

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.
Terry Church's Office

Members Present: Trevor Zandell, Terry Church, Larry Jefferson, Chris Lanese, Lenny Lucenko, Bill Pope, Mark Wheeler, Megan Card, Janet McClanahan Moody, Chris Coker

Members Absent: Laura Murphy, John Skinder

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order 5:37 p.m.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2014 Board meeting** Motion made by Larry to approve the minutes from September 10, 2014, Megan seconds the motion and the motion passes.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Co-Sponsor Thurston County Clerk's Forum (Oct. 15, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Olympia Center) – The forum agenda has 13 questions. Lenny will be the moderator and will give a general introduction. The candidates will give an opening statement for 4-5 minutes and questions are from 1-3 minutes. Each candidate will give a closing statement for 3-4 minutes. Megan Rue from WWL is making a flyer, Lenny will put an ad on Thurston Talk, and Heather will place an ad in the Olympian.
 - 3.2 National Adoption Day at Thurston County Family Court
Letter received from Martin Meyer requesting \$250 for food and teddy bears. National Adoption Day will be on November 20, 2014 at 4pm at Thurston Family Court. Martin is asking if the TCBA will help support the event. Larry motions to approve, Mark seconds the motion and the motion passes.
 - 3.3 Day of Caring Update
Trevor shared that this has been the most successful Day of Caring so far. The TCBA had 20 volunteers. The Olympia Downtown Association was very organized. It was a great turnout, huge success!
 - 3.4 November Board Retreat Agenda
The TCBA Board Retreat will be on November 1, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. at Bill Pope's office. We need to work on a retreat agenda. Some proposed topics are: increase participation of TCBA by State attorneys, Section leadership, sub-committees, Bigelow House contribution, Surplus, speaker token. Trevor has offered to bring coffee and Lenny will bring snacks. Heather will send last year's Retreat agenda and request for new agenda topics by October 17, 2014.
 - 3.5 Local Hero Nomination
WSBA –wait until we know when WSBA Board of Governors will come. Heather will reach out to the WSBA contact to find out more about this.
 - 3.6 Budget Committee Meeting in October?
The Budget committee, Janet, Lenny, Terry, and Heather, will meet by the end of October to discuss the 2015 Budget. They will report back at the November meeting.
 - 3.7 Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family
Lenny has historically handled this event and is willing to handle it again this year. He would like to try to improve on the number of last year's adopted families. Lenny will have more specifics at the next meeting.
 - 3.8 Judicial Portraits –Chris
The TCBA non-binding Judicial Portrait policy states that the TCBA Board will assist the coordination of the creation and presentation of a portrait for a retiring judge who meets the following criteria: served as a judge on the Thurston County Superior Court and/or District Court

bench for a period of 14 years or more. Judge Sutton has been a Judge in Superior Court for 4 years. A Motion to adopt the portrait for Judge Sutton does not pass. A motion passed to send a Thank You letter to Judge Sutton for her distinctive service. Chris Lanese will write the Thank You letter.

3.9 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Section ½ day CLE - fee or free?

The motion passed that the fee for ½ day CLE's by sections will remain at \$50 members and \$100 for non-members.

4. **Old Business**

4.1 Judge Dixon Questions (Lenny)

Lenny sent Judge Dixon an email and a follow up email, but he hasn't heard back yet. Larry offered to follow up on it.

4.2 WSBA & Supreme Ct (Lenny)

Lenny talked to Melissa Denton about this. Chris Lanese shared that on November 7 or 14 there will be lunchtime presentation by Justice Alexander followed by Judge Fuller. He will send out more information soon.

5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody)

Not a lot happened in September. There is still a surplus. Donations are significantly over budget, but everyone agreed they are OK with that. Payroll expenses are a little over, but that is to be expected with the change in the Administrative Assistant position. Megan makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2014, Larry seconds the motion and it is approved.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Terry Church)

Doug Ende is the speaker at the CLE on October 17. The topic is *Ethics, Discipline, the Internet, ESM, and You*. This CLE has 1 Ethics credit. The speakers for the November CLE are Laurel Oats and Dean Clark from Seattle University. The topic is *Five Legal Writing Rules You May Have Forgotten Since Law School*. There will be no CLE in December.

Thinking ahead to CLE's in Jan, Feb & March 2015: A thought was to do a Litigation tool box three part series; Motion practice topic the first month, Deposition the next month, and What I've learned in 50 years of doing cases (panel) the third month. Megan suggested a possible topic; trial workshops for 1 hour for 6 weeks.

7. **Committee Reports**

7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) - Nothing to report for a few more months.

7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan) - Bill, Chis, John, & Sean met and talked about providing five CLE's between now and Spring; One CLE on Evidence with possible participants by Judges and the Attorney General's office. Sean is working on a CLE regarding Constitutional Law. Chris is working on a CLE regarding Employment Law with a host of topics. Sean is also working on a CLE regarding Bankruptcy and legal writing. Bill is working on a free CLE on embezzlement. Terry emailed Bill the information regarding the Paperless office topic.

7.3 Newsletter - Heather is currently working on the November Legal Brief. Articles and advertisements are due to Heather by October 30.

8. **Section Reports**

8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) – did not receive an update

8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) – A Beer and Justice for All event at Ramblin' Jacks is on November 13 at 5:00 p.m. The suggested donation is \$150 at the event. Pro Bono & TCCLS are going along fine.

8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Card) –Swearing-In Ceremony on September 18, 2014 was very well attended. Six Judges, Commissioner Wohl, and John Tunheim were in attendance as well. There was a Happy Hour after the ceremony at Pint's Barn. Pfau Cochran Vertetis Amala Law Firm donated \$250 towards the event. The Will Clinic CLE was today (October 8) - 36 people attended,

speaker did well. YL Lunch was yesterday and was well attended. Megan is looking for another YL Chair. Chris suggested an YL courthouse tour would be a great idea for new YL's.

8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy) - did not receive an update

8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) – ½ day CLE on October 28, 2014 at Thurston County Superior Court, courtroom 101, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

9. **Additions to agenda**

Laura Murphy sent a fax to let everyone know that Thurston County District Court is creating a Medical Marijuana policy.

New member of the Thurston County Superior Court – Do we want to send a welcome letter? Terry will draft a letter.

Thank you to Terry for hosting tonight.

10. **Announcements** - no announcements

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** November 12, 2014, Megan Card's Office

12. **Adjourn** 6:46 p.m.