

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Virtual meeting on Zoom**

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

Members Absent: Jackson Maynard

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:33 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2020 Board Meeting** Michael moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Heidi. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Annual Meeting & Dinner (Laura) – Laura shared her thoughts about moving the event to September or October. The bylaws say the meeting will be held once a year. After discussion, Laura moved to postpone the membership meeting until September or October. Bill moved to amend to postpone the event because of the state and federal government directives during the COVID-19 pandemic to be rescheduled to a later date, seconded by Patrick. The motion carried without objections.
  - 3.2 TCBA Board of Directors applications (Laura) - After discussion, Trevor moved to hold the election of TCBA Board of Directors Officers and Non-Officers for 2020-2021 by email since the annual meeting has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, seconded by Geoff. The motion carried without objections. Heather and Laura will work together on this. A discussion took place regarding all of the applicants for the one vacant position now and two more vacancies starting June 1, 2020. After discussion, Matthew Huot was selected to fill the vacant position immediately. Laura appointed the TCBA board members present at the meeting as the nominating committee. The nominating committee from the TCBA Board of Directors recommended Wayne Graham and John Kesler to be the candidates for the two vacancies starting on June 1, 2020. Laura will work with Heather to send out information to the members. Trevor moved to approve John Kesler for a board position, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections. Mark moved to approve Wayne Graham for a board position, seconded by Trevor. The motion carried without objections. The vote was completed after having discussed the qualifications of each candidate that has applied and resulted in Matthew Huot being selected to fill the immediate vacancy and John Kesler and Wayne Graham being selected for the upcoming vacancies on June 1, 2020. The Bylaws were reviewed to make these decisions.
  - 3.3 Website upgrade (Heather) Bill moved to approve the second option proposed by Jill Carter Design to upgrade the website, seconded by Patrick. Geoff opposed. Jim abstained. Eight board members approved.
  - 3.4 Bigelow Award Nominations (Laura) – Laura shared that the bylaws say the selection cannot be made until after April 30, 2020. This will be tabled until the May meeting. Trevor will make a note to amend the bylaws for next year.
  - 3.5 Judicial Candidate Evaluations (Laura) – A candidate has asked if the TCBA will be doing a Judicial candidate evaluation. Jim shared that typically the TCBA has not done this in the past and that the Washington Women Lawyers (WWL) has done this for the past 10 years.

Heidi shared that she is part of WWL but hasn't been part of the Judicial Evaluation Committee, but she hasn't heard any discussion about it yet. Laura said she is concerned about doing it because of endorsing candidates. After discussion, the board decided not to organize Judicial Candidate Evaluations.

4. **Old Business**

- 4.1 Rules Committee update (Michael) – There has not been a meeting yet.
- 4.2 Pro Bono event update (Patrick & Amy) – Patrick shared they were set to launch on June 1<sup>st</sup>, but the event has been postponed until a later date due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 4.3 History Committee update (Mark, Heidi, Bill) - The committee met on March 11<sup>th</sup> before everything shut down and they had a plan in place. Heidi was going to draft questions for some attorneys who have a long history. Heidi said she is too busy right now with family and work obligations. Mark suggested tabling this until a later date.
- 4.4 TCBA Membership Engagement update (Laura) – Laura said this will be tabled until a later date.
- 4.5 Judicial Bar Poll update (Laura) – Laura shared the candidate filing week is May 11-15, so we can't send out a bar poll until late May or early June. In 2016 it was sent the first week of June. Amy, Geoff, and Patrick have been looking at holding a candidate forum so the voters can learn about the candidates. Amy said there is an issue with finding a location for the forum. Amy said having a Zoom meeting may be an option. Laura suggested videoing the forum and then posting it on the website.
- 4.6 TCBA Executive Board and officer positions 2020-2021 update (Laura) – Laura shared that Patrick has agreed to stay as Secretary and Heidi has agreed to continue as Treasurer. The President-Elect position still needs to be filled. Trevor nominated Geoff, Michael, and Amy for the President-Elect position. The Executive Committee will talk to Geoff and Michael about it since they both said they will do it. Amy has declined the position.

5. **Treasurer's Report** (Heidi Raedel Magaro) – March 2020 Financial Report - Heidi shared that the coming six months will be challenging because of the pandemic. The TCBA has a surplus that we may need to dip into. Laura moved to adopt the report, seconded by Amy. The motion carried without objections.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Jim Laukkonen) - Jim said that due to the March and April being canceled due to the pandemic, there are two speakers already lined up for CLEs when we can do CLEs again. Hotel RL has agreed to not charge us for the CLEs we had to cancel in March and April.

7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – The meeting is in June, but that will be postponed. Laura will contact Pam to reschedule.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Heidi, Patrick, Laura, Geoff, Amy) – Bill shared that the Committee met, but now with the pandemic they are not sure if having a CLE on Zoom is an option. The committee is trying to come up with some creative ways to host CLEs.
- 7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – Michael will do the In Re article in May. Normally the Legal Brief is sent out after the annual meeting in May, but Heather said since the annual meeting has been postponed, she will look into sending the May Legal Brief out earlier in May.
- 7.4 New Courthouse (Marie Doctor & Trevor Zandell) – Trevor shared that the County Commissioner removed this from the April 28<sup>th</sup> ballot. Legally the committee had to dis-ban the PAC or wait until this goes back on the ballot and then form a new PAC, but the committee decided to reform a PAC now. Marie shared that you may have already heard that the Commissioners decided to postpone the April election due to Covid-19. The opposition is spreading false information that the election was halted because studies showed they would fail with over 90% of the voters voting against the initial. This is a FALSE claim. The

decision was based entirely on the current crisis and there is no data to support a 90% vote against. Until the crisis passes and the issue is put back on a ballot, the “Yes” campaign will continue to maintain the website and social media presence to continue to educate people on the need for a courthouse. The important information to share is that this is not just a “taxing issue”, this is an access to justice issue. The current facility is too small and unsafe and needs to be replaced. The PAC for the April ballot will be closed out and a new PAC established to continue the education. If anyone has yard signs, please take them down and either hold onto them or return them to Trevor Zandell.

## 8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) - We had a Family Law Section Meeting in March. It was actually well-attended. Then, a few days later, things began shutting down fairly rapidly. I've been busier as the Family Law Section chair the past month or so by circulating announcements from the Court and the Section Members and vice versa. I received a lot of input from the section about the inability to present agreed family law orders to the Court. About a week ago, the Court added an ex parte procedure for agreed matters on Friday at 8:00 AM. I think this provided some relief to many of us. Other than keeping the section informed about the court procedures during the pandemic, there is nothing too new to report.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Geoff Hulsey) – TCVLS had a phone meeting and a budget was passed.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Brooke Frickleton) – No report received.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Lindsey Trakel & Angela Colauita) – No report received.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – I have nothing new to report; based upon the current order I plan to cancel our planned program for April, I'm going to hold off on May, I may replace it with a virtual gathering to discuss topical developments coming out of the COVID-19 crisis for the real estate industry.
- 8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (Mike Martinez and Larry Jefferson) - Like all other Section activity, the April 23 welcome reception with WWL for Justice Montoya-Lewis has been canceled. Once TCBA lifts the suspension on its activities, we can resume Section activities. Meanwhile, please let us know if we can hold Section conference calls or video conferences, in lieu of in-person meetings.

## 9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Law Day – Patrick shard that the event was canceled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We can use the prize money for next year if there isn't an event this year.

## 10. **Announcements**

- 11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Geoff Hulsey's office on May 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

- 12. **Adjourn** 7:36 p.m.