

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
Bill Pope's Office

Members Present: John Skinder, Mark Wheeler, Terry Church, Bill Pope, Patrick O'Connor, Megan Card, Janet McClanahan Moody, Chris Lanese, Lenny Lucenko, Laura Murphy
Members Absent: Trevor Zandell, Chris Coker
Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:39pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of December 9, 2015 Board meeting** John motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Chris L. Motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Holiday lunch venue for 2016 – Unanimous vote to hold the 2016 Holiday lunch at the Red Lion again.
 - 3.2 Law Day 2016 – Committee members Lenny, Terry, Patrick & John will work on the topic. The prize money will be the same amounts as last year; \$800 for 1st place, \$600 for 2nd place, and \$400 for 3rd place.
 - 3.3 BOG Meeting on March 10/Local Hero Nomination- The WSBA Board of Governors lunch meeting will be on March 10, 2016 at the Red Lion. Heather will send out the Local Hero Nomination form to the members this week.
 - 3.4 Judicial Evaluation – Committee Members Trevor, Chris C., Chris L. & John revised the Judicial Evaluation survey for next year reducing the number of questions to hopefully receive more participation. Proposed Bylaw changes would also be needed to reflect these new changes to the survey. The goal of the revision is to receive better participation.
 - 3.5 Amended Bylaws (XIII. Judicial Evaluation Survey) - see 3.4
 - 3.6 BOG Election in District 10 & WSBA Awards – Meeting in April. District 10 is the Thurston County area. If you know of anyone who might be interested in running for this position let them know about it. Numerous WSBA Awards are available.
 - 3.7 TCVLS at next month's Board meeting – TCVLS would like to attend the February Board meeting to discuss donations, history of TCVLS, and rekindle the relationship between TCVLS and TCBA. Chris L. will communicate with Rachael about attending the Feb. Board meeting.
 - 3.8 Donation Request Form – Laura created an Annual Donation Application. A draft for the website still needs to be created. The purpose of creating this application is to have a one time a year process to handle donation requests with a deadline of September 1. The website should include a total amount of what funds are available to donate, the mission statement, and the form and regulations. The deadline to complete this is May so the application can be sent to organizations. Chris L. will help Laura.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family update – The TCBA sponsored 33 families which totaled 129 individuals in 2015. They also raised \$2820 at the Holiday luncheon that was used to buy Safeway gift cards for these families. This is the most the TCBA has raised thus far.
 - 4.2 Holiday lunch update – Great turnout with 101 TCBA Members attending the lunch.
 - 4.3 Bigelow Award Form update – John revised the form, and the committee will meet the end of January to discuss further.

5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) – December 2015 Financial Report - Chris L. motions to approve the December 2015 Financial reports, seconded by John. Motion carries without objections. 2016 Budget update – Megan presented a balanced budget. Chris L. motions to approve the 2016 Budget, seconded by Lenny. Motion carries without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Megan Card)- The next CLE is on January 22 on “Quiet Title”. The speaker is Jason Zittel. Megan called the Red Lion to discuss the cost of the microphone/speakers, but has not heard back yet. Megan is working on the February CLE topic/speaker.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Terry talked to Judge Murphy about setting up a meeting with her.
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) – Megan discussed Paperless CLE with the speaker about a date this Spring. Chris L. is trying to schedule a date with Judge Murphy and Judge Price for a CLE. John & Chris L. will meet with the Judge Murphy and Judge Price hopefully by the end of January to discuss the CLE.
 - 7.3 Newsletter – Going in the mail on January 14, 2016.
8. **Section Reports**
 - 8.1 Family Law (Paul Battan) – There was a section meeting on January 11. The Clerk's office was going to discuss Odessey. Paul sent an email to the section members to confirm their email addresses.
 - 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) – The Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services board will be meeting next week to discuss and pass the Joint Resolution.
 - 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) – no report
 - 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)-no report
 - 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – Our next Section meeting is planned for March. The date and location will be selected closer to the presentation. Neil Wise, an attorney for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, will provide a presentation on their programs involving fishers and wolves, both of which have been very visible in the press. We will request one CLE credit for the presentation. Later this year, I hope to have presentations on the results of the litigation challenging Thurston County's interim process for the Mazama pocket gopher, and an update from the Washington Liquor and Cannabis Board's new policy lead on implementation of recreational marijuana.
9. **Additions to agenda**

Donation of \$100 to Community Youth Services in honor of Judge Buckley's wife, Ann Cooke. Chris L. motions to approve the donation, seconded by Bill. Motion carries without objection.
10. **Announcements**
11. **Date/location of next meeting:** February 10, 2016 at Mark Wheeler's office
12. **Adjourn** 7:09 p.m.