

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
Trevor Zandell's Office

Members Present: Lenny, John, Trevor, Terry, Mark, Chris C., Laura, Megan, Bill, and Larry

Members Absent: Janet and Chris L.

Others Present: None

1. **Call to order:** Lenny begins the meeting at 5:38 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2015 Board meeting:** Trevor moves for adoption of the minutes, Seconded by Larry, Motion carries without objection.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Funds available for YL activities: Board authorizes Lenny the discretion to approve up to \$100 for YL activities. Lenny will discuss needs with Megan Rue.
 - 3.2 Daniel Bigelow Award Nominations: There was a lot of discussion as there were two nominations for current Board members for the Bigelow Award. The current bylaws allow nominations for current Board members. However, there was discussion regarding the tradition, that the Board would not award the Bigelow Award to a current Board member mainly out of a concern for the appearance of fairness and potential bias in voting. Ultimately, a motion was made to amend the bylaws to exempt current Board members from being considered for the Bigelow Award. After discussion, this motion passed. Lenny will draft the language and submit to the Board electronically for consideration; the finalized language will be presented to the membership at the annual Dinner. Then, the Board considered the remaining nominations and, after a vote, decided to not award the Bigelow Award this year. The concern was that the remaining nominations did not specifically address the community involvement and accomplishment of the nominees. Without this information, the Board determined that it would be inappropriate to award the Bigelow for this year. The Board also decided to re-draft the nomination form to hopefully address this issue for the future.
 - 3.3 Refund for Half Day CLE's when a member pre-pays but doesn't come: The Board agreed that there would be no refunds if there was a no-show on the day of the event.
 - 3.4 Caterer for Summer picnic: Trevor updated the Board regarding the Picnic. The Board approves 1) Marv's or 2) Rambling Jacks's at the caterer for the event. Thanks to the Trevor for all of his work in planning this event.
 - 3.5 Discussion of Amendments of Bylaws regarding who can be nominated for the Bigelow Award: See 3.1 for discussion.
 - 3.6 Discussion of entertainment or any other events at the Annual Dinner: Based on not awarding the Bigelow Award this year, the Board decides that it would be nice to have some entertainment. Trevor and Lenny will contact the Oly Mountain Boys, a local band that has a TCBA connection to determine if we can hire them for the Annual Dinner. A vote on any cost will be done electronically by the Board.
 - 3.7 Discussion to purchase Magna Carta: Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Discussion of proposed court rule regarding establishing a program for judicial evaluations: Lenny will prepare a letter based on the work of the committee.
 - 4.2 Law Day update: Finals on May 5, 2015 at the West Olympia Rotary lunch at the West Bay Marina.
 - 4.3 Local Hero Award update: Judge Dubuisson is the deserving winner!!!

- 4.4 Pre-paying for CLE's update: Lenny reports that the electronic payment system is working well and members are using it to pre-pay.
- 4.5 Nominating Committee report and recommendations: The proposed slate for 2015-16 is Terry as President, Megan as President-Elect, Trevor as Secretary, and Janet as Treasurer.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) - No report available for April.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Terry Church): Terry is doing a wonderful job! We have 63 people signed up for the Ethics luncheon tomorrow.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope): Nothing new to report.
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.): Evidence Rules CLE at Indian Summer was very successful. Bankruptcy CLE set for April 23rd. On May 21st, there will be a free Embezzlement CLE at Indian Summer.
 - 7.3 Newsletter: Heather is doing a great job with the newsletter; it looks outstanding!
8. **Section Reports**
 - 8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) – No report.
 - 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) – No report.
 - 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) – Young Lawyers continues to be very active!
 - 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)- No report.
 - 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – Martha is planning another CLE with a Federal Judge.
9. **Additions to agenda** – Larry announced his resignation with and speaks of his love for the Board and the TCBA. Good luck Larry with all of your future endeavors!
10. **Announcements**
 - 10.1 Annual Dinner – May 15, 2015 at 5:30p.m. at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club
11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Lenny's office
12. **Adjourn**