

THURSTON COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
hosted by Bill Pope and Melissa Goldmann at John Kesler's Office

Members Present: John Kesler III, Marie Docter, Bill Pope, Jerry Gray, Michael Young, Rosemary Fitzgerald, Joe Scuderi, Wayne Graham, Brandon Koenig, and Melissa Goldmann.

Members Absent: Jenna Norden, Jeffrey Carr
Others Present: Heather Ligtenberg

1. **Call to order** 5:36 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes of December 11, 2024, Board Meeting** - Joe moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Brandon. The motion carried with objections.
3. **New Business**
 - 3.1 **Date & Venue for Summer BBQ** (Heather) – Heather asked about reserving a date for the 2025 summer BBQ. The board said they would like to go to Tumwater Historical Park again. It picnic shelter is large, the parking is good, and the BBQs are nice to use. Heather will reserve Thursday, August 7, 2025, if it is available. The BBQ will start at 5:00 p.m.
 - 3.2 **New TCBA Printer** (Heather) – Heather said the TCBA printer died, and she needs to purchase a new printer. Heather said she found printers starting at \$100 on up, but said the \$100 printer is sufficient. The board approved Heather to purchase a new printer for \$100.
4. **Old Business**
 - 4.1 **2025 Holiday Lunch venue** (Heather) – Heather shared the cost of a lunch event at Indian Summer Golf & Country Club vs. the cost of a lunch event at the Olympia Country & Golf Club for our 2025 holiday lunch. The cost of the room rental fee at the Olympia Country & Golf has increased significantly. The board voted to reserve Indian Summer Gold & Country Club for our 2025 Holiday Lunch. Heather will contact them and reserve December 5, 2025, if it is available.
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Brandon) – October, November, & December 2024 Financial Reports – Brandon shared the financial reports from October, November, and December 2024. Bill moved to approve the financial reports, seconded by Wayne. The motion carried without objections.
6. **Monthly Luncheon Update** (Marie) – Marie said the CLE's are scheduled for January – April 2025 and for September 2025. Heather said Tugboat Annie's sent us some new menu options for 2025. The board said to rotate through the menu options, so it is different every time. They like the jambalaya, bay shrimp tortellini, pasta alfredo, gyros, that are new to the list, but do not want the pulled pork, burgers, turkey ala king, sandwiches, and fried chicken.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 **Bench/Bar** (President) – No report.
 - 7.2 **CLE** (Bill, Brandon, Wayne, Melissa, Jeffrey) – Bill said there is a half day CLE on January 31. Stacy from Sound Legal Aid hasn't contacted Bill again about doing a half day CLE this year.
 - 7.3 **Rules Committee** (Marie) – No report.
 - 7.4 **Social Events Committee** (Brandon (Chair), Heather, Joe, Jenna, Jeffrey, Wayne) – Brandon said he will remain on the committee, but Jerry has volunteered to be the chair of this committee. Brandon Mike DeWitt will be hosting a DND night in February. Registration is

- required. Jerry said since Trivia Night has dwindled, he is going to host a Social Hour on January 23 at ilk Lodge. Jerry thanked Brandon for his time as the Chair of this committee.
- 7.5 Newsletter & Marketing (Heather) – Heather said the January Legal Brief was emailed to members today. Jerry said we added a section called “Not Legal Notices” section in the Legal Brief, so please let your colleagues know if they want to advertise a social event in the future.
 - 7.6 Judicial Evaluation Survey & Bylaws Committee (Michael, Wayne, Joe, John, Jenna, Chris Meserve) – Michael said the survey is ready, but we are waiting for one question that he will talk to Judge Glasgow about. The board will discuss the final draft at the February meeting.
 - 7.7 Law Library (Michael and Marie) – Marie said the next meeting is in a couple of weeks. The website is done.
 - 7.8 Law Day Speech Contest (Marie, Melissa, Rosemary, Jeffrey) – Marie said they will schedule a meeting to discuss the topic. Heather will reach out to the court to find a date in April for the preliminary round.
 - 7.9 New Courthouse (Marie) – No report.
 - 7.10 Bigelow House & Community Connections (Marie) – Marie said we are set to have the March 12 board meeting at the Bigelow House. Marie said we need to bring paper products since they do not have a kitchen. Marie said there will be behavioral counseling at the HUB on a drop-in basis.
 - 7.11 County Charter Effort (Michael) – Michael said there is a group called Charter Harder and has a rival called Olympia 4 All. Olympia 4 All is having an open house on January 13 that he is thinking of attending.

8. **Section Reports**

- 8.1 Family Law (Meredith Gerhart) – Melissa said there was no meeting in December.
- 8.2 Pro Bono (Joe Scuderi/Jenna Norden) – Joe said he will encourage Jenna to take over as Chair.
- 8.3 Young Lawyers (Devin Kohr & Peter Lindgren) – The next section meeting will be on January 23 at 12pm at Brewery City Pizza in West Olympia.
- 8.4 Criminal Law (Rosemary Fitzgerald & Jenna Norden) – Rosemary said they are anticipating doing a CLE on *How to Get your Client into an Alternative Therapeutic Court*.
- 8.5 Real Estate, Land Use, and Environmental Law (?) – John said we are still looking for a Chair. Michael said he will be the chair if no one else will do it.
- 8.6 Diversity and Inclusion (?) – Heather said we are still looking for a Chair for this section too.

9. **Additions to agenda**

10. **Announcements**

11. **Date/location of next meeting:** February 12, 2025, hosted by John Kesler and Jenna Norden at John’s office

12. **Adjourn** 6:19 p.m.