### THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

# Board of Directors Meeting Agenda Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Janet McClanahan Moody's Office

Members Present: John Skinder, Mark Wheeler, Laura Murphy, Terry Church, Bill Pope, Patrick O'Connor, Megan Card, Janet McClanahan Moody, Christopher Coker, Trevor Zandell

Members Absent: Chris Lanese, Lenny Lucenko

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

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

2. **Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2015 Board meeting** Megan moves to approve the minutes, seconded by Janet. Motion carries without objection.

## 3. **New Business**

- 3.1 Welcome Patrick O'Connor to the TCBA Board-Terry & the Board welcomed Patrick
- 3.2 Donation requests for the Juvenile Justice cluster of the Civic Intelligence Research and Action Lab at Evergreen and Courthouse Dogs, and the Green Hill Foundation Scholarship-discussion to form a sub-committee to discuss the donation requests for next year and see if we can make any additional donations this year. John, Laura, & Janet volunteered to be on the committee.
- 3.3 Suggestion to add CLE presentation materials to the TCBA website-discussion took place and the concern is some speakers may not want info published or some speakers might not have info to publish. The CLE committee will discuss further and report back next meeting on a decision.
- 3.4 Going green with the Legal Brief-Discussion took place and consensus is people like to have the paper copy. A suggestion was made to increase advertising fees. This will be discussed at a future Board meeting. Terry moves to keep the paper copy, seconded by Bill. Motion carried without objection.
- 3.5 Board Retreat in November-Heather will send the Doodle survey with possible dates to the Board members. We would like to use DRC again with same mediator as last year if possible. Bill Pope offered to have the meeting at his office. Patrick will bring breakfast/coffee items.
- 3.6 Projector screen for CLE's-A discussion took place and decision was to purchase a projector and screen to be used at TCBA CLE's and events. Chris C. motions to buy a projector and screen up to \$1000, seconded by Bill. Motion carries without objection.
- 3.7 SPSCC Scholarship Rules-Laura Murphy is attending a SPSCC Board Meeting on Monday, Sept. 21 and will follow up with SPSCC about this.
- 3.8 TCBA CLE Survey Results-Megan felt like it was a great turnout with a 96 participants completing the survey. CLE committee will meet to discuss what the upcoming CLE's will be. The topic with the most votes was a Half Day Trial 101 CLE. Survey monkey was easy to use and it's free for up to 10 questions.
- 3.9 Dispositions of Last Wills and Testaments-A TCBA Member asked if there is a process in Thurston County to return old Dispositions of Last Wills and Testaments. The answer is no.
- 3.10 GLBA "Meet & Greet" Sponsor request The GLBA is sponsoring a "Meet & Greet" on September 30, 2015 after the Swearing In Ceremony for the new Attorneys and asked if the TCBA would like to be a co-sponsor along with the WWL. Chris C. motioned to be a co-sponsor for \$200, seconded by John. Motion carries without objection.

### 4. Old Business

4.1 Judicial Evaluation Process-Terry has met with a few Judges to discuss this process. A subcommittee was formed, consisting of Trevor, Chris C. and Chris L., to recommend a

revised judicial evaluation survey. They have had one meeting so far. They plan to complete this committee work over the course of this Fall

- 5. **Treasurer's Report** (Janet McClanahan Moody) May, June, July, and August 2015 Financial Reports- Bill moves to adopt the Budgets, seconded by John. The motion carries without objection.
- 6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Megan Card)-CLE this Friday, September 18 on Corporate Governance.

## 7. Committee Reports

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (Bill Pope) –nothing to report
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, John & Megan, Chris L.) –There will be a half day CLE on October 23, 2015 on Employment Law. Chris C. is going to do a presentation on Wage & Hours. Chris L. and Stephanie Henderson Stocker will also be speaking. The committee will be meeting again to discuss future meetings.
- 7.3 Newsletter was sent out on Sept. 9

# 8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Patrick Rawnsley) –nothing to report
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Chris Lanese) –nothing to report
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Megan Rue) At our most recent meeting on 9/1/15, Christa Lenssen, the program coordinator from Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services came and talked with the New and Young Lawyers about volunteer opportunities and answered questions from specific attorneys about how they could best put their skills to use for TCVLS. I am also coordinating a swearing in ceremony for new WSBA admittees that should be taking place in a couple weeks. The specific date is still unknown, but I'll let you know if I get that information before the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 8.4 Criminal Defense (Paul Strophy)-nothing to report
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law Committee (Martha Wehling) Jacqui Brown-Miller will be presenting on the new Waters of the United States rule, its history, and potential implications due to the numerous lawsuits challenging its implementation on October 7. Jacqui also wrote an article on the topic for the September newsletter.

## 9. Additions to agenda

### 10. **Announcements**

- 10.1 Summer Picnic-It was a fun event even though the weather was awful. Approximately 40 people attended. The leftover food was taken to the Salvation Army afterwards. An alternative plan for next year if weather is bad might be a good idea.
- 10.2 LLLT Rule- The first round of LLLT took the exam. There are a couple practicing in our area. LLLT's are able to open up their own shops and practice limited areas of law.
- 10.3 2016 Membership-a discussion for the near future
- 11. **Date/location of next meeting**: October 14, 2015 at Terry Church's office
- 12. **Adjourn** 7:22pm