

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
Trevor Zandell's office

Members Present: Terry Church, Megan Card, Chris Lanese, Trevor Zandell, Janet McClanahan Moody, Chris Coker, Laura Murphy, Bill Pope, Patrick O'Connor, Mark Wheeler

Members Absent: Lenny Lucenko, John Skinder

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:44 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2016 Board meeting** Chris L. moves to approve the minutes seconded by Trevor. The motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Bigelow Award Nominations – A discussion took place. Decision for the Bigelow Award this year is Jim Powers.
 - 3.2 TCVLS Board vacancy – TCVLS is seeking a person who is on the TCBA Board who can also serve on the TCVLS Board. Terry is interested in the position and will talk to Rachael at TCVLS.
 - 3.3 Nominations for Board of Directors Officers & Non-Officers – The proposed slate for 2016-2017 are: Immediate Past President: Terry Church, President: Megan Card, Vice-President: Trevor Zandell , Treasurer: Janet McClanahan Moody, Secretary: Mark Wheeler,. The TCBA Board member positions 2. Chris Coker, 4. Laura Murphy & 6. Patrick O'Connor will be expiring in May 2016. All three Board Members would like to be on the Board for another two year term.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Law Day update – The Preliminary round will be on April 19, there are 13 local teenagers signed up to participate.
 - 4.2 Judicial Evaluations Bylaw Amendments update – Trevor worked on amending the Bylaws and survey questions. Chris L. moves to adopt the Bylaw amendment, seconded by Bill. The motion carries without objections. The proposed Bylaw amendment will be sent to the TCBA membership at large for a vote at the May 13 annual meeting. Chris L. moves to adopt the survey questions for next year, seconded by Laura. The motion carries without objections.
 - 4.3 Program for the Annual Meeting & Dinner in May update- The band, Oly Mountain Boys will be playing again this year at the Annual Meeting & Dinner from 5:45 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
 - 4.4 Requesting Donations update-This information is on the website now. The deadline to submit the applications is September 1 of each year. Laura will draft a letter that will be sent to the organizations who have received donations from the TCBA in the past three years. November is the deadline for the TCBA Board to decide on the requests. Heather will send a list of donation recipients the past three years to Laura.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) – March 2016 Financial Reports – table this and review at next meeting.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Megan Card)- Justice Stephens was the March CLE speaker and it was great. Judge Murphy was going to do the April 29 CLE but is no longer available so the April 29 has

been cancelled.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Terry reached out to Judge Murphy and they had a few email exchanges. Terry will reach out again.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) – The half day March 31st Valuation CLE went well. A Paperless CLE is on April 22, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club. Only 12 people have RSVP'd so far so Heather sent an email invitation to Pierce, Mason and Lewis County Bar Associations as well. Heather will send the invitation to Grays Harbor Bar Association too. Chris, John, and Patrick are organizing a Trial CLE on May 18. Please keep soliciting ideas for CLEs from members.
- 7.3 Newsletter – will be sent in the mail the end of May. Trevor requested to include an announcement about the Summer BBQ.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Paul Battan) - This month will be business as usual for the section. We sent out a newsletter at the end of March, for April, and will be having our monthly noon meeting April 12. In the newsletter, meeting agenda, and meeting minutes we try to share as much information and “practice tips” as we can with the family law community. I forward probably 10 emails a month to the section members from the court or others who ask information to be shared. It seems like every month (if not week) the court or clerk is changing what they want, or how they schedule matters, so we try to distribute this information several times. A small project this month was to try to collect information about various Family and Juvenile Court (FJC) committees that exist, and members who participate on them. I had asked the court for this information and no one at FJC had it. I suspect that the institutional knowledge left with Bev Morgan, the main judicial assistant for many years. The court expressed interest in having the information we collected, which they will. We sent an email to section members and receive enough responses to make the project worthwhile, but not enough to make it very thorough. We are going to be asking participants on these committees to share information with the section at our monthly meetings, from time to time, if there is something worth sharing.
We will be having an engaging parenting coach, Emily McMason, as a speaker at our April meeting. Mike DeWitt knows her and I invited her as part of an effort to have our meetings extend beyond merely judicial officers talking with us (or at us) and vice versa and out into the greater “family law community.” In May the executive director of Family Education and Support Services will join us as a speaker for the same reason.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) – TCVLS breakfast is on May 3. TCBA has historically had a table at the TCVLS breakfast, but this year the Board members will be representing the TCBA at individual tables. Regarding our ongoing direct representation project with TCVLS, TCBA members of the joint committee will be Chris Lanese, Michael Young, Harriet Strasberg, Larry Hoffman, and Marla Elliott.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) - We have been continuing to meet monthly for our lunch meetings. Ryan Bedford (WSBA YL Committee, member at large) has organized some seasoned/mentor type attorneys to attend our meetings, which has been helpful and adds to our discussions during the lunch meetings. Nick Milner is going to try to organize a happy hour for the young lawyers, but that is still in the pre-planning phase. Finally, Swearing In will take place on Thursday, April 14th at 4:00 p.m. at the Thurston County Superior Court Courthouse with a meet-and-greet afterwards at Three Magnets Brewery in Downtown Olympia.
- 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)- No report
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – In March, Neil Wise presented to 17 members of the section on wolf management and fisher

reintroduction. His presentation was very well received. On June 7, J. Vander Stoep is scheduled to present on local government regulatory challenges. We haven't selected a location yet for this lunch. Ann Harrie, from Bean Gentry Wheeler, volunteered to help with a ½ day CLE in the summer or fall on land trust issues. She is contacting speakers, and we will likely include the gopher litigation update and an ethics presentation. In the fall, Joanna Eide, the Policy and Rules Coordinator for the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board, will present on the ongoing implementation of the recreational marijuana laws.

9. **Additions to agenda**
10. **Announcements**
11. **Date/location of next meeting:** May 11, 2016, Chris Lanese hosting at Lenny Lucenko's office
12. **Adjourn** 7:07 p.m.