

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Megan Card's Office**

**Members Present:** Lenny Lucenko, Patrick O'Connor, Terry Church, Chris Lanese, Mark Wheeler, Trevor Zandell, Chris Coker, Bill Pope, Megan Card

**Members Absent:** John Skinder, Laura Murphy, Janet McClanahan-Moody

**Others Present:** Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** Terry begins the meeting at 5:39 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of October 14, 2015 Board meeting** Terry moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Megan. Motion carries without objections. Chris L. moves to approve the minutes from the November 7 Board Retreat, seconded by Mark. Motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Whether to add a non-voting position on the board for a member of the bench-A discussion took place. The consensus of the Board is to propose a quarterly meeting between the presiding Judge and the TCBA President.
  - 3.2 Joint Resolution with TCVLS Regarding Direct Service Mentor Program-Chris moves to approve the joint resolution, seconded by Bill. Motion carries without objections.
  - 3.3 New MCLE Rules effective January 1, 2016 – The elimination of the “live” credit requirement and the addition of new approved subject areas. In addition, there will be three categories of the MCLE credits: Law and Legal Procedure (black letter law), Professional Responsibility (ethics) and “Other”. Of the 45 credits required every three years, lawyers are required to earn a minimum of 15 law and legal procedure credits and 6 ethics credits. All sponsors are required to apply for accreditation at least 15 days in advance of the course being offered in order to avoid a late fee. Finally, on Monday, January 4, 2016, the WSBA will launch a new online MCLE portal for sponsors.
  - 3.4 DRC request for donation-The TCBA Committee will let the requesters know about the new process to request donations.
  - 3.5 Forwarding emails to TCBA Members that are not “Attorney” related-Emails need to be attorney related to be forwarded to the TCBA members. We will only forward fundraising emails that relate to fundraising events for law related non-profits.
  - 3.6 MAR Announcement – Public Hearing before the Board of County Commissioners-A discussion took place. The filing fee is \$240 and then small claims have to pay another \$220. In cases not subject to MAR, only the initial \$240 filing fee would need to be paid. After discussion, the consensus of the Board is to not take a position on this issue.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 Scheduling Summary Judgement Motions-Thurston County Superior Court's decision to limit the number of summary judgment motions per civil calendar to two continues to be a problem for practitioners.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) – October 2015 Financial Reports-Terry moves to approve, seconded by Mark. Motion carries without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Megan Card)- There was a CLE on November 13, 2015. “Unlawful Detainers” will be the CLE in January 2016.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) –The recommendation would be to have the TCBA President contact the Bench to plan a meeting.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) – A Trial Practice CLE is being planned for April 2016. The October 23, 2015 Employment Law CLE went well.
- 7.3 Newsletter – The November Legal Brief was released early November. The next newsletter will be issued in early January. The deadline to submit articles/ads is December 29, 2015.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) – Paul Battan will be the new Family Law Section Chair starting in January 2016.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) –The TCVLS Beer & Justice For All event was well attended.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) - We continue to hold our monthly lunch meetings, which are well-attended and seem to accomplish the goal of introducing new and young attorneys to others in the area.
- 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)-Nothing to report
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – No substantive update, just that I'll start planning for 2016 and provide the estimated presentations at the next meeting.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Budget Request related to Court System – Terry received an email from Judge Schaller regarding new job positions at Thurston County Superior Court that were requested by the Court to the County Commissioners and have been denied. A public forum will be on December 7, 2015 to discuss this further. A discussion took place and the consensus of the Board is that they would like to know more about this before taking a position.
- 9.2 Judicial Poll – Table this to a future meeting.

10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** December 9, 2015 at Chris Coker's office

12. **Adjourn** 7:19 p.m.