

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
hosted by Michael & Wayne at Geoff Hulsey's office

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

Members Absent: Trevor Zandell, Matt Huot, and Joe Scuderi.

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:35 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2022, Board Meeting** - Patrick moved to approve the April minutes, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Newsletter & Electronic version (Heather & Heidi) – Heather is working on the May Legal Brief. It will be sent to the members at the end of May/beginning of June.
 - 3.2 Diversity & Inclusion Section CLE – July 20, 2022 (Heather) - Heather shared the CLE Submission Form submitted by the co-chairs of the Diversity & Inclusion Section with the board. The board approved the CLE.
 - 3.3 Applications for TCBA Board vacancies (Geoff) – A discussion took place. Brandon moved to appoint Melissa Goldmann for position #3, seconded by Wayne. The motion carried without objections. Michael moved to approve Marie Docter for position #6, seconded by Wayne. The motion carried without objections. Patrick moved to appoint Angela Coliautia to position #7, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.
 - 3.4 CLE Venue for fall 2022 (Heather) – Heather asked what venue we would like to use in the fall. A discussion took place. We will stay with Tugboat Annie's for the fall CLEs. Heather will contact Tugboat Annie's and set up CLE dates.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Update on broadening Market of advertising in Legal Brief (Geoff) – no report.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (John) – April 2022 Financial Report – John provided a financial report. Bill moved to approve the report, seconded by Wayne. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Michael) – Michael shared that Judge Price was the speaker for the April CLE. It was great to be back in-person for CLEs. John said Alicia Young, the moderator for the April CLE, did a great job as the moderator.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Geoff never heard back from Thurston County Superior Court regarding a date for the next Bench/Bar meeting. Geoff will keep working on it.
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, Patrick, Brandon, Geoff, Matt) – Bill shared that one CLE is being planned for June 13, 2022, which will be a half day CLE.
 - 7.3 Rules Committee (Michael) – Michael shared that the committee finally met. He said we did not receive any recommendations from our members. There are some local FJC changes and other minor changes.
 - 7.4 Communicating with the Court about court administration (John, Trevor, Patrick, Geoff, Michael, Bill, Lindsey Trakel, Marie Docter) – John shared they had a meeting a few weeks

ago, with the next meeting in June. Judge Murphy and Judge Wilson attended. They explained they don't have a Court Administrator right now. They have some COVID relief funding to help juggle the tasks from current employees to staff the administrator position. They said they are under staffed, don't have funding, and don't have space. Customer Service is still an issue.

- 7.5 Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Heather, Matt, Jim, Brandon, John) – Heather asked if we want to provide appetizers at the annual meeting. John moved to approve appetizers, seconded by Jim. The motion carried without objections. Heather discussed the agenda for the annual meeting.
- 7.6 Law Day Speech Contest (Patrick) – Patrick shared that the finals were held at Tugboat Annie's during a West Olympia Rotary meeting and they went well. We had two top finalists. They both did a great job. We are trying to organize a picture with Judge Wilson at the courthouse.
- 7.7 Bylaws Committee (Trevor, Geoff, Michael, Wayne) – Geoff shared they haven't met.
- 7.8 Social Events Committee (Brandon (Chair), Heather, Geoff, Joe, Wayne) – Brandon shared that the committee hasn't met yet, but we are looking forward to meeting soon. Please reply to Brandon's email. Brandon will see if we can meet at Brandon's office.
- 7.9 How to Increase Membership Committee (Matt & Michael) – Michael said we have not met.

8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) – No report, but they did have a section meeting yesterday.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Joe Scuderi) – Michael shared their fundraising event went well.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Devin Kohr) – I don't have much to report. There has not been much participation. I schedule a lunch event in April, and no one came. I am planning another happy hour next Thursday the 19th. I have been trying to plan an event every third Thursday and alternate between happy hours and lunch events. However, I may switch to just happy hour type events if I am not getting any interest in lunch events. Geoff shared that he was at the Swearing-in ceremony in April and said we need to have an agenda for the event in the future.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Angela Colautita) – Since Lindsey's departure as section co-chair, I have been focusing on finding a new section co-chair. I have been delayed in my progress due to being in a month long homicide trial. I have just recently restarted my efforts.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – No report, but they did have Chief Justice Stephen Gonzalez come on speak to the section at a meeting in April.
- 8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (Zelena Jones & Jessica Shen) - For the meeting in March, we had a presentation for Women's History Month that highlighted biographical tidbits about the past and present women Supreme Court justices along with highlighting trailblazers in Thurston County. We also had a brief discussion with the group about the controversy surrounding the newest U.S. Supreme Court pick. For the month of April, we highlighted news articles about Environmental Justice by sending the information out to the group on Earth Day. For the month of May, we encouraged members to watch Oscar winning movies "CODA" and "Minari" to start off a discussion about common assumptions behind what groups are and are not included in the discussion of Diversity and Inclusion issues and why these assumptions exist. This is for our group meeting for this month. With this discussion, our goal is to create a common understanding of what is meant by diversity and equity. That way, we can ensure that all members of the group feel included and feel welcome to share their experiences and observations. Lastly, we are working towards a putting together a CLE for the month of July that that includes practical training.

9. **Additions to agenda**

9.1 United Way Day of Caring (Heather) – Heather asked if we want to participate in the United Way Day of Caring again this year, and if so, who wants to Chair it? The board said we would like to participate this year and Wayne said he will be the Chair.

10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** June 8 Meeting – In-person hosted by Matt & Brandon at Trevor's office.

12. **Adjourn** 7:03 p.m.