

TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 17, 2017

Tacoma Harvester Restaurant

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:18 by President Diane Clarkson.

PRESENT

President	Diane Clarkson
Secretary-Treasurer	Sarah Richardson
Trustee	Amanda Searle
Trustee	Antoni Froehling
Trustee	Lindsay Camandona
Trustee	Nicholas Andrews
Trustee	Heather Straub
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison	Judge Elizabeth Martin
Pierce County Commissioner Liaison	Commissioner Mark Gelman
Pierce County Commissioner Liaison	Commissioner Diana Kiesel
Family Law Section Liaison	Terri Farmer
WSBA Liaison, 6 th District	Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson
Seattle University Law School Liaison	Professor John Weaver
TPCBA Magazine	Andrea McNeely
VLS	Chris Maharry
Minority Bar	Mark Brady
Executive Director	Kit Kasner

ABSENT

Vice President	Steve Merrival
Immediate Past President	Matthew Thomas
District Court Liaison	Judge Judy Jasprica
Trustee	John Wilson
Criminal Law Section	Claire Vitikainen
Collaborative Law Liaison	Lynn Johnson
Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison	Judge David Ladenburg
Washington Women Lawyers	Jennifer Andrews /Erica Eggertsen
Young Lawyers	Kelley Kavanaugh

JULY MEETING MINUTES

Motion and approval to adopt June meeting minutes with small spelling typo to be corrected.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report – Diane Clarkson

Diane is scheduling a service project for the Board at the Food Connection through St. Leo's to take place in September. The NAACP invited TPCBA board members to host a table at their annual dinner on 8/24. There is no meeting in August.

Secretary-Treasurer Report – Sarah Richardson

Our budget and finances are still in good-standing. The Golf Tournament had excellent participation and brought in revenue.

BUSINESS

Unfinished Business

Lawyerpalooza planning and preparation are under way for August 5.

New Business

Nick Andrews moved to approve \$7,000.00 be given to Volunteer Legal Services. VLS requested \$12,000.00 for the 2017 budget, and was allocated \$5,000.00. Diane Clarkson noted that when the budget was prepared and approved, the large share from a settlement from a Lawyer Referral Services client was not anticipated. Chris Maharry reported that VLS is currently down-sizing their office space due to budget constrictions, despite increased growth. The motion was seconded and approved. Amanda Searle relayed that a committee member seeks endorsement for HB 1128 which increases the ceiling of civil arbitration from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00. The board will review the bill for future discussion.

COMMITTEE / LIAISON / SECTION REPORTS

Pierce County Superior Court – Judge Martin

Pierce County is in the budget planning and approval process. Mental health funding is a priority. Judge Nevin received an award for outstanding adjunct faculty at Seattle University. The court is evaluating the protection order process for DV petitions. Judge Whitener is hosting Pierce County's Color of Justice event on August 17 for minority girls to network and understand how the justice system works. The court is examining how to reach out to under-represented jurors in the community. Commissioner Gelman informed the board that Commissioner Adams and VLS have created "how to" videos to inform the public. They are on the Court's website. Commissioner Kiesel will be working with the Young Lawyers for after-work mentoring meetings.

WSBA Board of Governors – Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson

Judge Tollefson attended an orientation for new governors and will attend the July retreat at Alderbrook.

Family Law – Terri Farmer

The section's school supply drive is on-going and seeks donations from all TPCBA members. Section meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at noon in courtroom 100. This month's topic is financial planning involving family law cases.

Seattle University – John Weaver

Professor Weaver is speaking at the Alderbrook convention in September.

ADJOURNED AT 7:56