

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016  
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
Immediate Past President:	Dawn Farina
Trustee:	T. Diane Clarkson
Trustee:	James McCormick
Trustee:	Sarah E. Richardson
Pierce County Superior Court Judicial Liaison:	Stephanie Arend
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Commissioner Diana L. Kiesel
Criminal Law Section:	Maureen Goodman
Young Lawyers Section President:	Ryan Hogaboam
WA Women Lawyers Liaison:	Ingrid McLeod
Volunteer Legal Services Liaison:	Jason Ruyf

**ABSENT**

Secretary-Treasurer:	Kenneth W. Blanford
Trustee:	Dwayne Christopher
Trustee:	Wendy E. Zicht
Trustee:	Sophia Palmer
Criminal Law Section:	Philip Thornton
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
District Court Liaison:	Judge Margaret V. Ross
Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge David Ladenburg
Family Law Section Liaison:	Kevin G. Rundle
Minority Bar Association Liaison:	Sarah Lee
WSBA Liaison, 6 <sup>th</sup> District:	Keith M. Black

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER MINUTES**

Minutes from last meeting where approved.

**REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

**President's Report – John Christensen**

John reported that nominations are being accepted for the WSBA Board of Governors 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts. (Forms were included in the Trustee packets). If interested or if additional information is needed, contact Keith Black or Pat Palace.

## **Secretary-Treasurer's Report– Matthew H. Thomas reported for Ken Blanford**

The Financial Report was given by Vice President Thomas in Secretary-Treasurer Blanford's absence. The total reserve amount is \$164,386.46. Additional costs in 2015 included a Website staff person @ \$20,000 per year and additional VLS payroll tax due to the hiring of an additional VLS employee. Although this figure is a "wash" the amount still increases the overall expenses. The financial report was approved.

Matt reported the next administration will consider a dues increase for 2017. Dawn Farina asked that we let her know the amount by May/June as the government attorneys plan their budget during that time.

### **Old/Unfinished Business**

None.

### **New Business**

Laurie Davenport, VLS Director, attended the meeting to request a \$50,000 short-term loan from the TPCBA to cover the costs of their budget shortfall. The \$50,000 will pay the salary for her additional staff attorney, Sarah Eaquinto. Currently VLS has 7 employees (5 full-time and 2 part-time). Laurie explained the request of \$50,000 is a one-time request, to be paid back in 2016.

## **REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS/COMMITTEES/SECTIONS**

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

No Report

### **Judicial Liaison Superior Court – Judge Stephanie Arend**

Judge Arend reported the former Court Administrator retired and they are still looking to find a new administrator.

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

No report

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

No report

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

Jason thanked everyone. This was Jason's final BOT meeting.

### **Young Lawyers Section – Ryan Hogaboam**

New YL President Ryan Hogaboam reported the young lawyers have new leadership in most

positions. They are planning their annual events and finalizing the pictorial directory. They are still seeking advertisers for the pictorial directory.

### **Family Law Section**

No Report.

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

Maureen report there is nothing new. They will be attending the criminal procedures meeting for Superior Court on Thursday.

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

No Report.

### **Mentorship Committee – James McCormick reported for Wendy Zicht**

The Mentorship Committee has mentors and needs mentees. Professor Weaver will pass the mentorship program information on to the law school students. Mentoring can be as involved as the mentee needs it to be, whether it's just a question or more "hands on" information.

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

Ingrid invited everyone to their monthly board meeting and social on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January.

### **Minority Bar Association – Diane Clarkson reported for Sarah Lee**

Diane reported the Youth and Law Forum was very successful with over 100 students participating from four Tacoma School District middle schools.

### **Other Business/Action Items**

The \$50,000 loan request discussion continued which is basically a loan from one part of the TPCBA to another part. It is the boards understanding that the loan will be repaid in 2016. The motion passed unanimously to grant a loan in the sum of \$50,000 to the Volunteer Legal Services Program. John asked James McCormick and Jason Ruyf to draft a loan repayment stating that VLS has agreed to repay the \$50,000 loan with the proceeds of grants they receive.

### **Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 a.m.