

**THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
**Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**  
**hosted by Wayne Graham and Matt Huot at Jerry Gray's Office**

Members Present: Wayne Graham, Bill Pope, Jerry Gray, Michael Young, Melissa Goldmann, Rosemary Fitzgerald, Joe Scuderi, Brandon Koenig, and Matt Huot.

Members Absent: Angela Colaiuta, Marie Docter, and John Kesler III.

Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:42 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2023, Board Meeting (there was no meeting in November)**  
Joe moved to approve, seconded by Matt. The motion carried without objections.
3. **New Business**
  - 3.1 2024 TCBA Membership Form (Heather) – Heather sent the board the 2024 membership form that reflects the new membership price of \$65 for attorneys. The Young Lawyer membership price stayed the same at \$25. Joe moved to approve the new price and form for 2024, seconded by Brandon. The motion carried without objections.
  - 3.2 2024 Holiday Lunch Venue (Heather) – A discussion took place about venue options. Brandon moved to stay at the Olympia Country and Golf Club again, seconded by Melissa. The motion carried without objections.
  - 3.3 Coordinating CLE's with the entire TCBA Board and its sub-committees (Wayne) – Wayne was afraid the Diversity & Inclusion section Ethics CLE on November 28, 2023, was going to undermine the Ethics CLE that he is planning in March 2024, but that wasn't the case, even though the D&I section did not charge for the CLE. A discussion took place about some of the section chairs not submitting the CLE request form to the TCBA 60 days in advance of their section CLEs as requested, so the board knows about the upcoming CLEs and can approve them. Wayne will draft an email to the section chairs to remind them of the TCBA policy and process of organizing section CLEs.
4. **Old Business**
  - 4.1 2024 Local Hero Nomination Update (Heather) – Heather shared that the WSBA will be honoring the Thurston County Local Hero Recipient at their Board of Governor's meeting in September 2024, so we will request nominations from our members starting in May 2024.
  - 4.2 Holiday Lunch Review (All) – The board members shared that the event was great, it was well attended, the food was good, the decorations were lovely, it was a great networking opportunity, and a great venue.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Brandon) – September, October & November 2023 Financial Reports – Brandon shared the financial reports from September, October, and November 2023. Brandon moved to approve the financial report, seconded by Matt. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (John) – Since John is not at the meeting, Heather shared that John has two speakers lined up to present CLEs, but the speakers have not selected a date yet. Heather will reach out to John next week to request the CLE information for the January 26, 2024, CLE.
7. **Committee Reports**

- 7.1 Bench/Bar (President) – Wayne said the meeting went well and most judges were there, and the food was good. The board said they would like to continue offering food at future meetings.
- 7.2 CLE (Bill, Brandon, Matt, Wayne, Angela) – Heather shared that she talked to Hotel Olympia and they said the hotel has been sold. There will be a meeting on December 15, 2023, to discuss the future of the hotel. A developer has bought the property and wants to tear down the hotel and build houses on the land. Heather will contact other venue options in case Hotel Olympia is no longer available for the March 8, 2024, half day CLE. Some venue options are Olympia Country & Golf Club, Educational School District 113, Indian Summer, Olympia Center, in case Hotel Olympia is not available.
- 7.3 Rules Committee (Marie) - LCR 56(c)(1) – No report.
- 7.4 Communicating with the Court about court administration (John, Michael, Melissa, Marie) – No report.
- 7.5 Social Events Committee (Brandon (Chair), Heather, Joe, Wayne) – Brandon said the Trivia Nights are fun. He had eight people RSVP, but only five people attended. He hopes more people will come soon. Brandon said once a month on the second Tuesday going forward starting in January works better for him as it's too hard for him to be there every Tuesday.
- 7.6 How to Increase Membership Committee (Matt & Michael) – No report.
- 7.7 Newsletter & Marketing (Heather) – Heather said she is working on the January 2024 Legal Brief. Advertisements and articles are due by December 21. Wayne said he will ask someone in his office to be featured in the “In Re” Spotlight for the January Legal Brief.
- 7.8 Courthouse Badges (Wayne, Brandon, Matt) – No report.
- 7.9 Judicial Evaluation Survey & Bylaws Committee (Michael, Jerry, Wayne, Angela, Joe, Chris Meserve) – Judge Glasgow would like to present at a CLE around the time the Judicial Evaluation policy is being developed. Judge Glasgow asked when do you plan to start discussing the Judicial Evaluation survey and policy? Wayne will reach out to Judge Glasgow for clarity.

## 8. Section Reports

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) - We had our November meeting on 11/14. It was a very short meeting with only minimal agenda items. We discussed the upcoming Bench/Bar Meeting that happened on 11/15, and spent some time discussing the anticipated judicial rotations for 2024. The November meeting was Commissioner Rue's first meeting as a judicial officer, so we all congratulated her on that and were pleased to see her take the bench. We ended the meeting by discussing an upcoming bill (SB 5205), which presently poses some substantial changes to the practice of family law with respect to parenting plan restrictions under RCW 26.09.191. Our designated legislative liaison explained what the big “doom and gloom” is, but in all honesty, I think a lot of us were not//are not tracking the big deal here. Our next meeting is tomorrow, 12/12, and we are having a potluck at FJC in the Law Library. There is no formal agenda, but it is the first time we have been able to meet for our annual potluck since 2019! Melissa said not many people attended the potluck.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Joe Scuderi) – Joe said TCVLS changed their name to Cascadia Volunteer Legal Services.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Devin Kohr and Peter Lindgren) – I spoke with Matthew Maki and he is going to be the topic of the young lawyer spotlight. I held a lunch last week at Pizzeria La gitana in Olympia but no one came, unfortunately. I plan to try and set up a couple more meetups over this month so that people have more chances to make an appearance.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Olivia Zhou & Diana Anderson) – No report.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (Trevor Zandell) – The update is that our next section meeting/CLE is scheduled for Jan. 25 at 12:00 p.m. at Mercato's. The topic is municipal code enforcement. Attached is a flier for the event. Please don't send the flier out yet, as we're not ready to go public with it, but you can use it to update the board.

8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (Ivy Rose-Kramer & Kelsey Gasseling) – No report from the co-chairs, but Heather shared they organized an Ethics CLE on November 28, 2023, on Zoom. Justice Whitener, Justice Gordon McCloud, and Justice Montoya-Lewis were the speakers.

9. **Additions to agenda**

9.1 Wayne would like to discuss changing free section CLEs into charging people to attend the section CLEs. A discussion took place.

9.2 Wayne said if you are on this board, then you need to attend at least half of the board meetings.

10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** January 10, 2024, hosted by Marie Docter & Jerry Gray at John's office

12. **Adjourn** 7:15 p.m.