

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Megan Card's office**

Members Present: Terry Church, Megan Card, Trevor Zandell, Janet McClanahan Moody, Bill Pope, Mark Wheeler, Patrick O'Connor, Lenny Lucenko

Members Absent: Chris Coker, Chris Lanese, Laura Murphy

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:35pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2016 Board meeting** Lenny moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Terry. The motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Hotel RL/CLE attendance- The attendance at recent CLE's has been lower than in the past. The contract with the Hotel RL states that the catering minimum is \$1,000. The Hotel RL said that at future CLE's the TCBA needs to meet the \$1,000 catering minimum or they will need to charge us a room rental fee to reach the \$1,000. Hotel RL said they are willing to negotiate the 2017 contacts. Heather will contact the Hotel RL to discuss negotiating the contracts.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 TCBA Board openings - Larry, Hoffman, Carter Hick, Nathan Kortokrax, James Laukkonen, Marie Docter, Patrick Rawnsley, and Melissa Denton all submitted letters of interest. There was a discussion on the applicants and their qualifications. The Board Members voted and Nathan Kortokrax and James Laukkonen received the most votes and are therefore elected to fill the vacant director positions.
  - 4.2 Board Retreat update – The Board Retreat will be on December 10, 2016 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Bill's office. Joel Greene from the DRC will be the facilitator once again. The topics to be discussed are the CLEs, 2017 Donation Requests, AG Membership population, 2017 Budget.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) – October Financial Reports – Trevor moves to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mark. The motion carries without objections. The Budget committee has drafted a budget for 2017 that will be discussed at the Board Retreat in December.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Trevor Zandell)- The October 28 CLE had a great speaker, but unfortunately had a low attendance. The November 18 CLE topic is "How to Achieve a Settlement Using Mediation" presented by Judge Berschauer (retired). The January 2017 topic is Elderlaw presented by Janet McClanahan Moody and Bruce Bamford.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Megan will send an email to the Board members regarding availability for a Bench Bar meeting.
  - 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) – The committee will contact members who expressed interest in helping out on the CLE committee.
  - 7.3 Newsletter – The Legal Brief was sent in the mail today.

## 8. **Section Reports**

8.1 Family Law (Paul Battan) - The Family Law Section has our monthly meeting next week. We distributed a survey about guardian ad litem performance in October. It is completed. The results have been distributed to Section members and will be discussing them at the meeting. This is our last substantive meeting of the year. Next month is a holiday potluck. Mike is organizing that. He takes over as the Section Chair in January and is beginning to plan for next year's meetings.

I think it is important for the Section Chair to distribute a meeting agenda, minutes of the meetings, and any announcements the court or section members ask us to distribute throughout the month and I know Mike will continue that. It helps to get the court, clerk, attorneys and GALs "on the same page." I have enjoyed preparing and distributing a monthly newsletter and think that helps to create a sense of community, but it wasn't done in the past and is time consuming. Mike may or may not choose to do it in the future. Either way, there is plenty to keep the Section Chair busy!

8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) – No report

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) – The Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law section plans to hold one more meeting before the end of the year. Joanna Eide will present on implementation of the recreational marijuana laws. We are hoping to have additional presenters join her, but so far, no one has confirmed. The date and location have not yet been selected, but we will post the information on the TCBA's web page and ask Heather to send out an email announcement to the Section members.

At the end of the year, Martha will withdraw as Section Leader. It has been a pleasure to work with the local bar, but her current case load prohibits the same level of engagement next year. She strongly recommends Ann Harrie, with Bean, Gentry, Wheeler & Peternell, to replace her while the TCBA solicits a new Section Leader, and would fully support Ann Harrie as the new Section Leader. In her time with the Section, Ann is the only attorney who has volunteered with a Section meeting, and Ann's work was phenomenal.

## 9. **Additions to agenda**

9.1 Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family-Lenny reported that an email was sent to members. He is expecting to receive the information from the Salvation Army before Thanksgiving to distribute to the members who have offered to sponsor a family.

9.2 Beer & Justice Event – Terry reported that this event was a huge success with a large turnout of diverse attorneys.

## 10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** December 14, 2016 at Chris Coker's office

12. **Adjourn** 6:45pm