

**9.2URSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**  
**hosted by Angela Colaiuta & Joe Scuderi at John Kesler's Office**

Members Present: Wayne Graham, Marie Docter, Bill Pope, Jerry Gray, Joe Scuderi, Michael Young, Angela Colaiuta, John Kesler III, Brandon Koenig, Geoff Hulsey and Matt Huot.

Members Absent: Melissa Goldmann

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:32 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of April 12, 2023, Board Meeting** - Angela moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Jerry. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 Request for TCBA Members to Serve on the Board of Law Library Trustees (Michael) – Michael said he received an email from Judge Skinder regarding having a member of the TCBA on the Law Library Board of Trustees. Marie Docter and Michel Young volunteered to serve on the board. Geoff moved to approve Marie Docter and Michael Young as the TCBA representatives on the Law Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Matt. The motion carried without objections.
4. **Old Business**
5. **Treasurer's Report** (John) – March & April 2023 Financial Reports – John shared a report from March 2023 and April 2023. Wayne moved to approve the financial reports, seconded by Brandon. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Wayne) – Wayne shared that Chief Judge Glasgow gave a presentation at the April 28 CLE and Stephen Bean will be presenting at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> CLE.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Michael shared that the meeting is on May 17 at noon at Thurston County Courthouse in room 152 in building 1. The District and Municipal court judges will also be presenting too. Heather will bring the food.
  - 7.2 CLE (Bill, Brandon, Geoff, Matt, Wayne, Angela) – Bill said he has nothing to report. Wayne said he followed up with Chief Judge Glasgow who is interested in presenting on Diversity & inclusion with Chief Gonzalez and Judge Zipp.
  - 7.3 Rules Committee (Marie) – Marie said the form has been amended.
  - 7.4 Communicating with the Court about court administration (John, Patrick, Geoff, Michael, Melissa, Marie) – John said they have not met for a while. The discussion at the last meeting was to wait until the Bench Bar meeting.
  - 7.5 Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Heather, Matt, Brandon, John) – Heather said we have 42 RSVPs this year, which is lower than last year. Brandon said he is working on putting together the playlist and will bring his speakers.
  - 7.6 Law Day Speech Contest (Marie, Geoff & Melissa) – John said the Rotary Club enjoys the Law Day Speech Contest every year. Marie said she saw improvement in the speeches from the preliminary round to the finals. Marie said she received many great comments from

Rotary Club members about how well the students did in preparing their speeches. Michael thanked the committee for their hard work and for doing a great job.

- 7.7 Social Events Committee (Brandon (Chair), Heather, Geoff, Joe, Wayne) – Brandon said he will start putting an effort into this committee. He said if anyone wants to be the chair please let him know.
- 7.8 How to Increase Membership Committee (Matt & Michael) – Matt said the Attorney General’s Office organized an internal mini-CLE on June 14 with a panel discussion. Matt will talk about being a part of the local bar association. Joe suggested offering a discounted rate to government attorneys. Matt said we tried this years ago by offering a free year, but then most of the attorney generals didn’t renew. If anyone has any ideas, let him know.
- 7.9 Newsletter & Marketing (Heather & Geoff) – In-Re Spotlight – John said he will find someone to spotlight.
- 7.10 Courthouse Badges (Wayne, Brandon, Matt) – Wayne said Judge Wilson said until they figure out the security at the new configuration at the hill this will be on hold.
- 7.11 Judicial Evaluation Survey (Michael, Jerry, Wayne) – Michael said the 2023 Judicial Evaluation Process is finished for this year.
- 7.12 Bylaws Committee (Angela, Joe, Michael) – Michael said this committee will meet after the annual meeting.

## 8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) – No report.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Joe Scuderi) – The TCVLS breakfast was successful and the sponsorships were great.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Devin Kohr) – No report.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Olivia Zhou & Jenna Storm Norden) – Angela shared that Diana Anderson has agreed to co-chair this section since Jenna Storm Norden has changed positions. Wayne shared that the Department of Corrections (DOC) presentation was today on the Mental Health Sentencing Alternative. DOC has agreed to come and do more CLEs. We weren’t able to apply for CLE credit this time, but we hope to have CLE credit in the future for these presentations.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Trevor Zandell) – My update to the board this month will unfortunately be very similar to my updates from the last few months. That’s because we have had to reschedule our meeting with County Commissioner, Tye Menser, again! I had a trial that got rescheduled for May 24, and that’s the date we had reset the meeting due to Tye’s previous conflict. The new meeting date is June 21 at 12:00 p.m. (same venue: Mercato’s). I am going to do everything I can to keep this meeting date.
- 8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (Ivy Rose-Kramer & Kelsey Gasseling) – No report.

## 9. **Additions to agenda**

- 9.1 Wayne shared that he attended the swearing-in ceremony and said it went well. There were five new attorneys sworn in.
- 9.2 Marie shared that the American Bar Day theme was on Cornerstones of Democracy and inclusivity and wondered how we can start the conversation on diversity. There is remote jury selection in King County and she wondered how that is working for them. How do we get more diversity in our juries. The issue came up on adjusting the rate that the jurors are paid. As a local bar is there anything we can do to help push for an increase in pay for jurors. The suggestion was a flat rate to \$75-\$80/day or minimum wage per hour. Matt suggested writing something up and sending it to the membership and John suggested putting it in the next newsletter. Matt said he will write an article for the next newsletter.

## 10. **Announcements**

- 10.1 Bill thanked Angela and Joe for providing the food/drinks and John for hosting the meeting.

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on September 13, 2023, hosted by Bill Pope and Melissa Goldmann at John Kesler's office.
12. **Adjourn** 6:36 p.m.