

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.
Chris Lanese hosting at Lenny Lucenko'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, Lenny Lucenko, John Skinder

Members Absent:

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:35pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2016 Board meeting** – Chris L moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Chris C. The motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Summer BBQ- Trevor asked for a couple Board members to help fill up water balloons, buy food, and organize games. Lenny, Trevor, and Laura volunteered for the committee. The date for the BBQ is August 27th at Burfoot Park.
 - 3.2 Program for Annual Meeting on May 13- A discussion took place about who will be speaking during the upcoming Annual Meeting.
 - 3.3 Free advertising space for Olympia Historical Society/Bigelow House Museum – A discussion took place. This came up a couple of years ago and the Board is still interested in the idea but would like to see a proposal. Terry will let them know.
 - 3.4 CLE Staff attendance – TCBA could offer the Half Day CLE's to staff/non-attorney guest not seeking CLE credit for half price (\$25). This will be advertised on future CLE flyers.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Law Day update- The Finals were on May 3, 2016 during the West Olympia Rotary lunch at the Viewpoint room at Tugboat Annies. There were three Finalists; Nate Wertjes, Bella Hood, and James Dunning. The speeches were great! James Dunning won 1st place, Nate Wertjes took 2nd place, and Bella Hood took 3rd. John did a great job as the MC in Stephen Henderson's absence.
 - 4.2 UW Law School Tacoma Donation update – Heather contacted the UW Law School Tacoma and was told they are no longer requesting donations as they are going to seek re-accreditation. They will contact the TCBA when they are ready to seek donations again.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) – January 2016 P&L, February 2016 P&L, March 2016 P&L, March 2016 Balance Sheet & April 2016 P&L, April 2016 Balance Sheet – Bill moves to approve the April P&L and to be sure the prior months are corrected, seconded by Terry. The motion carries without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Megan Card)- There was no CLE lunch in April. Trevor shared that the speakers for September, October & November are tentatively lined up.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – nothing to report
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) – There will be a half day Trial CLE – Part One on May 18, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. at the Thurston County Courthouse. Judge Murphy, Judge Price, Judge Wilson, Chris Lanese, John Skinder, and Patrick O'Connor are the

speakers.

7.3 Newsletter – Will be sent out to the members the end of May.

8. Section Reports

8.1 Family Law (Paul Battan) - We sent out a newsletter at the end of April, for May, and will be having our monthly noon meeting May 10. Shelly Willis, the executive director of Family Education and Support Services will join us as a speaker.

I have received quite a few complaints or concerns over the last two months about procedural matters that the court is changing because of Odyssey or for other reasons. Many of these create some burdens on practitioners. We discuss these issues at our meetings at which judicial offices are present, but I do not feel that the court is particularly sympathetic or responsive to the bars' concerns. Well . . . we will keep trying.

One member contacted me to complain about receiving emails from candidates. I do not know if she thought the candidate used the Family Law Section email list but he did not. I assume the TCBA has its own policy on the use of its email list by candidates. I told her I would bring the concern to your attention.

8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) – The stakeholders from the different groups involved in the Joint Committee regarding Direct Representation had an initial meeting. The representative from TCVLS will take the lead on coordinating the process and future meetings.

8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) - We swore in four new attorneys at a formal swearing in ceremony on Thursday, April 14th. The Honorable Judge Carol Murphy presided over the ceremony.

The new and young lawyers continue to meet monthly for lunch and will be collaborating with the WSBA YLC to host lunchtime CLE this summer.

8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)- no report

8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – The Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Section has three meetings planned for the remainder of 2016, following our March presentation from Neil Wise on fishers and wolves. On Tuesday, June 7, J. Vander Stoep, a Chehalis attorney, will present on local government regulatory challenges, using the Chehalis Basin flood reduction effort as a case study. Mr. Vander Stoep is part of the Governor's Working Group and has been involved in the project since the 2007 flood. The effort proposes limited retention with extensive river habitat restoration. Mr. Vander Stoep will discuss the decades-long effort to address the problem in Thurston, Lewis, and Grays Harbor counties.

Ann Harrie, with Bean, Gentry, Wheeler & Peternell, is coordinating a panel for a ½ day Land Trust CLE. We anticipate holding this CLE either the first or third week of October. Finally, later 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** – There is a 2nd opening on the TCVLS Board.

10. **Announcements** – Bean Gentry Wheeler & Peternell are looking for two experienced attorneys with drafting skills and transaction experience.

Terry thanked the Board for a great year and has enjoyed working with everyone this past year! The Board thanked Terry for representing the TCBA very well.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** September 21, 2016 at Janet McClanahan Moody's office

12. **Adjourn** 6:27pm