

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

Tacoma Harvester, 29 North Tacoma Avenue

7:15 a.m.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President John Christensen

**PRESENT**

President:	John Christensen
Vice President:	Matthew Thomas
Secretary-Treasurer:	Kenneth W. Blanford
Trustee:	Wendy E. Zicht
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Judge Ronald Culpepper
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Commissioner Diana L. Kiesel
Criminal Law Section:	Maureen Goodman
Young Lawyer Section President:	Lindsay Camandona
Trustee:	James McCormick
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
Volunteer Legal Services Liaison:	Jason Ruyf
Trustee:	Sara E. Richardson
Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge Elizabeth Verhey
Immediate Past President:	Dawn Farina
WSBA Liaison, 6 <sup>th</sup> District:	Keith M. Black
WA Women Lawyers Liaison:	Ingrid McLeod
Trustee:	T. Diane Clarkson
Trustee:	Sophia Palmer
Executive Director:	Kit Kasner

**ABSENT**

District Court Liaison:	Judge Margaret V. Ross
Trustee:	Dwayne Christopher
Family Law Section Liaison:	Kevin G. Rundle
Minority Bar Association Liaison:	Sarah Lee
Criminal Law Section:	Philip Thornton
Pierce County Superior Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge Stephanie Arend

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER MINUTES**

Minutes from last meeting where approved.

## REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

### **President's Report – John Christensen**

Community Service nominations are in. Announcements will be made at the Lincoln Day Event. Nominations for the Board of Trustees are open. Openings are open until December 30, 2015. The executive board met yesterday to prepare the budget proposal.

### **Vice-President's Report— Matthew H. Thomas**

Some of the costs in the budget are fixed costs that we are locked into. We have continued to provide a cost of living adjustment for staff (2%) as well as bonuses. Met with Mike McKasy who still thinks we will bring in about \$30,000.00 in CLE's. We are cutting back on the convention and seminars. Still sending VP to Chicago and sending our ED to a seminar. Telephone advertising has been cut.

### **Secretary-Treasurer's Report– Kenneth W. Blanford**

Financial Report given. Discussion of 2016 Budget Proposal discussed.

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

Moranco & Associate Proposal. It was suggested that the contract be approximately 3 years. Motion was made to approve contract and finalize contract. Motion Seconded. Motion passed 6 to 2.

Motion moved to approve 2016 proposed budget passed.

### **Action Items**

## REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS/COMMITTEES/SECTIONS

### **Judicial Liaison Superior Court – Judge Cuthbertson (Given by Judge Culpepper)**

Former Court Administrator has retired. Hired John Ladenburg Sr. as an interim. Mental Health Court is up and coming. Pretrial Services is looking at reducing jail costs. Rotations have changed to 18-month rotation policy. Commissioners are rotating more often.

### **Judicial Liaison District Court – Judge Ross**

None.

### **Judicial Liaison Municipal Court – Judge Verhey**

Judge Ladenburg will be the new presiding. Judge Verhey will be the assisting presiding judge. No longer using the SCORE jail. Contract has finished. All prisoners are at PC Jail. Short term sentences are served in Nisqually. Long Term sentences will be in Yakima. Yakima will transport but will need notice.

## **Trustee and Section Liaison Reports**

### **Young Lawyers Section – Lindsay Camandona**

Last meeting for Ms. Camandona. Elections are ongoing. Judicial Skit night was on Wed. Before the event there were 92 confirmed people. Directory make up photos on the 17<sup>th</sup> at the fountain conference room in the Wells Fargo Building.

### **WSBA Liaison, 6<sup>th</sup> District: Keith M. Black**

Escalating Cost of Civil Litigation Task Report. The Board of Governors is going to review the recommendations made by the ECCL Task Force.

### **Family Law Section – Wendy Zicht (Report Given by)**

Ethics CLE is tomorrow in Room 100. Elections are in January so they are soliciting votes. Looking into costs of buying materials for recording CLE's.

### **Criminal Law Section –Maureen Goodman**

Superior Court is putting together committee regarding CDPJ procedures timeline for cases. Judge Costello is heading that committee.

### **Diversity Committee – Dwayne Christopher**

The Diversity Committed has taken on Adam Street Family Center as a service project. The Committee is preparing the center dinner and has 9 volunteers.

### **Collaborative Law – Lynn Johnson**

There is a two day Collaborative Law training program scheduled for February. Annual conference is in March 5-6 at Suncadia. Christmas party is this Thursday Night.

### **Mentorship Committee – Wendy Zicht**

CLE credits will be possible for mentorship program. Made our first match of mentors to mentees. Slow trickle of people coming in.

## **Other Reports**

### **Washington Women Lawyers – Ingrid McLeod**

None.

### **Minority Bar Association – Sarah Lee (report given by Diane Clarkson)**

Youth and law program has been postponed to January 16, 2016 in room 100.

### **Volunteer Legal Services - Jason Ruyf**

Successful launch of Washington Web Lawyers. Clients are able to go online, ask their questions, and then they are linked up with an expert. Campaign for equal justice is looking for contributions.

**Other Business**

None.

**ADJOURNED**