

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Mark Wheeler's Office**

**Members Present:** Bill Pope, Chris Lanese, Chris Coker, Mark Wheeler, Trevor Zandell, Terry Church, Janet McClanahan Moody, John Skinder, Megan Card, Lenny Lucenko

**Members Absent:** Laura Murphy, Larry Jefferson

**Others Present:** Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order 5:37**
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2015 Board meeting** Motion made by John to approve the minutes from January 14, 2015, Terry seconds and the motion passes
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Discussion of proposed court rule regarding establishing a program for judicial evaluations  
A discussion took place and the group decided to form a committee, Trevor, John, Chris L. and Megan, will meet and present at the next meeting.
  - 3.2 Projector Screen for CLE's  
Heather will get more info at Best Buy and report back at the next meeting.
  - 3.3 Discussion on request for support on MAR legislature  
A discussion took place and the recommendation from the Board is that they will not take a formal position because they represent the Bar Association. The MAR legislation is something that our membership would both be advocating for and against.
  - 3.4 Summer picnic venue  
The TCBA BBQ event has been at Burfoot Park the past couple years. Trevor looked into a few other sites, Tumwater Historical, Priest Point Park, and Yauger Park. LBA and Pioneer were suggested by Board Members as other possible options. After discussion, Burfoot was chosen as the venue, with a tentative date of August 15. Trevor will confirm the date.
  - 3.5 SPSCC Donation request  
Motion made by John to donate \$1000, Chris L. seconds and the motion passes.
  - 3.6 Family Education & Support Services – Sponsorship of SEEDS OF HOPE auction request  
The Board decided against a monetary donation, but the Board decided they will allow a free advertisement in the March Legal Brief if the Family Education and Support Services would like to advertise their event.
  - 3.7 Engaging New TCBA Members  
Chris L. announced the TCBA received 58 new AAG's membership forms, and 48 non-AAG members. Chris sent an email to the AAG's welcoming them and finding out what topics/committees they might be interested in. Heather sent a welcome to the TCBA email to all of the new members.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 Law Day update  
John met with Steve Henderson of the Rotary. The West Olympia Rotary will help sponsor the event this year and. The question this year will be Immigration. The finals will be on May 5, 2015.
  - 4.2 Local Hero Nomination update  
The Board voted and unanimously selected Judge Sue Dubuisson as the winner of the WSBA Local Hero Award.
  - 4.3 Section Chair update-Chris Lanese will remain as the Pro Bono Section Chair, Megan Rue

will be the new Young Lawyer Section Chair, Paul Strophy will remain as the Criminal Law Section Chair, Martha Wehling will remain as the Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Section Chair, and Patrick Rawnsley will remain as the Family Law Section Chair.

4.4 CLE Venue update

Heather reported that the lunchtime CLE dates for the Fall (September 18, October 16, November 20) are now available at the Red Lion and have been reserved.

4.5 Judge Wilson and Clerk Enlow Reception-The event was a huge success. There was a great turnout of Judges and Attorneys and great conversation.

4.6 Proclamation Honoring Judge Sutton

Chris L. drafted a Proclamation for Judge Lisa Sutton. Chris L. moves to submit a Proclamation for Judge Sutton. Chris C. seconds and the motion passes.

5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody)

Trevor moves to adopt the January 14, 2015 Treasurers report. Chris L. seconds and the motion passes with the clarification the \$689 CLE income should be moved to the monthly lunch's income line item.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Terry Church)

Fred Gentry will be the speaker for the February CLE and the topic will be "Lessons From a Trial Lawyer: What I've Learned In 45 Years Of Litigating Cases". The topic for the March CLE will be Taking Depositions of Experts with a 3 person expert panel. The April CLE topic is still to be determined.

7. **Committee Reports**

7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) – A Bench/Bar meeting has been requested by a TCBA Member. Mark Wheeler, Chris Lanese, Terry Church will form a committee to develop a proposal to the Superior Court Judges to develop an alternative option to the courts current policy regarding setting Summary Judgement motions and Trial scheduling issues.

7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) – Chris is working on an evidence CLE that will be on March 27<sup>th</sup> at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club. Judge Sutton, Judge Tabor, and Judge Wickham will be on a Judicial Panel. Bill Bailey, a Professor from UW Law School, will be presenting on expert/forensic evidence. John Skinder and Patrick O'Connor will give a practitioner presentation. The topic for the May CLE will be Embezzlement and is co-sponsored with the Thurston First Bank. There will be no cost to the members to attend this CLE. There is a Bankruptcy CLE in the works. The date is still to be determined. A possible topic for a CLE in the Fall is Paperless practice.

7.3 Newsletter

Next issue due to be sent out in March 2015.

8. **Section Reports**

8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) - Judge Schaller is back in town as Sheriff at FJC and things are being streamlined, improved and made more efficient.

8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) –no update

8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) –no update

8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)- We had a meeting last month (January) that also included Daryl Rodriguez of OAC and representatives of the County to discuss issues with the recently proposed contract for private practice attorneys who do contract work with OAC, as well as issues with the contract rates. It was agreed that the terms of the contract would be worked out between a couple local defense attorneys who volunteered and a deputy prosecutor from the civil division. The issue with the contract hourly rates, which are some of the lowest in the state, was relayed to the Board of Commissioners representative and will be an ongoing issue.

Also discussed at the meeting was determining a regular meeting time for the criminal law section (e.g. second Thursday of every month at 12:00 p.m.), but were unable to come to a consensus. I hope to have a regular day of the month and time picked out soon.

Finally, at the Superior Court criminal management meeting, the TCSC criminal presiding judges will not require lawyers confirming trials to use a trial confirmation form to be placed in the court file. The committee is also continuing to explore new electronic document (“E-docs”) programs/vendors as the system currently being used has proven to be too slow and inefficient in the opinion of the board of judges.

8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – no update

9. **Additions to agenda**

9.1 DRC sponsoring wine/chocolate event- the event is on April 19<sup>th</sup>, table this to next month

9.2 Bench/Bar Meeting-see 7.1 above

10. **Announcements**

There will be a Magna Carta event on June 15, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. at the Supreme Court.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** March 11, 2015, John Skinder and Larry Jefferson hosting at Laura Murphy’s office

12. **Adjourn 7:33pm**