

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
Mark Wheeler's Office (John & Larry to host)

Members present: Mark Wheeler, John Skinder, Larry Jefferson, Bill Pope, Chris Coker, Terry Church, Brent Normoyle, Janet McClanahan Moody, Lenny Lucenko, Megan Card, Trevor Zandell

Members absent: Leslie Owen

Others Present: Angela Skinder, Judge Christine Schaller

1. **Call to order** 5:38pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of March 12, 2014 Board meeting** Motion made by Mark to approve minutes from March 12, 2014. Trevor seconds the motion and the motion is approved.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Judge Schaller- Annual Dinner and how to get more attendance- Judge Schaller wanted to discuss ideas on how to improve attendance at the Annual Dinner; a possible competition, some sort of game night that is interactive. More possibilities for next year; band or comedy. The point of contacts for this will be Judge Schaller & Larry.
 - 3.2 Bigelow Award Nominations- Leslie gave John her proxy and written instruction for her votes.
For this year the winner will be told, but nothing will be listed about the other nominees on the dinner invitation or the dinner program.
Discussion on three nominees: Elie Halpern; Alan Swanson; Heather Burgess
Blind vote taken
Decision for the Bigelow Award this year is R. Alan Swanson.
 - 3.3 Board Member Positions: Christopher Lanese; Joseph Rehberger, Laura Murphy, Diane Whaley, Jim Foley, Stephen Foster, Patrick Rawnsley all submitted letters of interest and bio's. There was a discussion on the applicants and their qualifications.
*Motion made by Megan to put Laura in #4 for Leslie's position in May; John seconds the motion and then a vote; there is one opposed. The motion passes.
Decision for May: Laura Murphy will fill position #4, being vacated by Leslie Owen.
*Motion made by Chris for Chris Lanese to be put in #1 For Brent's position in September; vote; motion passes
Decision for September: Chris Lanese will fill position #1, being vacated by Brent Normoyle.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Nominating Committee (Lenny & Larry) Lenny reports that Terry will be President Elect; Janet will be Treasurer and Megan will be Secretary for the 2014-2015 term.
 - 4.2 By-Law Changes (Megan) Megan has made some changes to wording for the Immediate Past President to be included as an officer; allowing the Young Lawyer position to serve as an officer with "seven (7) additional members to make up board". Megan will send out the changes for an email vote so the new changes can be emailed to the membership at least ten days prior to the annual dinner. For 2014 the board members who are up for re-election are: Chris Coker in the #2 position and Trevor Zandell in the #6 position.
John skinder will be put into position #7.
 - 4.3 Scholarship (Brent) emailed information to board (see attachment email)
Discussion on details and if there is any money left in the budget to work this in. The discussion also included a one-time scholarship or possibility for it to be on-going.
*Motion made by Brent to establish a one-time only \$1000 scholarship to a graduate from Thurston

County who attends one of the three law schools in Washington and the school will choose the recipient and give them the money. Terry seconds the motion.

*Amendment to motion to include the following criteria: \$1000 to Gonzaga school; must be a 3rd year student; must have graduated from a Thurston County high school; and have an interest in returning to Thurston County to practice.

Board votes, one opposed, and motion passes. Brent will contact the school to get it set up.

Note on school order: Gonzaga; Seattle University; University of Washington (if the scholarship becomes on-going)

5. **Treasurer's Report** (Terry Church) March financials. Everything is on track for the year. Motion to approve March financials made by John, Lenny seconds and the motion passes.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Lenny Lucenko) no report due to time.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) nothing to report
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan) no report due to time.
 - 7.3 Newsletter (Angela Skinder) Newsletter will go out in late May to capture the annual dinner and Law Day.
8. **Section Reports**
 - 8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) – no report due to time
 - 8.2 Pro Bono (Leslie Owen) – May 8-TCVLS breakfast
 - 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Card) – swearing in ceremony April 17, Pints Barn for after
 - 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy) – progress with jail and non-verified addresses being released. Questions on whether pretrial services will remain in existence with the current budget. There is now a universal plea form that is paperless in District Court.
 - 8.5 Land Use Committee (Martha Wehling) – There was a meeting today that was approved with the WSBA for 1 general CLE credit. There were 14 in attendance. Next meeting is planned for June.
9. **Additions to agenda**
10. **Announcements**
11. **Date/location of next meeting:** May 14, 2014, Lenny Lucenko's Office
12. **Adjourn** 7:22pm