

**TOM HOMANN LGBT LAW ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 3 October 2013 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: 4620 Narragansett Ave.	GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER.

- a. Opening Roll Call.
 - i. The Board was called to order at 6:11 p.m.
 - ii. Present were Fox, Visconti, Schneeweiss, Bressler-Keehn, Manley, Margolis, Saperstein, Freestone, Nageotte, and Bunton.
- b. Approval of the Minutes.
 - i. The Minutes of the August 29, 2013 meeting were approved without objection.
- c. The Board recessed from 6:14 p.m. – 6:19 p.m.

II. SPECIAL BUSINESS.

- a. District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis (seeking Board endorsement).
 - i. District Attorney Dumanis sought the Board's endorsement for her re-election as District Attorney for San Diego County. District Attorney Dumanis was not able to attend the Board's meeting due to another engagement.
 - ii. Manley (Freestone) moved to endorse District Attorney Dumanis for re-election. The motion carried by a majority vote. Bunton abstained.
- b. Carla Bressler-Keehn (seeking Board endorsement).
 - i. Board member Carla Bressler-Keehn sought the Board's endorsement for her election as a judge of the San Diego County Superior Court. The election will be held in June, although it is unclear how many seats will be vacant.
 - ii. Manley (Visconti) moved to endorse Carla Bressler-Keehn for election to the San Diego County Superior Court. The motion carried by a majority vote.
 - iii. Election information can be found at www.carlakeehnforjudge.com.

III. REPORTS.

- a. Chief Financial Officer Report (Nageotte).
 - i. Nageotte reported that the THLA account has approximately \$25,300.00 before any reimbursement checks were issued.
- b. CLE Report.

- i. There was no CLE report.

IV. INTERIM ACTIONS.

- a. California Women Lawyers' Annual Dinner.
 - i. On September 16-17, 2013, the Board voted via email to sponsor an advertisement in the dinner's program for \$300.
 - ii. The dinner is honoring two of THLA's members, Judge Paula Rosenstein and Lilys McCoy.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

- a. Proposed Resolution on Law Firms With Offices in Russia (Fox).
 - i. The Board considered whether to adopt a resolution on law firms with offices in countries that are not supportive of LGBT rights.
 - ii. The Board agreed that a general resolution aimed at all countries would be appropriate, but that THLA should not request that firms take affirmative steps to promote LGBT rights when those actions might be illegal in the respective countries.
 - iii. A committee of Manley, Margolis, Saperstein, and Fox was formed to draft language accordingly.

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

- a. THLA Holiday Party (Fox).
 - i. Fox reported that community member Mike Growe would be willing to host the THLA annual holiday party at his residence in Mission Hills.
 - ii. The Board was thankful for Mr. Growe's offer and accepted.
 - iii. Fox will follow-up with Mr. Growe regarding dates and whether a volunteer contingent from the Board is needed for setting up and clean up.
- b. 2014 Annual Dinner (Fox).
 - i. Potential Speakers.
 - 1. The item was tabled due to time constraints.
 - ii. Flyer for Sponsors.
 - 1. Fox reminded Board members that Visconti provided a sponsorship "save the date" flyer that Board members should start distributing to firm and corporate sponsors. This will help these entities plan budget-wise for the dinner.
- c. Bar Association Night at Chapman University (Visconti).
 - i. Visconti reported that Chapman University was hosting a Bar Association Night, and was wondering if any Board member was able to attend.
 - ii. No Board member was able to attend on the date the event was held.
- d. THLA Debit Card Update (Hansen / Nageotte).
 - i. Nageotte reported that he must go in person to the bank to obtain a check card for THLA.
- e. THLA Fall Barbeque Update (Bunton).
 - i. The item was tabled due to time constraints.
- f. Law School Pride Outreach Update (Fox).
 - i. The item was tabled due to time constraints.

- g. The Center's 40th Annual Gala and Table Sponsorship Update (Visconti).
 - i. THLA purchased three tickets to the annual dinner, and advertising space in the event's program.
 - ii. Board members who are interested in attending should let Visconti or Fox know.
- h. Dialogue on Diversity Update (Fox).
 - i. The item was tabled due to time constraints.
- i. SDCBA Law Student Reception Update (Freestone).
 - i. The item was tabled due to time constraints.
- j. DOMA / Prop. 8 Presentation with SDCBA Update (Visconti).
 - i. The item was tabled due to time constraints.
- k. *Lawyer Magazine* Article Update (Visconti).
 - i. The item was tabled due to time constraints.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

- a. SDCBA Elections (Fox).*
 - i. Elections for the County Bar Association will open on October 15, 2013. Fox will send out an email to the membership with THLA's endorsements in advance of October 15, 2013.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

- a. Closing Roll Call.
 - i. The Board adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Present were Fox, Visconti, Schneeweiss, Bressler-Keehn, Manley, Margolis, Saperstein, Freestone, Nageotte, Bunton, and Hansen.

* Announcement scheduled for distribution to membership.