

TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 16, 2018
Tacoma Harvester Restaurant

CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order at 7:20 by Vice-President Steve Merrival.

PRESENT

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| President | Diane Clarkson |
| Vice President | Steve Merrival |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Sarah Richardson |
| Trustee | Amanda Searle |
| Trustee | Nicholas Andrews |
| Trustee | John Wilson |
| Pierce County Superior Court Liaison | Judge Elizabeth Martin |
| Pierce County Commissioner Liaison | Commissioner Robyn Lindsay |
| Pierce County Commissioner Liaison | Commissioner Diana Kiesel |
| Pierce County District Court Liaison | Judge Judy Jasprica |
| Immediate Past-President | Matthew Thomas |
| WSBA Liaison, 6 th District | Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson |
| Seattle University Law School Liaison | Professor John Weaver |
| Volunteer Legal Services | Chris Maharry |
| Young Lawyers | Meaghan Driscoll |
| Criminal Law | Matthew McGowan |
| Collaborative Law | Lynn Johnson |
| Family Law | Amanda Cook |
| Executive Director | Kit Kasner |

ABSENT

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| Trustee | Lindsay Camandona, excused |
| Tacoma Municipal Court Judicial Liaison | Judge David Ladenburg |
| VLS | Chris Maharry |
| Washington Women Lawyers | Jennifer Andrews |

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

December meeting minutes were unavailable due to computer difficulties; they'll be reviewed for approval at the February meeting.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice-President's Report – Steve Merrival

Steve spoke about his ideas for the upcoming year to include focusing on the budget, combining the diversity and minority bar committees, increasing volunteerism, resolving VLS funding questions and

issues with the TPCBA through a committee with the Bar Foundation, VLS and trustees. He'll invite VLS to his first meeting as President. Ideas for a membership survey on TPCBA services.

Secretary-Treasurer Report – Sarah Richardson

Budget report was approved. Annual membership meeting report was repeated that we cannot sustain funding with budgets that exceed revenue. The BOT and members should closely evaluate member benefit priorities vs. necessities. Some considerations may be electronic vs. paper subscriptions to the TPCBA magazine (with increased advertising), increasing CLE registration and attendance, reduced social benefits such as Lawyerpalooza and Friend committee flowers and donations.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

COMMITTEE / LIAISON / SECTION REPORTS

Pierce County Superior Court – Judge Martin

Commissioner Adams is staffing the new Commissioner rotation position handling DV protection orders. DV petitioners have a 50% failure-to-appear rate. Firearm surrender procedures continue to be addressed with a compliance docket to be added later in the year. This year's presiding Commissioner is Robyn Lindsay. Since mandated e-filing, the mail volume is up by 3,000/month.

Pierce County District Court – Judge Jasprica

The new resource center will launch February 1. It will soon be located next to TAPCO.

WSBA Board of Governors – Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson, 6th district

The BOG is reviewing the RPC's regarding lawyer advertising and expects a referendum work group report at the January meeting.

Young Lawyers – Meaghan Driscoll

Meaghan is the 2018 president. The YL are looking to increase membership and participation. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at Connelly Law Offices.

Family Law – Amanda Cook

Amanda is the past-President of the Family Law section, Anthony Zorich is this year's President. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at noon.

Criminal Law – Matthew McGowan

No report this month

Minority Bar Association – Mark Brady

The group is hosting a community law forum on March 29th including a panel of Judges and Attorneys. Location is at 15th and I streets.

Collaborative Law – Lynn Johnson

A statewide training is being held March 2-4 in Chelan. Local meetings are held at Grassis in University Place. Contact Lynn for more information.

Seattle University – John Weaver

Seattle University is hosting a Sidebar event in Tacoma on Thursday, March 1 for graduates and the Pierce County bench and bar. It will be hosted at Ledger Square Law offices.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Steve is excited for better donuts and coffee in the attorney lounge.

ADJOURNED AT 8:14