

# TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, January 15, 2019  
Harvester Restaurant

## PRESENT

President	Steve Merrival
Vice President	Ken Blanford
Secretary-Treasurer	Sarah Richardson
Immediate Past President	Diane Clarkson
Trustee	Kelley Kavanagh
Trustee	Lindsay Camandona
Trustee	Amanda Searle
Trustee	Casey Arbenz
Trustee	Nick Andrews
Young Lawyers	Andrew Pugsley
Superior Court	Garold Johnson
District Court	Judge Judy Jasprica
Family Law	Anthony Zorich
Collaborative Law	Leslie Bottimore
Criminal Law section	Laura Rodgers
Washington Women Lawyers	Amber Austin
Seattle University liaison	Professor John Weaver
TPCBA Executive Director	Kit Kasner
Attorney	David Snell
Legal Assistant / Future Attorney?	Lexi Snell

## Absent

Trustee	Lisa Kremer, 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. DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Approved by consensus.

### **3. OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **President's Report - Steve Merrival**

Steve is looking forward to serving his term as the Past-President.

#### **Vice President's Report - Ken Blanford**

Meeting with outgoing and continuing trustees for feedback on the year. May seek election by-law change to not require two or more nominations for positions.

#### **Secretary - Treasurer's report - Sarah Richardson**

Final 2018 budget numbers show we were over budget by \$41,447.87, which is less than the projected budget deficit of \$60,184.00. Glad we were able to pass a balanced budget for 2019 despite some hard cuts and hope the TPCBA will continue that type of fiscal responsibility in the future.

### **4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

### **5. REPORTS FROM THE LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES**

#### **Superior Court Judicial Liaison- Garold Johnson**

Judge Johnson is the new Presiding judge. Superior Court is working on an appellate case issue impacting the courts, on improving Family Court services, supporting Mental Health Court and reducing criminal trial wait times.

#### **District Court Liaison - Judge Judy Jasprica**

District Court is swearing in Judges Padula and Williams this week.

#### **Family Law Section - Anthony Zorich**

The section will host GAL 26 training later this year and is working on pattern interrogatories.

#### **Young Lawyers - Drew Pugsley**

The section intends to strengthen connections to the law schools this year and to host the second annual Casino Night on June 7.

### **Criminal Law Section - Laura Rodgers**

The section will sponsor a lunchtime CLE in February regarding Brady information.

### **Minority Bar - Diane Clarkson for Mark Brady**

Planning for the Youth and Law Forum is underway. The date will be May 4, and the venue is TBD.

### **Washington Women Lawyers - Amber Austin**

The next meeting is next Wednesday at 5:30 at TacomaProBono.

### **Collaborative Law - Leslie Bottimore**

Contact Tom Cena or Leslie if you'd like more information about the section or CL training. Four events are scheduled including visiting with SU Law School's ADR section, and local and statewide training in February and March.

### **Seattle University - Professor Weaver**

Seattle University's law school career center will do individualized searches for firms seeking new attorneys. Some students will attend the Lincoln Day banquet. He and Dean Clark were gratified to see so many alumni on the bench during Dwayne Christopher's swearing-in ceremony.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40**

Next meeting is March 19, 2019 at 7:15 a.m. at the Tacoma Harvester Restaurant.