

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Victoria Byerly's office**

Members Present: Heidi Raedel Magaro, Patrick O'Connor, Jim Laukkonen, Laura Murphy, Bill Pope, Jackson Maynard, Victoria Byerly, Trevor Zandell, Geoff Hulsey, Michael Young  
Members Absent: Amy Perlman, Mark Wheeler  
Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:35 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2019 Board Meeting** – Laura moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Heidi. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family (Heather) – Heather asked if the TCBA would like to participate in the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program this year again and if so, would anyone like to be the Chair of it since Lenny Lucenko is no longer on the board. Geoff Hulsey volunteered to be the new chair. Heather will work on the letter and send it to the members.
  - 3.2 National Adoption Day Donation (Laura) – Laura shared we received a letter from Martin Meyer requesting a donation for National Adoption Day again this year. The board agreed to donate up to \$300 again this year.
  - 3.3 Holiday Lunch agenda & menu (Heather) – Heather shared that she has been working on the Holiday lunch menu and wondered if we wanted a chicken dish or a carving station. The board agreed on the chicken picatta since the carving station takes too long. The agenda for the holiday lunch will be the same as last year.
  - 3.4 Local Hero Award Form (Heather) – Heather updated the Local Hero Award form from last year and wondered if she can send it out to the members. We are sending it out earlier this year because of the Bigelow Award nominations being at the same time every year. The board agreed for Heather to send the Local Hero Award form to the members now.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 Rules Committee update (Laura) – Laura said they have not had a meeting yet. The next meeting will be at the end of the year. Michael Young said he is interested in serving on the committee.
  - 4.2 United Way Day of Caring update (Jackson) – Jackson shared we had 12 volunteers who participated in the United Way Day of Caring this year. The volunteer site was at the Pear Blossom Shelter and the biggest task was cleaning the rooms. It was a very good event and very appreciated by the staff at Pear Blossom Place.
  - 4.3 Annual Dinner Planning Committee update (Jackson) – The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be on May 29, 2020 at the Olympia Golf & Country Club.
  - 4.4 Diversity Section Update (Mark) – Laura shared she went to the CLE offered by TCVLS regarding "Working with Transgender and Gender Diverse People." Dusty Lemay from the Lavender Project was the speaker at the CLE. Heidi shared she is meeting with Mike Martinez and Mark Wheeler about establishing a Diversity section.
  - 4.5 TCBA/TCVLS joint board member who is on TCBA board update (Laura) – Geoff Hulsey said he is interested in the joint board member position. He will contact Rachael Langen

Lundmark, Executive Director at TCVLS, to find out what the commitment is. Laura will contact Rachael at TCVLS and ask about the additional TCBA member opening on the TCVLS board.

- 4.6 November Board Retreat Date update (Heather) – Heather shared that the date that worked for most of the board is November 9th. It was then determined that that weekend is a holiday, so the board asked Heather to send out an email to the board to find out if November 16th would work instead of November 9th.

5. **Treasurer’s Report** (Heidi Raedel Magaro) – September 2019 Financial Reports – Heidi shared that the budget committee met yesterday to discuss the 2020 budget. Victoria moved to approve the September financial reports, seconded by Jackson. The motion carried without objections.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Jim Laukkonen) - John Sinclair will be presenting at the Oct. 18th CLE. Trevor Zandell will be the presenter in November and Justice Stephens will be the presenter in February 2020. Chris Coker would like to be a presenter sometime. Laura shared that retired Judge McPhee’s assistant indicated that Judge McPhee is interested in presenting a CLE for the TCBA. Trevor said the Indian Law CLE in September was great.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Laura reached out to Pam Hartman-Beyer. The next meeting will be on November 14th in room 152, building 1 from 12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. If anyone has any agenda items, let Laura know. Laura is meeting with Pam Hartman-Beyer next week. Jim shared that the safety meeting is done now, so would like the badges on the agenda again. Heather will email the members with the date and ask for agenda items. Victoria and Michael will help get the food for the meeting.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Heidi, Patrick, Laura, Victoria, Geoff, Amy) – Bill shared the committee had a meeting and outlined the CLEs. Patrick is looking for a speaker for the “How to Conduct a Jury Trial” CLE which is tentatively on November 14th. Megan and Bill are working on a December 2019 or January 2020 Family Law CLE with a more advanced CLE later in the year. Heidi is working on a Guardianship CLE. Megan is working on a ratings CLE.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – Heather is working on the newsletter with ads due on October 22nd. Heather asked if the board would like to continue having the “In Re” article each issue since Chris Coker is no longer in charge of it. The board agreed to keep it. Jim volunteered to write it for the November Legal Brief. Heather will email him the questions. Heather will provide a list of Legal Briefs so board members can sign up to take turns writing it each issue.
- 7.4 New Courthouse (Marie Doctor & Trevor Zandell) – Trevor shared the “Yes for Safety and Justice Campaign” is in fundraising mode right now with limited success. Their new website and Facebook page are up and running. Donations can be done online. They are continuing to give presentations for community groups. There was a vote to put this on the ballot in April 2020. The County Commissioners have decided to have a re-vote on October 22nd at 5:30 p.m. at the Thurston County Superior Court in room 152, building 1.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) - At yesterday’s meeting, we reviewed the draft emergency proposed Local Court Rules pertaining to pretrial hearings, settlement conferences, and a case scheduling order. We will be circulating those to the bar membership once the judges give the greenlight. They are anticipating a 30-day comment period, and hope to have the new rules enacted very shortly thereafter. There is a celebration and thank you event scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at 4:00 PM at Family and Juvenile Court. It’s an event hosted by the court to thank all of the stakeholders and contributors to the new court practices that have been implemented this year. We also discussed updates with the Family Law Executive Committee (FLEC) and new proposed legislation. Apparently, there is a shift

in the legislature right now towards adopting more uniform legislation (specifically, we discussed a uniform arbitration law for family law cases and why that would not be a good idea). It was a pretty short meeting.

8.2 Pro Bono (Terry Church) – No report received.

8.3 Young Lawyers (Ingrid Zerpa) - September event: On Friday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. the YL section met at Pierce College Science Dome to watch a film about our planet Earth. October lunch: The lunch took place on October 2nd at noon at Pho Tumwater. We had a good turnout. Swearing-in ceremony: The swearing-in ceremony took place on Thursday, October 3rd at 4:00 p.m. We had 9 new attorneys participate in the ceremony. We had a really good turnout at both the ceremony and happy hour. The happy hour was at Well 80 at 5:00 p.m. Over 20 people showed up. Fortunately, I had 4 sponsors so I was able to buy enough food.

8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) - We had a meeting introducing Commissioner Rebekah Zinn to the section. The meeting was attended by 15-20 people. We also “spoke with Judge Schaller” and it went well. I am attempting to schedule a CLE for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019: “10 Things Every Attorney Needs to Know about Drug court.” Struggling with the paper work for that. We will be doing another Meeting w/ the Department of Corrections either November 7 or 14<sup>th</sup> for “Common Errors on Judgment and Sentences” I am working on a transition plan for new Co-Chairs Lindsey Trakel and Angela Colaiuta to take over in January of 2020.

8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – No report received.

9. **Additions to agenda**

9.1 Chief Justice Fairhurst is going to be retiring in early January. The board would like to discuss this further at the next meeting on how to recognize her.

10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Jim Laukkonen’s office on November 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

12. **Adjourn** 6:55 p.m.