

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, January 21, 2020  
Harvester Restaurant

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
VICE PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
TRUSTEE *	Lisa Kremer
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Josh Brumley
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Gina Auter
CRIMINAL LAW	Laura Rodgers
WA WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISON	Cassidy Ingram
TACOMAPROBONO	Heather Swann
WSBA BOG LIAISON	Judge Brian Tollefson, ret.
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	John Weaver
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner

\* denotes voting member

ABSENT

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Steven Merrival
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
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 7:20 am by President Ken Blanford

2. MEETING MINUTES

The December 2019 minutes were reviewed and approved as presented. One change was noted – to correct the header to read December and not November.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - KEN BLANFORD

Ken encouraged everyone to attend the Lincoln Day Banquet on Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>. There is an opportunity to sponsor the dessert @ \$2,000 if anyone/firm is interested. The cost of the banquet is \$75, an increase of \$5 this year.

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT - JAMES McCORMICK

Jamey asked everyone to vote today for TPCBA board of trustees. Ballots will be emailed to the membership by Noon today and ending 4:00 PM January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Jamey stated judicial offices will be open this spring. It was suggested that if we are rating judges to help the public, it would be good to evaluate all candidates running. Jamey will check with other counties on this matter.

### 4. FINANCIAL REPORT – KIT KASNER

Budget to Actuals and Financial Statement were included in the agenda materials, along with a revised approved budget adding \$4,000 to the expenses (annual allocation) as a line item to Tacomaprobono. The 2019 budget expense figure was \$646,053 with actual expenses at year end \$664,359. The 2019 budget income figure was \$646,200 with actual income at year end \$672,510.

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### CREATION OF DAYCARE AT COURTHOUSE REPORT—ANDRÉ PEÑALVER

André spoke with King County about the Kent Regional Justice Daycare. It is located in the court house and is a secure facility. King County is participating in a study at the University of Washington regarding the daycare. The daycare is run by Children's Home Society. André is hoping to get financial information from King County. André would like to move forward (at least lock down space) and would like to create a committee. First option would be space in the courthouse although the church has already offered space. André will begin with courthouse contacts ie county executive, facilities management, etc.

#### BY-LAWS REPORT

Lisa Kremer reported the TPCBA by-laws and articles need to be tuned up. They need to be amended to add liability protection and indemnification provisions. There are other changes needed as well. Lisa recommended we stay on top of the by-law changes and updates. All details have been given to Ken who will chair the committee.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

### 7. ACTION ITEMS

No action items.

### 8. LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES REPORTS

#### BOG REPORT—BRIAN TOLLEFSON

The January meeting was busy with bylaw amendments and controversial issues.

One issue was whether to add three more governors or not. The request by the board was 11 to 3 not to add them, one reason was the cost per individual. The board voted not to recommend the mandatory malpractice issue. One of the bylaw amendments was limiting the term of the executive director to 10 years.

LLLT's (Limited license Legal Technicians) have a 2-year education process. UW is not going to provide education to mint new LLLT's. The WSBA did not approve taking action to provide LLLT education at this time.

According to all indications at this point, there will be no resuscitation of any bill to change the state bar's authorization or structure.

The next BOG meeting will be in Olympia in March. For details of all meetings google WSBA Board of Governors or you can find meetings and minutes on the WSBA website at <https://www.wsba.org/about-wsba/who-we-are/board-of-governors/board-meeting-minutes>

#### YOUNG LAWYERS REPORT—JOSH BRUMLEY

The young lawyers have a retreat planned at the end of the month to plan/organize the year. Josh has a dedicated group of young lawyers this year. He is working on updating their by-laws. Casino Night 2020 is scheduled June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Historic 1625. The mentoring event was well attended, fun, and successful. Plans are underway to encourage involvement with law students.

#### FAMILY SECTION REPORT – GINA AUTER

Gina Auter, Family Law Past President and board liaison reported the section had their elections and Jennifer Wing is the new Family Law Vice President. Two new trustees have also been elected to their board. They are investigating a Guardian Ad Litem Training course.

#### CRIMINAL LAW REPORT– LAURA RODGERS

Their group has had very little participation and it's very frustrating. Dee Sonntag will help Laura encourage member participation. Noon meetings have been cancelled due to lack of attendance. A social and free one-hour CLE's have been tried. It was suggested to offer an evening social with free beer.

#### TACOMAPROBONO REPORT – HEATHER SWANN

Tacomaprobono expanded their leadership at the end of 2019. Laurie Davenport is now Director of Development and Outreach and Carly Roberts is Executive Director.

#### WA WOMEN LAWYERS REPORT – CASSIDY INGRAM

They are trying a range of things to encourage members' participation. Their holiday party was well attended and fun.

#### LAW SCHOOL LIAISON REPORT – JOHN WEAVER

The law school will hold a memorial reception and program in honor of Jim Bond on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 5 p.m. at Sullivan Hall.

John and the Law School is working with Legal Pathways which helps people connect to legal careers in the South Sound area.

#### 9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

The Lincoln Day Banquet is February 21, 2020.

#### 10. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 7:15 am.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 am.