THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Lenny Lucenko's Office

Members Present: Lenny Lucenko, Chris Lanese, Chris Coker, Trevor Zandell, John Skinder, Bill

Pope, Mark Wheeler, Laura Murphy, Janet McClanahan

Members Absent: Megan Card, Larry Jefferson

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** Lenny begins the meeting at 5:40pm

2. Approval of Minutes of April 15, 2015 Board meeting

Bill recommends an amended change to 3.2 to add the word "remaining" to the sentence "The concern that the remaining nominations did not specifically address the community involvement and accomplishment of the nominees". Terry moves to approve the minutes with the amended change, Seconded by Mark. Motion carries without objection.

3. **New Business**

- 3.1 Change signers for TCBA bank cards-Lenny will check with Heritage Bank what the procedure is.
- 3.2 Vote on open Board position- The TCBA received 4 nominations. Patrick O'Connor won the vote unanimously
- 3.3 Revolving Board member meeting locations-Chris L. will host the meeting at Lenny's office in May 2016 and Laura will host in March 2016
- 3.4 Form a committee to amend the Bigelow Award nomination form- The following Board Members volunteered to be on the committee: Lenny, John, Megan, Laura, Mark (put this back on the agenda in a couple months).
- 3.5 Discussion on Board of Director term limits-After discussion, the Board decided not to have term limits
- 3.6 Discussion on General Rule 35- committee met and discussed this, voted only doing it for appellate Judges, alternative is letting the local Bar Associations run it, and if they have to do it, proposed sending a letter to the committee in charge of this indicating an opt in at the county level. John motions to write a letter from the Board of Directors and the motion passed. Lenny will write the letter.
- 3.7 Discussion of email from Judge Murphy regarding the new Superior Court Case Management system and scheduling a Bench-Bar meeting in July/August- Terry will contact Judge Murphy
- 3.8 Update on the website-Jill, website designer, fixed the problem of the missing Attorneys on the website.

4. Old Business

- 4.1 Discussion of proposed court rule regarding establishing a program for judicial evaluations-See 3.6 above
- 4.2 Law Day Update-It was a great event! There were three Finalists. The topic was Immigration. The Candidates did a great job. There was a great turnout at the Rotary lunch. Numerous Young Lawyers attended as part of their monthly luncheon. Heather will add this to the website.

- 4.3 Vacant Board Members position-See 3.2 above.
- 4.4 Discussion to purchase Magna Carta book Author Sue Leen, who is a local Historian. There will be a 800th Anniversary event on June 9, 2016 at the Supreme Court of the Magna Carta being signed in England. The British Counsel will be here. Chris L. has requested that the TCBA purchase the book at \$50 and then the Bar President will present the book to the Law Library. Lenny motions to purchase the book, Bill seconds the motion.
- 5. Treasurer's Report (Janet McClanahan Moody) March 2015 & April 2015- Janet prepared a 2014 Annual Financial Review that will be a handed out at the Annual Dinner. John motions to approve the treasurer reports for March and April, Bill seconds the motion. The motion carries with no objections.
- **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Terry Church)-nothing to report.

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) –nothing to report
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) –low turnout at the April CLE, the speakers did a great job. There will be a CLE on Embezzlement on May 21. Chris C. will do an Employment CLE later in the year.
- 7.3 Newsletter will be mailed the end of May

8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) –section meeting was on Tuesday
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) –TCVLS fundraiser breakfast met their goal, great breakfast.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) We had our monthly meeting this past month in conjunction with TCBA and the West Olympia Rotary to celebrate Law Day. It looked like a good turn out and there were a number of TCBA YLs in attendance. In October the WSBA is going to appoint a new WYLC member to represent the Greater Olympia area (Thurston County and Lewis County), and applications for that position are due May 13, 2015.
- 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)-no report
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) I need to set the date and location for the lunch, but I'll email that to you as soon as Leslie and I nail it down so that you can put it on the website and send out an email. I was trying to work on a "brown bag with a judge" and didn't want to schedule the two too close together but I haven't been able to finalize that yet.

Leslie Clark will be a lunch presenter for the Land Use, Real Estate and Environmental Law Section at the end of May or early June. Leslie will present on "What you need to know about vested rights in Washington", following a significant Division 1 decision and Thurston County's local issues with the Mazama pocket gopher. We will provide the date and location to the section members soon. The next meeting will likely be in September, with tentative plans for a presentation by Jacqui Brown-Miller. The section will likely have a third lunch presentation this year in early November. Tentatively, I am considering a presentation by Carolyn Worth on how estate planning and LLC formation dovetails with land use client issues.

9. Additions to agenda

- 9.1 Judicial Evaluation Survey-Trevor, John, Chris L. Chris C. volunteered to be on a committee to work on an electronic survey for 2017.
- 9.2 Summer picnic-Trevor would like a committee to help out-Laura and Lenny volunteered to be on the committee.

10. **Announcements**

- 10.1 Annual Dinner May 15, 2015 at 5:30p.m. at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club
- 11. **Date/location of next meeting**: September 9, 2015 at Janet McClanahan Moody's office
- 12. **Adjourn** 6:46pm