

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Janet McClanahan Moody's Office**

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

**Members Absent:** Laura Murphy

**Others Present:** Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:42pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2014 Board meeting** Motion made by Janet to approve the minutes from May 14, 2014, Larry seconds the motion and the motion passes.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Update on BBQ/Picnic- The BBQ was a huge success; delicious food by Marv's Marvlus BBQ, attendance has increased each year, and the games were fun! Trevor Zandell did a great job organizing the event this year! Trevor is going to look into having it at a closer location next year.
  - 3.2 Judge Dixon Questions (Lenny)- Regarding the Library Board of Trustees. Lenny will follow up with Judge Dixon on this regarding time requirements and duties of the TCBA volunteers. The "In-Memorium" display-the suggestion is either remove or swap the pictures out with Bigelow Award winners. The three TCBA volunteers can possibly be in charge of this.  
The Bigelow Plaque-has been updated annually.
  - 3.3 WSBA & the Supreme Ct (see attached)-regarding altering the WSBA and regulation of Lawyers. This is in preliminary stages right now. Lenny will follow up with Melissa.
  - 3.4 November Board Retreat? – The consensus is to have a meeting for ½ day on a Saturday in November. Heather will contact a facilitator and send an email regarding availability of the Board Members. The meeting will be held at Bill Pope's office.
  - 3.5 Bench/Bar Meeting- The meeting was well attended. There was a presentation from Tacoma Law Foundation about a proposed law school. Judge Murphy and Judge Buckley gave a presentation on a courthouse being built in downtown Olympia. An update on lunchtime CLE's and TCBA events through the end of the year was also provided.
  - 3.6 Criticism of the Bar Poll process-One complaint received was to have a bio on each candidate. The second complaint was regarding the deadline of our process.
  - 3.7 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Statehood presentation at the Supreme Court (Chris Lanese)-There will be a lunchtime panel presentation on either November 7 or 14 on the history of local bench/bar with a reception following. If you have any ideas, please let Chris know. Chris will confirm exact date.
  - 3.8 Increasing participation by State Attorneys- This will be discussed at the November Board Retreat.
  - 3.9 New Printer for Administrative Assistant-Heather purchased a printer she will use for TCBA business.
  - 3.10 Co-Sponsor Election Forum for two candidates for Thurston County Clerk-Lenny offered to be the Committee Chair. Lenny will follow up with the Washington Women's Lawyers.
4. **Old Business** none for this meeting
5. **Treasurer's Reports** (Janet McClanahan Moody)-The only thing to note on the August financial report is that we are close to budget on a lot of expenses. Lenny makes motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for May 2014, June 2014, July 2014 and August 2014, Larry seconds the motion and it is approved.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Terry Church)-the speaker in September will be Mike Morgan, Doug Ende in October, and Laurel Oats from Seattle University in November.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - 7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope)-see above 3, 3.5
  - 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan)- A possible topic for future CLE is paperless office
  - 7.3 Newsletter was sent in the mail on September 9, 2014.
8. **Section Reports**
  - 8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) –Judge Schaller will be coming back to Family Court in December. Courthouse Security is a “hot button”. There seems to be great uncertainty revolving around Judge Sutton’s imminent departure. Patrick will be attending the lunchtime ed meeting next month to give input on some specific family law topics next year. Lenny will forward the minutes from the last meeting to the TCBA Board.
  - 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) –There will be a Beer & Justice for All Event on November 13 at Ramblin’ Jacks, and a CLE on the McCleary decision in October. ½ of the proceeds from the CLE will go to TCVLS.
  - 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Card) –There will be a Swearing-In Ceremony on 4pm on September 18 with a happy hour following, Veteran’s Will Clinic CLE on October 8, and a Will Clinic on October 18 in Lakewood.
  - 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)-nothing to report
  - 8.5 Land Use Committee (Martha Wehling) –The Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Section will host a ½ day CLE from 1pm-4:30pm on Tuesday, October 28. The CLE will be in the Thurston County Superior Court, Courtroom 101. Five speakers will cover a diverse range of topics that have the potential to affect all of us who practice in Thurston County, including derelict vessels, venue issues, marijuana leases, food and farming, and ethics.
9. **Additions to agenda**-United Way Day of Caring will be on Friday, September 26, 2014. The project this year is cleaning up downtown Olympia. So far 20 people have RSVP’d to volunteer. If you would like to volunteer and have not yet RSVP’d, please email Trevor Zandell.
10. **Announcements**-Call to Action on bigger topics-topic for the November Board Retreat
11. **Date/location of next meeting:** October 8, 2014, Terry Church’s Office
12. **Adjourn** 6:49pm