

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Hosted by Jackson Maynard, Jim Laukkonen and Lenny Lucenko at Lenny's office

Members Present: Trevor Zandell, Heidi Raedel Magaro, Mark Wheeler, Jackson Maynard, Bill Pope, Lenny Lucenko, Jim Laukkonen, Patrick O'Connor, Laura Murphy
Members Absent: Megan Card, Terry Church, Chris Coker
Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:31p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of April 18, 2018 Board Meeting** – Laura moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Lenny. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Lunch at the June 7 Superior Court Bench-Bar Meeting (Trevor) – The next Bench-Bar meeting will be on June 7. The meeting will be 75 minutes instead of 60 minutes (12-1:15pm). A discussion took place regarding providing lunch for the meeting. Jackson offered to buy the food, drinks, and dessert for 50 people. Trevor, Mark, Judge Schaller, and Pam Hartman-Beyer will be meeting next week to plan the agenda. If you have any agenda items, please email them to Mark.
 - 3.2 LLLT's as Active TCBA Members (Trevor) – The proposed Bylaws were revised by e-mail motion and vote of the board prior to this meeting to remove the proposed language of LLLT's becoming Associate Members of TCBA. LLLT's will remain as Active Members of TCBA.
 - 3.3 Links to organizations on TCBA website (Heather) – Heather received an email from an organization that would like to have their business website on the TCBA website under "Resources." A decision was not made due to lack of information about this business. Heather will find out more about what kind of business this is.
 - 3.4 February 15, 2018 half day CLE credits (Mark) – The WSBA approved this CLE for 1 hour of Law & Legal credit, and 2.5 hours of Professional Development credits. All the credits go towards the requirements Attorneys need for CLEs. Mark sent a letter to the WSBA to appeal this decision, but the WSBA did not change their decision. Mark will draft an email to the attorneys who attended this CLE to let them know since the CLE was advertised as 3.5 Law & Legal credits. Heather will send a list of attorneys that attended to Mark.
 - 3.5 New Chair for Real Estate, Land Use and Environmental Law Section (Trevor) – Ann Harrie has accepted a new job in Seattle and has resigned from the Chair position. Trevor will send an email to the section and ask for volunteers to chair that position. Trevor will let the Board know via email who has volunteered to be the new Chair.
 - 3.6 New Courthouse (Trevor) – Marie Docter sent an email to Trevor to let him know that at the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meeting they are moving forward on selecting a site for the new courthouse. The three sites are: building a new courthouse on the site of the current courthouse, the Plum Street site, and vacant land on the Westside of Olympia. Their goal is to have this on the ballot in August 2019. The BOCC is impaneling a citizen's committee on the new courthouse issue. They would like 1 attorney on the committee. This is going to be an intensive committee. The goal is to provide feedback as the citizen's voice about the site of the new courthouse, and then to advocate for a funding measure to be placed on the ballot. The TCBA Board nominated Jonathan Sprouffske to be on the citizen's committee and Trevor Zandell as the number two nominee.

4. **Old Business**

- 4.1 Rules Committee update (Laura) – The Rules committee has a lot of rules they are looking to modify. Laura shared the information about the rules that were discussed. They would like to amend LCR 26 but this is still being discussed. There are no more in person meetings, but the committee will be emailing each other if additional information is needed until May 14. Thank you to Laura for serving on this committee
- 4.2 Law Day Speech Contest update (Patrick) – The finals were held at the West Olympia Rotary meeting at the Viewpoint restaurant on May 1st. The participants did a great job with their speeches. There were 4 finalists this year since there was such a large turnout. Lindsay Lucenko was the winner this year. Kameko Lashlee-Gaul took 2nd place, Amy Poehner took 3rd place, and Zoe Wiley took 4th place.
- 4.3 Tacoma Rainiers event update (Heather) – Megan suggested we mention on the next email to the members that this event is in lieu of the BBQ. Heidi volunteered to be the coordinator in August for this event.
- 4.4 Annual Meeting & Dinner update (Heather) – There is a low number of RSVPs so far. Chris has agreed to announce the golf awards at the annual meeting since Joe Lynch is not able to attend the meeting.
- 4.5 Meeting with Commissioner Edwards update (Trevor) – There will be a meeting on May 14, 2018. Mark, Laura, Trevor, and Marie Doctor will attend the meeting and share their opinions why a new courthouse is beneficial. If you have anything you would like to share about this, please let Trevor know.

- 5. **Treasurer's Report** (Laura Murphy) – April Financial Reports – Lenny moved to approve the April Financial report, seconded by Patrick. The motion carried.

- 6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Mark Wheeler) - Professor Lara Zarowsky was the speaker at the April CLE and was well received. That concludes the CLE luncheons until September when Laura will start organizing them. Mark has 6 possible speakers to hand over to Laura. Well done Mark!

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – see 3.1 and 3.6.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Chris, Heidi, Patrick, Laura) – Mark did a great job organizing the monthly lunches. The committee needs to meet again. Chris is working on an L&I and new tax law CLE. Patrick is planning to do an immigration issues CLE. Megan is working on an Ethics CLE. Bill is looking at doing a mediation CLE. Jackson is working on a Death Penalty CLE and recent legislation. In 2019, Patrick would like to do a Trial Part 3 CLE.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – The newsletter will be mailed to the members by the end of May.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Mike DeWitt) – No report from Mike. Bill attended the meeting and said it was well attended. This section has regular meetings that are well attended.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) – The TCVLS Breakfast was earlier this month. Justice Sheryl Gordon McCloud gave a great motivational speech at the breakfast. It went well and was well attended. The Beer & Justice event will be in the fall.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Jen Doehne) - We had our monthly lunch yesterday at the 5th avenue sandwich shop. For our monthly event, we'll be checking out the Olympia Farmer's Market on Saturday May 19th starting at 10am. Since the weather is nice, I'm starting back up the monthly "hike" at Burfoot Park on May 26th at 10am.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) - There are massive changes happening in Superior Court. The Felony Leadership Improvement Project has worked for the last year to come up with the propose changes. It has been a challenging experience but everyone on the

team is working together to improve the criminal calendar. There will be costs and benefits for the changes for all parties. However, I believe in the end it would be a benefit to the citizens of Thurston County for a more orderly administration of cases. Of course being a defense attorney orderly administration is not necessarily the goal, I believe that less meaningless court hearings will be a benefit to my clients. I believe there will be some unintended consequences from the new processes and I look forward to working with the FLIP team to address them. I am very pleased with everyone's participation in the project. I believe the court is going to have to be very flexible and work with parties to adjust to a new era of criminal justice in Thurston County.

8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law – No report.

9. **Additions to agenda**

9.1 GR36 Committee - continuing to meet, they met today and discussed the courthouse security. More cameras will be put in place, light indicator system instead of a loud speaker, lights in the back of the courthouse that indicate if there is an active shooter in the building or if you need to evacuate the building. Badges were discussed today at the meeting, but no progress was made. A meeting will be every other month. The committee consists of different county offices, clerk, prosecutors, sheriff's office, courthouse security, Judges, and Jim Laukkonen. This will be the same protocol at the FJC as well.

10. **Announcements**

10.1 Thank you to Trevor for doing a phenomenal job as President this past year.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Chris's office on September 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

12. **Adjourn** 6:54 p.m.