

TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

Harvester Restaurant

PRESENT

President	Steve Merrival
Vice President	Ken Blanford
Secretary-Treasurer	Sarah Richardson
Immediate Past President	Diane Clarkson
Trustee	Nick Andrews
Trustee	Kelley Kavanagh
Trustee	Lisa Kremer
Family Law section	Amanda Cook
Superior Court	Judge Elizabeth Martin
	Commissioner Diana Kiesel
	Commissioner Robin Lindsay
Criminal Law section	Jessica Ritzman
WSBA Governor	Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson
Seattle University liaison	Professor John Weaver
TPCBA Executive Director	Kit Kasner

Absent

Trustee	Lindsay Camandona, Excused
Trustee	Meaghan Driscoll, Unexcused
Trustee	Amanda Searle, Excused

*Absences noted only for voting members of the BOT.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 by President Steve Merrival

2. APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Approved by consensus.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report - Steve Merrival

Lawyerpalooza is set for August 4 at Martin Duenholter's farm. Family, staff and friends are welcome. The Young Lawyers are hosting their Casino Night the night before. Diane Clarkson noted that we can all be 20 again and party all weekend.

Vice President's Report - Ken Blanford: None

Secretary - Treasurer's report - Sarah Richardson

No questions or issues regarding the financial report. Tacomaprobono will pay their payroll tax (currently \$30,000.00) at the end of the second quarter when grant money is expected.

4. REPORTS FROM THE LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES

Superior Court Judicial Liaison- Judge Elizabeth Martin, Commissioners Kiesel and Lindsay

May is Juror Appreciation month. The bench is seeking funding for a 23rd judicial department, new local rules are being reviewed and approved. In Commissioners' courts, paper working copies are no longer required, and the sign-in process for ex-parte is changing to signing in at the clerk's office. The DV screening commissioner position is reducing DV failures to appear.

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

The Board of Governors meets this week to discuss new by-laws, among other items.

Family Law Section - Amanda Cook

The section is planning a service project with Habitat for Humanity on October 13. The monthly CLE meetings continue to be well attended.

Criminal Law Section - Jessica Ritzman

The section is planning a CLE for November.

Washington Women Lawyers

No report but Lisa Kremer said their Spring Clean event was well attended.

Seattle University - Professor Weaver

The law school hosted graduation last week. Students and grads will be working in Pierce County this summer. UW law school has a new Dean who came from California's UC Irvine. The BOG presented Professor Weaver with a card and small gift to commemorate his retirement from Seattle U this month.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42

Next meeting is June 19, 2018 at 7:15 a.m. at the Tacoma Harvester Restaurant.