

**TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES**

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 20, 2018**

**Harvester Restaurant**

**PRESENT**

President	Steve Merrival
Vice President	Ken Blanford
Secretary / Treasurer	Sarah Richardson
Immediate Past President	Diane Clarkson
Trustee	Amanda Searle
Trustee	Kelley Kavanagh
Trustee	Lisa Kremer
Trustee	Lindsay Camandona
Young Lawyers	Meaghan Driscoll
Family Law section	Amanda Cook
Superior Court	Judge Elizabeth Martin
District Court	Judge Judy Jasprica
Tacoma Municipal Court	Judge David Ladenburg
TacomaProBono	Robert Taub
Collaborative Law	Leslie Bottimore
WSBA Governor	Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson
Seattle University liaison	Prof. John Weaver
Pierce County Lawyer Magazine	John Cain, Editor
	Mike Slease, Printer Gen. Mgr
	Kit Kasner
TPCBA Executive Director	

**ABSENT**

Trustee	Nick Andrews, Excused
Trustee	Casey Arbenz, Unexcused

\*Absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order at 7:25 by Vice-President Ken Blanford.

**2. SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

Approved by vote.

### **3. REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

#### **President – Steve Merrival**

Suggested financial gift to Friends committee. BOT will review and consider for future discussion.

#### **Vice President – Ken Blanford**

Committee consisting of the President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer has been formed to nominate officers and trustees for next year's board. All nominations are welcome. Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and three trustee positions are up for election.

#### **Secretary / Treasurer Report – Sarah Richardson**

Checking account are low, about half of what they were this time last year. Membership dues will increase revenue starting in December, and more CLE revenue is expected. Our bank merchant charges are about \$7,000/year; we can consider finding an account without those charges or passing charges to membership. Pierce County Lawyer Magazine discussion on the agenda includes cost discussions. Group discussion to not charge mailing for hard copies of PC Lawyer Magazine. Kit requested and was approved charging \$5.00 more for Lincoln Day Banquet due to increased food costs.

### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Lisa Kremer requests nominations for Community Service by early January to be presented at the Lincoln Day Banquet, which is scheduled for February 1, 2019.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

Mike Slease is the general manager of Sir Speedy, which designs the PC Lawyer Magazine. He provided cost savings and revenue generating suggestions, and he got the printer to reduce costs by about \$4300/year. Suggestions for revenue are to market to non-bar members and non-legal professional services for advertising and subscription. Mailing and paper costs are the variable costs, design and print setting are fixed costs.

### **6. ACTION ITEMS**

### **7. REPORTS FROM LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES**

#### **Superior Court Judicial Liaison – Judge Elizabeth Martin**

Please attend the court history mural reveal on November 29 at 5:00 in courtroom 100. The mental health court is expanding. This year's budget is unlikely to include a 23<sup>rd</sup> judge. Judge Garold Johnson be the next presiding judge. Judge Ashcraft is leading a workgroup to consider mandatory arbitration cost limits which is currently accepting input with a recommendation to be made in the spring. Commissioner Foley is retiring in January.

#### **District Court Judicial Liaison – Judge Judy Jasprica**

Lizanne Padula and Karl Williams will take the bench January. Judge Ross is retiring 11/30/18. Veterans court starts in December and introductory sessions will be held for all who are interested. The Court Resource Center held an employer day an exceeding attendance expectations.

**Tacoma Municipal Court Liaison – Judge David Ladenburg**

The Tacoma city council approved transition to a paperless court by mid-year 2019. Dwayne Christopher is joining the bench in January.

**WSBA Board of Governor’s Report – Ret. Judge Brian Tollefson**

The WSBA has a private health exchange available for members with open enrollment happening now. Another legal research database, Fast Case, is being tested for a couple of years along with Casemaker. The mandatory malpractice committee is ongoing with a final report due in March. The interim report is in the current Bar News issue. The Supreme Court has initiated a study of the structure of the WSBA. California recently restructured by making the regulatory functions part of the state legislator. Contact Judge Tollefson or Kit Kasner if you have interest in serving on the committee studying the issue.

**Tacoma Pro Bono – Robert Taub**

TPB may add low-bono discounted services. Following discussions, a proposal will be brought to the full board for approval.

**Seattle University – Prof John Weaver**

Sad news that Raven Lidman recently passed away.

**Meeting adjourned due to time at 8:30.**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, December 18 at 7:15 a.m. at the Tacoma Harvester restaurant. All are welcome to attend.