

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Bill Pope's office**

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

1. **Call to order** 5:36pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of December 13, 2017 Board Meeting** – Heidi moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Patrick. The motion carries without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 YL Spotlight in the Legal Brief (Heather) – Jen Doehne, the Young Lawyer Section Chair, said it has been hard to find Young Lawyers who are willing to do the Young Lawyer Spotlight that is in the Legal Brief and asked if there were other ways to feature Young Lawyers. The Board discussed this and would like to continue the Young Lawyer Spotlight.
  - 3.2 Proposed Early Mediation Rule (Trevor) – Trevor received an email from WSBA regarding a task force proposing to require early disclosure of certain items and early mediation. The task force would like feedback from the TCBA. Heather will email this out to the members and ask for feedback by January 26, 2018 to the TCBA. Heather will forward to Trevor.
  - 3.3 Dispute Resolution Center Request to Present Information at TCBA Board Meeting (Trevor)- Jody Suhrbier, Executive Director of the DRC, requested to come to the TCBA Board meeting to update the group on what their primary services are. A discussion took place. Trevor will email Jody and cc: Bill Pope, the CLE Committee Chair, and let Jody know that this could be a possible CLE topic.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 TCBA mugs update (Megan) – This will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - 4.2 Donation Application form update (Heidi & Terry)-Heidi worked on the application form and emailed it to Terry. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - 4.3 Holiday lunch update and venue for 2018 (Heather) – The Olympia Country & Golf Club was a great venue and location, and delicious food. The Board would like to have the Holiday lunch at the Olympia Country & Golf club again in 2018. Heather will reserve a date.
  - 4.4 Bylaw Review Committee update (Trevor) – The bylaw committee has a meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> and will report back to the board at the February meeting.
  - 4.5 Social Media update (Jackson) – The social media committee had to reschedule their meeting. Jackson and Patrick will schedule a new meeting and report back next month.
  - 4.6 Social Event update (Megan) – The social event committee will schedule a meeting and report back next month.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Laura Murphy) – November 2017 Financial Reports & December 2017 Financial Reports – Lenny moves to approve the November 2017 and December 2017 financial reports, seconded by Bill. The motion carries without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Mark Wheeler)- Commissioner Zinn and Professor DeForrest will be

presenting at the January 19 CLE. The topic is “Clear Writing: Help Your Clients and Persuade Judges”. Judge Benjamin Settle will be presenting in February. The Hearings examiners in March on Land Use.

## 7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – There is a new courthouse meeting on January 30, 2018 at 4pm. The next Bench/Bar meeting will be in June. Today there was a meeting the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce regarding the State of the Community.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Chris, Heidi, Patrick, Laura) – The CLE committee will be meeting on January 17, 2018 at noon to plan the upcoming year. The February 15th CLE is a go! Each of the speakers have confirmed they are available to speak. The Auditor’s office, Geodata, Accessor’s office, and Treasurer’s office will be presenting. Bill moves to approve that Paralegals and attorney staff can attend the CLEs for the same price as their member-employer (1/2 the non-member price), seconded by Jim. The motion carries without objections.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – The Legal Brief will be mailed tomorrow.

## 8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Mike DeWitt) – I don't have too much to say because I couldn't attend yesterday's meeting. Meredith ran it for me. I am told that Judge Wilson was there, and let everyone know that she would like hard copies of her bench copies. Commissioner Kortokrax reportedly said he will be reluctant to grant second continuances to pro se parties who hire counsel at the last minute, when the first hearing was continued so they can hire counsel. One of our new GAL's, Tikva Glantz, asked me if she could come introduce herself, and she said that went well. I'd like to start a new program where a new GAL comes to each meeting and introduces themselves. One problem new GAL's have is not being known by anyone, making appointments difficult to come by.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) – no report
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Jen Doehne) –No report. We miss Jen’s report this month. Last month in the report Jen mentioned brown bag lunches have been implemented, Commissioner Zinn is coming in January and possibly Chris Coker in February.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) - Things are hopping in Superior Court. The court is announcing a number of new initiatives. 1. A New Consolidated Omnibus Order. 2. Trial Continuance Policy and 3. New Criminal Case processing guidelines. A presentation is planned specifically for the Criminal Law Section on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at Noon. The exact location at the Superior Court has yet TDB.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Ann Harrie) – I am brainstorming CLE ideas and welcome any suggestions.

## 9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 The WSBA community networking event on January 25, from 5-7pm at Ramblin Jacks.
- 9.2 BBQ – reminder to reserve the venue for the summer BBQ

10. **Announcements** Laura thanked everyone for the support and the card.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** February 14, 2018 at Mark Wheeler’s office

12. **Adjourn** 6:30pm