

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
Chris Coker's Office

Members Present: Trevor Zandell, Lenny Lucenko, John Skinder, Mark Wheeler, Terry Church, Chris Coker, Chris Lanese, Laura Murphy, Bill Pope, Larry Jefferson

Members Absent: Megan Card, Janet McClanahan Moody

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order 5:39 p.m.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2014 Board meeting** - Motion made by John to approve the minutes from November 12, 2014, Bill seconds the motion and the motion passes.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 YMCA Mock Trial Competition – Lenny had a meeting with Jon Tunheim regarding the interest of the TCBA participating in a mock trial. The idea is in the beginning stages right now. There will be more information to come as soon as it's available.
 - 3.2 Add Pro Bono to website – Chris Lanese would like to further develop the Pro Bono section on the TCBA website. Some ideas are to explain what Pro Bono is, highlight successes of TCBA members, and provide links to TCVLS. The consensus was that would be a great idea. Chris will work with Heather to complete this.
 - 3.3 Local Hero Nomination– The nomination form for the Local Hero will be published in the January 2015 Legal Brief. The Board of Governors meeting and lunch will be on March 19, 2015 at the Red Lion Hotel.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Holiday lunch update – program – The lunch went well and was well attended. The Adopt-A-Family program went well. The consensus was it was nice to socialize and not have a formal program.
 - 4.2 Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program update – 28 families (108 individuals) were adopted this year. The total donations collected at the Holiday lunch was \$2281.00. This will be divided up between the families and Safeway gift cards will be purchased for each family.
 - 4.3 Phil Chen Fundraiser update – We will check with Megan for an update on this.
 - 4.4 CLE Venue update - Laura Murphy will look into SPSCC venue. Heather is working on other venues in the downtown Olympia area.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) - The Budget committee is working on the 2015 Budget. They will send the proposed budget to everyone hopefully before the end of the year or your review and feedback. We will defer the November Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports until next meeting when Janet is present.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Terry Church) – Starting in January 2015, there will be the first part of a three part Tool Box Series. The topic is "Motion Practice" and the speakers will be Judge Murphy & Forrest Wagner. The second topic in February 2015 will possibly be "Deposing an Expert" and the third topic in March will possibly be "What I learned in 50 years of trying cases". Attendance has been great at the CLE's. We have unfortunately had to turn people away due to space issues at Ramblin' Jacks.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) - There will be a Criminal/Bench Bar meeting on December 15. There will also be Housing Justice Project meeting on December 16, 2014 at 12:15 p.m. in courtroom 102.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan) - The CLE Committee will meet in January 2015.
- 7.3 Newsletter – The next TCBA Legal Brief will be mailed mid-January 2015. The deadline to send articles and advertisements to Heather is December 30, 2014.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) –did not receive an update
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) –Chris would like to further develop the Pro Bono section on the TCBA website.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Card) –did not receive an update
- 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)-did not receive an update. Larry reported that there will be a Bench Bar meeting on December 16, 2014 at 12:15 p.m. in courtroom 102 to discuss issues related to Criminal Law.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – nothing planned for January or February 2015.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 History Presentation/Supreme Court update-Chris Lanese reported that he was happy with the collaboration and the Supreme Court appreciated the program, the content was awesome, and it was well attended.
- 9.2 2015 Free Membership to Assistant Attorney Generals-Chris Lanese sent an email to all the Assistant Attorney Generals to offer them a free TCBA membership if they have never been a member before. So far 15 people have returned their forms. A deadline of January 31, 2015 was given to sign up. Lenny will work on a letter for other Attorneys in Thurston County to receive the same offer.
- 9.3 A Welcome letter was sent to Judge Wilson. Lenny said Judge Wilson appreciated the Welcome letter, enjoyed the Holiday lunch, and also agreed to write the Judges article for the January Legal Brief.
- 9.4 Section Chairs – Lenny is working on a letter to send out to the membership regarding Section Chairs positions, interest from members to become Section Chairs, and expectations as a Section Chair.
- 9.5 Larry met with Timothy Stokes, the President of South Puget Sound Community College (SPSCC). SPSCC would like to create a stronger relationship with the TCBA and would like the TCBA to sponsor a Foundation student. A new Paralegal program professor, Mark Baum, would like to have more involvement with the TCBA and would appreciate any attorneys that would be willing to speak to their class.

10. **Announcements** – no announcements

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** January 14, 2015, Bill Popes Office

12. **Adjourn** 6:18 p.m.