

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING: OSB, APRIL 10, 2013

Attending live: Dan Skerritt (Treasurer)

Jess Barton
Charlie Williamson
Amy Lammers (Secretary)
Jerry Tipton
Chris Kent (Chair)
Rich Spier (BOG liaison)

By Phone: Amrit Sidhu

Bar Staff: Matt Shields
Anna
Molly

1. **Election of Officers:** Dan Skerritt elected as Treasurer. Amy Lammers elected as Secretary.
2. **Membership:** Discussion re increasing membership:
 - a. **Compose letter to attorneys listed to practice in VA Office of General Counsel.**
Chris Kent and Matt to compose letter and send it out.
 - b. **Contact Bulletin for Article.** Matt will talk to Paul Nichol and possibly get an writer to do a story about the history of the section for Bulletin.
 - c. **Follow up with those who signed section petition but did not join.** Matt to determine who these folks are and Matt and Chris to develop communication to them.
 - d. **Former Chief Demuniz:** had some ideas and contacts; Dan S to contact.
 - e. **MAP notice: use same communication piece developed to get out another MAP notice.**
 - f. **Or New Lawyers Division: R. Spier to coordinate use of this resource to recruit.**
 - g. **MBA Newsletter:** Chris K. to develop some piece for the MBA
3. **Website.** Anna and Molly gave presentation. Bar will be flexible in our development stages so that there are no additional charges for changes. Charlie W. and Jerry T. to be the contact people to develop content. Use some of the communication pieces above as overview. Legislation tag on SB 124 and 125.
4. **Legislation:** Jess B. gave the report on SB 125 (SCRA notice applicability to State Agencies) -- seems on track to pass with some accommodation to agencies to give them time.
SB 124: Jess shared concern about 124, military record and status, being used as an aggravating factor, rather its intended mitigation. Discussion and action after: Sue Grabe later reported after the meeting that the Bar had asked for insertion of limiting words of "for mediation", but legislators not receptive and didn't think SB 124 could ever be used. So, SB 124 is headed for a floor vote as is.
5. **CLE:** Jess B. to check with NOVA folks on their preference for a date in November. C. Kent to contact Karen Lee to see if she can hold the Nov. dates while we wait to hear back from NOVA.
6. **Next Meeting: June 5th noon, at the OSB.**