

TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
via Zoom

PRESENT

PRESIDENT *	Amanda Searle
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT *	James McCormick
VICE PRESIDENT *	Sarah Richardson
SECRETARY-TREASURER *	Catherine Guza
TRUSTEE *	Jennifer Andrews
TRUSTEE *	Steve Krupa
TRUSTEE *	John Cummings
TRUSTEE *	Desiree Hosannah
TRUSTEE *	Heather Swann
FAMILY LAW LIAISON *	Mark Nelson
YOUNG LAWYERS PRESIDENT/LIAISON*	Jordan Couch
PIERCE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT	Judge Diana Kiesel
	Judge Stanley Rumbaugh
	Judge Phil Sorensen
	Commissioner Barbara McInville
CRIMINAL LAW LIAISON	Dee Sonntag
PIERCE COUNTY MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION LIAISON	Desiree Hosannah
TACOMAPROBONO	Carly Roberts
WASHINGTON WOMEN LAWYERS	Jennifer Andrews
LAW SCHOOL LIAISON	Professor John Weaver, Ret.
TPCBA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Kit Kasner
GUESTS	Heather Young (Past Sec./Treas.)
	Brooke Johnson

* denotes voting member

ABSENT

TRUSTEE * Bryan Hershman

* absences noted only for voting members of the BOT

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by President Amanda Searle.

2. MEETING MINUTES

The February 2021 minutes were moved, seconded, and approved as presented.

3. REPORTS FROM OFFICERS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT—AMANDA SEARLE

Board Retreat next Thursday.

Will discuss:

- Committees and liaisons
- Rules of Discipline that had no comments. TPCBA to write letter to Supreme Ct
 - o Inequality concerns
- Judicial committee busy

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT—SARAH RICHARDSON

Nothing to report.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT—JAMES MCCORMICK

Nothing to report.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT—CATHERINE GUZA

Lincoln Day Profit- \$5,801.35

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

By Laws- Heather Young: Project started 2 years ago. Affords legal protection to board members. Looking into officer insurance, in budget this year. Looking into statutory protection. Remove items that belong in policies and procedures. Old By Laws vs New By Laws = almost identical to what was presented in Fall 2020. Policies and Procedures will be new. IRS has policy re financial issues/conflict, can discuss later. Modernizing By Laws.

By Laws- Brooke Johnson: Suggest stronger policy document. Under IRS, there is 501(c)(3) but TPCBA is 501(c)(6).

Jennifer supports excitement of By Laws!!! Discuss today and vote at Board Retreat. John agrees.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. ACTION ITEMS

None.

8. UPDATES FROM THE COURTS

SUPERIOR COURT—JUDGE RUMBAUGH

Jury trials started back up 5-6 per day. Jurors are coming back in. 23rd Dept, Governor is interviewing for, position open until 7/1/2021. Criminal Rule 3.4 looking at getting revamped, case by case basis with Defendants being excused from omnibus hearings. Type 3 hearings are by Zoom. Zoom for motion practices. Zoom helping with efficiency. Looking at keeping Zoom moving forward. 6 people jury easier than 12 people jury. Courtrooms are modified, come check them out.

COMMISSIONER MCINVALLE

Working on efficiency. CLE for Uniformed Guardianship Act- IT IS NOT ABOUT CUSTODY, will not substitute NPC. Involuntary commitment increased because civil cases are treated in community and looking to restructure. Legislation for harmonizing DV.

JUDGE SORENSEN

Criminal Rule 3.4- approved by judges, need to be run by the criminal procedures committee this week.

DISTRICT COURT—JUDGE LINEBERRY

None.

9. UPDATES FROM THE TPCBA SECTIONS

FAMILY LAW SECTION—MARK NELSON

The Family Law Section hosted a Minor Guardianship CLE on February 26th. It was a success. 140 participants. Huge thanks to Kit for helping. Local Rules Committee looking at page limits, electronic appearance, and notice/service issues. Habitat to Humanity community work, Fall Event on 9/11/2021. FL Section By Laws- proposed and approved at Jan 2020 FL Section meeting. Change in VP section role. Needs to be ratified by TPCBA. Motion to Ratify: moved, seconded, and approved as presented.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION—JORDAN COUCH

None.

10. UPDATES FROM THE BOARD LIAISONS

COLLABORATIVE LAW—LESLIE BOTTIMORE

None.

MINORITY BAR ASSOCIATION—DESIREE HOSANNAH

The Minority Bar is working on youth event and security speaker.

The Minority Bar has obtained a grant with Legal Pathways and UW Tacoma developed a \$2,000 scholarship for students interested in law career/taking the LSAT and/or the bar exam.

Desiree's church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, open and has room for about 15 more. Focus on DV survivors, predominantly women and children. The shelter can be reached at 253-472-1147 and will offer housing, mental health, and education referrals as well as temporary shelter.

LAW SCHOOL LIAISON—JOHN WEAVER

Fundraiser for students that focus on public interest.

Expect competition in legal field, rise in law school applications.

WA WOMEN LAWYERS LIAISON – JENNIFER ANDREWS

Cleaning out closet event. Coffee with Judge Kiesel was a successful small/intimate event. There will be no women's history event (sadly).

TACOMAPROBONO—CARLY ROBERTS

July 1st rolls around, TPB hopes to have funding and staff. Funding expires June 30TH. Have a Volunteer Coordinator to help locate more attorneys to help. Outreach Coordinator to do same and help people directly. Legal Financial Obligation event coming up in April. Found direct link LFO has helped in homeless camps where HJP is working. LFO impacts housing. Working with Rise Center and Sound Outreach. Negotiating memorandum of understanding with Puyallup Tribe.

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION LIAISON- DEE SONNTAG

Criminal Law 3.4

State v. Blake = no mens rea

Lunch CLE, every 4th Wednesday at Noon, every other month

Offender score CLE

Community event to help Nativity House, contact Dee with donations

11. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Amanda Searle- Lincoln Day was successful. It was recorded and will be on the website soon.
Board Retreat next Thursday

12. NEXT MEETING

Next Board of Trustees meeting by Zoom, Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 8:00 a.m.

14. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.