

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Jim Laukkonen's office

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

1. **Call to order** 5:35 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of October 9, 2019 Board Meeting** Trevor moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Amy. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Website upgrade (Heather) – Heather shared that the website designer, Jill Carter, gave us a quote to do some upgrades on the TCBA website. Trevor and Laura will look into the contacts they know about website contractors to get other bids.
 - 3.2 Law Students & Young Lawyers at TCBA events (Laura) – Laura shared that she would like to invite students and law students to attend the TCBA events. The students can sign up prior to the event for free if the event is not sold out. Laura moved to allow students to attend CLEs free of charge provided that there are no additional expenses to the TCBA, seconded by Geoff. The motion carried without objections.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Rules Committee update (Laura) – Laura emailed Pam Hartman Beyer to let her know that Michael will be the new committee member.
 - 4.2 November Board Retreat update– food/drinks (Laura) - Laura will bring bagels and cream cheese, Heidi will bring coffee, Mark will bring fruit and yogurt, and Trevor will bring donuts.
 - 4.3 Diversity Section Update (Mark) – Mark shared that he, Heidi and Mike Martinez met and talked about the logistics of starting the Diversity section. December 10th is the kickoff meeting. Mike is working with Larry Jefferson as Co-chairs of the section. Mark and Laura discussed adding the term “inclusion” to the name of the section. Laura shared it is important to include all people who attend the section. Laura moved to rename the section to the Diversity and Inclusion Section, seconded by Michael. The motion carried without objections.
 - 4.4 TCBA/TCVLS joint board member who is on TCBA board update (Laura) – Laura shared that Geoff Hulsey will be the new board member on the TCVLS and the TCBA. Michael shared the history of the TCVLS Board of Directors and how the board configuration has been to require a board member from all of the local associations; WA Women Lawyers, Government Bar Association, and TCBA, on their board.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Heidi Raedel Magaro) – October 2019 Financial Reports – Heidi shared the report. Bill moved to approve the October 2019 financial reports, seconded by Mark. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Jim Laukkonen) - Trevor is going to be the speaker for the November

2019 lunchtime CLE. Ann Guinn will be the speaker for the January 2020 lunchtime CLE., Justice Stephens will be the speaker in February 2020. Laura will forward the contact info for Tom McPhee's assistant who would like to be a speaker to Jim. Jim shared he is still looking for topics for March 2020 and April 2020. Mark will talk to Fred Gentry, Justice Gerry Alexander, and Steve Bean about possibly doing a CLE together.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – The meeting is tomorrow at noon. Michael will buy the food for 50 at Costco. Jim shared that there is a proposal with the judges about ID badges.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Heidi, Patrick, Laura, Victoria, Geoff, Amy) – Bill reported that he is working on a CLE right now with Commissioner Indu Thomas as the speaker. Heidi is working on a Guardianship CLE.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – The Legal Brief was mailed last week. The deadline for articles and ads for the January 2020 Legal Brief is December 20th.
- 7.4 New Courthouse (Marie Doctor & Trevor Zandell) – Marie shared that as of today, November 7, I can tell you that the commissioners are reviewing the ballot measure because there was a claim that the original vote was not done properly. There was a public hearing and there will be a re-vote on Tuesday, November 12th. The new ballot measure will have some changes to it from the original, including the removal of the site. The measure will simply address the need for the courthouse facility and the financing/levy lift plan with the site to be determined at a later time if the ballot measure passes. I will try to get the additional information to you after the re-vote on the 12th, but it will depend on how long/late the meeting goes on Tuesday.
Trevor shared that the commissioners re-voted to put this to the voters in April 2020. The new ordinance does differ in a couple of ways; qualified seniors, veterans and seniors will be exempt from the tax increase and the board took the Plum Street location out of the mix. The City of Olympia has not said exactly what the City will provide towards this project. The Yes committee does continue to work on presentations. They are focusing on fundraising and outreach. They are working on an event with the Commissioner as the keynote speakers at events. If anyone knows of any groups where the committee can come speak to let Trevor know.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) – No report.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Geoff Hulsey) – No report.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Ingrid Zerpa) - November lunch: The YL section lunch took place on November 6th at Koibito Sushi. We had a good turnout, about 6 people showed up.
December lunch: I won't be able to host the December lunch. I will be out of town for a week-long trial, yikes! Instead, I will host an after work holiday happy hour. Please let me know if the board prefers to have the lunch (I do not have anyone to host it on my behalf).
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Larry Jefferson & Wayne Graham) - I believe we have done our last meeting of the year for the criminal law section. We had tentatively set a date in conjunction with the Department of Corrections for a presentation on November 14th, 2019. Before I was able to get it finalized another TCBA function was scheduled for the same date and time. Therefore, I am going to reschedule the presentation for next year. However, what I would to announce at the November 14th, 2019, meeting the nomination of Angela Colaiuta and Lindsey Trakel as the new Co-Chairs of the Criminal Law Section Wayne and I are very pleased to recommend both of these incredibly hard working attorneys for leadership positions in our community. Lindsey is a rising star in the Thurston County Prosecutor's office. She is hardworking, dependable and straightforward while dealing with difficult cases. She is always prepared and ready to go. I appreciate her calm demeanor and ability to explore legal issues from different perspectives. Angela is a gifted trial attorney, tough litigator, who is

also an administrative wizard. Her practice consists of Homicide and Sexual abuse cases. Angela is incredibly knowledgeable about the law and passionately committed to her clients. It has been an honor to be the first co-chair with Wayne Graham and I couldn't think of two attorneys that it would better for the life and vitality of the criminal law section for years to come.

- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – Happy Hour Social event at Fish Tale on November 14, 2019.

Heather will add the Diversity & Inclusion (Mike Martinez) section to the agenda for future meetings.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Laura shared a thank you card from TCVLS regarding partnership with the Transgender CLE in October, an invitation from Thurston County Superior Court to the Thurston County National Adoption Day celebration on November 21st, a letter from SPSCC thanking the TCBA for the annual donation, and a letter from the student at SPSCC thanking the TCBA for the scholarship money.
- 9.2 In Re: article for the January Legal Brief: Michael volunteered to do organize it. Heather will email him the questions.

10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Heidi Raedel Magaro's office on December 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

12. **Adjourn** 6:34 p.m.