

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, October 20, 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
Immediate Past President:	Dawn Farina
Trustee:	T. Diane Clarkson
Trustee:	James McCormick
Trustee:	Sophia Palmer
Trustee:	Sara E. Richardson
Trustee:	Wendy Zicht
Trustee:	Dwayne Christopher
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Judge Culpepper
Pierce County Superior Court Judicial Liaison:	Stephanie Arend
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Judge Cuthbertson
Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge Elizabeth Verhey
Young Lawyers Section President:	Lindsay Camandona
Criminal Law Section:	Phillip E. Thornton
WSBA Liaison, 6 <sup>th</sup> District:	Keith M. Black
Volunteer Legal Services Liaison:	Jason Ruyf
Executive Director:	Kit Kasner

**ABSENT**

Family Law Section Liaison:	Kevin G. Rundle
District Court Liaison:	Judge Margaret V. Ross
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Diana L. Kiesel
Minority Bar Association Liaison:	Sarah Lee
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MINUTES**

Minutes from last meeting where approved.

**REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

**President's Report – John Christensen**

The Bar association finished painting their house for Paint Tacoma Beautiful. The house was painted a beautiful green color. There is a question as to whether we are going to have a Lawyerpalooza (next year) and if so where the event will be held. The current location may not be an option next year. Next year we may want to consider controlling alcohol intake. The new rules for Limited License Legal Technicians are out.

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

No Report

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

Financial Report given.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

No.

**Action Items**

Moranco Contract Proposal.

A Motion to negotiate with Moranco Associates, as to the specifics of the proposed contract between Moranco and the TPCBA was made and seconded. The CPA has reviewed the current contract and has indicated that this will not put our tax-exempt status at risk. The income will be subject to corporate taxation. There are still concerns about how the profits will be apportioned between multiple organizations. There are also philosophical concerns as to whether this agreement promotes or furthers the mission statements and goals of the TPCBA. The motion passed.

Superior Court Commission Judicial Survey.

There was a question as to whether the survey should be sent out before or after the filing deadline. Historically, it has been sent out before the filing deadline. The Committee recommended that the survey be sent out before the primary, they had no opinion as to whether it should be sent out before or after the filing deadline. The Committees primary concern is that the survey provide useful information to the electorate. The primary is in early August, the filing deadline is in May. There was a concern about the misuse of the information from the survey. John Christensen recommended the survey be sent out before the primary and after the filing deadline. A motion to adopt the questionnaire and survey (to be sent out before August but after May) was made and seconded. The Motion passed.

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

**Judicial Liaison Superior Court – Judge Cuthbertson**

Report given by Judge Culpepper. Superior Court did a Habitat For Humanity project. The

Habitat for Humanity project, which was headed by Judge Arend, was very successful. Judge Schwartz is up and running as a Superior Court Judge. Felony Mental Court is up and going full speed.

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

No report given.

**Trustee and Section Liaison Reports**

**Young Lawyers Section – Lindsay Camandona**

The swearing in ceremony was held in September at the Federal Court House. The Young Lawyers need more involvement and presence from the Bar at the swearing in ceremony.

Judicial Skit night is scheduled for December 9, 2015 at the Tacoma Yacht Club.

Locations and times are being scheduled for the taking photos for the Bar Directory.

**Family Law Section – Kevin Rundle**

No report given.

**Criminal Law Section – Philip Thornton/Maureen Goodman**

No report given.

**Diversity Committee – Dwayne Christopher**

No report given.

**Collaborative Law – Lynn Johnson**

Report given by Wendy Zicht. Notice of the February training certification should be going out soon. The Family Law section has a meeting scheduled for October 21, 2015, and the February training certification will be discussed.

**Mentorship Committee – Wendy Zicht**

Email address for the mentorship committee is up and running. Have had one person apply to be a mentee. Mentors should be receiving their applications soon. Young Lawyers would like to be approached to discuss the mentorship program.

**Other Reports**

**Washington Women Lawyers – Brittany Mahugh**

No report given.

**Minority Bar Association – Sara Lee**

No report given.

**Volunteer - Jason Ruyf**

October 22, 2015 is Pro Bono Night. This event will be a way of thanking those that volunteer.

**Other Business**

None

**ADJOURNED**