



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016 MEETING**

Date: September 1, 2016 Time: 6:04 p.m. Location: The Center 3909 Centre Street 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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There was quorum. THLA member Ted Holmquist was also present.

b. Approval of the Minutes. (Fox)

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. Alexander 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. Endorsement Committee recommendations and subsequent board votes on August 16, 2016 and August 26, 2016 were made and discussed via email before the meeting (see Endorsement Committee Report below).

IV. REPORTS.

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

- i. THLA Foundation Update and economic status of THLA.
 1. Davis reported on THLA's finances.
 2. The draft bylaws for the THLA Foundation were circulated to the Board for review. A vote to adopt will be held at the October meeting.

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

1. The Endorsement Committee recommendations for endorsements were supported by a unanimous vote of the Board. The applicants will be notified of their success forthwith, if they have not received word already.
2. The Board endorsed the following candidates: Mara Elliott for San Diego City Attorney; and Renee Galente, Chris Lawson, Frank Barone, Patty Hollenbeck, and David Majcharzak for San Diego County Bar Board of Directors.

c. Advisory Committee Report (Fox)

- i. There was no report from the Advisory Committee

d. Public Relations Committee Report (Cekola & Fox)

- i. Membership survey – Additional Survey Feedback. The latest survey results fall along the same lines as the previous results already received and so the survey will be discontinued as a completed and successful project.

e. Events Committee Report (Aguilar)

i. Dates For Summer BBQ and Law Student/Attorney Mixer

1. Date: Saturday, September 10, 2016 (confirmed)
2. Time: 12:00pm – 4pm
3. Location: Southwestern Yacht Club (Point Loma)
4. Fox will coordinate a group to get supplies.

ii. Law Student/Attorney Mixer –

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

iii. Election Night Social

1. Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2016
2. Time: 5:30pm
3. Location: Downtown San Diego (Renaissance Hotel – formerly the W) the contract has been signed.
4. Co-hosting orgs update – THLA is still awaiting news from the other potential co-hosts but FALSD and SABA have committed to \$250 each.

iv. San Diego Paralegal Association Co-Hosted Mixer/CLE (Smith)

5. Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2016
6. Time: 6:00pm
7. Location: TBD
8. THLA Commitment: Secure Speaker

f. Community Outreach / Planning Committee Report (Huston)

- 1. The Committee is meeting with The Centre next Thursday for a partnership to provide MCLEs at the Center for use of the space, but more importantly to get the word out about the MCLE to the LGBT Community.

Without The Center’s support THLA could rent the auditorium:
Auditorium:

Capacity: Up to 250 people (seated) or 400 people (standing)

Minimum rental: Two hours, Monday through Friday for events ending by 6:00 p.m.; four hours all other times. Not available Sundays.

Rental Fee: \$150/hour (for-profit); \$125/hour (non-profit). This fee does not include usage of the sound system or the kitchen**.*

**Additional rental fee for use of sound system: \$50/event plus \$250 deposit.*

***Additional rental fee for use of kitchen: \$125 flat rate per event plus \$125 cleaning deposit.*

Deposit: \$250

Committee is reaching out to the SCBA to partnership with a lunch time MCLE at the SCBA offices

g. Bylaws Review Ad Hoc Committee (Margolis & Fox)

There are no updates for amending the by-laws.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. No unfinished business was discussed.**

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

- i. Endorsement Committee Meetings Reimbursement Request/Motion (Aguilar) – (\$197.77)

Huston moved to reimburse to Ben Aguilar \$197.77 for the expenses related to providing refreshments for the Endorsement Committee and the eight applicants seeking the Board’s endorsement. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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ii. Lambda Archives // THLA as Supporting Organization (Aguilar)

1. Financial Contribution // Update – Lambda Archives have not responded with a proposal for contribution as of this date.

iii. SABA Annual Dinner (Aguilar)

1. Date: September 30, 2016
2. Time: 5:30pm
3. Location: Royal India
4. Motion to purchase 2 tickets

Aguilar moved to purchase two tickets for this event at \$200.00. Margolis seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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iv. San Diego La Raza Lawyers Foundation Annual Dinner (Fox)

1. Board members attending: (Aguilar, Fox, Huston, Cekola, Javier, Hicks)
 - a. Date: October 7, 2016
 - b. Time: 5:30pm
 - c. Location: U.S. Grant Hotel

v. THLA Annual Dinner 2017 Keynote Speaker (Huston)

1. Update – Board is still waiting on confirmation from a potential keynote speaker.

vi. THLA Annual Dinner 2017 Awards (Aguilar/Fox)

1. Earlier Call for Award Nominations to be published in the dinner invitations is required. So award nomination requests will be sent to the membership in November and the recipients will be decided at the THLA Board Annual Retreat in January.

vii. Law School PRIDE Meetings (Aguilar/Fox)

1. CWSL - Margolis, Trinh and Duimovich are scheduled to attend. Actual date TBD.
2. USD – 9/22/2016. Smith and Fox will attend.
3. TJSJ – 8/30/16 at 11:30am. Aguilar and Fox attended.

viii. THLA Annual Retreat (Aguilar/Fox)

- a. Date: January 5, 2017 (Discuss Alternative Dates)
- b. Time: TBD
- c. Location: TBD

ix. Public Defender Community Outreach (Aguilar)

1. Date: September 17, 2016
2. Time: 7:0 0pm
3. Location: Hall of Champions
4. Sponsorship Request for Casino Night.

This event will benefit the Village of Promise - breaking the chain of incarcerations. Margolis moved to sponsor the event as a silver sponsor for \$300. Bermudez seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. There were no announcements**

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS & DEADLINES

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

- a. Couture for a Cause**
 - i. Date: September 29, 2016
 - ii. Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm
 - iii. Location: Hall of Champions (Balboa Park)
- b. SABA Annual Dinner**
 - 1. Date: September 30, 2016
 - 2. Time: 5:30pm
 - 3. Location: Royal India
- c. Summer BBQ –**
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 - iii. Location: Southwestern Yacht Club (Point Loma)
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f. San Diego Paralegal Association Co-Hosted Mixer/CLE

- 1. Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2016
- 2. Time: 6:00pm
- 3. Location: TBD
- 4. Commitment: Secure Speaker for an MCLE on eithics

IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. No miscellaneous business was discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

XI. Closing Roll Call.

The Board adjourned at 6:46 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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