

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
Hosted by John at Geoff Hulsey's office

Members Present: Michael Young, Bill Pope, John Kesler III, Angela Colaiuta, Jerry Gray, Geoff Hulsey, Wayne Graham, and Marie Doctor.

Members Absent: Brandon Koenig, Matt Huot, and Joe Scuderi

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:44 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of May 11, 2022, Board Meeting** - Wayne moved to approve, seconded by Geoff. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 Appointment of Jerry Gray to the TCBA Board of Directors (Michael) – Geoff moved to approve appointment of Jerry Gray to the TCBA Board of Directors, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.
 - 3.2 Newsletter & Electronic version (Heather & Heidi) – Who will do “In Re”? – Heather shared that the May digital Legal Brief was sent to the members at the end of May. The next Legal Brief will be in September with advertisements and articles due by August 18. Wayne volunteered to do the “In Re” article for the September Legal Brief. Michael asked to move this item to the Committee Reports section.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 Update on broadening Market of advertising in Legal Brief (Geoff) – Geoff said he would like to start over with this and wondered what the board thought. A discussion took place and the board said they would like to keep this item on the agenda but to move it to the Committee Reports section and call it “Production & Advertising.”
5. **Treasurer's Report** (John) – May 2022 Financial Report – John provided a financial report. Wayne moved to approve, seconded by Geoff. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Wayne) – Wayne said he will contact Geoff and Michael to find out more about organizing the CLEs. Wayne talked to Heather about CLE dates for the fall. Wayne said will focus on getting these set up earlier rather than later. Geoff said Justice Ireland is a possible CLE speaker. Mediation CLE would be interesting topic. Geoff said he can assist in emailing Justice Ireland. Michael said to look at other counties and see what CLEs they've done and recycle it. The Attorney General's Office does hour long CLEs that they may recycle too. Angela and Jessica have organized a Diversity & Inclusion CLE on July 20. Marie said Clark County did a CLE about Diversity. The Supreme Court Justices might be willing to be speakers at CLEs too. Geoff asked if we ever did a CLE on the history of the TCBA. Marie suggested a CLE on volunteer opportunities besides United Way and TCVLS. Wayne will reach out to some speakers.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Michael will contact the Court and try to get something set up for the fall.
 - 7.2 CLE (Bill, Brandon, Geoff, Matt, Angela) – Bill shared that we have one half day CLE coming up on June 13, 2022, that Megan Card put together. Bill shared that Angela would like to be on the CLE committee. Bill will set up a meeting and provide lunch.

- 7.3 Rules Committee (Michael) – Michael said this is supposed to be a standing committee, but they’ve only met twice in the past three years. Michael is proposing stepping off the committee. Marie volunteered to be the new contact person on this committee.
- 7.4 Communicating with the Court about court administration (John, Trevor, Patrick, Geoff, Michael, Bill, Lindsey Trakel, Marie) – John shared a background about this committee for the new TCBA Board of Directors. He said they met monthly for a while. Judge Murphy and Judge Wilson are the judges that mostly attend these meetings. The next meeting is on June 15 at 7:15 a.m. and anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. It’s good to communicate with the Court and hear their challenges. Marie said these meetings have been helpful for the communication between the Court and the TCBA. Michael said the Court is under resourced and the TCBA can help with writing a letter regarding the staffing shortage. Geoff said there is a weekly criminal law meeting that he attended as the bar president. Michael said he will attend those now that he is President. Wayne will contact the person to have Michael added to the email list.
- 7.5 Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Heather, Matt, Brandon, John, Geoff) – Michael said he thought the meeting was a success. We will table this for six months.
- 7.6 Law Day Speech Contest (Marie and Geoff) – Marie volunteered to Chair this committee and Geoff said he will help.
- 7.7 Bylaws Committee (Geoff, Michael, Wayne) – Remove this item for six months.
- 7.8 Social Events Committee (Brandon (Chair), Heather, Geoff, Joe, Wayne) – No report.
- 7.9 How to Increase Membership Committee (Matt & Michael) – No report.

8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) – The next meeting is on June 14.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Joe Scuderi) – No report.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Devin Kohr) –The next meeting is the third Thursday in June. I am trying to plan a meeting every third Thursday and switch every other month between a lunch meeting and an after-work meeting. The third Thursday in June is the 16th. Geoff suggested maybe the board can attend the meetings from time to time.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Olivia Zhou & Jenna Storm Norden) – We are tentatively planning a meeting for June 28th, 2022, from 12 – 1 PM. The purpose of this meeting would be to find out people’s thoughts and concerns for future Q&A sessions with the presiding judges of District Court and Superior Court (likely in July or August -potentially one with each Judge). I have reached out to Judge Wilson’s judicial assistant and Judge Buckley’s judicial assistant to gauge their availability and am waiting to hear back from them before formally scheduling the meeting at the end of the month.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Heather Burgess) – The next meeting is on June 29th. The time/location/format is to be determined.
- 8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (Zelena Jones & Jessica Shen) - Thanks to everyone who was able to make it to the meeting last week discussing the films *Minari* and *CODA*! We discussed how media / culture affects the way we view groups of people in real life and how we treat them, as well as the positive effects of having a variety of experiences portrayed for a certain group. If anyone hasn’t watched either of those films, we would highly recommend doing so in your spare time! The next meeting will be on June 15th @ 12pm. The topic is Reparations and will discuss some of the points and issues raised during the 2022 Washington Supreme Court Symposium on *Reparations for African Americans*. The symposium is on June 1st from 8:30 – 12:45 via Zoom. Please attend if you can but, even if you are unavailable, there will be a primer on the topic prior to the group discussion. Additionally, we just got approval for 1 ethics credit for a Bystander Intervention in the Courtroom CLE. The presenter is Nicole Miller, Thurston County’s Racial Equity Program Manager. Separate outlook invites will be sent out at a later date, but for now please save the date for July 20th @ 12pm.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Michael said there are three board members that aren't at the meeting tonight. We will have them introduce themselves at the next meeting.
- 9.2 Jerry volunteered to help with the BBQ.

10. **Announcements**

- 10.1 Bill thanked John for providing the food for the meeting. Bill said good job to Michael on his first meeting as President. He thanked the four new board members for being here and said he hopes they find this fulfilling.
- 10.2 Message to the Board from Patrick O'Connor: Good evening everyone, I just wanted to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation for this organization. To serve on this board with caliber of professionals during my terms has meant more to me than I can express, including friendships that will last a lifetime. I want to especially thank Heather for everything she's does for the TCBA including all the support she gave me on various projects during my time. Thank you, Heather. I'll echo what's probably already been said tonight but welcome Marie, Melissa, and Angela. I wish you and the entire board all the best.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** September14, 2022, hosted by Joe Scuderi at Geoff Hulsey's office

12. **Adjourn** 7:14 p.m.