

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 17, 2020
Knapps Restaurant

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Kenneth Blanford
VIE PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Heather Young
TRUSTEE *	Lisa Kremer
TRUSTEE *	John Cain
TRUSTEE *	Judge Ronald Culpepper, Ret.
FAMILY LAW PAST PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Gina Auter
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON *	Joshua Brumley
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS	Cassidy Ingram
TACOMARPOBONO	Heather Swann
PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT LIAISONS	Presiding Commissioner Diana Kiesel
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner
OTHER:	Lawyer, Diane Clarkson

* denotes voting member

ABSENT

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	Steven Merrival
TRUSTEE *	Casey Arbenz
TRUSTEE *	Kelley Kavanagh
TRUSTEE *	André Peñalver

* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:18 am by President Ken Blanford.

2. JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

The January 2020 minutes were reviewed. John Weaver moved to amend the minutes to reflect that Seattle University School of Law is working with Legal Pathways and not just John personally. The motion was seconded and approved. The minutes were then moved, seconded, and approved as amended.

3. OFFICER REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT--KEN BLANFORD

There are 370 people signed up for the Lincoln Day Banquet. The price was raised \$5 this year to help cover expenses.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT--JAMES MCCORMICK

Lincoln Day Banquet is this week, please plan on attending. It has a packed agenda.

The Judicial Qualifications Committee is quite busy with the retirement of several Judges. Amanda Searle will be chairing the committee this year.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT--HEATHER YOUNG

Financials are included in the consent agenda. Feel free to reach out if there are any questions.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Nothing.

8. LIAISONS/SECTIONS/COMMITTEES REPORTS

YOUNG LAWYERS REPORT—JOSHUAL BRUMLEY

The section is working to update their bylaws and will be sending the proposed bylaws to their membership to review and vote. They have suggested changes to Officer/Trustee absences. Casino Night will be on June 12th. Most of the planning is finished. The theme is Black and Gold and it will also serve as a fundraiser for the Center for Dialog and Resolution. The section is planning two mentoring events this year, one after each bar exam but before the swearing in ceremonies.

FAMILY LAW SECTION – GINA AUTER

The section is working on a GAL questionnaire to provide to GALs and section members. The Court wants the section to provide a training and the Board wants to know at what rate people are willing to serve as there is no interest in providing a training if Pierce County will not benefit from additional trained GALs. King, Thurston, and Kitsap County all allow GALs to set their own

rates, Pierce does not. The Court did increase the allowable GAL rate to \$125 per hour, still with the initial 15 hour retainer.

TACOMAPROBONO--HEATHER SWANN

Jennifer Ammons is the chair and John Ledford is the co-chair for 2020. Heather Swann now has a position on the TPB Bar Foundation Board for 2020. They are still working on revising their bylaws.

MINORITY BAR—DIANE CLARKSON FOR LISA MANSFIELD

They are working on the retirement party/event for Judge Cuthbertson as well as their bylaws, and the Youth and Law Forum—put on with the Loren Miller Bar Association in King County.

WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS—CASSIDY INGRAM

Coffee with Judges was well attended. Their next event will be for Women's History Month.

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL LIASION—JOHN WEAVER

The Bar Exam is 2/25 and 2/26 in Tacoma. Starting in Fall of 2021 SU will offer the 1st year for part-time students on-line. There is a forthcoming course on artificial intelligence. There will be several faculty, staff, and students attending the Lincoln Day Banquet.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER

Kit will sent out an email to the membership regarding the comment period for mandatory malpractice insurance.

The bill to abolish the WSBA is not quite dead.

Daycare discussion. There was a general discussion about a court-based daycare. The idea is not for the TPCBA to run a daycare, but rather to lend a voice and a nudge to the court or another agency to provide such a service.

The TPCBA will look into Officers and Director's Insurance along with a modification/update to our bylaws.

10. NEXT MEETING

BOT Retreat, voting members only, Friday, March 27, 2020, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Branch Colonial House (No. 21st and Prospect)

11. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 a.m.