

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 2015
Branch Colonial House
North 21 St and Prospect
2:00 P.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 Blanford
Immediate Past President:	Dawn Farina
Trustee:	Dwayne Christopher
Trustee:	Diane Clarkson
Trustee:	James McCormick
Trustee:	Sophia Palmer
Trustee:	Sarah Richardson
Trustee:	Wendy Zicht
Executive Director:	Kit Kasner

ABSENT

Judicial Liaison:	Elizabeth Verhey
Judicial Liaison:	Frank Cuthbertson
Judicial Liaison:	Margaret Ross
Judicial Liaison:	Ronald Culpepper
Judicial Liaison:	Stephanie Arend
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
Criminal Law Liaison:	Maureen Goodman
Criminal Law Liaison:	Michael Schwartz
Judicial Liaison Commissioner:	Diana Kiesel
PC Minority Bar Liaison:	Sarah Lee
Trustee:	Kevin Rundle
Trustee:	Lindsay Camandona
WSBA Liaison 6 th District:	Keith Black
WA Woman Lawyers Liaison:	Brittany Mahugh

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MINUTES

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – John Christensen

Report as to the leadership conference in Chicago. One of the topics was strategic planning for bar associations. The recommendation is that we have a three-year plan for strategic planning.

Discussion of Law Day, and History Day the 800th Anniversary of the Magna Carta. The Tacoma Bar Association is presenting a \$100 award for History Day. The Pierce County Lawyer magazine has been sent to press. Suggestion that we do a travel column for each edition. Also consider having the board do a community service activity as a group. Also wanting the chairs of each section and committee to take on a specific community service project.

Vice-President's Report— Matthew H. Thomas

Currently, we are paying parking for when Virginia has to come to the courthouse. Discussion regarding whether or not to rent a spot rather than pay the parking for each visit. Due to the expense of a parking spot it was agreed that probably best for right now to simply pay for parking. Discussion of speaker for Lincoln day next year. In the last 20 years we have only had 2 women. Suggestion made of asking Debra Stephens to speak.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report– Kenneth W. Blanford

The Financial Report given.

Old Business

None

New Business

Resolution was passed directing that the sections and committees identify one community service activity and perform a community service project.

Action Items

None

REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS/COMMITTEES/SECTIONS

Trustee and Section Liaison Reports

Diversity Committee – Dwayne Christopher

Waiting to hear back from CLE committee regarding a CLE. They are thinking about 3 hour, CLE on diversity in the law.

Mentorship Committee – Wendy Zicht

Met last week. Finalized forms for mentors and mentees. Next meeting will be for approving the applications. Much of the formatting came from the ABA. There is going to be one email for the program, and then members will take turns monitoring that email.

Other Business

Moranco and Associates is planning on coming to present a program that would allow them to advertise with the Bar, and allow them to fund certain programs. The WSBA is also participating in such a program through ALPS. Consensus was we should look at all the programs, and then not make any decision until we are sure it does not jeopardize our non-profit status.

Diane Clarkson indicated that the friend committee sent her a card after a family member passed away. She said her family was very touched by the gesture and it meant a lot to them.

ADJOURNED