

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Mark Wheeler's office

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

1. **Call to order** 5:39pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2018 Board Meeting** Lenny moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Mark. The motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Law Day Speech Contest (Terry) – The topic this year is to address the legal, societal, and moral balance between First Amendment rights to freedom of speech with so-called “hate speech.” If you have any comments for Terry, email them by the end of the week. May 1st is the finals at Tugboat Annie’s. Patrick will reserve a courtroom for the preliminaries.
 - 3.2 Court Security Committee (GR36) (Jim) – Jim is the TCBA representative on the committee and went to the first committee meeting regarding security procedures and emergency procedures.
 - 3.3 President appoints nominating committee for 2018-2019 Board Officer positions (Trevor) – Trevor proposes the committee will be Trevor, Mark, Patrick, Laura, and Megan. Trevor will send a proposal out to the committee.
 - 3.4 Retired Attorneys (non-WSBA Members) Attending TCBA Functions (Trevor)- Trevor and Chris have been working on changing the Bylaws and will be proposing a change to allow attorneys who are no longer WSBA members to attend TCBA events. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - 3.5 Local Hero Award nominations – A discussion took place. Phyllis Barney is the 2018 recipient. Trevor will call Phyllis Barney to let her know. The WSBA honor Phyllis at their lunch meeting on March 8, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at Hotel RL.
 - 3.6 Local Rules Committee (Trevor) – Thurston County Court is organizing a Local Rules Committee and would like to have a Board member from the TCBA on the committee. Laura would like to nominate herself to be the representative from the TCBA.
 - 3.7 Emails to TCBA Members (Trevor) – A member brought up the issue of receiving unwanted emails from the TCBA. Trevor will contact District Court to see if they can put the courtroom updates on their District Court website.
 - 3.8 TCBA email distribution list: Members receiving unwanted emails (Trevor) – see 3.8
 - 3.9 Bigelow Award form (Heather) – Heather will email the form to the members.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 TCBA mugs update (Megan)- Megan brought a sample of the glasses. The glasses will be etched with the TCBA logo tomorrow.
 - 4.2 Donation Application form update (Heidi & Terry) – Heidi and Terry have proposed some changes on the new donation form. Laura moves to approve the changes, seconded by Jim. The motion carries without objections.
 - 4.3 Bylaws Review Committee update (Trevor) – Trevor, Chris and Mark met and are proposing

some changes that they will have ready to send to the Board before the March Board meeting. This will be discussed at the March meeting.

- 4.4 Social Media update (Jackson) – Patrick will contact Jackson. They will discuss this at the next meeting.
- 4.5 Social Event update (Megan) – Laura, Patrick, Heidi, and Megan are meeting on Friday, February 16. Trevor forwarded an email to Megan from the Tacoma Rainiers about having a event at the Rainier’s game this summer. The committee will discuss some ideas and report back at the next meeting.

- 5. **Treasurer’s Report** (Laura Murphy) – January Financial Reports – Lenny moves to approve the January financial reports, seconded by Terry. The motion carries without objections.

- 6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Mark Wheeler)- Judge Settle will be presenting on February 16. On March 16, there will be two Hearings Examiners speakers, Commissioner Rice and Mark Scheibmeir. On April 20, the CLE topic is Incentivize Witness Testimony. A professor at the UW School of Law will be presenting and Tom McBride will be presenting for the prosecution side.

- 7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – The next bench bar meeting will be in June. The turnout at the January 30 new courthouse meeting was decent and most of the attendees were for the new courthouse. A discussion took place after the presentation by Judge Buckley and Judge Murphy where only attorneys were in attendance. The Judges are continuing to give meetings in the community about the new courthouse. Trevor will contact the Olympia Downtown association to see if they are interested in working together to support the new courthouse.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Chris, Heidi, Patrick, Laura) – The CLE on Feb. 15 will be an interesting topic from the Thurston County Treasurer, Thurston County Auditor, Thurston County Assessor, and GeoData Offices. Patrick is working on an Immigration CLE on DACA. Bill was not able to attend the meeting, but emailed the following information: We held our CLE Committee meeting on January 17, 2018. Chris, Heidi, and Mark were the only ones who attended. Megan and Patrick both sent emails prior to the event however. We have a number of CLEs lined up, and we are working on fine-tuning the scheduling of some others. Mark can discuss the one that he has been laboring on. It should be a very successful CLE, and hopefully well-received by many of our members. If the meeting ends up being on the fifteenth he will be able to report its success, because I believe it is scheduled for earlier that day. If Patrick is in attendance, he can discuss the potential immigration CLE which we addressed, both at the meeting and in my subsequent memorandum. Mark or Jackson can address plans for a CLE on new laws arising from recent legislation. Megan offered to put together another ethics CLE, and we all felt that even though we have had one, there is always a demand for more. Chris brought up the idea of a business CLE consisting of a panel of one or two attorneys and a CPA discussing business structures as well as the potential impact of the new tax legislation on the various business entities. Chris has offered to take the lead on this. I have been working on putting together a half-day CLE on mediation. If that does not come to fruition, we will at least have DRC discussing mediation at one of the luncheons next fall.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – Articles and ads are due on February 20 for the March Legal Brief.

- 8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Mike DeWitt) – No report.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) –TCVLS is offering a Free CLE on Feb. 28 from 5:30pm-7:30pm. May 1st is the TCVLS annual breakfast. Supreme Court Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud will be the keynote speaker. The TCVLS Board is hiring an equal justice attorney.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Jen Doehne) - Due to ridiculous schedules in December, I was unable to

organize any events for the YLs other than the monthly meeting in early December. January will be much more active: we had our monthly meeting, trivia night last night (harry potter themed!), and bowling next week. Due to scheduling conflicts, I was not able to establish a January date for YL's to meet with Commissioner Zinn but we are working on a February date now. You and other board members (and family) are of course welcome to join in the bowling event next Friday at 9:30 at Aztec Bowling, but please RSVP, as I will need to know how many lanes to attempt to hold. January we held Trivia at Farrelli's Pizza, Bowling at Aztec Lanes and our monthly meeting. February we held our monthly meeting, monthly event at hands on child museum at adult swim. Tomorrow we will start our monthly learning series at mud bay coffee for a chat with Commissioner Zinn. We will also have our monthly trivia later this month.

- 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) - Criminal Law Section met on January 18th, 2018. We received a presentation from the FLIP subcommittee regarding upcoming changes to the criminal calendars in Superior Court. There was some pretty lively discussion concerning the upcoming changes. The changes would decrease omnibus hearings but increase motion practice. This would force counsel not to rely on continuing omnibus hearings and set more hearings to address issues. This will be a considerable change for practice of law in Thurston County. For the next meeting I am hoping to invite Judge Schaller to a meet and greet function.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Ann Harrie) – I do not have any updates L I emailed the section and asked for speaker recommendations and topics but did not get much. I will try to get the ball rolling this next month.

9. **Additions to agenda**

10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Patrick O'Connor and Laura Murphy to host on March 14, 2018 at Laura Murphy's office

12. **Adjourn** 7:00pm