



AMERICAN SAMOA

BAR ASSOCIATION

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MINUTES April 5, 2012 Deluxe Cafe

1. Opening: Meeting called to order at 6:44pm by President Sean Morrison at Deluxe Cafe with ten members present:
 1. Sean Morrison
 2. Mitzie Folau
 3. Blake Hanley
 4. Tina Hanley
 5. Daniel Woods
 6. Nathan Mease
 7. Kelly Dixon
 8. Bill Evans
 9. Fainuulelei Alailima-Utu
 10. Sharron Rancourt

2. Vote to approve MINUTES February 22, 2012
 1. MINUTES February 22, 2012, approved unanimously

3. Officers' Reports
 1. President
 1. Nominees for the Bar Justice Award
 1. Please see handout (Nominees: Charles Alailima, Ipu Lefiti, Marshall Ashley). Several members spoke as to the qualifications of each candidate for the Bar Justice Award. Ipu Lefiti was selected as the first recipient of the 2012 Bar Justice Award. A plurality vote was taken (including by proxy) and the results were as follows:
 1. Charles Alailima: 4
 2. Ipu Lefiti: 8
 3. Marshall Ashley: 2
 2. Strategic Planning. There is a Strategic Planning Handout that was emailed to members before the meeting. Please review the Handout and provide comments at the next meeting.

1. Administrative Services Chairman Sonny Thompson may have a facility for the American Samoa Bar Association. The facility/house is on Lua Street and we need to check out the facility to determine whether it meets our needs.
3. Law Conference at ASCC on April 28, 2012. At this Conference, Counsel Roy Hall will be giving a brief history of law in American Samoa. The keynote speaker is to be determined (Judge Elvis Patea will be asked). There will also be a panel discussing the proposed bill on citizenship in the Territory. The Conference will begin in the afternoon.
4. Next Bar Meeting on April 28, 2012. We will hold our annual meeting at the Culinary Academy after the Law Conference at ASCC. We will hold elections for each Bar Position.
5. Website. President showed us the new website for the American Samoa Bar Association. We will need help from members in updating the site. One member stated that the Bar's motto needs to be on top of the Webpage.
2. Vice President:
 1. MDT Event. On April 12-13, the MDT will be having a an event addressing family violence, specifically, identifying the issues and methods to solve the issues. This event is not open to the public but Bar Members may attend. Chiefs, church leaders, and Directors have been invited to attend the panel.
3. Secretary:
 1. Secretary has the Treasurer's file box. Nothing new to report.
4. Treasurer:
 1. We no longer have a Treasurer.
4. Committee Reports
 1. Mock Trial Committee
 1. We will not be holding any mock trial events this semester as there were scheduling issues. We will try to start up the program next semester.
5. New Business
 1. No new business.
6. Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.