

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

Harvester Restaurant, 29 N Tacoma Ave., Tacoma, WA 98403

7:15 AM

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:	James McCormick
Trustee:	Sophia Palmer
Trustee:	Wendy Zicht
Criminal Law Liaison:	Maureen Goodman
Judicial Liaison Commissioner:	Diana Kiesel
Judicial Liaison:	Elizabeth Verhey
Judicial Liaison:	Margaret Ross
Judicial Liaison:	Stephanie Arend
Trustee:	Lindsay Camandona
WA Woman Lawyers Liaison:	Brittany Mahugh
TPCBA Executive Director:	Kit Kasner

ABSENT

Trustee:	Sarah Richardson
Trustee:	Diane Clarkson
Judicial Liaison:	Frank Cuthbertson
Judicial Liaison:	Ronald Culpepper
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
Criminal Law Liaison:	Michael Schwartz
PC Minority Bar Liaison:	Sarah Lee
Trustee:	Kevin Rundle
WSBA Liaison 6 th District:	Keith Black
Guest:	John Weaver

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JUNE MINUTES

Minutes from last meeting were approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – John Christensen

TPCBA is teaming up with Eisenhower Carlson for Paint Tacoma Beautiful. John announced that a house had been selected for painting.

Joan Mel has requested that the bar publish a letter regarding the allegations against the elected prosecutor. The decision on whether to print the letter was referred to the Editorial Board. The board was reminded that the regulation of attorneys is not part of our mission statement, instead we are a member organization.

Vice-President's Report— Matthew H. Thomas

No Report was given.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report– Kenneth W. Blanford

The Financial Report was given.

Old Business

Matthew Thomas advised the Board that the Superior Court Commission was near completing a draft of the Superior Court Judicial Survey. Discussion followed as to whether or not the survey should include the Superior Court Commissioners. John asked our liaison to the commission, Sophia Palmer, to look into this issue further.

New Business

None

Action Items

A majority of the board members voted in favor of a motion to request Moranco and Associates to provide the contract they envisioned we would be asked to sign. The Board would like to review the contract and make a decision based upon the specifics of the contract.

REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS/COMMITTEES/SECTIONS

Trustee and Section Liaison Reports (Reports were abbreviated due to the later hour)

Diversity Committee – Dwayne Christopher

No Report

Mentorship Committee – Wendy Zicht

The mentorship committee has approved the application forms. The forms will be linked to a drop box account, which will make access to the members of the mentorship committee easier.

Municipal Court Judicial Liaison - Judge Verhey

Tacoma has contracted with Pierce County concerning the jail. While defendants are being held for trial they will be held in the Pierce County Jail. Post disposition defendants will be sent to the Nisqually jail.

Criminal Law Section

A Co-Chair needs to be appointed.

Other Business

None

ADJOURNED