

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Mark Wheeler's office

Members Present: Heidi Raedel Magaro, Mark Wheeler, Patrick O'Connor, Megan Card, Jim Laukkonen, Bill Pope, Trevor Zandell, Victoria Byerly (attended by phone)
Members Absent: Terry Church, Lenny Lucenko, Laura Murphy, Jackson Maynard
Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:41pm
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2019 Board Meeting** - Megan moved to approve, seconded by Patrick. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Welcome and Introduction of Victoria as our new Board Member – Mark welcomed Victoria to the TCBA Board of Directors and all board members present said hello, but since Victoria attended the meeting by phone introductions will be done at the next meeting.
 - 3.2 Campaigning for the New Courthouse Project (Patrick) – Patrick shared that Judge Buckley asked him if he could ask the TCBA Board to help with campaigning and support for the new courthouse project. A discussion took place. Patrick will ask Judge Buckley to attend the March board meeting because the board would like to have more information about this. Heather will add this to the agenda as the 1st agenda item for the March meeting. Patrick will ask Judge Buckley to submit his agenda before the meeting so the Board can be prepared for the meeting. Mark will invite Jonathan Sprouffske, who is on the New Courthouse Advisory Committee, and Marie Docter, who is the TCBA New Courthouse liaison, to the meeting as well. Mark will ask them to share what they feel they are accomplishing and not accomplishing during the meetings they go to about the new courthouse.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Rules Committee update (Laura) - The committee met on January 15, 2019 and discussed the timeline for addressing changes to the local rules. Any proposals to the local rules must be provided to Comm. Zinn on or before March 15, 2019.
I contacted the Criminal Section, Family Law Section, Young Lawyers, and Real Estate/Land Use section and provided them information regarding proposed changes to the local rules. An email was sent to the TCBA members and we will send another early next week.
Last year, one of the judicial officers made comments and proposed changes to ensure consistency in the rules. I agreed to type up the notations for the committee. Unbeknownst to me, there were over 130 proposed changes and/or comments. The five page document was provided to Commissioner Zinn on February 1, 2019.
It would be helpful if we held the Spring Bench Bar meeting after March 15th and before the comment period has expires which is approximately May 15th. I will coordinate with TCBA, Comm. Zinn and Judge Schaller to ensure we have dates available.
The next two committee meetings are scheduled for March 19th and April 16th. I am scheduled to be out of state in training on March 16, 2019. If anyone is available to cover, that would be great. Otherwise, Comm. Zinn has agreed to send me an update after the meeting.
 - 4.2 Coming up with a clear plan to support the new courthouse update (Mark) – See 3.2 above.

- 4.3 2019 Law Day update (Terry) – In Terry’s absence, Patrick shared that the preliminary round will be on April 11th at the courthouse with 2 courtrooms. Patrick has invited two judicial officers to help with the judging. The finals are on April 30th at the Rotary meeting.
- 4.4 Judicial Evaluation Survey update (Trevor) – A discussion took place. Trevor shared the proposed questions. Megan suggested sharing the proposed questions with the Judicial officers to see what their thoughts are and if they have questions they want to add. Trevor will send it to the judges and will work with Heather to send it out to the members on or about March 1st. The surveys will be sent electronically, but paper will be available if requested.
- 4.5 Annual Meeting update (Trevor & Heidi) – The committee met and decided to stay with Indian Summer Golf & Country Club as the venue because of the short time line to organize the event. The event will be on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and will include hors d’oeuvres, drinks, meeting, trivia, and music/dancing. Bill moved to approve the planning committee moving forward with planning as proposed, seconded by Megan. The motion carried without objections.

5. **Treasurer’s Report** (Jim Laukkonen) – January 2019 Financial Report & Annual Book Review – Megan moved to approve, seconded by Patrick. The motion carried without objections.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Laura Murphy) - In January, Comm. Lack presented a CLE on “Implicit Bias.” The CLE was very well attended and the feedback very positive. On 2/15/18, Ret. Judge McPhee will present a lunchtime CLE on Mediation. At this point, we only have 40 members attending, which is likely related to the weather. Please encourage members from your office to attend. In March, we had Ann Guinn scheduled to present, but a family emergency resulted in a change of plans. She is very interested in presenting again in Thurston County and hopes to be available next year. I will pass her information along. I am working on getting the last two lunchtime CLEs wrapped up for the year.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – The next Bench/Bar meeting will be on June 12, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in Bldg 1 in the Commissioner meeting room.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Heidi, Patrick, Laura, Jackson) – The committee is working hard on planning CLEs. The February 7th Ethics CLE went well. The food was ok. The beer and wine were enjoyable. Terry is working on a Personal Injury CLE that will be on March 14th. Patrick is working on a Trial CLE – Part 4. Heidi is working on a CLE. Megan and Bill are working on two family law CLEs. Jackson is working on a CLE also.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – Ads and articles are due by February 19th.
- 7.4 New Courthouse (Marie Doctor & Jonathan Sprouffs) – No reports received.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) – No report.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) – No report.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Ingrid Zerpa) - Success story: A YL section member, Patrick Stickney, told me that he was applying for jobs during one of the YL section lunches. He stated he was applying for a job at the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI). I connected him with my good friend and YL section member, Anne Dorshimer. It appeared that he was applying for her previous position at DFI (she decided to go back to private practice last year). Anne was able to offer some words of wisdom to Patrick, which helped him prepare for his interview. A couple of weeks ago, he sent me an email stating that he landed the job and was happy that I connected him with Anne. February lunch: We had our YL section lunch today at Tugboat Anne's. There was a good turnout.
February event: I am hosting an event on Saturday, February 9th at Matchless Brewing. There will be live music (jazz). Some members have expressed interest in attending, but now that the weather forecast says that it will snow on Saturday, I am not sure how many people will show up. I will let you know how it goes!

- 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) - I don't currently have another meeting scheduled. However I am trying to put together a potential CLE involving Mental Health, Veterans and Drug Court.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – The RELU hosted a free CLE on the Washington Common Interest Ownership Act at Mercato in Olympia on January 30. We had 14 RSVPs for the CLE, and 12 attended. Feedback from attendees was positive, including suggestions that the topic would be good for a future TCBA CLE. From my perspective, the biggest lesson learned was to be sure that the announcement goes out to the entire TCBA and not just the section list. Although an announcement was in the Legal Brief, it did not go out electronically to the entire membership. Our next section event is a no-host social at the Oly Tap Room on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. No events are planned for March. I anticipate scheduling a section lunch in April/May, date remains TBD as I'd like the agenda to include a presentation on new legislation impacting real estate, land use, and environmental laws coming out of the current session.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 WSBA Local Hero Nominations – A discussion took place. Joe Shorin was selected as the winner this year.
- 9.2 Nomination Committee for TCBA Future officers – Past President, Current president, President elect, and non-officers on the nominating committee. Bill moved to approve, seconded by Jim. The motion carried without objections.

10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Patrick O'Connor & Bill Pope at Bill's office on March 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

12. **Adjourn** 7:15 p.m.