

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING
Tuesday, February 16, 2015
Tacoma Harvester, 29 North Tacoma Avenue

7:15 a.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Matthew Thomas

PRESENT

President:	Matthew Thomas
Vice President:	T. Diane Clarkson
Secretary-Treasurer:	Kenneth W. Blanford
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Judge Ronald Culpepper
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Diana L. Kiesel
Trustee:	James McCormick
Trustee:	Sophia Palmer
Trustee:	John R. Wilson
Trustee:	Heather R. Straub
Volunteer Legal Services Liaison:	Mark B. Brady
Immediate Past President:	John Christensen
WSBA Liaison, 6 th District:	Keith M. Black
Family Law Section Liaison:	Barbara H. McInville
Past President and Photographer	David Snell
Law School Liaison	Professor John Weaver
TPCBA Executive Director	Kit Kasner

ABSENT

Criminal Law Section:	Maureen Goodman
Criminal Law Section:	Phillip Thornton
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
Trustee:	Sarah E. Richardson
Trustee:	Antoni H. Froehling
Young Lawyers Section President:	Ryan Hogaboam
District Court Liaison:	Judge Margaret Ross
WA Women Lawyers Liaison:	Ingrid McLeod
Minority Bar Association Liaison:	Sarah Lee
Pierce County Superior Court Judicial Liaison:	Stephanie Arend
Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge David Ladenburg

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY MINUTES

Minutes from last meeting where approved.

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – Matthew H. Thomas

Lincoln Day banquet was attended by approximately 320 people. Upcoming Board Retreat March 17, 1-3pm. Location Branch Colonial House

Vice-President's Report— T. Diane Clarkson

No Report Given.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report– Kenneth W. Blanford

Financial report was given. An additional \$6,900.00 in dues has come in. James McCormick and Mark B. Brady are writing up an agreement regarding loan to VLS.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Action Items

REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS/COMMITTEES/SECTIONS

Judicial Liaison Superior Court – Judge Cuthbertson (Given by Judge Culpepper)

The court is searching for a new Court Administrator. This is a nationwide search with the hope of creating a finalist list with 5 applicants. The Court has finished the Commissioner's evaluations. The court is struggling with the criminal processing times.

Judicial Liaison District Court – Judge Ross

None.

Judicial Liaison Municipal Court – Judge Ladenburg

None.

Trustee and Section Liaison Reports

Young Lawyers Section – Ryan Hogaboam

None.

WSBA Liaison, 6th District: Keith M. Black

The WSBA is evaluating the escalating increase in costs of civil litigation.

Family Law Section – Barbara H. McInville

The Family Law Section is having good attendance at their monthly meeting. They are struggling to have CLE credits approved in a timely manner

Criminal Law Section –Maureen Goodman

None.

Collaborative Law – Lynn Johnson

None.

Other Reports

Washington Women Lawyers – Ingrid McLeod

None.

Minority Bar Association – Sarah Lee

None.

Volunteer Legal Services – Mark V. Brady

VLS's current focus is the Washington Web Lawyer Portal. The portal will allow volunteers to coordinate with those in need without the need for face-to-face meetings. The portal has been rolled out statewide.

Bar Convention – John R. Christensen

The Bar Convention has had their first meeting. The committee is working on finalizing the CLE track. The committee will meet again next week. They are still looking for a good keynote speaker.

Other Business

None.

ADJOURNED