



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

Date: November 3, 2016 Time: 6:11 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 6:00 p.m. by Benjamin 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. Ted Holmquist was also present.

b. Approval of the Minutes.

The prior minutes were previously circulated to the Board via email with a request for agenda items to be discussed at this meeting.

Alexander moved to adopt the minutes as presented to the Board. Hicks 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.** On October 20, 2016, Fox moved to sign the *Carcano v. McCrory* amicus brief that will be filed by BALIF. The motion passed unanimously and THLA signed onto the brief.
- b.** On October 27, 2016, Fox moved to grant an exception to our current endorsement policies in order for the endorsement committee to move forward with the endorsement request THLA received from Col. D. Applegate (49th Congressional District). The motion passed by majority vote.
- c.** On October 28, 2016, Fox called for a vote to endorse Col. D. Applegate based on the interview information provided by the endorsement committee. The motion passed by the majority by email.

Aguilar moved to grant an exception to our current endorsement policies in order for the endorsement committee to move forward with the endorsement request THLA received from Col. D. Applegate (49th Congressional District) and to ratify the previous email vote to that effect. Alexander seconded the motion. The motion was carried, after no Board discussion, as follows:

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IV. REPORTS.

a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Davis).

- i. THLA Foundation Update and economic status of THLA

Davis presented the financials of THLA.

- ii. THLA Foundation Bylaws Discussion

The initial board members are Davis, Fox, and Aguilar with goal that any THLA Board members will constitute the minority of the Board members of the Foundation.

b. Endorsements Committee Report (Margolis)

- i. Col. Doug Applegate was endorsed.

c. Advisory Committee Report (Fox)

- i. There was no report from the Advisory Committee

d. Public Relations Committee Report (Cekola & Fox)

- i. There was no report from the Public Relations Committee Report

e. Events Committee Report (Aguilar)

i. Law Student/Attorney Mixer – Feedback

The law student mixer was well attended by both attorneys and students and the evening went well. The THLA board expressed their gratitude for the hosts, Hon. David Rubin and Todd Stephens.

ii. Election Night Social

1. Date: Tuesday, November 8, 2016
2. Time: 5:30pm
3. Location: Downtown San Diego (Renaissance Hotel – formerly the W)
4. Co-hosting orgs update // FALSD, SABA and Democrats for Equality

There is no cover for this event.

iii. San Diego Paralegal Association Co-Hosted Mixer/CLE

1. Date: Tuesday, November 16, 2016
2. Time:
 - a. Registration: 5:30pm – 6:00pm
 - b. Program: 6:00pm – 7:00pm
 - c. Mixer: 7:00pm – 8:00pm
3. Location: Procopio

f. Community Outreach / Planning Committee Report (Huston)

i. Status on joint project with the Center. The committee is hammering out scheduling and liability and necessary services to establish an immigration clinic for asylum for LGBT members.

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

i. There are no updates for amending the by-laws.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

i. No unfinished business was discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

i. Lambda Archives // THLA's Own [Tiny] Box for Digital Files! (Aguilar)

1. Financial Contribution // Update

The Board is asking Lambda Legal for pricing to host a digital archive box.

ii. Feedback on Dialogue on Diversity (Aguilar)

1. Date: November 1, 2016
2. Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm
3. Location: SDCBA
4. Details: Peggy Nagae (speaker)

This event was interesting and informative.

iii. Ethics in the Practice of Criminal Law (Aguilar)

1. Date: Friday, November 4, 2016
2. Time: 5:30pm
3. Location: CWSL
4. Details: Ethics in the Practice of Criminal Law (Speakers: California Supreme Court Justice Goodwin Liu, Hon. Margie Woods, SD PB Henry Coker, and SD DA Bonnie Dumanis).

The ticket cost to attend this event is free for THLA members.

iv. THLA Holiday Party Discussion

1. Budget: \$1,500.00
2. Venue: Pardon My French
3. Date/Time – **Thursday**, December 15, 2016 at 6:00pm

v. THLA Annual Dinner 2017 Keynote Speaker

1. Ideas include Brian Sims, sports figures, diplomats. The goal is to secure a speaker by January.

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

1. Earlier Call for Award Nominations
 - a. Award Nomination/Decision Timeline

This month a call for nominations will be sent out to the general membership for THLA Award Dinner.

vii. THLA Annual Retreat (Aguilar/Fox)

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

The current time is for Thursday evening but the Board is considering a Saturday venue if a location can be secured.

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:

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IX. MISCELLANEOUS.

- a. No miscellaneous business was discussed.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

XI. Closing Roll Call.

The Board adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The Following Board members were present:

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