

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting - In-person hosted by Geoff Hulsey at
Trevor Zandell's office and on Zoom

Members Present: Trevor Zandell, Michael Young, Bill Pope, John Kesler III, Matt Huot, Patrick O'Connor, Jim Laukkonen, Brandon Koenig, Joe Scuderi, and Wayne Graham.

Members Absent: Amy Perlman, Geoff Hulsey

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:32 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2021, Board Meeting** - Trevor moved to approve, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Newsletter & Electronic version (Heather & Heidi) – Heather emailed the January Legal Brief to the members yesterday. Michael volunteered to organize the “In Re” article for the March Legal Brief. Heather will send him the “In Re” questions.
 - 3.2 Holiday Lunch 2022 Venue (Heather) – Heather will contact the Olympia Golf & Country Club to secure a date for December 2022.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Update on broadening Market of advertising in Legal Brief update (Jim) – Jim said he and Geoff haven't discussed this yet.
 - 4.2 Update on Venmo (or a competitor) (Michael/Heather) – Michael said that he and Heather met, but have decided to shelve this for now as it is not an urgent matter.
 - 4.3 Judicial Portrait Policy (Trevor) – Trevor worked on changing the portrait policy. He is going to contact the Government Lawyers Bar Association and Washington Women Lawyers, but is wondering what he is supposed to be asking them. A discussion took place. The question is to find out if they have a Judicial Portrait policy and if so, what their policies are? If they do have policies, the goal is to ask them if they are open having a coordinated policy. Trevor will reach out to the Government Lawyers Bar Association and Washington Women Lawyers.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (John) – December 2021 Financial Reports - John shared a financial report. Bill moved to approve, seconded by Patrick. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Michael) – There is a monthly luncheon on January 28th. The topic is Firearms Rights Restoration presented by Vitaliy Kertchen on Zoom. After discussion, the board decided to go back to Zoom for a while until the COVID cases subside a bit. Heather will contact Tugboat Annie's and cancel our in-person lunch in January.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – No report.
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, Patrick, Amy, Brandon, Geoff, Matt) – Bill shared that the committee has not met since their last meeting. Patrick shared that he is working on the Trial CLE, but cannot have the CLE in the courthouse right now. We'll keep working on it and if it has to be virtual then we'll do that.

- 7.3 Rules Committee (Michael) – No meeting yet.
- 7.4 Communicating with the Court about court administration (John, Trevor, Patrick, Amy, Geoff, Michael, Bill, Lindsey Trakel) – John shared that the last meeting was in November. There was no meeting in December. John hasn't talked to anyone about the January meeting yet. Patrick said he and John can talk off line about this and said Judge Wilson would like to meet on the 19th at 7:10am. Patrick shared that he spoke with Judge Wilson & Judge Skinder and mentioned the badges to them.
- 7.5 Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Heather, Matt, Jim, Brandon, John, Amy) – Heather will be reaching out to the committee soon to set up a meeting.
- 7.6 Law Day Speech Contest (Patrick) – Patrick has a draft ready. The topic is the Governments Mandatory Vaccinations in Schools.
- 7.7 Bylaws Committee (Trevor, Geoff, Michael, Wayne) – Trevor said they have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow at noon. Trevor sent a draft to the committee. They will have a proposal by the March meeting.
- 7.8 Social Events Committee (Brandon (Chair), Heather, Geoff, Joe, Wayne) – Brandon will reach out to the committee. If anyone has any suggestions for events, please let Brandon know.
- 7.9 How to Increase Membership Committee (Matt & Michael) – Michael said he and Matt talked and identified that the two of them are on the committee. Matt shared that Heather sent them a list of AAGs who are current TCBA members. Matt said he will send an email to the AAGs and ask them if they have any ideas on how to increase membership.

8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) - We had our first Family Law Section meeting of 2022 yesterday over the lunch hour. It was a relatively brief meeting, but it was widely attended by many members of the section. We discussed the following topics:
 - Introduction to Court Commissioner Pam Nogueira and welcomed her to the section.
 - How to note a request for a temporary parenting plan when there is a pending motion to either restrain or approve a relocation.
 - Whether to move the discovery cutoff date before the settlement conference date on the Case Schedule Order. Judge Schaller welcomed feedback on this issue.
 - A sneak preview of some upcoming guidelines for a certain set of cases—de facto parentage; 3rd party visitation; and, modifying/terminating a guardianship. Specifically, the court plans to give us further instruction on how to address the issue of standing.
 - GAL Reports: whether they are being timely filed or not, and what to do about it.
 - Emphasis on remote participation whenever possible to address the rapid increase in COVID cases as a result of the omicron variant.
 - The court hopes to hire a new Domestic Violence Coordinator in the near future.
 - Judge Amamilo should be able to start presiding over 1-day to 2-day family law or dependency fact finding trials coming up in February.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Geoff Hulsey) – No report. Michael shared he had a conversation with Rachael and said Geoff is going off the TCVLS board. We need to think about coordinating that a member of the TCBA to be on their board.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Devin Kohr) - I do not have an event planned yet for January. I had planned on scheduling a lunch near the end of the month. However, with COVID cases soaring, I am not sure how comfortable I am, or other people are, with meeting in person. Do you know what other sections are doing? Do you know of any virtual events that have been successful. I created a survey that I am planning on sending out this week to the section members to figure out how comfortable people are to meet in person and asking about events people may be interested in.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Lindsey Trakel & Angela Colauita) – We do not currently have a meeting planned. Since we had meetings on 11/16 and 12/8 along with a CLE on 12/13, it's likely we

won't have another meeting or CLE until mid-February.

- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – Chief Justice González will join the Section on January 14, 2022, for a virtual lunch meeting to share his perspective on emerging real estate, land use, and environmental issues. Unfortunately, the meeting with Chief Justice González was rescheduled to April 13, 2022.
- 8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (Zelena Jones & Jessica Shen) - Not much to report because we decided not to have a meeting in December given the holidays. Our next meeting will be January 12 @ 12pm. The planned discussion will be about mental health. We are reading Roy Grinker's book "Nobody's Normal: How Culture Created the Stigma of Mental Illness." People are welcome to read the whole book, but we specifically requested that they specifically read the introduction, chapter 8 (Norma and Normman), and chapter 12 (Telling Secrets). If they have time, we also recommended chapter 17 (The Dignity of Risk) as additional reading.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Are we going to continue with hybrid option for the board meetings? The February meeting will be on Zoom and we'll see about March.
- 9.2 Brandon said he wants to have the social event be a revenue maker and asked what the purpose of the social committee is. Trevor said he would like to see the proposal on this and not over charge the members, but is willing to consider it since we need revenue.

10. **Announcements**

- 10.1 Bill said he is glad to see that Jim is here and hopefully recovered well from his surgery.
- 10.2 Bill said good job to Michael for leading the meeting in Geoff's absence and Happy New Year to everyone.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** February 9, 2022 on Zoom

12. **Adjourn** 6:23 p.m.