

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019  
Harvester Restaurant

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
VIE PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Steven Merrival
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
TRUSTEE *	Kelley Kavanagh
TRUSTEE *	Lisa Kremer
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Cole Douglas
TACOMAPROBONO	Heather Swann
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISONS	Aryna Anderson
JUVENILE COURT LIASON	Presiding Commissioner Diana Kiesel
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	John Weaver
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner

\* denotes voting member

ABSENT

TRUSTEE *	Casey Arbenz
TRUSTEE *	John Cain
TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret. (participated in part by phone)
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Anthony Zorich (provided written report)

\* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:20 am by President Ken Blanford.

2. MEETING MINUTES

The May 2019 minutes were moved, seconded, and approved with the name change of tacomaprobono from Volunteer Legal Services.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--KEN BLANFORD

Elections Committee is getting underway. If members know someone who has an interest in a position or if members have an interest they should contact James McCormick or Heather Young.

A Bylaws Committee is being put together. If you have an interest in serving, please contact Ken Blanford, James McCormick, or Heather Young.

The Friends Committee has a budget shortfall and Ken is looking for sponsors.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT--JAMES MCCORMICK

The Judicial Qualifications Committee completed its work for the appointment to fill Judge Serko's position. Judge Hickman announced he is retiring so the Committee will review and rate those persons interested in being appointed to fill Judge Hickman's department.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG

Budget to Actuals and Financial Statement included in agenda materials.

Steve had a question about contributions to Lawyerpalooza as that it not taking place this year. Ken pointed out that those funds are designated for Lawyerpalooza and will be helpful for the next time the event is held. Ken will inquire with the Committee Chair to see if there is an intent to put on the event next year or future years.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was brought to amend the March 2019 Board retreat minutes to correct an error on the reporting of the cash reserves. The motion was seconded and approved.

Jamey proposed that the Board pass a resolution that the Board Members should all participate in tacomaprobono's Give 2 in 2019 campaign. After discussion, the motion for a resolution was made and seconded and passed with one "no" vote.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Nothing.

8. LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES REPORTS

#### FAMILY LAW REPORT—ANTHONY ZORICH

Tony provided his report by email:

1. Still working on pattern ROGs/RFPs
2. Working with the bench on GAL training. More details to follow.
3. Recently had a Q&A panel with Judges Ashcraft and Kirkendoll. Extremely well attended and they fielded a number of questions from the section on various family law trial and evidentiary issues.
4. Starting to plan our fall service activity and social. Last year's service activity was a day with Habitat for Humanity. Previous socials at 7 Seas and Pacific Brewing. More details to follow.

#### JUDICIAL EVALUATIONS—JUDGE RONALD CULPEPPER, RET.

Ron had a meeting with several sitting Judges on this topic. The Judges were not excited about the prospect, but asked if the Bar chose to proceed with evaluations if they could be involved in the structuring of the questions/process. The Judges did not feel that the anonymous comments were helpful to them or necessarily fair. The Judges expressed that they did not like that the results from 2008 were released to the TNT. Ron also spoke with David Snell, the Chair of the Committee about the feedback he received from the Judges.

Ken advised that he intended to survey the membership to see if there is interest in the Bar evaluating the Judges. He further advised that our bylaws suggest, but do not require, that we evaluate the Judges every even year.

#### PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT—PRESIDING COMMISSIONER DIANA KIESEL

The Commissioners will be rotating positions on July 1, as follows:

Commissioner Johnson, Room 117/Domestic Violence  
Commissioner Adams, Room 407  
Commissioner Kiesel, Ex Parte  
Commissioner Henderson, Room 100  
Commissioner McInville, Remann Hall  
Commissioner Gelman, Domestic Violence Screening  
Commissioner Lindsay, Remann Hall/Juvenile Offenders  
Commissioner Ahrens, CD

#### YOUNG LAWYERS REPORT—COLE DOUGLAS

Casino night was 6/7, there were over 200 attendees, and the event made a profit. They are looking into dates and locations for next year.

They are working with Commissioner Kiesel on a more organic and fluid format for mentorship opportunities.

#### LAW SCHOOL LIAISON—JOHN WEAVER

Starting in Fall 2020 Seattle University School of Law is making changes to the part-time program to address commuting—they will offer 1/3 of the part-time program classes on-line. He also advised that part-time students now have 4 years to complete their degree, to allow for more flexibility.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup> Seattle University is offering a free program, How Real Estate Responds to Disruptive Change. <https://law.seattleu.edu/how-real-estate-responds-to-disruptive-change>

#### CRIMINAL LAW SECTION—LAURA RODGERS

NW Community Bond is coming to Pierce County to talk about opportunities for grants for indigent defendants to obtain bond.

Few people are participating in section meetings. They will be hosting a CLE in hopes to encourage participation. Several family law attorneys attended the recent Criminal Law Section social. If low participation continues the section may dissolve for lack of interest.

#### TACOMAPROBONO—HEATHER SWANN

The Committee is working on a bylaw review and works/communicates regularly with the Board of Trustees.

The Director, Laurie Davenport, has announced that she will be transitioning about of her role as Director and into a full-time role with the Bar Foundation. The Committee is working with Tacomaprobono on a plan to replace Laurie.

The Give 2 in 2019 campaign is going very well, with substantial participation by bar members.

#### WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS—ARYNA ANDERSON

The Committee is doing well. There is a social later this week. No meeting in July and they will resume in August, to include a school supply drive.

#### 9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing reported.

#### 10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 7:15 am at Harvester

#### 12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 am.