

TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Harvester Restaurant

PRESENT

President	Steve Merrival
Vice President	Ken Blanford
Secretary-Treasurer	Sarah Richardson
Immediate Past President	Diane Clarkson
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Trustee	Amanda Searle
Trustee	Casey Arbenz
Young Lawyers	Meaghan Driscoll
Minority Bar Association	Mark Brady
Superior Court	Judge Elizabeth Martin
	Commissioner Robyn Lindsay
District Court	Judge Judy Jasprica
Criminal Law section	Laura Rodgers
Family Law section	Amanda Cook
Washington Women Lawyers	Irina Anderson
WSBA Governor	Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson
Seattle University liaison	Professor John Weaver
TPCBA Executive Director	Kit Kasner

Absent

Trustee	Nick Andrews, excused
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*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. JULY MEETING MINUTES

Approved.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report - Steve Merrival No report

Vice President's Report - Ken Blanford: No Report

Secretary - Treasurer's report - Sarah Richardson

Review of some budget items, still waiting to finalize Casino Night and Lawyerpalooza. Looking into shifting credit card processing charges to purchasers instead of our budget. Our magazine's printer will attend our next meeting, as well as the magazine's next meeting, to discuss costs and revenue of the magazine.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

5. REPORTS FROM THE LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES

Superior Court Judicial Liaison- Judge Elizabeth Martin and Lindsay

New court rules went into effect 9/1/18. Pro tem Commissioners can now check out lap tops to review cases prior to hearings since working copies are no longer filed. Pro ses can sign up for free LINX accounts to see their own documents. Mental health proceedings have been consolidated into one department, currently Judge Cuthbertson. DAC and the Prosecutor's office have attorneys dedicated to mental health cases as well to improve deliver of systems.

District Court Liaison - Judge Judy Jasprica

New judge Lloyd Oaks has begun, and two new elected judges will start in January and a new court administrator was hired. The design phase to move probation officers to the 6th floor is underway. A technical assistance grant is being used to help develop veteran's court.

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

The NW Lawyer magazine highlights important issues for our understanding and comment including mandatory malpractice and the addition of 3 non-lawyer governors. The annual APEX awards will be presented at the Sheraton at the end of September.

Young Lawyers - Meaghan Driscoll

The section hosted the annual Fall swearing in ceremony for new lawyers at which Justice Gonzales spoke. The first Friday of December will be Judicial Skit night. Casino night was fun and they are finalizing a report on it. They're hosting a wine toss at the Convention.

Family Law Section - Amanda Cook

The November CLE will be held on the 4th Wednesday instead of the 3rd Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The section is working with Habitat for Humanity on October 13 as a community service project.

Criminal Law Section - Laura Rodgers

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. The group is working on a list serve for defense attorneys regarding common issues such as Brady officers and they need a tech savvy volunteer to help. They are also reviewing a program to front bond money for indigent defendants similar to a program in King County.

Bar Convention - Diane Clarkson

Preparations for the Semiahmoo convention are going well. A few more sponsors are needed. This year a Charleston dance competition will be part of the costume night.

Minority Bar - Mark Brady

The Youth and Law forum is not being held this fall because of the delayed start from the teacher's strike. They are meeting with an AAG regarding diversity CLEs which may be mandatory for all attorneys in the future. The McCarver school project went very well with lots of attendees and organizations present to offer information and support to families, including the Division of Child Support, back pack raffles, school supplies, stuffed animal giveaways and bounce houses for kids to play in.

Washington Women Lawyers - Irina Anderson

The Pierce County chapter selected Judge Whitener as Woman of the Year and honored her at an evening reception. Monthly meetings are held at the law offices of Amber Austin.

Seattle University - Professor Weaver

SU has 200 entering students this year and the largest J.D. program in the state. UW may have more law students overall including their LL.M program.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Next meeting is October 16, 2018 at 7:15 a.m. at the Tacoma Harvester Restaurant.