

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Chris Coker's office**

Members Present: Terry Church, Bill Pope, Patrick O'Connor, Jim Laukkonen, Mark Wheeler, Chris Coker, Trevor Zandell, Jackson Maynard, Heidi Raedel Magaro  
Members Absent: Lenny Lucenko, Laura Murphy, Megan Card  
Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:37pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of May 10, 2017 Board Meeting** – Mark moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Patrick. Motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 TCBA email address (members not receiving emails) – Heather reported it has been an ongoing issue that members with Thurston County email addresses are not receiving emails from the TCBA (their server is blocking the TCBA emails) as well as some non-county email addresses. This will be discussed at next month's meeting. Megan agreed to investigate this issue at the May Board Meeting.
  - 3.2 CLE photo copies (Trevor) –The proposal is to allow the reimbursement of photo copies made by CLE presenters on a case by case basis. A discussion took place. Bill moves to approve, seconded by Heidi. The motion carries without objections.
  - 3.3 Day of Officer change (Trevor) – Bylaws say you become an officer on June 1 or the day you become elected, whichever is later.
  - 3.4 United Way Day of Caring (Heather & Jackson) – The TCBA team of volunteers will be painting at the Catholic Community Services Drexel House on September 22, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There are 13 members signed up to volunteer either a full or half day.
  - 3.5 2018 Donation Request applications (Heather) – The TCBA has received five donation applications from the following agencies: Dispute Resolution Center, South Puget Sound Community College, Safeplace, Olympia Historical Society & Bigelow House Museum, and Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services. The Board will discuss the applications at their October meeting.
  - 3.6 Board Retreat dates (Heather) – Heather will send the Doodle calendar to everyone so we can set the date for the next Board Retreat. Heather will contact the DRC to see if Joel Green is available to facilitate again. We will discuss the food at next month's meeting.
  - 3.7 New Courthouse: Liaison and Resolution (Trevor) – TCBA appointed Marie Docter as the liaison. Marie has been attending commission meetings. Trevor had a meeting with Judge Murphy & Marie Docter and heard/saw issues with the current courthouse. A feasibility study and a security study were done. Possible sites are being discussed. The TCBA's August 28, 2017 resolution supporting prioritizing a new courthouse as the top capital priority of county government was transmitted to the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners, The Olympian and the City Council for the City of Olympia.
  - 3.8 RCL Portrait Design (Trevor) – A photography group offered to take the members pictures for free. After a discussion, the Board would not like to pursue this.
  - 3.9 Annual Meeting & Dinner 2018 venue (Heather) – The Board would like to continue holding the Annual Meeting and Dinner at Indian summer Golf & Country Club. Heather will contact them and set up a date in May 2018.

- 3.10 Red Lion food price increase in 2018 (Heather) – The Red Lion is increasing their lunch prices by 3% starting in January 2018. A suggestion was made to look into holding the lunch CLE's at the new Hilton Garden Inn. Heather will contact them to see what their prices are like.
- 3.11 Fraudulent emails (Trevor) – Laura, Trevor, and Heather had an issue with someone who opened a new email address in Trevor's name and then tried to solicit money from Laura. Laura was suspicious and contacted Trevor by phone. Trevor's IT Dept. suggested they all change their email passwords.

#### 4. **Old Business**

- 4.1 Summer BBQ update (Patrick) – The summer BBQ went well on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Patrick stayed under budget. It was a beautiful day, the location was great, food was good, kids activities were available. Patrick offered to be the Committee Chair for this event next year.
- 4.2 TCBA mugs update (Megan) – We are down to 5 mugs so we need to order more. Table this for next month's meeting.
- 4.3 Chief Defender, Office of Assigned Counsel (Trevor) – Congratulations to Patrick for his new position as the Chief Defender. The TCBA sent a letter to the County Commissioners in May requesting they involve key stakeholders in the hiring process of the new Chief Defender.

#### 5. **Treasurer's Report** (Laura Murphy) – May 2017 Financial Reports, June 2017 Financial Reports, July 2017 Financial Reports, August 2017 Financial Reports – Laura is sick tonight so the financial reports will be discussed at next month's meeting.

#### 6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Mark Wheeler)- The September CLE is scheduled for September 29. TCVLS will be the speaker and we have requested ½ general credit and ½ Ethics credit from WSBA. The topic is "Everything we need to know about TCVLS". Anne Wilson will talk about Employment Law at the October CLE. Mark is working on two leads he has for the November CLE and is also working on other months speakers. Heidi suggested an "Able Accounts" CLE in the estate planning realm. Mark asked if anyone knows of a good topic/speaker to please send them to him.

#### 7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – The last Bench/Bar meeting in the spring was not well attended. November 9, 2017 is the next meeting. A suggestion was made to provide food at the meeting and to possibly change to a different room at the courthouse. Trevor will look into this. Heather will send an email to the members
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Terry, Laura, Jackson) – The committee will be meeting again soon. Jackson would like to join the committee.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – The September Legal Brief was mailed today.

#### 8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Mike DeWitt) – We had our September meeting on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. It was well attended, as usual. Commissioner Kortokrax explained what he is looking for when he conducts a DV hearing (gist: get to the point!). We had a guest speaker, a clinical psychologist named Sarah Avery-Leafe. She had a nice chart explaining the different types of services available in a family law case – counseling vs. parent coordination vs. evaluations . . . I was not present for the August meeting (on vacation). Chairperson-in-waiting Meredith Gerhart chaired the meeting. From the minutes, I can tell you that there was a lively debate about the LLLT program. We decided not to have a July meeting. June was our second annual tip-a-thon, where each member gives a nugget of wisdom regarding their practice.

- 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) – A month ago TCVLS had a summer BBQ for volunteers that was very well attended. The Fall Beer & Justice event is on October 12, 2017 at Three Magnets Brewery.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Jen Doehne) - June: Monthly Meeting, Hike/Nature Walk, Game Night  
July: Monthly Meeting, Hike/Nature Walk, YL Survey/Questionnaire Sent  
August: Monthly Meeting, Trivia, \*I attempted to put together a YL soccer team but there wasn't quite enough interest.  
September (Coming up): Monthly Meeting, Swearing-in Ceremony, Happy Hour (After the Swearing-in Ceremony)
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) - The Criminal law section had a meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Around 10-15 people attended. Mr. Shawn Ball from Thurston County Corrections came and spoke at the meeting about Electronic Home Monitoring and Electronic Home monitoring at the Thurston County jail. We also discussed materials regarding the Felony Leadership Improvement Project or FLIP. There are major changes coming to Superior court to improve class flow, reduce the amount of time cases take to go to trial and hopefully result in less time at the Thurston County Jail.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Ann Harrie) – We had a successful (and very full) CLE on the Independent Duty Doctrine. Daniel Berner from Goldstein's Office presented during a lunchtime CLE at Ramblin Jacks on July 28<sup>th</sup>. We had good feedback and Daniel did a great job. Right now I am working with Kim Thornton, who will be presenting at Ramblin Jacks on October 12<sup>th</sup> on the *Hirst* decision (very big deal!). Still have not organized lunchtime gatherings, but it is on my to-dos.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Welcome to the new Board members, Jackson Maynard & Heidi Raedel Magaro.

10. **Announcements**

- 10.1 Thanks to Chris for hosting and thanks to Trevor for conducting his first meeting as President.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** October 11, 2017 at Terry Church's office

12. **Adjourn** 6:47pm