

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
Hosted by Patrick & Geoff at Trevor Zandell's office

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

Members Absent: Amy Perlman and Matt Huot

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:41p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2022, Board Meeting** - Patrick moved to approve, seconded by Joe. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Newsletter & Electronic version (Heather & Heidi) – Heather said the next legal brief will be sent electronically to the members at the end of May. Ads and articles are due in early May. We renewed Flippingbook for another year.
 - 3.2 Bigelow Award Nominations (Geoff) - A discussion took place. Terry Church is the winner. Geoff will contact Terry and let him know.
 - 3.3 In-person Swearing-in Ceremony – April 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., Courtroom 102 (Heather)
 - 3.4 Diversity & Inclusion Section CLE – May 18, 2022 (Heather) – The section chairs will submit the CLE information for the CLE to the TCBA before the May TCBA Board of Directors meeting for their approval. The CLE has been moved to July.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Update on broadening Market of advertising in Legal Brief (Jim) – No update.
 - 4.2 Update on President Appoints Nominating Committee for 2022-2023 Officers (Geoff) – Geoff shared that the Officers for 2022-2023 are: Michael Young is President, Wayne Graham is President-Elect, John Kesler is Treasurer, and Brandon Koenig is Secretary. Bill moved to approve this slate of candidates to be proposed to the membership at the annual meeting on May 13, 2022, seconded by Joe. The motion carried without objections.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (John) – March 2022 Financial Report – John shared a treasurer's report. Bill moved to approve the report, seconded by Joe. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Michael) – The next CLE is on April 29 at Tugboat Annie's. Judge Price is the speaker. We will offer a Zoom option. The price to attend in-person or on Zoom is the same.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Geoff said that Tonya Moore has still not gotten back to him. Geoff will pick a Thursday or Friday in June and send an email to Tonya. The TCBA brings the food to the meeting and the court reserves the room at the courthouse.
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, Patrick, Amy, Brandon, Geoff, Matt) – Bill shared that a ½ half day Child Support and Everything You Want to Know CLE will be in June. Megan Card is organizing it.
 - 7.3 Rules Committee (Michael) – Michael shared that the first meeting is this Friday, April 15 on Teams.
 - 7.4 Communicating with the Court about court administration (John, Trevor, Patrick, Amy,

- Geoff, Michael, Bill, Lindsey Trakel, Marie Docter) – John said the next meeting is on Wednesday, April 20. They will most likely continue their discussion on civil issues.
- 7.5 Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Heather, Matt, Jim, Brandon, John, Amy) – Heather shared that the committee has not met again, but Heather did complete the flyer and sent it to the committee to review/comment. Brandon was the only one that responded. John said he thought the flyer looked good. Heather will send out the flyer to the members.
- 7.6 Law Day Speech Contest (Patrick) – Patrick shared that the preliminary round is next Wednesday, April 20. Unfortunately, we only have a few participants interested so far, but we still have a couple of days until the deadline. We will extend the deadline until April 19 at 5:00 p.m. Heather will send an email to the schools and members notifying them of the extended deadline.
- 7.7 Bylaws Committee (Trevor, Geoff, Michael, Wayne) – There is nothing to report.
- 7.8 Social Events Committee (Brandon (Chair), Heather, Geoff, Joe, Wayne) – Brandon shared we haven't met since our last meeting. It appears there is a little bit of a lack of interest. Brandon asked if we want to start throwing events. An idea is to have a gathering at Boston Harbor this summer or plan for something for the Fall.
- 7.9 How to Increase Membership Committee (Matt & Michael) – No report.

8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) – No report. They had a section meeting on April 12.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Geoff Hulsey) – Need TCBA Board member on TCVLS Board - Joe Scuderi volunteered to be on the TCVLS board.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Devin Kohr) - The young lawyer section had its first gathering on March 31, 2022. We had a nice turnout of about 7 people. I noticed most of the people who attended the meet-up are not on the updated list. The next meet-up is planned for Thursday, April 21, 2022, at noon. I am trying to alternate between an after work and a lunch event every other month. I received the bar exam past list this morning from the WSBA. I am sending out an email asking people to RSVP for the swearing-in ceremony that is scheduled for April 22. Honestly, we may need to switch to a Zoom ceremony or possibly only have the applicants be in person and invite friends and family to watch via Zoom. Due to social distancing requirements, we can only have about 45 people in the courtroom. I have already had three people reach out to me asking about the ceremony.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Angela Colauita) – No report at this time. Heather shared that Lindsey Trakel has taken a new job at the Thurston County Public Defense Office, so is no longer a co-chair of this section.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – The section held a virtual lunch meeting on April 13, 2022, with Chief Justice Stephen Gonzalez as the Guest Speaker. Eight members of the section attended. Justice Gonzalez shared his “Perspectives from the Bench” on a range of topics pertaining to real estate, land use/zoning, and environmental law, including highlights of some recently decided cases. One question that came up from our members during the discussion was about the status of the volunteer program that had been established by the Thurston County Auditor’s office to help property owners remove restrictive covenants from their title under the new legislation, which several of us had signed up for. I believe this came out of the TCBA DEI section, but several in RELU had volunteered. I know as of last spring there had been no requests for assistance, but if the Board is aware of any additional activity in this area, I’d like to be able to share that with the section. I’m pleased to share that Justice Gonzalez committed to participating in another section lunch meeting next year. I anticipate holding a final section meeting in June before taking a summer hiatus; planning an informal section networking Happy Hour, location and date TBD.
- 8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (Zelena Jones & Jessica Shen) - Due to busy schedules, we will not be holding a meeting in April, which means that **our next meeting will be Wednesday, May**

18, 2022, at 12pm. Broadly speaking we'll be discussing what groups are and are not usually included in discussions regarding diversity and inclusion and why those assumptions may exist. As part of that, we will also be touching on the films CODA (which was nominated for multiple Oscars and just won for best picture) and Minari (also nominated for multiple Oscars and won for best supporting actress). We are planning a CLE planned in July.

9. **Additions to agenda**

9.1 Bill said Thank you to Patrick and Geoff for providing the food and beverage tonight. He also said Thank you to Trevor for providing the facility, and thank you to Wayne and Brandon for stepping up and taking on officer roles.

10. **Announcements**

10.1 Brandon's shared that his office hired a new attorney, Matthew Stuckey, and that his firm is growing and it's exciting.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** May 11, 2022, – In-person hosted by Michael and Wayne at Trevor's office

12. **Adjourn** 7:42 p.m.