

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Home of President Matthew Thomas

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Matthew Thomas.

PRESENT

President:	Matthew Thomas
Vice President:	T. Diane Clarkson
Immediate Past President:	John R. Christensen
Trustee:	Antoni H. Froehling
Trustee:	Sarah E. Richardson
Trustee:	John R. Wilson
Trustee:	Heather R. Straub
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Diana L. Kiesel
Criminal Law Section:	Maureen Goodman
WA Women Lawyers Liaison:	Erica Eggertsen Ruyf
WSBA Liaison, 6 th District:	Keith M. Black
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
Executive Director:	Kit Kasner

The December Board of Trustees meeting was a potluck gathering, held in the evening at the President's home. In addition to the board members, friends and families were invited to attend. The agenda was light and primarily focused on discussion and approval of the 2017 TPCBA Budget.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the November Board of Trustees were approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – Matthew H. Thomas

Matt reported that the following positions are open on the 2017-18 Board of Trustees: three trustee positions, one vice president, and one secretary treasurer position. He asked everyone to encourage members/colleagues to consider running for one of the open positions. At the time of this meeting, Andrea McNeely and Steve Merrival were the candidates running for the VP position.

Financial Report/Budget Approval — T. Diane Clarkson and Matthew Thomas

The 2017 Budget meeting was held on December 16. Attending were Matt Thomas, Ken Blanford, John Christensen and Kit Kasner. Diane Clarkson was unavailable to attend but met with Kit to review the details prior to the Trustees Meeting. Diane made two changes which decreased the printing and mailing costs by \$500 and increased the Lawyer Referral Fee Sharing by \$5,000. The final totals for the 2017 budget resulted in expenditures of \$600,656 and revenue of \$580,350. Concern was expressed by Trustee Froehling regarding the deficit in the 2017 budget. The Board

discussed a need to work on developing strategies to address the deficit issue on a long term basis. Diane's goal will be to keep expenses down and increase revenue. The budget was approved.

A long range or 5-year plan was suggested and briefly discussed. The last 5-year plan was completed by Dawn Farina in Oct. 2013.

REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS/COMMITTEES/SECTIONS

WSBA Liaison, 6th District: Keith M. Black

Keith urged the board members not to vote in favor of rolling the WSBA dues back. He is in his third year as WSBA Governor and will begin calling together a group to recruit and find his replacement on the WSBA Board.

Washington Women Lawyers – Erica Eggertsen Ruyf

The WWL Christmas Party on December 13th was great and everyone had a wonderful time.

OTHER BUSINESS

Professor Weaver mentioned that if you have opportunities for law students in your office to contact the law school for assistance in finding the right person for your office.

A special appreciation is extended to Matt and his family for hosting our December holiday meeting.

ADJOURNED