

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

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
Trustee:	Antoni H. Froehling
Trustee:	James McCormick
Trustee:	Sophia Palmer
Trustee:	Sarah E. Richardson
Volunteer Legal Services Liaison:	Mark V. Brady
Immediate Past President:	John R. Christensen
Pierce County Superior Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge Stephanie Arend
WA Women Lawyers Liaison:	Erica Eggertsen Ruyf
WSBA Liaison, 6 <sup>th</sup> District:	Keith M. Black
Young Lawyers Section President:	Ryan Hogaboam
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
Executive Director:	Kit Kasner

**ABSENT**

Pierce County Superior Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge Cuthbertson
Criminal Law Section:	Philip Thornton
Family Law Section Liaison:	Barbara H. McInville
Trustee:	Heather R. Straub
Trustee:	John R. Wilson
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Diana L. Kiesel
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge David Ladenburg
District Court Liaison:	Judge Margaret Ross
Criminal Law Section:	Maureen Goodman

**REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

**President's Report – Matthew H. Thomas**

We need to plan on nominations for the upcoming Tacoma Pierce County Bar Association Election. We have trustee positions open, vice president, and secretary treasurer. We also have numerous awards for the Lincoln Day benefit that we need nominations for. If you have a nomination for either the election or awards, please contact the committee. We are looking for

additional writers for the magazine. The next issue will be on exercise. The December meeting, is going to be a holiday potluck at Thomas's house. More details to follow.

**Vice-President's Report— T. Diane Clarkson**

No Report. Diane is helping with the nomination process. Diane is sending out a letter for membership, this will go out by mail.

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

Minutes accepted. Loan to VLS has been paid. Paypal CLE payments have been transferred back into the budget.

**Old Business**

John Wilson did a summary of the membership survey. The issue is whether we should post the survey results, or John Wilson's summary on the website. Antoni H. Froehling moved to post the survey data in the member's section, as well as the summary, the president would prepare a response to the survey. The motion carried.

Plan is to change the last page of the Bar News to the Editorial page.

**New Business**

There was a discussion regarding the Bar news and costs. These questions were brought up, initially, in the bar survey. The cost of the new magazine is more expensive per issue. However, we produce half as many issues. The cost is comparative between the two magazines.

**Action Items**

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

**Judicial Liaison Superior Court –Judge Arend**

**Judge Arend**

Four new judges will be joining at the next term. The new judges will be in orientation for the month of January, then they will be going to Judicial College. They should be on the bench the beginning of February. Please express thoughts as how to best prepare them. All four are scheduled for a criminal rotation. Two new commissioner positions will need to be filled. Focus for the hiring will be diversity to reflect the community served by Pierce County. January 9, 2016 is the new judge's first official day. The judges will notify us when the swearing in date is so that we can notify membership.

**Judicial Liaison District Court – Judge Ross**

None.

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

Moving the Tacoma Municipal Court towards a paperless environment. State wide system is being updated, State has expressed using Tacoma Municipal Court as a model. Visited several courts, especially Renton Municipal Court. Would like to move the Court in that direction. City Council has allocated \$20,000.00 to hire a consultant to evaluate the feasibility. Final goal, to make it accessible to public defender, prosecutor, and private counsel. Renton recovered their startup costs in one year (amount was spent over 3 years).

## **Trustee and Section Liaison Reports**

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

Successful monthly meeting, large group attended. Met for a social an hour afterwards, opportunity to connect with young lawyers. Judicial Skit night December 14, 2016. Young lawyers are asking for participation from the bench. Will be at the Yacht Club. Price will be \$65 for the event. Seeking nomination for the young lawyers board.

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

Board of governors begins its new year, November 17, 2016. New President is coming in. September meetings were well attended. Voted to retain the word association in the name of the State Bar. Did not change the rules regarding referendum. Did adopt formal budget which will in over the next three years. There will be a fee increase. The increases will start in 2018.

### **Family Law Section – Barbara H. McInville**

None.

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

None.

### **Collaborative Law – Lynn Johnson**

Collaborative Professionals have their Big conference is March 9, 2016 in Chelan. They will have a training in February.

## **Other Reports**

### **Washington Women Lawyers – Erica Eggertsen Ruyf**

Have changed their board to past-president, president, president elect. December 13, 2016, is their holiday party. Going to add a women's history month event, is in the early planning stages (concept).

### **Minority Bar Association – Mark Brady**

None.

**Volunteer Legal Services – Mark V. Brady**

Paid back the bar loan. Have secured additional funding to hire a new attorney. Will be interviewing the candidates over the next two weeks. Tacoma Pro Bono night was very successful.

**Bar Convention – John R. Christensen**

None.

**Other Business**

**ADJOURNED**