

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Jim Laukkonen's office

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

1. **Call to order** 5:36pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of October 10, 2018 Board Meeting** Lenny moved to approve, seconded by Patrick. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Certificate of Appreciation (Heather) – Heather passed around a sample certificate. The idea is to recognize the TCBA Section Chairs at the Holiday lunch. Heather will send an email to the section chairs to let them know they will be honored at the lunch.
 - 3.2 2019 Membership form (Heather) - Heather proposed using the same form as past years. Heather will add a box for LLLT's under the Area of Practice section and add LLLT to the TCBA website under the Find an Attorney page.
 - 3.3 Board Retreat Agenda (Mark) – Mark passed out the proposed agenda for the Board Retreat, solicited feedback, and provided additional detail on the proposed retreat topics.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Rules Committee update (Laura) – Since Laura is not here tonight, this will be discussed next meeting.
 - 4.2 Tacoma Rainier Event update (Trevor) - Trevor secured a date by sending a deposit check for to the Tacoma Rainiers for a game next summer on a Saturday evening. We should hear the exact date soon. Trevor did ask for the August dates first. The June dates are a little cheaper. He negotiated a cheaper rate for kids 12 & under.
 - 4.3 Social Media update (Heather) – Heather has not heard back from Jill to get more training. She will follow up with her.
 - 4.4 Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family program update (Lenny) – An email was sent to the TCBA members with the Adopt-A-Family information. The email mentioned that we will not have individual members available to adopt at the holiday lunch on December 14. Heather shared that she has not received any feedback from members about this change.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Jim Laukkonen) – October 2018 Financial Report – Megan moved to approve the October 2018 Financial report, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Laura Murphy)- There will be a lunch time CLE on November 16th at Hotel RL. The topic is “Washington's New Third-Party Visitation Law.”
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Terry & Mark met with Judge Schaller to discuss the agenda for the next Bench/Bar meeting. The agenda items are: New Family Law Rules, new criminal procedures, update on the new courthouse, county budget as it relates to the Law & Justice part of the program, upcoming rotation of Judges, and an open forum at the end. Judge

- Schaller will send the proposed agenda to the TCBA. The TCBA will provide the food and beverage for the meeting. Courtroom location is TBD.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Chris, Heidi, Patrick, Laura) – Heidi & Chris’s CLE on October 26 went well. The speakers did a great job. Patrick is hosting a half day Trial CLE – Part Three on December 6th which will be at the courthouse room 102 at 1:00 p.m. Sunnie Ko will present on Direct and Cross Examination and Judge Schaller will present on the view from the bench on Cross Examination. Jackson is hosting a 1 hour Ethics CLE on December 4th at 12:00 p.m. at Hotel RL. Megan is organizing an Ethics CLE on February 7, 2019 at Rivers Edge. Terry is working on a Personal Injury CLE and the committee is working on a Family Law Part 1 and Part 2 CLEs.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – Heather mailed the newsletter to members on Thursday, December 8. The ads and articles are due on December 21 for the January 2019 newsletter.
- 7.4 New Courthouse (Marie Doctor & Jonathan Sprouffske) – A discussion took place. There is a concern about the momentum of the advisory committee’s participation at the meetings.

8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Mike DeWitt) – Today I wrapped up my last substantive meeting as Family Law Section chair. Our December meeting will be our annual holiday pot luck. Please say thanks to the TCBA for letting me serve in this role. Looking ahead, I have an interested candidate for next term - Meredith Gerhart, who is included on this email. I have encouraged her to send the board a brief email indicating her interest in the position (as I recall, that is what Paul Battan had me do). Please let her know if there is anything more (or different) that the TCBA would want from her. Meredith has been my right-hand-woman these last two years so I can say from experience that she will be awesome as the next chairperson. She took meticulous notes for our meetings and also chaired a couple of meetings in my absence. I have tasked my associate attorney, Ingrid Zerpa, with being Meredith's note-taker and helper, so who knows, when Meredith's tenure is up perhaps Ingrid would like to take over. Alas, that remains to be seen . . . Let me know if there is anything else the board needs from me as I wind down as chairperson.
- A discussion took place. The Board will be following the usual procedure of advertising the open chair position to the TCBA membership. When does Mike plan on stepping down as section chair? Heather will forward Mike DeWitt’s email to Mark.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) – The Beer & Justice event was in October. It went well and had a great turnout. The WWL Capitol Chapter is having an Unfundraiser event on November 27th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Temple of Justice reception room. This is a good chance to donate to the TCVLS foundation. TCVLS Board is working on Strategic Planning right now. TCVLS is moving from downtown Family Support Center to an office by Capital Medical Center.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Jen Doehne & Ingrid Zerpa) - October was my last month as the TCBA young lawyer chair. We held our monthly meeting on Oct 3rd and had a great turnout. We went on our monthly hike on Oct 7th and had a pretty decent turnout of YLs that I hadn’t met before. Our monthly event was mushroom foraging and it was one of the highest turnouts. Thanks to Ingrid for taking over the chair and best of luck.
- Jen
- Today, November 7th, was my first YL section monthly lunch at Ramblin Jack's. Attendance was a success. One of the attorneys was recently admitted to the bar and would like to practice government law. I already used my YL section chair "powers" and put in some fillers to connect him with an attorney who may help him get closer to his career goal. The next event will be on November 16th at the Hands on Children's Museum.
- Ingrid
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) - We are working hard. We have a meeting scheduled for January 10th, 2018. The Court has struggled with huge calendars on

our new Trial confirmation calendar and certain offices have struggled for the ensuing and continuous work load that causes. We remain vigilant and believe that when the lawyers adjust they will find many new benefits from the new system. The court may agree to make changes after the January meeting if necessary. We also believe that once we look at the numbers we will be finding that cases are not being unnecessarily delayed leading to better results for all parties. The fight continues.

- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – Megan moves to approve the proposed CLE, seconded by Trevor. The motion carries without objections. Heather will let her know the CLE has been approved.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Vacancy on the Board – Chris Coker has resigned from the Board. The TCBA will announce the open position and accept a letter of interest and bio from interested members. Heather will draft the email and email it to Mark. The deadline to submit the letter of interest is December 10th.

10. **Announcements** Thank you to Jim for hosting.

- 10.1 The Family Support Center sent a Thank you card to thank everyone who volunteered for the United Way Day of Caring.
10.2 Tomorrow is the National Adoption Day ceremony at Superior Court.
10.3 The WSBA Mixer is on November 15, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. at Hotel RL.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Heidi Raedel-Magaro's office on December 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

12. **Adjourn** 6:57 p.m.