

**TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

Tacoma Harvester Restaurant

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PRESENT**

President	Diane Clarkson
Vice President	Steve Merrival
Secretary-Treasurer	Sarah Richardson
Trustee	Amanda Searle
Trustee	Antoni Froehling
Trustee	Lindsay Camandona
Trustee	Nicholas Andrews
Pierce County Superior Court Liaison	Judge Elizabeth Martin
Pierce County Commissioner Liaison	Commissioner Mark Gelman
Pierce County Commissioner Liaison	Commissioner Diana Kiesel
Pierce County District Court Liaison	Judge Judy Jasprica
	Judge Margaret Ross
Young Lawyers Section President	Kelley Kavanagh
Immediate Past-President	Matthew Thomas
WSBA Liaison, 6 <sup>th</sup> District	Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson
WSBA Liaison, 8 <sup>th</sup> District	Kim Hunter
Seattle University Law School Liaison	Professor John Weaver
Washington Women Lawyers	Erica Eggertsen
Pierce County Lawyer	Andrea McNeely
Volunteer Legal Services	Chris Maharry
Executive Director	Kit Kasner

Members: Sal Mungia, Brian Neuharth, David Snell

**ABSENT**

Criminal Law Section	Matthew McGowan/ Claire Vitikainen
Collaborative Law Liaison	Lynn Johnson
Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison	Judge David Ladenburg
Trustee	Amanda Searle
Trustee	John Wilson

**OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES**

Motion and approval to adopt October meeting minutes passed.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**President's Report – Diane Clarkson**

Nominations are underway and go through December for 3 trustee positions and the vice-president position. Nominations and self-nominations are welcome.

**Vice-President's Report – Steve Merrival**

No report.

**Secretary-Treasurer Report – Sarah Richardson**

October's checking account balance appears significantly lower than it did this time last year. Kit says that additional money has yet to be transferred in from the Paypal accounts; she's been busy with two CLEs at the end of the month. Our CLE revenue is lower this year in part because Judge Nevin's annual CLE won't be held until January and possibly in part due to the on-line CLE rules changing.

**Unfinished Business**

Sal Mungia proposed a service project for a Back-to-School Legal Aid Carnival at McCarver elementary school to include supplies donations and civil legal aid services on site for families. They request \$1,900.00 from the TPCBA and if it is successful, to consider making it an annual event. Discussion was held regarding the project, including the ability of the TPCBA to fund the request, that the 2018 budget has not yet been approved, how to gauge membership support for this type of project, and potential donation toward the cost. A motion to approve the request was made, and a motion to deny voting on the request was made. Both were denied. A motion to consider the project in the future was approved.

A proposal to support diversity in the TPCBA mission statement was approved. The statement reads, "The TPCBA is committed to diversity and inclusion within the legal profession."

**New Business**

Many upcoming activities in the next few weeks were listed. Steve Merrival proposed a membership survey to guide the trustees in budgeting money.

**COMMITTEE / LIAISON / SECTION REPORTS**

**Pierce County Superior Court – Judge Martin**

Terri Farmer will be sworn in as Commissioner on November 6. Judicial officers will rotate in January, including a new Commissioner position to help Ex-parte and DV. The Rules committee may propose extending the 6 day motion to 7 days to accommodate reply time and time for judges to read all pleadings. Commissioner Gelman suggested 1) check LINX before electronic filing to ensure a case has not been closed or dismissed, 2) file motions, decs and notes before sending in an Order to Show Cause to make sure the show cause date is available and timely requested, 3) take care to not pay for e-filing duplicate orders.

**Pierce County District Court – Judge Jasprica and Judge Ross**

Calendars and facilities may be changing in district court in the spring to streamline criminal, civil and therapeutic courts. Probation will be moving in part to the CCB 6<sup>th</sup> floor and into another county building which hopefully will also house a resource center. A grant from the Bureau of Veteran's Affairs will help with technical assistance, and one for mental health coordinators will assist District Court matters. The Judges thanked Kit Kasner and Virginia for their assistance in organizing Judge Heller's retirement celebration.

**WSBA Board of Governors – Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson, 6<sup>th</sup> district, and Kim Hunter, 8<sup>th</sup> district.**

Judge Tollefson introduced Kim Hunter, the 8<sup>th</sup> District representative, and noted that four different districts encompass Pierce County. Ms. Hunter is a criminal defense attorney and represents parts of south King County and north Pierce County on the BOG. The Governors will be sending out newsletters shortly regarding BOG activity.

**Young Lawyers – Kelley Kavanagh**

The Judicial Skit night is planned for December 7, though schedules are still being finalized. The next president is Megan Driscoll. Law Day planning begins in January.

**Washington Women Lawyers – Erica Eggertsen**

The new WWL presidents are Arena Anderson and Amber Austin. The Christmas party is TBA. Brown bag CLE's are being planned.

**Seattle University – John Weaver**

If anyone needs an extern, please call SU. Side Bar for Seattle University alumni will be in March.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Room 101 will be a new Commissioner Courtroom for DV screening. The implicit bias video shown to jurors has been helpful in discussing the issue during jury selection.

**ADJOURNED AT 8:18**