

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Janet's McClanahan Moody'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, John Skinder

Members Absent: Lenny Lucenko

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:37pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2016 Board meeting** Chris L. moves to approve the minutes, seconded by John. The motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Judicial Election Bar Poll – A discussion took place regarding whether or not to include a picture and short statement in future Judicial Polls. Unanimous vote to not include them in future polls.
  - 3.2 Members joining the Bench Bar & CLE Committees-Members joining the Bench Bar & CLE Committees-TCBA Members who are not part of TCBA's Board of Directors are welcome to be involved in the CLE Committee and the Bench Bar Committee.
  - 3.3 2017 Annual Dinner venue –Unanimous vote to continue having the Annual Dinner at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club.
  - 3.4 Payment options at CLE's/Events (Square, PayPal vs. Stripe)-Heather researched the difference between PayPal and Stripe and concluded both companies charge the same percentage per transaction. The TCBA may use the Square Reader option at future events so members can pay with a credit card at an event.
  - 3.5 Donation Requests-This will be discussed at the budget meeting in November.
  - 3.6 Library Trustee-TCBA appoints 3 members, and there is currently 1 opening. A discussion took place regarding the nominees. The vote is for Jennifer Benway to fill the position.
  - 3.7 United Way Day of Caring- Chris Lanese & John Skinder are Co-Chairs for this event this year. The group of TCBA members will be volunteering at Nature Nurtures Farm on Sept. 30. There are 11 volunteers signed up.
  - 3.8 Board Retreat- Heather will send an email to the Board members regarding their availability.
  - 3.9 Judicial Portraits-Two Judges are retiring at the end of 2016. Heather will send an email to the membership soliciting donations.
  - 4.0 Supreme Court Judicial Forum – request to sponsor- Megan will contact The League of Women Voters Thurston County who has requested the sponsorship to seek further information.
  - 4.1 Student Memberships-Students are welcome to attend TCBA events but according to the TCBA Bylaws they can't join the TCBA until they are a member of the WSBA.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 TCVLS Board vacancy-Terry will be representing the TCBA on the TCVLS Board.
  - 4.2 Barbecue update-It was a great BBQ this year. The weather cooperated which was nice. There were about 45 people that attended. Trevor thanked Laura and Terry for all their help.
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, May 2016

P&L & May 2016 Balance Sheet, June 2016 P&L, June 2016 Balance Sheet, July 2016 P&L, July 2016 Balance Sheet, August 2016 P&L, August 2016 Balance Sheet- Chris L. moves to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Trevor. The motion carries without objections.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Trevor Zandell)- September 23 is the 1<sup>st</sup> CLE. Michael Wampold is speaking on "The Role of the Lawyer in Trial-Who is the Hero?"
7. **Committee Reports**
  - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) –Megan met with Pam Hartman Beyer, Superior Court Administrator.
  - 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) – Bill will start discussions with the committee to start organizing future CLEs.
  - 7.3 Newsletter – The September Legal Brief was sent to the membership on September 9. The next Legal Brief will be sent early November. Articles and advertisements are due to Heather by October 25.
8. **Section Reports**
  - 8.1 Family Law (Paul Battan) - The Family Law Section met throughout the summer. The meetings have generally been well attended. We make time during the meetings for news from the court, the clerk's office, attorneys and guardians ad litem and usually have a speaker or short program. In July, the Court Commissioners switched assignments, with Commissioner Thomas returning to family law. She has had a lot to share already about practicing in her courtroom and I have let her know that we are eager to hear about and to disseminate to the section members any of her preferences.  
We continue to distribute, each month, a newsletter, a meeting agenda, and meeting minutes in an effort to share information that could be helpful to local family law attorneys and others working in family law. Where time permits it, or a shortage of actual news and a half-empty page seems to call for it, we share stories or cartoons that seem humorous. At least to me. I hope they do to some of the section members.  
Five to ten times a month, I suppose, I am asked by section members or the court to forward information to members. It is a useful function and with our email distribution list it is easy, fast and free. I think about 140 people are on the list.  
Mike, our vice-chair, arranged for the September lunch meeting to be catered by a software company. They make a product that is apparently used in high conflict family law cases, but is not used very often locally. Mike is chairing the meeting, too, because I will be on vacation. He takes over as chair in January.
  - 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) – The stakeholders from the different groups involved in the Joint Committee regarding Direct Representation had a meeting. The representative from TCVLS will take the lead on coordinating the process and future meetings.
  - 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) - The Thurston County Bar Association New and Young Lawyer group continues to meet the first Thursday of the month for lunch, usually at i.talia. At the end of August, YL Ryan Bedford, also a member of the WSBA New/Young Lawyer Committee, organized a free ethics CLE for new/young lawyers at Casa Mia, with Jeanne Marie Clavere from WSBA presenting on the Ethics of Attorney Communication and Social Media.  
I just received the list of new attorneys who passed the summer 2016 bar exam. The list includes 16 individuals from Thurston County, and we hope to meet as many of them as possible at the formal swearing in ceremony, which is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Thurston County Superior Court courthouse. Judge and courtroom TBD.
  - 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)- No report
  - 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – On Tuesday, October 4, the Land Use, Real Estate and Environmental Law Section will hold a ½ day CLE

on land trusts, with six panelists presenting on the conservation role, donations, tax implications, and tips for working with clients, local governments, and the community. The CLE will be held at the Olympia Library's public meeting room, which has limited capacity. Ann Harrie, with Bean Gentry Wheeler & Peternell, has organized the panelists and will coordinate the CLE, as Martha will be in depositions all week.

The Section hopes to hold one final lunch presentation later in the year, with Joanna Eide, the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board's policy and rules coordinator, presenting on the ongoing implementation of the recreational marijuana laws. The date has not been selected.

9. **Additions to agenda**

9.1 The TCBA Board will be seeking two new Board members since two Board Members will be leaving the Board.

9.2 Megan received a letter from Grays Harbor Bar Association regarding the amendments to the Washington State Bar Association. They are asking the BOG to postpone their Sept. 29 meeting. Megan will send the letter to the Board.

10. **Announcements**

10.1 Beer & Justice event is coming up in October

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** October 12, 2016 at Terry Church's office

12. **Adjourn** 6:50pm