

MINUTES OF THE TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 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:	Heather R. Straub
Trustee:	John R. Wilson
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison:	Diana L. Kiesel
Volunteer Legal Services Liaison:	Mark V. Brady
Immediate Past President:	John R. Christensen
Family Law Section Liaison:	Barbara H. McInville
Pierce County Superior Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge Stephanie Arend
Pierce County Superior Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge Cuthbertson
WA Women Lawyers Liaison:	Ingrid McLeod
Young Lawyers Section President:	Ryan Hogaboam

ABSENT

Criminal Law Section:	Phillip Thornton
Collaborative Law Liaison:	Lynn Johnson
Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison:	Judge David Ladenburg
District Court Liaison:	Judge Margaret Ross
Trustee:	Sara E. Richardson
WSBA Liaison, 6 th District:	Keith M. Black
Criminal Law Section:	Maureen Goodman

REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

President's Report – Matthew H. Thomas

TPCBA will form a Nominating Committee, which will be comprised of the President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, plus two additional members. A meeting will be held in November. Please bring forward candidates if you have suggestions. Ideal candidates will have been active and will remain active in the TPCBA.

A box will be added to the dues statement, with additional options to donate to VLS.

Vice-President's Report— T. Diane Clarkson

Three Trustee positions will be open for the next election: the Secretary-Treasurer, and Vice President. Two nominees are required for each nomination.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report– Kenneth W. Blanford

Financials on Bar convention have not been done because the final bill from the resort has not been received. Attendance was consistent with last year. Approximately 100 registered attorneys and about 200 attendees overall. Minutes approved

Old Business

None.

New Business

Survey results are back. There is a question as to what to do with the survey. The conflicting concerns are transparency releasing all raw data to the members on our website or releasing the results and providing the raw data on request. There was not a consensus on what the best approach would be. Matthew Thomas has asked the trustees to read the comments to further discuss next meeting.

Action Items

REPORTS OF THE LIAISONS/COMMITTEES/SECTIONS

Judicial Liaison Superior Court – Judge Cuthbertson and Judge Arend

Judge Cuthbertson

Superior Court won the Hungry Warrior award for their participation in Lawyers Helping Hungry Children. Judge Anderson was giving the Legacy Award by Washington Women Lawyers. Judge Arend has been awarded Judge of the Year. Judge Culpepper will be retiring in January.

Judge Arend

The process for the settlement conference is changing. This will affect domestic cases, and those that serve on the Pro Tem List. Going forward there will be a status conference scheduled eight weeks prior to the trial. The judges will be amending the local rules to fall in line with this change.

Judicial Liaison District Court – Judge Ross

None.

Judicial Liaison Municipal Court – Judge Ladenburg

None.

Trustee and Section Liaison Reports

Young Lawyers Section – Ryan Hogaboam

A call has been made for nominations for open positions in the YL. The Annual CLE is set for December. It is in the early stages of planning, anticipated cost \$65. General advertising will be going out.

WSBA Liaison, 6th District: Keith M. Black

None.

Family Law Section – Barbara H. McInville

Working with the new pattern forms for family law. The family law section is taking this as an opportunity to learn.

Criminal Law Section –Maureen Goodman

None.

Collaborative Law – Lynn Johnson

None.

Other Reports

Washington Women Lawyers – Ingrid McLeod

Judge Anderson was honored at the State Washington Women Lawyers with the Legacy Award. The annual membership meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2016. Lisa Kremer will be honored. Carley Roberts received the Chapter Member of the Year Award.

Minority Bar Association – Mark V. Brady

None.

Volunteer Legal Services – Mark V. Brady

Pro Bono night is scheduled for October 27, 2016 from 5-7 PM at the Tacoma Art Museum. This is a celebration for pro bono participants. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Bar Convention – John R. Christensen

This was a very positive event for TPCBA. There were many great costumes and overall participation in the theme. Several vendors participated. Next years convention is going to be at Alderbrook.

Other Business

John Weaver from SU invited the board the Alumni celebration at Pacific Grill on 10/18/16 from 5:30-7.

ADJOURNED