

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
Terry Church's Office

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

1. **Call to order** -Terry begins the meeting at 5:42 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2015 Board meeting** - Megan moves to approve the minutes, seconded by John. Motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 TCVLS –request for donation. The Board will discuss at the Board Retreat in November.
 - 3.2 2016 Membership – In 2015 there was a free membership offered to AG Attorneys. The decision of whether or not to extend an offer of free TCBA membership in 2016 shall be made at the Board Retreat.
 - 3.3 Family Law Section Chair vacancy effective 12/31/15 – Patrick Rawnsley is moving to another volunteer position. After discussion, the Board would like to send out an email to the TCBA Members announcing the opening.
 - 3.4 Donation Request National Adoption Day – The board discussed the request. Add this item to the budget discussion for 2016. John motions to donate up to \$300, Laura seconds. Motion carries without objections.
 - 3.5 Adopt-A-Family- Lenny is willing to be the Chair again this year. TCBA will send an email to the members. The information will be in the November Legal Brief as well.
 - 3.6 Thurston County Court History Courthouse Photo Project Funding Request – The Thurston County Court History Committee is discussing a program to hang photos of old courthouses at the current courthouse.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Suggestion to add CLE presentation materials to the TCBA website-The CLE committee discussed this and decided not to have the information on the website.
 - 4.2 Donation requests Juvenile Justice Cluster of the Civic Intelligence Research and Action Lab at Evergreen and Courthouse Dogs – The Committee has not met yet, but will discuss this at their next meeting.
 - 4.3 SPSCC Scholarship Rules-Laura will discuss this with Tanya at SPSCC.
 - 4.4 Update on Projector Screen for CLE's-received the screen and projector today.
 - 4.5 Update on Board Retreat in November- November 7, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Bill Pope's office.
 - 4.6 Update on United Way Day of Caring-the volunteer numbers were down a bit this year. The weather wasn't great. Six TCBA Members did volunteer and worked with the Downtown Association and helped clean up downtown. Thank you to Trevor and the TCBA Members that volunteered.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) – September 2015 Financial Report-Megan moves to approve, seconded by John. Motion carries without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Megan Card) - A CLE, Code of Judicial Conduct, will be this Friday, October 16 at the Red Lion. There are numerous other topics for future CLEs.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) –Nothing to report
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) – The Committee met and have a few firm CLEs and several in progress. Employment Law CLE will be on October 23, 2015. A Family Law CLE will be at the beginning of 2016. A Trial 101 CLE, Paperless Practice, General Office Management, and Constitutional Law and the Right to Bear Arms are all being discussed as possible topics.
- 7.3 Newsletter – Will be sent out early November. Deadline to submit articles and advertisements is October 27, 2015.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) –There was a section meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Nothing else to report.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) – A discussion between TCVLS & TCBA took place about the possibility of reinvigorating the Family Law/Pro Bono/Mentor option.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) - We swore in six new attorneys on Wednesday, September 30th in a swearing in ceremony Judge Hirsch presided over. The TCBA, Government Lawyer’s Bar Association, and Washington Women Lawyers Capitol Chapter co-hosted a meet-and-greet afterwards at the Three Magnets Brewing Company that was well attended. We continue to hold our monthly meetings to get to know the new attorneys moving into the area.
- 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)-Nothing to report
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – The Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Section cancelled its October 7 presentation due to lack of participation. Unlike the prior section meetings, less than five people RSVPed for what is one of the hottest areas in environmental law right now, the federal Waters of the United States rule. There are no section meetings planned for the remainder of the year, and no members have suggested topics for the winter quarter. Depending on agency decisions, a presentation on DNR’s proposed Aquatic Lands Habitat Conservation Plan may be warranted in the next few months. Last year, it sparked legislation prohibiting the agency from moving forward without legislative approval, which was withdrawn following DNR’s voluntary decision to go through a supplemental public process. For suggestions on section topics, please encourage practitioners to contact Martha Wehling.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Judge Sutton – Discussion to forward an email to members to solicit donations for a portrait for Judge Sutton. A decision was made not to forward the email.

10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** November 18, 2015 at Megan Card’s office

12. **Adjourn** 7:11