

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Amy Perlman's office**

Members Present: Jim Laukkonen, Bill Pope, Trevor Zandell, Michael Young, Amy Perlman, Mark Wheeler, Heidi Raedel Magaro, Patrick O'Connor.

Members Absent: Jackson Maynard, Laura Murphy, Geoff Hulsey, Victoria Byerly.

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:32 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2019 Board Meeting** Heidi had one change on 3.2. With the one change, Michael moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Patrick. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Venue for Holiday Lunch 2020 (Heather) – The Olympia Country & Golf Club contacted Heather in December to ask if we wanted to reserve the venue for December 2020 because someone else was inquiring for the second Friday in December already. Laura, Jim and Heidi made a decision over email in December that we would like to reserve December 11, 2020 for our holiday lunch. The other board members said yes at the meeting tonight to having the event at the Olympia Country and Golf Club. A discussion took place about how we can increase attendance at this event next time. A few suggestions were:
    - Go to a Young Lawyer meeting to introduce the board members and invite the Young Lawyers to the next event;
    - Ask the big law firms to invite their new attorneys to events;
    - Have Heather send an email to the new Young Lawyers on behalf of the TCBA asking them to attend events;
    - Ask Ingrid to pair a new Young Lawyer with a board member;
    - Put this on the agenda to start talking about increasing the holiday luncheon attendees in September.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 Rules Committee update (Michael) – There is no update as there has not been a meeting yet.
  - 4.2 Website contractors update (Laura & Heather) - Heather received an email from the website contractor she contacted and he said he is not able to host our website. Laura does not have any new information right now about the contractor she contacted. Heather suggested we table this for a couple of months as our current website contractor is still willing to host our website. Amy moved to approve tabling this for a couple of months, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.
  - 4.3 Pro Bono event (Patrick & Amy) – Patrick has a scheduling meeting next week where he will find out more information. The date is in March.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Heidi Raedel Magaro) – December 2019 Financial Report - Trevor asked if there is a figure we want to be at for the amount of money in the reserve account? A discussion took place regarding the history of the amount of money in the reserve account and the answer is no, there is not a set amount that has to be in the reserve account. Bill moved to approve the December 2019 Financial report, seconded by Amy. The motion carried without objections.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Jim Laukkonen) – The January speaker will be Anne Guinn. Chief Justice Stephens is no longer available due to a scheduling conflict to be the speaker for the February CLE but Justice Gordon McCloud is available. She will be discussing voting rights. The March speaker will be retired Judge McPhee. The April CLE will be a history CLE with speakers Steve Bean, Fred Gentry, and the Honorable Gerry Alexander.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – No report.
  - 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Heidi, Patrick, Laura, Victoria, Geoff, Amy) – The committee did not meet over the holidays, but are trying to schedule a meeting. Bill and Megan’s Family Law CLE will be postponed until a later date.
  - 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – Who will write “In Re” article for March Legal Brief? Patrick volunteered to write the “In Re” article for the March Legal Brief. Heather will send Patrick the questions. The January Legal Brief will be going out in the mail tomorrow.
  - 7.4 New Courthouse (Marie Doctor & Trevor Zandell) - The Campaign kick-off event is tomorrow night at Well 80 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. The committee has been scheduling a lot of speaking engagements. The County Officials have been present at the meetings to provide neutral technical information. The Campaign Manager is doing a great job.
8. **Section Reports**
  - 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) - It is very quiet on the Family Law Section front. We have not had a formal meeting since November. Our December meeting was our annual potluck, which was really well attended! Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 14, 2020.
  - 8.2 Pro Bono (Geoff Hulsey) – No report.
  - 8.3 Young Lawyers (Ingrid Zerpa) - The YL section held its holiday happy hour on 12/19 at the Westside Tavern. There was an okay turnout, about 7 people showed up. I cancelled this month’s lunch because it fell on a holiday, Jan. 1st.
  - 8.4 Criminal Law (Lindsey Trakel & Angela Colaiuta) - With the coming of the new year, Ms. Colaiuta and I have officially taken over as the co-chairs of the section. Our first meeting will include a presentation and question and answer session with DOC on common mistakes made on judgment and sentences. That will be on January 30, 2020, during the lunch hour here at the courthouse. We will likely also attempt to get some feedback from attendees about any topics they would like to see covered this year at the meetings.
  - 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – The RELU section held a social on November 14, 2019 at the Fish Tale Pub. Although it was a small-ish turnout, a good time was had by all! By popular demand, the Section’s next event is a free lunchtime CLE scheduled for February 19, 2020 at Equal Latin Restaurant in Olympia. Kevin Jussell with Phillips Burgess PLLC will be presenting on New Developments in Residential Landlord Tenant Law. An invite went out to the section via email today, please feel free to share. Remaining scheduled Section events are as follows (and were included on the invite to the Section today as “Save the Dates”): Thursday, 3/19/2020 – 4:30 pm, Section Social, Location TBD, Wednesday, 4/15/2020 – 11:30 am, Free Lunchtime CLE, Location/Topic TBD, Thursday, 5/21/2020, 4:30 pm, Section Social, Location TBD
  - 8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (Mike Martinez and Larry Jefferson) – The second meeting was today. It was well attended (over 12 people). They are working on the mission statement, values and goals for 2020. Justice Gonzalez was there and is a valuable member. Patrick shared that the group would like to have a reception for the new Justice Montoya-Lewis. Patrick suggested that maybe it could be at the Annual meeting in May. Heidi shared that the WWL Capitol Chapter historically organizes a reception for new Justices. The WWL is working on details right now. Patrick suggested having Mike Martinez share information about the section at the annual meeting for a few minutes. Patrick will let Mike know to email Heather with upcoming event dates that Heather will include on the TCBA calendar.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Social Event – The TCBA will be hosting a Summer BBQ on August 8, 2020 at Burfoot Park. Heather will contact the Liquor Control Board to obtain a banquet permit.
- 9.2 Since one of the board members has mentioned that he will not be running for re-election for the TCBA Board of Directors in May, Bill suggested the board members starting thinking about members they would recommend to apply for the open board position.
- 9.3 Mark shared that he is organizing a lunch meeting with the History Committee to discuss the history of the TCBA. The Committee members are Heidi Raedel Magaro, Bill Pope, Mark Wheeler, Fred Gentry, the Honorable Gerry Alexander, and Steve Bean. Add this to the agenda under updates for next meeting.

10. **Announcements**

- 10.1 Thank you to Amy for hosting the meeting tonight.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Amy Perlman's office on February 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Mark will provide the food for the meeting.

12. **Adjourn** 6:20 p.m.