



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES FOR THE JULY 7, 2016 MEETING**

Date: July 7, 2016 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Lambda Archives San Diego 4545 Park Blvd., Ste. 104 San Diego, CA 92116	GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER.

a. Opening Roll Call.

The Board was called to order at 6:49 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"/> Benjamin Aguilar – Co-President
<input type="checkbox"/> Kevin Davis – CFO, Treasurer
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anita Margolis
<input type="checkbox"/> Ellen Smith | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nicholas Fox – Co-President
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leonard Trinh |
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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.

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

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II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

- a. The Board extended its gratitude to Lambda Archives for hosting the THLA Board meeting and giving the Board a tour of their office.

III. INTERIM ACTIONS.

- a. There were no interim actions discussed.

IV. REPORTS.

General Committee information was presented to apprise the Board of the updated membership of each Committee.

a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Aguilar).

Aguilar provided the financials for THLA

i. 501(c)(3) Board Appointment (Aguilar & Fox)

An initial Board is required to establish the by-laws of the 501(c)(3) by end of year 2016 to go with the articles of organization.

b. Endorsements Committee Report (Margolis) – Fox, Aguilar, Margolis (chair) Seymour, Trinh, Huston

The Endorsement Committee recommended amending the Board's Standing Resolutions, Policies and Procedures with regard to Section 2 (Candidate Endorsement or Nomination) and Sections 8 through 12 regarding the roles and responsibilities of all Committees of the Board, including the Endorsements Committee to modify or clarify rules and

procedures for processing endorsement requests and the role and responsibilities of the various committees. After further time was requested by Cekola to review and consider the proposed amendments, particularly the proposed roles and responsibilities of the Committees, the proposed amendments were tabled.

Huston then moved to adopt the amendments to Sections 2 and 8 (Endorsements Committee) only of the Standing Resolutions, Policies and Procedures as presented by the Endorsements Committee. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, with the understanding that the amendments can be re-visited and amended further at a later time, as follows:

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- i. City Attorney Endorsement
 - 1. Mara Elliott has not yet submitted her written materials to the Committee, as requested. Her meeting/interview with the Committee will be scheduled after her written materials are received.
- ii. SDCBA Endorsements
 - 1. Renee Galente’s request for endorsement for the SDCBA Board is pending. She has not yet submitted written materials to the Committee, which will be requested before scheduling an interview/meeting with the Committee.
- iii. Peter Fagan’s judicial application endorsement request is pending. Commission Fagan has submitted all written materials to the Committee, and his meeting with the Endorsements Committee is in the process of being scheduled.

c. Advisory Committee Report (Fox) – Fox (chair), Aguilar (chair) invitations pending on other members

- i. New Advisory Committee Appointments are Aguilar (chair), Fox and invitees will be Denise Visconti, Judge David Rubin, Judge Cindy Davis, Nadia Bermudez, Randy Clark, Rosaline Feral, Kyle Nageotte, Robert Gleason, Dave Kempton. There was no update. Margolis also suggested Judge David Danielsen as a Committee member.

d. Public Relations Committee Report (Fox & Cekola) – Fox (chair), Cecola, Manley

- i. Membership survey Feedback.
 - 1. Fox provided a preliminary update on the membership survey results.
 - 2. The Board directed the Public Relations Committee to solicit further responses from the membership via the weekly email blast.

e. Events Committee Report (Aguilar) Aguilar (chair) , Smith, Kelly Hale, Kirk Yake

The events committee is comprised of Smith, Kelly Hale, Kirk Yake, and Aguilar (Chair)

i. Pre-Pride Happy Hour

- 1. Date: Thursday, July 14, 2016
- 2. Time: 5:30pm
- 3. Location: Pardon My French (Formerly known as Heat)
- 4. Budget: \$275.00 (approved at the annual retreat)

Margolis moved to increase the budget for the Pre-Pride Happy Hour to \$765 plus tax and gratuities. Cekola seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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ii. Summer BBQ –

1. Date: Saturday, September 10, 2016 (tentative)
2. Time: TBA
3. Location: Venue Ideas – Yacht Club is the leading choice. Anita will check with Jonathan Schneeweiss regarding the club.

iii. Law Student/Attorney Mixer –

1. Date: Thursday, October 13, 2016
2. Time: 6:00pm
3. Location: Hon. D. Rubin and Todd Stevens’ home

iv. Election Night Social

1. Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2016
2. Time: 5:30pm
3. Location: Downtown San Diego (Renaissance Hotel formerly the W)
4. Budget/Motion

Aguilar moved to budget up to \$1,500 for an election night social event sponsored by THLA and minority bars that co-sponsor the event, including monetary contributions. Aguilar informed the Board he would reach out to other diversity bar organizations regarding co-sponsorship. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after further Board discussion, as follows:

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f. Community Outreach / Planning Committee Report (Huston) Huston (chair), Alexander, Hicks, Duimovich

i. There was no update.

g. Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee (Fox) Fox (chair), Aguilar (chair), Margolis, Seymour

The By-laws need to be reviewed to ensure consistency with the practice of the Board. This committee is comprised of Fox, Aguilar (Chair) , Margolis, Seymour, and Davis. No update.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Website Update

- i. Headshots and Contact Info for New Board Members – Still missing this from some new board members.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

i. Lavender Law (Aguilar)

- 1. Date: August 4-6, 2016
- 2. Location: Renaissance Hotel // Washington, D.C.

ii. Couture for a Cause (Aguilar)

- 1. Co-sponsorship request
- 2. Date: September 29, 2016
- 3. Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm
- 4. Location: Hall of Champions

Aguilar moved to sponsor the Couture for a Cause in name only. Fox seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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iii. Request To Sign On An Amicus Brief

A recent court ruling established a right to possess and sell firearms under the second amendment under certain circumstances. In light of the events in Orlando, gun control rights and laws have become a more pressing concern for the LGBT community.

The Board decided to review the brief first and then to decide later on whether the THLA Board will sign on the amicus brief to have the case heard en banc.

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. Pre-Pride Happy Hour (Aguilar)

Date: Thursday, July 14, 2016

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Pardon My French (formerly known as Heat)

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

No miscellaneous business was discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

XI. Closing Roll Call.

The Board adjourned at 7:58 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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