

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
Harvester Restaurant

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
VIE PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
TRUSTEE *	Casey Arbenz
TRUSTEE *	Kelley Kavanagh
TRUSTEE *	Lisa Kremer
TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Josh Brumley for Cole Douglas
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Anthony Zorich
TACOMAPROBONO	Heather Swann
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISONS	Aryna Anderson
PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT	Presiding Judge, Gary Johnson
JUVENILE COURT LIASON	Presiding Commissioner Diana Kiesel
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	John Weaver
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner
OTHER:	Laurie Davenport, Tacoma Pro Bono

\* denotes voting member

ABSENT

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Steven Merrival
TRUSTEE *	John Cain

\* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:17 am by President Ken Blanford.

2. MEETING MINUTES

The April 2019 minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as presented.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT--KEN BLANFORD

There will be a breakfast with the WSBA President on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Ken would like everyone to attend, if possible. An email will be sent out shortly with the details.

All the Committee and Liaison positions are filled for the TPCBA Committees, except the Diversity Committee as no one has volunteered.

The Board needs to review the bylaws.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT--JAMES MCCORMICK

Judicial evaluations continue, 8 people have been evaluated, 5 more still to complete.

### 4. FINANCIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG

No report, no questions. Budget to Actuals and Financial Statement included in agenda materials.

### 5. TACOMAPROBONO REPORT—LAURIE DAVENPORT

In the last 3-4 years Tacomaprobono has received funding for specialized programs that require certain actions.

The response to the Give 2 in 2019 has been impressive.

60-70% of their cases are family law, and given the increase in volunteers they can schedule people in clinics right away, rather than having them wait weeks or months as has been the past. There are approximately 70-80 clinics offered.

They have 12 employees, 11 FTE including 5 paid attorneys. This is one of the larger pro bono programs in the state.

The Housing Justice Project will be expanding as it is helping people to avoid homelessness.

How is Tacomaprobono funded? Legal Foundation of Washington, Campaign for Equal Justice, specialized funding (for example VOCA and from the Puyallup Tribe), individual contributions, and the Bar Foundation. The funding sources are currently more stable and diversified than they have been in the past.

Tacomaprobono has a \$700,000 annual budget.

How can the membership help? Volunteer, give money, and participate in Tacomaprobono night on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing.

8. ACTION ITEMS

Nothing.

9. LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES REPORTS

SUPERIOR COURT REPORT--JUDGE JOHNSON

Superior Court is working on year 1 of the Biennial Budget, they would like to hire a statistician and seat another Judge, but the request for funding an additional Judge will be made in year 2 of the Budget.

There are a lot of new statutes to digest following this past legislative session, so the Judges are working on that project.

FAMILY LAW REPORT—ANTHONY ZORICH

The Section is working on putting together a GAL training and pattern interrogatories.

YOUNG LAWYERS REPORT—JOSH BRUMLEY

The swearing-in ceremony on April 25<sup>th</sup> was small, but successful. Only 5 new lawyers signed up to be sworn in, but not all participated.

Law Day was well attended, but the lunch operated at a loss.

Casino night is 6/7 and is almost fully funded by sponsors. Tickets are on sale now.

WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS—ARYNA ANDERSON

There will be another school supply drive in August.

They have a robust Judicial Qualifications Committee evaluating potential Judges.

LAW SCHOOL LIAISON—JOHN WEAVER

Seattle University just graduated 167 people. Their numbers remain down, as they are nationally.

The bar exam is in Tacoma in July.

GOLF COMMITTEE—RON CULPEPPER

The tournament will be on 6/28 at Madrona in Gig Harbor and will likely make a profit.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing reported.

11. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 2019, 7:15 am at Harvester

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 am.