

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Laura Murphy's office**

Members Present: Patrick O'Connor, Jim Laukkonen, Trevor Zandell, Heidi Raedel Magaro, Mark Wheeler, Chris Coker, Laura Murphy, Terry Church, Jackson Maynard, Bill Pope

Members Absent: Megan Card, Lenny Lucenko

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:39pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2018 Board Meeting** - Laura moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Heidi. The motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 President appoints 2018-2019 Board Officer positions (Trevor) – The committee is not finished discussing this yet. This will be discussed at the April meeting.
  - 3.2 TCBA email account (Trevor) – A discussion took place to talk about a better email account to use instead of gmail. Heather will ask Jill Carter, who designed the TCBA website, if we can get an email address that will allow us to use it more efficiently than gmail.
  - 3.3 Venue for CLE in the fall (Heather) – Heather will contact Hotel RL for dates in the fall for CLEs.
  - 3.4 Program and music at the Annual Meeting & Dinner (Heather) – A discussion took place. The decision was to ask the Oly Mountain Boys again and if they can't then contact the pianist, Scott Cossu. Laura will reach out to Tye Menser of the Oly Mountain Boys to see if they are interested and available on May 18, 2018 and let Heather know.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 Bylaws Review Committee update (Trevor) – A discussion place regarding the changes proposed in the bylaws. There were numerous changes throughout the bylaws for grammar and word changes. Jackson moves to approve the grammar and word changed, seconded by Bill. The motion carries without objections. Other changes are:
    - Section I: Purpose, paragraph 4: After discussion, Terry moves to approve the amended wording the committee with the exception of the word “such”, seconded by Chris. The motion carries without objections.
    - Section I: Purpose, paragraph 6: To add to the bylaws “To advocate for the interests of its members”. Bill moves to approve the addition to the bylaws, seconded by Patrick. The motion carries without objections.
    - Section II: Membership Classification, paragraph 2: The committee will review this one again and resend it to the Board.
    - Section V: Board of Directors, paragraph 2: This was tabled until the next meeting.
    - Section VII: Duties of the Officers, paragraph 2: Bill moves to approve the proposed amendment, seconded by Laura. The motion carries without objections.
    - Section XV. Bill moves to approve the change to provide only the date of the last amendment, seconded by Terry. The motion carries without objections.
  - 4.2 Retired Attorneys (non-WSBA Members) Attending TCBA Functions update (Trevor)- This was tabled until the next meeting.
  - 4.3 Social Media update (Jackson) – Jackson will meet with the communication and IT staff at the State to ask about how to send out calendar invites. He will also look into an invite only

Facebook page. Jackson will meet with Patrick to discuss further. Heather will wait for Jackson to report what he finds before she asks Jill Carter for information on a new email address.

- 4.4 Social Event update (Megan) – Megan, Patrick, Heidi, and Laura met at her office and came up with some great ideas. They are going to look into the Tacoma Rainiers to find out how much it would be for us to have a “Member Day at the Park”. Members would be responsible for purchasing their own tickets and it usually includes a hot dog and drink. This would be a family friendly event. Patrick contacted the Rainiers: The Bullpen Lounge is \$2600 for 50 tickets (\$54 per ticket includes unlimited water and soda, beer & wine for the first 90 minutes, the menu includes hot dogs, hamburgers, macaroni salad, and chips. The dates available are July 1, 2018 at 1:35 p.m., August 16, 2018 at 7:05 p.m., August 22, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. The general group tickets for 20 or more people (reserved seat \$19 person, food & hat or \$13 with no hat). After discussion, the Board would like Patrick to reserve the Bullpen Lounge on August 16, 2018 at 7:05pm. Bill moves to approve, seconded by Chris. The motion carries with one objection.

The committee is proposing that we no longer have the summer BBQ. It is not very well attended, and it is a lot of work. We are thinking the Rainiers day would take the place of the BBQ. After discussion, the board would like to cancel the summer BBQ. Chris moves to approve, seconded by Laura. The motion carries without objections.

The committee is proposing a “TCBA Dawg Day” in September at Northwest Beerwerks. Northwest Beerwerks is a dog friendly establishment in Olympia and they have a large outdoor tent area. Perhaps the TCBA provides appetizers and a keg. They were also thinking of looking to firms to help sponsor. Laura will call Northwest Beerwerks and provide information at the meeting next month.

- 4.5 Law Day Speech Contest update (Terry) – The preliminary round will be on April 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Thurston County Superior Court. The final round will be on May 1, 2018 at noon at Tugboat Annie’s during the Rotary meeting. Terry and Patrick are going to go to a few schools to promote the event. Chris will talk to Judge Wilcox about advertising it at Tumwater High School. Heather sent an email to all the schools. Patrick will contact some Judges to be Judges during the preliminary round and will find out which courtroom we will be in.

5. **Treasurer’s Report** (Laura Murphy) – February Financial Reports – Terry moves to approve the February Financial Reports, seconded by Jim. The motion carries without objections.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Mark Wheeler)- March 16, 2018 will be “The Hearing Examiner” presented by Attorneys Sharon Rice and Mark Scheibmeir. April 20 is “Incentivized Witness Testimony” presented Attorney by Lara Zarowsky.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – The Board of County Commissioners meeting was on March 7, 2018. There was a good turnout at the meeting with attorneys and elected officials present. The agenda was to discuss the new courthouse. Commissioner Blake wanted to discuss how we can fund this new courthouse. March 21, 2018 is the deadline to comment on this. They would like community groups to advertise this. Trevor said the TCBA supports a new courthouse and will help advertise it. Commissioner Edwards would like to discuss this with the TCBA. Trevor proposed to invite Commissioner Edwards and the other Commissioners to meet with the TCBA members to discuss the new courthouse in a forum setting. Trevor and Mark met with the WSBA Board of Directors on March 7, 2018 at Hotel RL to discuss

what the TCBA needs/wants and diversity inclusion and how it is going in Thurston County. Trevor shared information about the new courthouse, the new LLLT's, and referende process. On March 8, 2018 the WSBA held a luncheon at Hotel RL where they honored the Local Hero recipient Phyllis Barney, who the TCBA selected and Larry Jefferson, who the Government Bar Association selected.

- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Chris, Heidi, Patrick, Laura) – The Feb. 15, 2018 CLE had a great turnout. It was a great mix of attorneys and paralegals. The GeoData presentation about their website was amazing. We advertised the CLE was going to be 3.5 Law & Legal credits, but the WSBA approved it as 3.25 Professional Development credits. Mark has appealed the decision and waiting to hear back from the WSBA. The committee will meet again in the next couple of weeks.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – The Legal Brief was mailed to the members on March 8, 2018. The next Legal Brief will be mailed to the members by the end of May.

## 8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Mike DeWitt) – We just concluded our monthly meeting. It was well attended, as always. Judge Wilson was on hand to give some feedback from the recent GAL training. We had introductions from a new attorney (Bonnie, a staff attorney for TCVLS) and a new GAL (Richard Stride). Our guest speaker was Jody Suhrbier from the DRC. We learned that the DRC does a lot more than just offer mediation. Next month we will have Nancy Koptur speak to us about child support issues. A TCBA member and candidate for local political office was given the floor at a section meeting to promote his campaign. After a discussion, the Board came to a consensus that political candidates should not be allowed to promote their campaigns at section meetings. Trevor will communicate with Mike about this policy.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) – May 1, 2018 is the TCVLS breakfast. Terry is a table captain if anyone wants to sit with him to let him know or if anyone wants to be a table captain. Bonnie is a new attorney for TCVLS. Her role is to administer the direct rep program. The TCVLS Board is working on strategic planning based on the State studies that were done.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Jen Doehne) - We held our monthly lunch on the 7<sup>th</sup> at Ramblin' Jacks. Our monthly event will be Lucky Leprechaun Bingo on the 16<sup>th</sup>, which is also a fundraiser for the Lacey Senior Center.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) – no report
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Ann Harrie) – No updates, but I am working on securing a CLE with an individual who will talk about timber rights. Laura Murphy sent me the idea. Hopefully my next update will be that we have a CLE lined up!

## 9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Mark had lunch with the new Dean of SPSCC's Paralegal Program, Adam Tenenbaum. He is in the process of revamping the Paralegal curriculum. He would like to create some internships in the community. His goal is to have a lot of paralegals ready to hire.
- 9.2 Rules Committee meeting with Commissioner Zinn – Patrick and Laura attended this meeting. They are looking for more feedback from the TCBA members. Mark has some attorneys in his office who have some comments. He will tell them to contact Laura. Laura will send an email to each of the sections and to the membership as a whole. This will be added to the agenda for next meeting.

## 10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Trevor Zandell's office on April 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

12. **Adjourn** 7:42pm