

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
John Skinder and Patrick O'Connor hosting at Laura Murphy's office

Members Present: John Skinder, Terry Church, Megan Card, Chris Lanese, Trevor Zandell, Janet McClanahan Moody, Chris Coker, Laura Murphy

Members Absent: Patrick O'Connor, Mark Wheeler, Lenny Lucenko, Bill Pope

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:47pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of February 10, 2016 Board meeting** Chris L moves to approve the minutes, seconded by John. Motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 September 23 CLE at Red Lion – The Lunch CLE will be on White Collar Crime – a local accountant group, WCPA, would like to have a joint CLE. After discussion, the Board decided there are no concerns on having a joint CLE. Trevor will let the WCPA group know.
 - 3.2 Program for the Annual Meeting & Dinner in May – After discussion, the Board decided they would like to have the same program as last year's meeting. Trevor will ask the Oly Mountain Boys band if they are available. Heather will check with Joe Lynch about announcing the awards for the Golf Tournament.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Donation Request Form update – Laura and Chris L. worked on this together. The form and language are ready. Chris L moves to approve the form, seconded by Chris C. Motion carries without objections.
 - 4.3 Law Day update – Fact pattern is out. Rotary is excited. John contacted Superior Court to reserve a courtroom for the preliminary round. John will confirm the date of the preliminary round.
 - 4.5 Judicial Evaluation Survey update – no update at this time. Trevor will have an update at the April meeting.
 - 4.6 Red Lion – price increase for food update - \$35 for speakers/microphone. The food price is going up to \$18.65 per person but does not include the fee for the credit card transaction fee when registering online. Megan asked the members that attended the February CLE what the members preferred and the majority said to stay at the Red Lion. A discussion took place between board members. The Board voted to raise the cost of the lunch to \$20 for pre-registration and \$25 for same day registration. The raise in price for the lunch will start at the September CLE.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) – January 2016 & February 2016 Financial Reports- Megan moves to approve the January 2016 and February 2016 Financial Reports, seconded by Chris L. Motion carries without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Megan Card)- The March 25 CLE speaker is Justice Stephens. The topic is "Inside the Supreme Court". Megan is working on the topic for the April 29 CLE.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Terry had contact with Judge Murphy. A possible date would be the first week of May.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) – The Business Valuation CLE is scheduled for March 31, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Indian Summer. The Paperless CLE will be on April 22, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Indian Summer. A Trial CLE will be on May 18, 2016 from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Thurston County Courthouse. Judge Murphy, Judge Wilson, Judge Price, Chris Lanese, John Skinder, and Patrick O’Connor will be the presenters at the Trial CLE. The Nisqually Land Trust CLE would be a great monthly lunch CLE at the Red Lion.
- 7.3 Newsletter – was sent to the members last week.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Paul Battan) - In February I enjoyed two weeks of vacation in sunny Florida to celebrate my 30th anniversary and was lucky that I could delegate responsibility for the Family Law Section to my legal assistant Patti White and to my vice-chair Mike DeWitt. When I returned, I was behind and as a result got the newsletter out four days late, but it got out. The section meets next Tuesday, the second Tuesday of the month. Mike was pleased to be asked to be vice-chair and the future chair and he is going to do a great job. We are trying to involve other members in some leadership in the Section’s activities, but still have to develop that. I hope to do so this month. I have been meeting with the judicial officers and court administration just to “reach out” and hopefully leave them interested in sharing with me, so I can share with the section members, what is going on at court that affects our practices. There is a lot that can be done to do this job well and I am having fun with it. Please let me know if you or any board members have any questions about the Section’s activities.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) –Chris will be writing an article for The Legal Brief soliciting members for the joint committee with TCVLS. TCVLS has already filled their half of the committee. Reminder that the annual TCVLS fundraising breakfast is May 3
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) - I missed the last two YL lunch meetings due to maternity leave, but in my absence Ryan Bedford, who is the representative to the Greater Olympia Area for the WSBA young lawyer’s committee, invited mentors from the TCBA mentor program to attend and answer questions. Trevor Zandell attended one of the meetings and Jonathan Sproufske attended this past week. I’m starting to organize swearing in, which is tentatively scheduled for April 14th.
- 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)-no report
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – Our next section meeting will be March 23. Neil Wise will present on wolf management and fisher reintroduction, and his presentation has been approved for 1 CLE credit. The next session meeting will be on June 7, and J. Vander Stoep will present on local jurisdiction regulatory issues, using flood control in Lewis County as a case study. Mr. Vander Stoep is part of the Governor’s working group on the Chehalis Basin flood reduction effort, which proposes limited retention along with extensive river habitat restoration. Mr. Vander Stoep has been involved in this project since the 2007 flooding and will also address the decades-long efforts to address these issues by Thurston, Lewis, and Grays Harbor Counties.

9. **Additions to agenda**

10. **Announcements**

- 10.1 Trevor announced he has accepted a position at Phillips Burgess Law Firm. The next meeting will be at his new office.

10.2 Nominating committee report and recommendations: The proposed slate for 2016-2017 are: Immediate Past President: Terry Church, President: Megan Card, Treasurer: Janet McClanahan Moody, Secretary: Mark Wheeler, Vice-President: Trevor Zandell. 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.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** April 13, 2016 at Trevor Zandell's new office

12. **Adjourn** 6:41pm