is Branden Butler, Esq. from Legal Aid and he will discuss discrimination issues LGBTs face in housing. CLE credit will be provided to attendees under Legal Aid's MCLE provider status.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

a. 2016 THLA Annual Dinner (Nageotte)

- i. Keynote Speaker // The mayor of Long Beach, Robert Garcia confirmed as the keynote speaker.
- ii. Date: April 14, 2016
- iii. Venue (Nageotte)
 - 1. Contract w/Grant has been paid and the dates and times are set.
- iv. Call for Awards (Ahrens, Aguilar, Fox)
- v. Sponsors
 - 1. Board Members – Individual Reports RE: Sponsorship Efforts
 - a. Law Firms have been approached and many have committed to support the dinner but more large firms need to be contacted.
 - b. Corporate Sponsors
 - Vendors have been approached to sponsor the event.
 - 2. Individual Tickets // Website Portal
- vi. Invitations - mailed last week (Aguilar)
- vii. Scholarship Committee

Nominations for the annual dinner award are the lifetime achievement award to the retiring Bridget Wilson, and the friend of the community award to Honorable Tamila Ipema, and friend of the organization to Marion Cloete. Huston moved to issue a lifetime achievement award to the retiring Bridget Wilson. Fox seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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Nageotte moved to issue a friend of the community award to Honorable Tamila Ipema. Fox seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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b. HRC's 8th Annual Bowling For Equality

- i. Feedback/Report - Saturday, February 27, 2016

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

a. Board of Directors Election Update & Dates (Aguilar)

- i. Annual Membership Meeting: April 7, 2016
ii. Deadline for Nominations: March 4, 2016
iii. Number of Current Nominations (Fox)
There are fourteen vacancies and fourteen nominations have been received.

Aguilar moved that ONLY if there are fifteen total nominations, the THLA board will be expanded to fifteen members so that all nominees may join the Board, otherwise the board will remain at fourteen. Nageotte seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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b. American Constitution Society Annual Reception (Aguilar)

- i. Date: March 8, 2016
ii. Time: 5:30pm
iii. Location: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
iv. Cost: \$35.00

Aguilar moved to purchase two tickets for \$70. Bermudez seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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c. Lawyers Club Annual Dinner (Aguilar)

- i. Date: May 19, 2016
- ii. Time: TBD
- iii. Location: Marriott Marquis
- iv. Cost: \$TBD

* This agenda item was tabled given that we do not know the pricing for the event.

d. Harvey Milk Breakfast (Aguilar)

- i. Date: May 19, 2016 (same as Lawyer’s Club dinner)
- ii. Time: 7:30am – 9:00am
- iii. Location: Hilton Bayfront
- iv. Cost: \$1,000.00/table (Small Non-Profit Rate)

Nageotte moved to moved that THLA procure a table for the 2016 Harvey Milk Breakfast at the cost of \$1,000.00. Ceckola seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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e. ACLU // SB 443 Legislation – Support Request

The ACLU is seeking support for their legislation efforts regarding bill SB 443.

There was no motion.

f. National Lawyers’ Guild // Citizen Review Board

- i. Ballot proposal that the national Lawyer’s Guild_ have drafted to completely reform the Citizens Review Board on Police Practices.

There was no motion.

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. Tom Homann LGBT Law Association 23rd Annual Dinner

- i. Date: April 14, 2016
- ii. Time: 5:30pm
- iii. Location: U.S. Grant Hotel

b. Fair Housing CLE

- i. Date: March 15, 2016
- ii. Time: 6:30pm
- iii. Location: Thomas Jefferson School of Law
- iv. Cost: Free for THLA members

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IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

No miscellaneous business was discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

XI. Closing Roll Call.

The Board adjourned at 6:59 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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