

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Megan Card's office**

Members Present: Trevor Zandell, Heidi Raedel Magaro, Mark Wheeler, Bill Pope, Lenny Lucenko, Patrick O'Connor, Laura Murphy, Megan Card, Terry Church,

Members Absent: Chris Coker, Jim Laukkonen, Jackson Maynard

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:38pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2018 Board:** Trevor moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Laura. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Venue for 2019 Annual Meeting & Dinner (Heather) – A discussion took place. The consensus was to hold the event at Indian Summer again. Heather will look into reserving Indian Summer Golf & Country Club for a Friday in May, but Thursday is an option too if a Friday is not available. A suggestion was made to have a committee to work on jazzing up the event in hopes to attract more members. Trevor moved to approve having a committee, seconded by Laura. The motion carried without objections. Patrick, Heidi, and Trevor volunteered for the committee.
  - 3.2 Color of Justice Proposal (Mark) – The Judges are interested in educating kids who come from various minority groups about the possibility of becoming Judges. A presentation was done in Pierce County that the Thurston County Judges may be interested in doing in Thurston County. Mark has been in contact with Judge Murphy regarding this proposal but has not heard back from her yet.
  - 3.3 Thurston County Legal Events Shared Calendar (Mark) – Commissioner Zinn's idea is to have a shared calendar that would have all of the Thurston county events on one calendar. She suggested the TCBA be the administrator of the calendar. A discussion took place. The TCBA already has a calendar on the website and are not interested in having a shared calendar at this time. Mark will let Commissioner Zinn know.
  - 3.4 Board Meeting location rotation (Heather) Heather will send out a revised location rotation once she includes Jim into the rotation.
  - 3.5 Phishing Scam (Mark) – Phishing scams continue to happen. The best approach is to be on alert for these phishing scams. Given our present email set up and without hosting our own server, there is nothing we can realistically do to prevent phishing attempts from happening.
  - 3.6 Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family (Lenny) – It's that time of year to start thinking about the program again this year. Lenny is happy to Chair the program and asked if the TCBA would like to continue this program again this year. There was a unanimous vote to continue with this program. Lenny suggested that we not have individuals at the lunch to adopt this year as it was very difficult to adopt them out last year. We will let the members know they can adopt the families ahead of lunch. Lenny agreed to spearhead the Adopt-A-Family program as he has in years past.
  - 3.7 Annual Board Retreat (Heather) – The Board would like to have a retreat again this year and have Joel Greene as the facilitator from the Dispute Resolution Center. Lenny moved to approve having a Board Retreat, seconded by Patrick. The motion carries without objections. Heather will send a Doodle calendar to the Board Members to find a Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in November that will work. Bill offered to host the meeting at his office again this year.
  - 3.8 2019 Donation Applications (Heather) – The Dispute Resolution Center & Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services were the only agencies that sent in their applications by the deadline of September 1, 2018. The Board will discuss the donation applications and make their decision at the November Board Retreat.

- 3.9 Resolution for TCVLS (Mark) – TCVLS asked the TCBA to sign the Letter of Support from the TCBA again this year. Bill moved to approve, seconded by Heidi. The motion carries without objections. Mark signed the Letter.
- 3.10 TCBA Representative on TCVLS Board (Mark) – Mark received an email this summer from Rachael Langen Lundmark, Executive Director at TCVLS, regarding having a representative from the TCBA on the Board of TCVLS. Mark would like to appoint Terry Church to another term as the TCBA representative on the TCVLS Board. Trevor moved to approve, seconded by Bill. The motion carries without objections.

#### 4. **Old Business**

- 4.1 Rules Committee update (Laura) – A wrap up took place at Thurston County Superior Court on the proposed rules. There was going to be a follow up meeting but the meeting was cancelled and never rescheduled. The Family law rules were updated and went into effect September 1, 2018. Laura will look into it and send an email to the members regarding the rule changes.
- 4.2 Tacoma Rainiers event (Patrick & Megan) – The Night at the Rainiers event was on August 16, 2018. There were 36 RSVPs. The TCBA had committed to paying for 50 tickets. Consequently, there was some financial loss. However, the consensus was that the event was worth repeating for 2019. It was a beautiful night, good food and beer. The section was in the left field area and very family friendly. Mark received feedback that the cost was a lot for a family event. One member suggested that the TCBA subsidize the cost of the tickets for kids in the future. Trevor loved the event and felt it was safe for the kids to run around in the outfield area. One suggestion is that a week night event is a hard night for an event, a Saturday or Sunday would be better. Trevor will get more information about potential weekend dates and will report at the November retreat.  
Megan would still like to organize a TCBA social event at the local dog bar, Beerworks, in Olympia possibly in the spring. Megan will discuss this at the November retreat.
- 4.3 Meeting on May 14 with Commissioner Edwards update (Trevor and Mark) – Mark and Trevor and Laura met with Commissioner Edwards in May to discuss the new courthouse. Commissioner Edwards believes a new courthouse is necessary but had some questions about where it should be placed, and identified other challenges that would need to be addressed as part of the project. Commissioner Edwards said the public will likely vote on this in August 2019 .
- 4.4 June 7 Superior Court Bench-Bar Meeting update (Mark) – There was a Bench-Bar meeting in June but unfortunately it did not have a great turnout, as something like 40 or so people attended. Mark is working on ideas to improve attendance. The consensus is to continue having two Bench-Bar meetings per year. Megan suggested involving the Court more in the agenda with announcements. Terry suggested continuing to have a morning planning meeting with the Judges before the event to discuss the agenda. Another suggestion is to continue offering lunch to the members, and to have an open forum for the members to ask questions, and to continue to solicit agenda items from the members. Mark will reach out to Judge Schaller to plan dates for the next meeting, for either November or January. Terry and Bill offered to attend the morning meeting with the Judges.
- 4.5 BOCC Citizen's Committee re New Courthouse update (Trevor and Patrick) – A firm was hired to do a site selection and make a recommendation to the County Commissioners. . The locations being considered for the new courthouse are the current courthouse, the old City Hall in Olympia, and property on Kaiser Road in Olympia. The new courthouse will be a combined Civic Center and Courthouse if the courthouse proposal is passed by the voters. Trevor reported that Jonathan Sprouffske was on the Citizens Advocacy Committee which changed their name to the Citizens Advisory Committee. There have been some frustrations within the Committee regarding its role and the direction they should be going.
- 4.6 Email & Social Media update (Heather) – Heather met with Jill Carter this summer and had some training on Facebook and the new email through the website. Jill is working on setting up a Twitter account.

#### 5. **Treasurer's Report** (Jim Laukkonen) – May, June, July & August 2018 Financial Reports – These were

tabled and will be discussed next month when Jim is back.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Laura Murphy)- There will be a CLE on Friday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at Hotel RL. The speakers will be Commissioner Zinn and Robert Mead, State Law Librarian. The topic is Legal Research. Laura shared that Professor John Weaver from the Seattle University School of Law will be the liaison in South Puget Sound Legal Community and will be attending the CLE.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – See above.
  - 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Chris, Heidi, Patrick, Laura) – Bill requested some assistance as the Committee Chair. Terry and Lenny offered to help Bill. Megan is working on an ethics CLE. Patrick said he is planning on doing a CLE. Chris and Heidi are working on a CLE for October 26<sup>th</sup>. The topic is Business from A-Z Formation to Termination. They will have a panel of speakers which includes two attorneys and a CPA. Heather will call Hotel RL for availability because Indian Summer Golf & Country Club is no longer available on that date.
  - 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – It was mailed to members on September 10, 2018.
8. **Section Reports**
  - 8.1 Family Law (Mike DeWitt) - Not much to report, actually. We are having our meeting today at noon. The section has been kind of quiet of late. I don't get a lot of questions - maybe one or two per meeting - and no speakers have been suggested for quite some time.
  - 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) – There will be a Beer & Justice event in October. TCVLS is moving locations. The TCVLS Board is working on some strategic planning.
  - 8.3 Young Lawyers (Jen Doehne) – September: Monthly lunch – 9/5, Pick up volleyball – 9/5, Swearing in Ceremony – 9/19, Networking social hour – 9/19, Monthly hike/walk – 9/23  
August: Monthly lunch – 8/1, Monthly hike/walk – 8/23, Pub Crawl – 8/11, Music in the Park – 8/15  
July: Monthly lunch – 7/11, Monthly hike/walk – 7/15, Social Meeting – 7/19  
June: Monthly lunch – 6/6, Trivia – 6/20, Monthly hike/walk – 6/30  
Please let the TCBA Board know that I am giving my notice to resign as YL chair. I would be willing to serve through the end of December 2018 (but would also be okay being replaced this month - September). Thank them for the opportunity to get to know this community better and for allowing me the chance to help it grow and thrive together. Kindly let me know if there is anything I can do to assist with the transition.
  - 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) – No report.
  - 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – After being notified of my appointment in late July, I met with Mark Wheeler on August 23 to discuss the section, TCBA Board expectations, and opportunities/alternatives for section gatherings and engagement. Due to scheduling challenges this month, I was not able to plan a section meeting for the month of September, but I am working on scheduling one for October, as well as a quarterly 1-hour CLE for November, likely on the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act that took effect on July 1, 2018.
9. **Additions to agenda**
10. **Announcements**
  - 10.1 Mark shared that the next Swearing-In Ceremony is on September 19, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Mark

will be attending the ceremony.

10.2 Mark shared that the South Puget Sound Community College Foundation is having a fundraising event called the Experience on October 6, 2018 if anyone is interested in attending.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Terry's Church's office on October 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

12. **Adjourn** 7:05pm