# THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Mark Wheeler's office

Members Present: Terry Church, Bill Pope, Patrick O'Connor, Lenny Lucenko, Trevor Zandell, Laura Murphy, Jim Laukkonen, Janet McClanahan-Moody, Nate Kortokrax, Mark Wheeler Members Absent: Megan Card, Chris Coker Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

- 1. **Call to order** 5:35pm
- 2. **Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2017 Board Meeting** Janet moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Terry. Motion carries without objections.

# 3. New Business

- 3.1 Local Hero Nomination A discussion took place. The Board voted and selected Anne Egeler as the winner of the WSBA Local Hero Award.
- 3.2 Young Lawyer Section Chair position- A discussion took place. The Board voted and selected Jen Doehne.
- 3.3 Meeting with WSBA Board of Governors There will be a meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Jim, Nate, and Lenny are available to attend.

# 4. Old Business

- 4.1 Law Day 2017 update (Committee) Terry emailed a draft to Patrick & Laura. Patrick is looking at preliminary dates for the initial rounds. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Rotary meeting where the finals will take place.
- 4.2 2017 Judicial Evaluation Survey update (Trevor) Heather has been working on an electronic version of the survey. We are still on target to email it to the members on March 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4.3 Holiday lunch 2017 venue update (Heather) Heather provided venue information for The Hub in Lacey and the Olympia Country & Golf Club. The Board unanimously selected the Olympia Country & Golf Club for the 2017 Holiday lunch.
- 4.4 Health Insurance update (Megan & Terry) Heather is working on an electronic questionnaire to send to the members.
- 4.5 Employment Related Links on the website (Mark) Mark shared some ideas about having an Attorney/Paralegal job fair, including employment openings on the TCBA website, having a "positions wanted" section, including links to OAC, Prosecutors office, AG's office, on the website.
- 4.6 Paralegal Involvement and Paralegal Training (Mark)- Mark shared some ideas about how to involve Paralegals more and some CLE training topics.
  - Create a "how to" CLE for Paralegals and new attorneys and ask a representative from each agency (DOL, L&I, Clerks office, Prosecutors office, Auditors, DFI, Secretary of State) to present at the CLE.
  - Ask a representative from the Clerk's office CLE that could provide Odyssey training & a "road map".
  - Have a Local Court Rules/JA/Paralegal and ask a Judge or a JA to be a presenter.
  - End the Brown Bag meetings and instead have a focused presentation/task instead of a complaint session.
  - Add Paralegals to Law Day/Career Path

- 5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) January Financial Reports- Laura moves to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Nate. The motion carries without objections.
- 6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Trevor Zandell)- Janet McClanahan Moody & Bruce Bamford presented a great CLE in January. The February CLE is John Strait on Ethics. March 17 will be an Immigration Law topic. Trevor is looking for a Family Law topic for the April CLE.

# 7. Committee Reports

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) –Megan emailed Heather before the meeting to discuss some tentative dates for a Bench & Board meeting. Heather sent the dates to the Board and March 2<sup>nd</sup> at noon is the date the majority of the Board are available to attend.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Terry, Laura) The committee will have a meeting soon.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) The deadline for ads and articles for the March Legal Brief is February 21<sup>st</sup>.

### 8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Mike DeWitt) No report
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) TCVLS fundraiser breakfast is on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are looking for sponsors, TCVLS is working on a CLE seminar for the spring.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) We hosted a lunchtime session regarding trusted IRAs with Ben Whitten from Merrill Lynch at Mercato on January 10<sup>th</sup> that was informative and relatively well attended. Someone will be taking over my spot at the end of the month so I expect my last duty will be to host the February lunch.
- 8.4 Criminal Law Patrick met with Prosecutors office and Judge Price. Jim is still working on the scope of this section and will meet with Jim to discuss further.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Ann Harrie) The Real Estate, Land Use & Environmental Law Section has a CLE that is pending. If it is approved, the CLE will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at Ramblin Jacks from 12-1:30. Speakers are Joanna Eide and Bruce Turcott from the Washington Cannabis and Liquor Board.

The goal is to have one CLE each quarter, for a total of four CLEs this year. Other CLE ideas are unlawful detainers and someone to discuss the *Hirst* decision regarding water rights. I also want to start having quarterly or monthly meetings where people can meet and discuss topics that are relevant to this section.

### 9. Additions to agenda

9.1 Summer BBQ- Saturday, August 19 or 26, at Burfoot Park. Patrick will be the Chair. Laura and Terry will help with the planning.

### 10. Announcements

- 11. Date/location of next meeting: March 8, 2017 Patrick O'Connor hosting at Laura Murphy's office
- 12. **Adjourn** 7:04pm