

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Amy Perlman's office (hosted by Michael Young & Amy Perlman)

Members Present: Jim Laukkonen, Bill Pope, Trevor Zandell, Amy Perlman, Mark Wheeler, Laura Murphy, Geoff Hulsey, Jackson Maynard, Michael Young.

Members Absent: Patrick O'Connor, Heidi Raedel Magaro.

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:36 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2020 Board Meeting** Amy moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Geoff. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Young Lawyer Section Chair applications (Laura) – After discussion, the President approved Brooke Frickleton to be the next Young Lawyer section chair.
 - 3.2 March BOG meeting at Hotel RL (Laura) – Laura emailed the WSBA President, Rajeev Majumdar, about the meeting next week. At this time, the meeting is still going forward. If any board members are able to attend that would be great.
 - 3.3 Covid-19 Plan (Laura) – Laura sent a proposed email about COVID-19 for the website announcement. Laura's thoughts are we'll follow the Thurston County recommendations. Laura will send an email to the sections with the proposed information. Heather will include it on the website and will email it to the members.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Rules Committee update (Michael) – The committee has not had a meeting yet.
 - 4.2 Pro Bono event update (Patrick & Amy) – Amy shared that the event is on June 1, 2020 at Thurston County Superior Court. The event is to provide pro bono advice for participants to have their criminal conviction fines/fees reconsidered and in many cases all together stricken due to several changes in the law over the past couple of years. They will be allowing 350 participants to register. Patrick will send a sign-up sheet to volunteer to Heather to send out to the members.
 - 4.3 History Committee Update (Mark, Heidi, Bill) – A meeting took place yesterday at Marks office. The committee came up with some ideas of what they would like to do, how to do it, gather history of photos and videos, and find a way to put it on the TCBA website. Heidi will do a draft letter. Heather will ask Jill, the website lady, if we can add a page on the website to include photos/videos. Hopefully later in the year we can do a CLE with the three pictures.
 - 4.4 TCBA Membership Engagement (Laura) – Laura is going to work with Brooke Frickleton on including young lawyers in this. Jim has had a couple of calls from some Tacoma attorneys who said they would join the TCBA if they could get badges out of it. Jim will reach out to Pam Hartman Beyer again to see where we are with the badge question.
 - 4.5 TCBA Board officer positions 2020-2021 update (Laura) – Mark shared that someone from his office is interested in applying for an open board position. Laura shared she had a conversation with Wayne Graham who said he is interested. Michael will reach out to an AAG. Heather shared we have received one letter of interest so far.
 - 4.6 APEX Award nomination from WSBA update (Amy) – Amy wrote a nomination for Justice Mary Fairhurst (ret). Laura reached out to Judge Lanese to see if he had additional

information he would like to include in the nomination for Justice Fairhurst. Laura suggested that we may want to send an email to others to obtain additional support. Michael moved to approve the nomination for the Apex award for Justice Fairhurst, seconded by Amy. The motion was approved without objections. Laura wrote a nomination for Leonor Fuller for the Philanthropy award. Michael moved to approve the nomination for Leonor Fuller, seconded by Trevor. The motion was approved without objections. Laura is working on writing a nomination for a Pro Bono award for Rachael Lundmark at TCVLS. Michael moved to approve, seconded by Mark. The motion was approved without objections.

4.7 National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (Amy) – Amy shared that she received an email from Thurston County Family and Juvenile Court. Thurston County Family and Juvenile Court has been selected to be a pilot program regarding SRLs. They are looking for support from the TCBA to help spread the word about the program. Laura feels like the TCBA should support this. As the goal is proposed, the TCBA supports this. TCBA will support the goals of the pilot with the Thurston County Family and Juvenile Court as outlined in their email. Amy moved to approve, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.

5. **Treasurer’s Report** (Heidi Raedel Magaro) – February 2020 Financial Reports - Heather summarized the February financial reports. Amy moved to approve the February financial reports, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.

6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Jim Laukkonen) - Jim would like to postpone the history CLE to next fall since two of the speakers backed out. Jim is looking for an April CLE idea. The board said there is no problem to fill up an hour with the history CLE. Steve Bean is still interested in being the presenter. Laura suggested having a Covid-19 with DOH speaker come for the April CLE and how to keep your practice safe. The Association of Legal Administrators are having a presentation on that exact topic tomorrow. Judge McPhee is still on board and ready to present for the March CLE. Heather will check with Hotel RL next week if we need to cancel our March lunch event. Laura said proceed as normal unless we hear otherwise.

7. **Committee Reports**

7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Laura reached out to Pam Hartman Beyer for the date of the June Bench/Bar meeting. Pam will get back to Laura next week.

7.2 CLE (Bill, Megan, Heidi, Patrick, Laura, Geoff, Amy) – Laura reached out to TCTV to ask about videoing the history CLE and they seemed interested. Bill shared that the committee meeting is tomorrow morning to discuss the CLEs. New Guardianship CLE is in the works.

7.3 Newsletter (Heather) – “In Re” article for May Legal Brief – Heather will send the questions to the board. Michael said he may be interested in submitting the “In Re” article again. Laura said she will be the backup.

7.4 New Courthouse (Marie Doctor & Trevor Zandell) – Trevor shared he has campaign signs in his truck if anyone wants them. He said a juror wrote a letter to the editor in the Olympian to say how unsafe the courthouse is. In April there will be signing waving, phone banking, and door belling to do if anyone wants to volunteer. Laura said she will volunteer to sign wave. Marie Doctor asked that if you know of anyone person or business that would like to add their endorsement to our list, please let us know. We currently have yard signs available. If anyone would like a yard sign for their home or business, we encourage you to let us know and we will get you some. Finally, as mentioned in my previous updates, we will be looking for people to work phone banks and to hold signs as the election gets closer. Please contact us if you wish to volunteer. We have received the following endorsements for the courthouse: Elected Officials Beth Dogilo - State Representative, Laurie Dolan - State Representative, Sam Hunt - State Senator, Tye Menser - Thurston County Commissioner, John Hutchings - Thurston County Commissioner, Jon Tunheim - Thurston County Prosecutor, Judge Brett

Buckley -Thurston County Superior Court, Alan Carr - Mayor of Bucoda, Andy Ryder - Lacey Mayor, Cheryl Selby-Olympia Mayor-((Public Hearing video), Robert Shaw - Mayor of Rainier, Jessica Bateman - Olympia Councilmember, Wayne Fournier - Tenino Mayor, Pete Kmet - Tumwater Mayor, JW Foster - Yelm Mayor, Former Elected Officials: Karen Fraser - State Senator LD 22, Sam Reed - Former Secretary of State, Doug Mah - Former Mayor of Olympia, Community Members: Marie Docter, Jay Goldstein, Matt Huot, Larry Jefferson, Chris Meserve-Prodigy, Lori Pruess, Loreva Pruess, Patrick Stickney, Molly Sullivan, Chuck Szurszewski, Tadeu Velloso, Larry Watkinson (Public Hearing Video), Wayne Williams, Bob Wubbena, Trevor Zandell. Organizations: American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 61, Iron Workers Local 86, Olympia Fire Fighters, Thurston County Bar Association, Thurston-Lewis-Mason Central Labor Council, Olympia and Vicinity Building and Construction Trades Council.

8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) – no report.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Geoff Hulsey) – Geoff shared that TCVLS had a board meeting last week. Budgetary issues were discussed at their meeting. An MOU was adopted by the Board of TCVLS and CLO. They are partnering with the SPSCC paralegal program to have students help with preparing and reviewing documents and meeting with clients. The TCVLS fundraiser breakfast is on May 5th.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Ingrid Zerpa) - The YL section met on March 4 at noon at Vic's Pizzeria. We had a really good turnout. It appears young lawyers loved pizza and cheap lunches haha No surprise there! Also, Brooke would like to be the new YL section chair. She is preparing her cover letter and resume, and I am hoping that she will send it to the board early next week. She is great and eager to meet new lawyers in town. I think she would be great!
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Lindsey Trakel & Angela Colauita) – We are confirmed for our next meeting to occur on Thursday, 3/19 from noon to 1 here at the courthouse. We will have an agenda and will send an email out to the section by the end of the week. One of the judges will be attending. We are in communications with our anticipated CLE presenter for May and hope to get the approval form submitted to you no later than March 30. We are in communications with a representative from the government lawyers section and are looking at a legislative update CLE, possibly in September. We do have a question: if we want to have food at our 3/19 meeting, is there some amount of funding we can have to cover that? The bar only supports specific events and we can't fund each of the section's monthly lunches. At the Board of Directors monthly meetings the board members rotate the responsibility to pay for the food and members pay for their own lunches at CLEs as well.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – First, thanks to everyone who attended the last free lunchtime CLE on February 19, 2020 at Equal Latin Restaurant in Olympia. Kevin Jussell with Phillips Burgess PLLC presented on New Developments in Residential Landlord Tenant Law. I appreciate the interest and participation. So that you can “Save the Date” on your calendars for future events, here’s what’s planned through May 2020. Please note that I’ve cancelled the previously scheduled social for March 19th. Thursday, 3/19/2020 – 4:30 pm, Section Social, *** CANCELLED *** Wednesday, 4/15/2020 – 11:30 am, Section Lunch, Cooper Point Public House, Olympia – Guest Speaker, AAG Kelly T. Wood, Environmental Protection Division, Attorney General’s Office. Thursday, 5/21/2020, 4:30 pm, Section Social, Location TBD. Over the summer, we are working on a CLE on Real Estate, Environmental, and Land Use legislative updates, to be put on jointly with the Government Lawyers Bar Association. The TCBA Board of Directors asked Heather to email Heather Burgess and thank her for the planning and organization of these events.
- 8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (Mike Martinez and Larry Jefferson) – There is a Welcoming event co-sponsored by the WWL and TCBA Diversity and Inclusion section for Supreme Court

Justice, Raquel Montoya Lewis on April 23rd.

9. **Additions to agenda**
10. **Announcements** - Thank you to Amy and Michael for hosting the meeting. Jackson shared he is stepping down at the end of the term and said he has enjoyed serving with all of the board members.
11. **Date/location of next meeting:** Trevor Zandell's office on April 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
12. **Adjourn** 7:00 p.m.