

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**  
**hosted by Wayne Graham & Brandon Koenig at John Kesler's Office**

Members Present: Wayne Graham, Marie Doctor, Bill Pope, John Kesler III, Brandon Koenig, Jerry Gray, Geoff Hulsey, Angela Colaiuta, and Melissa Goldmann.

Members Absent: Matt Huot, Joe Scuderi, and Michael Young.

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:39 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2023, Board Meeting** - John moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Bigelow Award Nomination Form (Heather) – Heather sent the Bigelow Award nomination form to the board to review. The board did not have any changes to the form. Heather will email it to the members.
  - 3.2 Report on Book Review with Accountant, Christine Garst (Heather) – Heather shared that she met with the accountant and Christine sent a report. The board reviewed the report and did not have any questions.
  - 3.3 President appoints nominating committee for 2023-2024 Officers (Michael) – This item will be saved for next month since Michael is absent from the meeting.
  - 3.4 Nomination for the TCVLS – Eric Pilon has expressed interest in being the TCBA member on the TCVLS board. Melissa moved to appoint Eric Pilon be considered on the TCVLS board, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 Summer BBQ – Venue & Date (Heather & Wayne) – Heather shared some options and prices for venues. Geoff moved to approve the Harbor House at Percival landing for August 10, 2023, seconded by Marie. The motion carried without objections. Heather will call and reserve the venue.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (John) – January 2023 Financial Report – John shared a financial report. Bill moved to adopt the treasurers report, seconded by Bill. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Wayne) – Wayne shared that Terry Church and Bryan Johnson's presentation on February 3<sup>rd</sup> was great. Larry Jefferson will be presenting on February 24. We will be having a CLE on June 3. Judge Buckley has agreed to come and present on District Court. Judge Glasgow has agreed to present on the Court of Appeals. Diversity & Inclusion will be another CLE. Heather will talk to Stanton about a different menu option for the buffet.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – No report.
  - 7.2 CLE (Bill, Brandon, Geoff, Matt, Angela) – Bill sent an email to the committee, and they set February 15 at noon at Bill's office. Please let Bill know if you can attend so he can plan a lunch for you. Heather will send Bill a list of past half day CLEs.
  - 7.3 Rules Committee (Marie) – Marie shared that she sent an email to the section chairs and everyone who offered to be on the rules committee. Thurston County Superior Court wants any input from any section about changes to the Thurston County local rules by February 17.

- The WSBA said their focus is on rules of limited jurisdiction, both criminal and civil. A more specific rule is infraction rules. If anyone gets a chance to look at the rules, please let Marie know. She will pass them along.
- 7.4 Communicating with the Court about court administration (John, Patrick, Geoff, Michael, Melissa, Lindsey Trakel, Wayne, Marie) – John shared the Court has proposed to meet on March 15 instead of February 15 at 7:15 a.m.
  - 7.5 Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Heather, Matt, Brandon, John, Wayne) – Heather shared the committee is going to meet at noon on February 23 on Zoom.
  - 7.6 Law Day Speech Contest (Marie, Geoff & Melissa) – Marie shared that the committee has been discussing the topics on email and they chose the topic, *Should the court end the Title 42 immigration policy? Explain why or why not. Discuss impacts of continuing or repealing the policy.* Marie was at Tumwater Middle School and brought up the topic to some parents and teachers and they thought this was a great topic. The preliminary round is on April 20, 2023, at Thurston County Superior Court. The final round is on May 2, 2023, during a West Olympia Rotary lunch meeting at the Viewpoint Room at Tugboat Annie's.
  - 7.7 Social Events Committee (Brandon (Chair), Heather, Geoff, Joe, Wayne) – Brandon shared that he reached out to Devin Kohr, the Young Lawyer section Chair, to talk about hosting an event together. They are waiting on feedback from the Young Lawyer section members to set up a date.
  - 7.8 How to Increase Membership Committee (Matt & Michael) – No report.
  - 7.9 Newsletter & Marketing (Heather & Geoff) – Heather shared that the advertisements and articles are due by February 21<sup>st</sup> for the March Legal Brief. Heather will remind Devin Kohr, the Young Lawyer section Chair, about Ivy-Rose Kramer being the Young Lawyer Spotlight in the March Legal Brief.
  - 7.10 Courthouse Badges (Wayne, Brandon, Matt) – Wayne shared that there is an opportunity to re-visit this. His hopes are to get some information from Ken Blanford from Pierce and Kittitas Counties, who was imminently involved in badges being allowed in Pierce. He hopes to present the information to the judges. Brandon started researching how many other counties have badges and is keeping track on a spreadsheet.
  - 7.11 Judicial Evaluation Survey (Michael, Jerry, Wayne) – A discussion took place regarding the dissemination of the comment section of the survey. Jerry asked if anyone has any changes to the numeric questions, but there are no changes to the numeric questions. Melissa moved to disseminate the results of the survey in its entirety, seconded by Geoff. The motion carried with two objections.

## 8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) - We haven't had a meeting since January 10, 2023, and there hasn't been much activity since the last meeting. I wish I had something new to report, but it's been pretty quiet on the western front. They have a meeting on February 14.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Joe Scuderi) – No report.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Devin Kohr) - Our February meeting will be next week. Also, Brandon Koenig has reached out about possibly doing a joint event. I have asked the young lawyer section for input for ideas for events they would like to see or what they hope to get out of being a member of the young lawyers, but I have not had much feedback.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Olivia Zhou & Jenna Storm Norden) – Wayne shared that one of the topics that was raised is the mental health sentencing alternative. Wayne has reached out to the Department of Corrections to come and do a presentation/CLE. Patrick and Wayne have been talking and would like to work together on a meeting. They would like to do a DOSA presentation. They are hoping to have a meeting in March, April and May. The APPR project, which is bail reform, assessment will be online in the next month or two. Wayne will reach out to Jenna to see if she is still wanting to be the co-chair of this committee since she recently changed jobs.

- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Trevor Zandell) – I just sent out a “save the date” e-mail to the section members for our meeting on April 26 with County Commissioner, Tye Menser. That is going to be our next section meeting, so I likely will not have much to update the board about until then. At that meeting, I plan to discuss with the members whether they want more frequent events and meetings.
- 8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (Ivy Rose-Kramer & Kelsey Gasseling) – No report.

9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Bill thanked the Law Day Speech Committee for their work on the Law Day Speech Contest information.
- 9.2 Bill thanked John for hosting the meeting.
- 9.3 Bill thanked Wayne and Brandon for bringing the food/drinks.

10. **Announcements**

- 11. **Date/location of next meeting:** March 8, 2023, hosted by John Kesler and Matt Huot at John Kesler’s office

- 12. **Adjourn** 7:25 p.m.