

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Hosted by Laura Murphy at Lenny Lucenko's office

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

Members Absent: Megan Card

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:34 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of April 10, 2019 Board Meeting** – Lenny moved to approve, seconded by Laura. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 United Way Day of Caring in September 2019 (Heather) - Jackson said he would be willing to be the Chair again. Mark asked if we can think of some ways to attract more members to volunteer. Laura suggested a competition between the sections. Mark suggested possibly a prize for the winner of the section with the most people.
 - 3.2 Judicial Evaluation Survey in the Olympian, posting on website, and releasing more detailed study data (Mark) – Mark suggested posting the numeric results on the TCBA website instead of sending it to the Olympian since we no longer have a contact at the Olympian and they didn't post it in 2017 when we sent it to the Olympian and the board concurred. We had a member request the breakdown of how many attorneys answered the questions per judge. Trevor moves to release the number of respondents per judicial officer from the judicial evaluation survey to our members upon request. Lenny seconds. The motion carried with 10 yes's and 1 abstaining. A completed response is if anyone answered any part of the question.
 - 3.3 Confirming no need for June meeting (Mark) – No June meeting. The next meeting will be in September.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Rules Committee Update (Laura) – The committee had a meeting on April 19th. A couple of issues were raised. One was the proposed rules went to the board of judges, going out for public comment on May 17th with a deadline of May 31st which doesn't give much time for comments. The other issue is the LLLT asked that Family Law documents get modified to include LLLTs. Laura has some concerns about the request of LLLTs. Laura will send it to Meredith, the Family Law section Chair to get her thoughts and ask her to send it to the Family Law Section to let the section know about the public comment option. Patrick shared that the Criminal Law rules had a complete revision. Laura shared that for next year, a new committee member would be good because she will be in a different position on the TCBA board of Directors.
 - 4.2 Pizza Klatch Update (Mark) – This group helps the LGBTQ youth in a variety of ways. They are looking for anyone to help on the board or as a support person. They sent the TCBA a volunteer ad which has been posted on the website.
 - 4.3 Law Day Speech Contest Update (Terry and Patrick) - We had a few students drop out at the last minute, so there were about 14 students who competed in the preliminary round. Four students made it to the finals, which were held on April 30th during the West Olympia Rotary meeting at the Viewpoint at Tugboat Annie's. All four finalists gave great speeches. Lindsay Lucenko won the speech contest again this year. Each of the four finalists won prize money from the TCBA and a plaque from the West Olympia Rotary.

- 4.4 Diversity Update (Mark) – Mike Martinez is willing to be a Co-chair of the Diversity section. Mike sent an outline to what he felt the diversity section can do. Mark plans to work with Mike over the summer and come to the board next fall with a proposal. If anyone knows of someone who would be a good fit to be another Co-chair, let Mark know. Bill suggested putting the handout from Mike Martinez in the May newsletter and Heidi suggested including the Half Day CLE on September 10th as well which also is about Diversity.
- 4.5 Annual Meeting Debrief (Mark) – We had 65 attendees. Mark thought the event went well overall. Mark shared that people liked the appetizers, but there wasn't enough appetizers and the chocolate fountain wasn't touched much. The table situation worked well with having some cocktail tables to stand at and some tables to sit at. The trivia was fun and was a great way to interact with everyone. The trivia instructions were not clear. Trevor shared he was disappointed with the turnout. He thought the chocolate fountain was great. Victoria suggested sending a survey to the members to ask them what they would like the event to look like and how to engage more members and more young lawyers? A suggestion was to maybe honor a new rising star young lawyer at the event. Terry shared he enjoyed the trivia very much and said he likes a Friday night event more than a Saturday night. Jackson moved to approve having an ad hoc committee to consider options for next year's annual meeting, seconded by Victoria. The motion carried without objections. Heidi said she would help on the committee.
- 4.6 Tacoma Rainiers Update (Trevor) – So far there are 19 tickets sold. Hopefully we'll have more people buy tickets in the coming months.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Jim Laukkonen) – April 2019 Financial Report & December 2018 Financial Reports – Jim shared that when he was doing the annual report for the annual meeting, he realized the December 2018 didn't have the Salvation Army income and expense lines on it. Bill moved to approve the revised December 2018 financial reports, seconded by Laura seconds. The motion carries without objections. Bill moved to approve the April 2019 financial reports, seconded by Victoria. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Laura Murphy) - Francis Schopick was the speaker for the April CLE, which was How to Carry Yourself to Avoid Bar Complaints. Some members asked for this topic again. Laura sent Jim CLE information for the coming year. Jim shared he has someone lined up for the September CLE, Thor Hoyte from the Nisqually Tribe, about tribal law.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Laura and Mark will be meeting with Judge Schaller and Pam Hartman Beyer on May 20th to talk about the agenda for the June 12th bench bar meeting at noon. Patrick and Victoria said they would purchase the food/drinks to provide and plan to buy food for 50-60 attendees. Victoria offered to pay for the bench/bar lunch.
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Heidi, Patrick, Laura, Jackson) – Megan and Bill met to talk about a CLE for the fall. Patrick is doing a Trial CLE Part IV on September 26th at the courthouse. Heidi is working on a Diversity CLE which will be on September 10th at Hotel RL from 12:30pm-4:30pm. Heather will include these CLEs in the May Legal Brief.
 - 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – May 7th ads and articles were due. The newsletter will be sent to the members by the end of May.
 - 7.4 New Courthouse (Marie Doctor & Trevor Zandell) – Trevor shared that the county Commissioners sent a poll to 1000 citizens in Thurston County. The Commissioners would like to move forward with the New Courthouse but not until the April 2020 ballot. The Yes to a New Courthouse Committee is working on fundraising right now. Trevor is working on an email regarding fundraising and shared that the committee has speakers available to go speak at any group meetings.

8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) - Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14, 2019. We meet the second Tuesday of each month. At our last meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, we discussed the implementation of the new calendar changes at Family and Juvenile Court which will take effect on June 3, 2019. A lot of hearings that are presently scheduled (mostly on the dependency side of the court) will have to be rescheduled. The Dependency Calendar is moving to Wednesdays (instead of Fridays). We anticipate this being a big adjustment for all practitioners. We are moving to time-specific calendaring, which will also present some growing pains for most practitioners who are accustomed to noting a hearing for a 9:00 AM or 2:00 PM calendar. Now, we will have to schedule the hearing to occur at 9, 10, or 11, etc. We are very nearly complete with the new Pre-Trial process. Essentially, a court appearance will no longer be necessary for ordinary pre-trial issues. Instead, counsel will submit a joint report that outlines the issues for trial, the number of requested trial days, and number of witnesses/exhibits. We have been working very hard on a Case Scheduling Order for both Dependency cases, and other family law cases. We have a big pretrial work group meeting next week, where we hope to finalize the new pretrial rule, so that it can be submitted for public comment. Lastly, Commissioner Lack will be leaving Family & Juvenile Court. He has accepted a position as Court Commissioner for King County Superior Court. We will all miss him!
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) – The TCVLS Breakfast was on Tuesday, May 7th. They had a great turnout. Terry made some phone calls to firms ahead of time encouraging them to attend. Rachael Langen Lundmark, Exec. Director at TCVLS, said they had the most sponsorships in over 5 years. Terry shared he would like to step down from the TCBA board. Mark will reach out to the Governmental Bar to see if anyone might be interested. The TCBA will send out an announcement to the members as soon as possible. Terry said he has enjoyed being on the board.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Ingrid Zerpa) - **Monthly lunch** - We had our monthly lunch on Wednesday, April 3rd at Aya Sushi. A couple of members showed up and it was a lovely time. One of the members that attended is a new lawyer in town, so it was nice meeting him. **Spring swearing-in ceremony** - We had four participants. It was a short and intimate ceremony. Not many people from this side of town took/passed the bar. The happy hour at Well 80 was quite a success. 19 people showed up. I locked down two additional sponsors, DeWitt Law and TCVLS, for the happy hour. It allowed me to get lots of yummy food. Each contributed about \$100. If you know of any law firms interested in sponsoring the next happy hour, please let me know! **Connecting lawyers to job opportunities** - I've had a couple of law firms reached out to me and asked if I knew of anyone looking for employment. I have connected new and young lawyers with these law firms. It is nice to know that lawyers are using me as a resource.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) - We are working on:
1. Setting up a section meeting for June of 2019.
 2. Setting up a presentation with Drug Court for CLE credit.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – No report.

9. Additions to agenda

- 9.1 WSBA Board of Governors – Mark talked to Chris Meserve at the Governmental Lawyer's Bar Association Annual Meeting, and listened to Supreme Court Commissioner Michael Johnston lay out the factual information and background to the WSBA's current restructuring committee.
- 9.2 Mark thanked everyone on the TCBA Board of Directors for working together this past year.
- 9.3 Lenny thanked everyone and said he has enjoyed being on the Board.
- 9.4 Laura is meeting with Judge Hirsch and Meredith Gerhart to discuss the Paralegals at SPSCC

to see if they might be able to assist with the back log of pro se cases.

10. **Announcements**
11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Location TBD on September 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
12. **Adjourn** 7:05 p.m.