

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, October 15, 2019
Harvester Restaurant

PRESENT

VICE PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
TRUSTEE *	Lisa Kremer
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Josh Brumley
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Anthony Zorich
TACOMAPROBONO	Heather Swann
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISONS	Carly Roberts
COLLABORATIVE LAW LIAISON	Leslie Bottimore
JUVENILE COURT LIAISON	Presiding Commissioner Diana Kiesel
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	John Weaver
WSBA LIAISON, 6 TH DISTRICT TRUSTEE	Judge Brian, Tollefson, Ret.

* denotes voting member

ABSENT

PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Steven Merrival
TRUSTEE *	Casey Arbenz
TRUSTEE *	John Cain
TRUSTEE *	Kelley Kavanagh

* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:30 am by Vice-President James McCormick

2. MEETING MINUTES

The September 2019 minutes were reviewed; however, due to a lack of quorum were not voted upon.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT--JAMES MCCORMICK

The Judicial Qualification committee will be evaluating candidates for Judge Hickman's department now that he has announced his retirement.

Convention Update, with Kit Kasner. Kit just received the final invoice so she does not yet have final numbers to present. She believes the convention will break even. There were more sponsorships this year, which brought in more money.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG

Budget to Actuals and Financial Statement included in agenda materials.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Nothing.

8. LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES REPORTS

PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT—PRESIDING COMMISSIONER DIANA KIESEL

For the current rotations:

Commissioner Kiesel	Ex Parte
Commissioner Henderson	DV Screener
Commissioner Farmer	117/DV
Commissioner Gelman	100
Commissioner Lindsay	407
Pro Tem Commissioner Marshall	Western State (until new Commissioner is chosen)
Commissioner McInville	Remann Hall
Commissioner Johnson	Juvenile Offender Court
Commissioner Adams	Criminal

WSBA LIAISON, 6TH DISTRICT TRUSTEE--JUDGE BRIAN, TOLLEFSON, RET.

The WSBA fiscal year began 10/1/2019. The WSBA has about 3.7 million in reserves and has been deficit spending for several years, including an additional 500 thousand for this new fiscal

year. The new finance council is looking to reverse this trend as the WSBA has a 20 million annual budget and the current council does not believe 2 million in reserves is sufficient.

Justice Fairhurst published the Supreme Court's vote on the Bar Structures Workgroup recommendations, most were 5-4 votes.

The WSBA received a report from the MCLE Board, although the Board reports to the Supreme Court and not the BOG. The MCLE Board recommends an adjustment to the ethics requirements to include credits on equity, mental health, and technology security. The recommendation is not to increase the number of credits, but to require 1 in each of the aforementioned areas each reporting period. The BOG did not take a position, but did commit to offering CLE credits in all 3 areas.

YOUNG LAWYERS REPORT—JOSH BRUMLEY

The mentoring event is on 10/17 at Coles Bar and Grill in Ruston.

FAMILY LAW REPORT—ANTHONY ZORICH

The Family Law Board just completed and sent their report and recommendations on GALs in Pierce County to Judge Kirkendoll. The recommendations addressed providing training locally, addressing fees, and evaluating GAL work at the conclusion of the case.

TACOMAPROBONO—HEATHER SWANN and CARLY ROBERTS

The Tacomaprobono Night fundraiser is October 25th at the Tacoma Art Museum.

On LFO Day there were 277 hours volunteered. Superior Court has already forgiven \$500,000 in fees and had only processed 27% of the applications. They do not have numbers for Tacoma Municipal or District Court yet.

They are working on updating the web site and have taken down pages with outdated information.

The church/landlord donated space to provide private meetings for attorneys and clients.

WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS—CARLY ROBERTS

The Woman of the Year is Laurie Davenport.

A new board was recently elected as their fiscal year began on 10/1/2019.

Their Holiday Party will be the first week of December.

COLLABORATIVE LAW—LESLIE BOTTIMORE

The committee is planning a training for February 2020.

LAW SCHOOL LIAISON—JOHN WEAVER

There will be a Sidebar in Tacoma on 11/20, the Board is invited even if not a SU alum. It will likely be at Pacific Grill.

Jim Bond, former Dean (x2) of UPS/SU Law passed away in September.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jamey McCormick is looking for speakers for the Lincoln Day Banquet, so if anyone has any ideas, please let him or Kit know.

Jamey shared that John Cain is a published author and you can find his most recent and prior books at the Pierce County Law Library.

There are several CLEs coming up as we approach the end of the year and flyers are out:

- Love Stinks
- Tort Law
- Guardianship Law
- SGAL
- Forensic Science
- Ethics

10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7:15 am at Harvester.

12. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 am.