

TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Harvester Restaurant

PRESENT

President	Steve Merrival
Vice President	Ken Blanford
Secretary-Treasurer	Sarah Richardson
Immediate Past President	Diane Clarkson
Trustee	Nick Andrews
Trustee	Lindsay Camandona
Trustee	Kelley Kavanagh
Trustee	Lisa Kremer
Trustee	Amanda Searle
Young Lawyers	Drew Pugsley
	Jordan Couch
Family Law section	Amanda Cook
Tacomaprobono	Laurie Davenport
	Brian Leech
Superior Court	Judge Elizabeth Martin
	Commissioner Diana Kiesel
Minority Bar Association	Mark Brady
Washington Women Lawyers	Erica Eggertsen
Criminal Law section	Matthew McGowan
WSBA Governor	Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson
Seattle University liaison	Professor John Weaver
TPCBA Executive Director	Kit Kasner

Absent

Trustee	Meaghan Driscoll, Excused
Trustee	Casey Arbenz, Unexcused

*Absences noted only for voting members of the BOT.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by President Steve Merrival

2. MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Reviewed and approved with two corrections.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report - Steve Merrival

Steve invited Laurie Davenport, the director of Tacomaprobono (formerly VLS), for discussion with the board about how we work together with the MOU that's in place. Brian Leech was appointed to chair the TPB committee.

Vice President's Report - Ken Blanford: None

Secretary - Treasurer's report - Sarah Richardson

The March financial report was reviewed. . Kit's working on credit card transaction fees being pd by members to reduce costs. Sarah spoke to Pierce County Lawyer magazine editor John Cain about exploring options before next year's budget approval to increase revenue and/or reduce costs of the magazine. A couple of advertisers prefer the current format to on-line formats for advertising. One suggestion for an on-line format is an embedded link so members don't have to follow links to read the magazine. King county has a newspaper style magazine. Kit will ask the current publisher to speak to revenue and cost-saving suggestions.

4. TACOMAPROBONO REPORT

Laurie Davenport described Tacomaprobono's organizational structure as part of TPCBA and its primary purposes. She explained the requirements connected to grant funding. A couple of anticipated funding sources for 2018 have not materialized but she said they will seek other funding sources or fund-raising. Steve said that the TPCBA Board of Trustees needs more direct oversight and involvement in decision-making in accordance with the by-laws and the MOU. Laurie requested faster and flexible communications since time is often an issue.

5. REPORTS FROM THE LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES

Superior Court Judicial Liaison- Judge Elizabeth Martin

Please review and comment on proposed local rules which are found at the Superior Court website. The state Supreme Court has made changes to preemptory challenges and evidence rules regarding illegal immigrants. Judge van Doornick was elected as the President-elect for the state Judges' Association. Judge Chushcoff was elected as the Secretary/Treasurer. E-filing changes are coming for Commissioners' calendars. See the TPCBA website under "Resources for Attorneys".

WSBA Board of Governor's Report - Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson

The WSBA has proposed several by-law changes with a short comment time that closes on May 3. Judge Tollefson urges members to review them ASAP and contact him to comment. One proposal is for three new BOG members, including one LLLT. There are only 31 LLLTs in the entire state. He suggests reviewing the most recent BOG meeting which can be found on-line. The WSBA is not facilitating messaging from the Governors to membership via the WSBA. Judge Tollefson can be reached via his email address there and requests member input on current WSBA activities.

Young Lawyers Section - Jordan Couch and Drew Pugsley

The Young Lawyers are planning three significant events. All members are invited and encouraged to attend a swearing in ceremony to welcome to our profession new attorneys who recently passed the bar. It will be held on Thursday, April 26 at 4:00 in courtroom 100. The annual Law Day luncheon will be held on Friday, May 4 at the Landmark Convention center. Please register with Kit Kasner at TPCBA. And, mark your calendars for the First Annual Formal Casino Night social to raise funds for Tacomaprobono (formerly VLS) on August 3. More details to follow.

Family Law Section - Amanda Cook

Section members are busy learning significant new legislation that becomes effective in a few months.

Other reports tabled due to time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36

Next meeting is May 15, 2018 at 7:15 a.m. at the Tacoma Harvester Restaurant.