

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
Heidi Raedel Margaro's office

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:35pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2018 Board Meeting** – Terry moved to approve, seconded by Trevor. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Coming up with a clear plan to support the new courthouse (Mark) - A discussion took place. A question was asked at the Bench Bar meeting if the Board has a position on which location the TCBA would like for the new courthouse. The consensus of the board is to take no action in support of a particular site. There is a Thurston County Commissioner Work session on December 13, 2018 where they will discuss the 3 different sites. This will be discussed again at the January Board meeting so we will know more after the meeting tomorrow.
 - 3.2 Hotel RL – Monthly lunch CLE contract (Heather) – The Hotel RL contract says the TCBA must meet the minimum \$900 for the CLE lunches or we will be charged this amount even if we don't meet it. Heather is working with Jon Price, the new Catering Director at Hotel RL, to amend the contract because we didn't have to meet this in previous years with the previous Catering Director.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Rules Committee update (Laura) – There is now a disparity between the civil rules and the family law rules. There is a meeting on January 14, 2019 to discuss this further.
 - 4.2 Tacoma Rainier Event update (Trevor) - Good news, the Rainiers gave us our first choice date for the event which is Saturday, August 3, 2019. Now we need to start promoting it. There will be a reduced rate for kids.
 - 4.3 Social Media update (Heather) – Heather met with Jill Carter to get more training on how to use Facebook for a business. Heather will send an email to the members to let them know the TCBA has Facebook.
 - 4.4 Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family program update (Lenny) – We have 7 families left that did not get adopted. After a discussion, we will have one medium and two small families for adoption at the Holiday lunch and give back four families to the Salvation Army.
 - 4.5 Dog Bar Social Event update (Megan) – The tent rental is free at the dog bar. We just need to give them enough notice on what date we would like to have our event. The bar is flexible. After discussion, the Board decided June is a good time frame for this event. Heather will add this to the February agenda to pick a date in June for the event.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Jim Laukkonen) – November 2018 Financial Report – Bill moved to approve the treasurers report, seconded by Laura. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Laura Murphy)- Laura has been working on a Diversity CLE for January. Commissioner Lack will be the speaker.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – The meeting went well in November and was reasonably well attended. Thank you to Jackson for buying the food for the meeting. Judge Schaller, Judge Hirsch, Judge Murphy, and Wayne Graham all presented at the meeting. A comment was made that having food at the meeting is a good idea. Mark will contact Pam Hartman Beyer to reserve the room for the next meeting in June 2019.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Heidi, Patrick, Laura, Jackson) – Jackson organized an Ethics CLE on December 4th. Professor Hugh Spitzer was the speaker. We had a great turnout. The committee is meeting tomorrow at Bill's office. Patrick organized a Trial – Part Three CLE on December 6th. It was well attended and well received. He is willing to do a Trial – Part 4 CLE. Megan is working on an Ethics CLE for February 7th.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – Judge Price will be writing the View from the Bench. Ads and article are due to Heather on December 21st.
- 7.4 New Courthouse (Marie Docter & Jonathan Sprouffske) –
From Marie Docter: Since my last update, there have not been any BOCC meetings on this issue, only a couple more community informational sessions. The next meeting is Thursday morning. I can send an update after that meeting.
From Jonathan Sprouffske: I'm actually working on getting an update for the full membership as well. I have a call in to Judge Murphy to confirm the information that I received yesterday afternoon. We were under the impression that the entire project was on hold until after the first of the year. I had heard that the final version of the Feasibility Study and Outreach Report will be presented to the Commissioners in a work group this Thursday morning. No such work session is listed on the county website: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/bocc/Pages/agendas.aspx>
No action can be taken during the work session, but it is unclear if the process is on hold or not. I've requested that the County staff comment on whether or not there will be a meeting of the commissioners prior to the first of the year where action will be taken on this matter, and they have said, "unlikely but unknown." Once the report is made available I will forward that to all members as well.
The Thurston County Courthouse Comprehensive & Comparative Feasibility Study will be delivered to the Thurston County Commissioners during a work session this Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 9:00am. The work session is expected to take place in Building #1, Room #280. This session is open to the public. It is now anticipated that no action will be taken by the Board of Commissioners until January 2019. Once the digital version of the study is available, we will forward it out to all TCBA members.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Mike DeWitt) – I just got back from our annual holiday potluck. Judge Hirsch made a brief announcement regarding a work group she is starting, but other than that it was all about eating.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) – The TCVLS had an Unfundraiser event at the Supreme Court and the turnout was great. A lot of government lawyers attended. TCVLS President spoke for a bit and Bonnie, TCVLS new staff attorney spoke. TCVLS is in the middle of strategic planning. They are starting to plan for the next breakfast which will be in May 2019.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Ingrid Zerpa) -
November was my first month as the YL section chair. We held our monthly meeting on November 7th at Ramblin Jack's. It was well attended. On November 16th I held an event at the Hands On Children's Museum (adult swim). It had a decent turnout and it was a blast. On November 27th I held an event at the Ice Rink for cheap skate night. Four people show up. Two of them I had not met before so it was nice meeting new people. I guess not everyone is fond of

"children activities."

December: We held our monthly meeting on December 5th at the Brick on Trosper (Tumwater). I wanted to make it easy for our state workers to try to make it to the lunch. I had a couple of attorneys mention that it is hard for them to squeeze in a lunch in downtown Olympia when their offices are in Tumwater or by the airport. Our next event will be on Thursday, December 20th at the Westside Tavern at 6:00 p.m. The theme of this event is "share your end of the year stories." I already have a handful of people confirm their attendance to this event.

- 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) - We have a meeting scheduled for January 10th, 2018 for the next criminal law section meeting. The agenda is the felony flip process and whether we need to make any changes.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – The section will not meet in December. Our next event is a lunchtime 1.0 credit CLE to be held on January 30, 2019 at Mercato Ristorante in Olympia on the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (RCW 64.90), which took effect on July 1, 2018. The presentation will focus on key changes in the law applicable to plats, CCRs, and HOAs. This CLE has been approved by the Board. Please note that the CLE will be capped at 25 attendees due to space constraints. I anticipate planning informal lunch/social events every other month for the section following the CLE through the month of June. Specific dates for those events will be determined in early January.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Mandatory malpractice insurance – Mark has received numerous emails from out of county about having mandatory malpractice insurance. The emails ask to send it to all the members. Mark is not going to forward those emails to the members.
- 9.2 WSBA Reorganization – Mark is receiving emails from out of county regarding the reorganization of WSBA. Mark is not going to forward those emails to the members.
- 9.3 New Board Member – We had 1 person apply for the position. A discussion took place. Mark will contact the applicant. Having only received one applicant, the Board will continue to solicit applicants. This will be discussed at the meeting in January.
- 9.4 New Family Law Section Chair – A discussion took place. Mark will contact Meredith Gerhart to let her know she was selected as the new Family Law Section Chair.
- 9.5 Heather will send a special email reminding members that the Holiday lunch is at the Olympia County Club on Friday, December 14th.

10. **Announcements**

- 10.1 Mark shared that Christopher Coker has agreed to continue writing the “In Re” column in the Legal Brief.
- 10.2 Mark shared that the TCBA received a Thank you note from Martin Meyer for the adoption day sponsorship.
- 10.3 Mark shared that the TCBA received a Thank you note from WSBA regarding the sponsorship of the Mentor Mixer.
- 10.4 Annual Meeting – put on January agenda: the date has been changed to May 4.
- 10.5 Laura requested to be moved off the rotation to host a Board meeting since she doesn't have a meeting space anymore.
- 10.6 Bylaws – put on the January agenda.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Jackson Maynard's office on January 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

12. **Adjourn** 7:21pm