

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The September 2014 regular monthly meeting of the executive board of Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance, either in person or via telephone were the following:

Chair Mark Ronning  
Immed. Past Chair Christopher Kent  
Secretary Mark John Holady  
Daniel Crowe  
Alisha Firestone  
Spencer Gwartney  
Amrit Sidhu  
Brian Scott Wayson  
Charlie Williamson  
Chris Griffin, guest  
Troy Wood, OSB Liaison

MINUTES

Unfortunately, the August 2014 regular meeting minutes were taken electronically and lost. All your humble secretary remembers is that there were too few executive committee members in attendance to meet the quorum requirement.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Nominating Committee. The chair focused on the upcoming election at the annual meeting by entertaining the Nominating Committee's report. Four officer positions and eight member-at-large positions are to be elected. Because of the efforts of many, there are more than enough candidates. The chair voiced his intent to make personal contact with each nominee before the October election.

Because of historical failures to meet quorum requirements, the chair inquired about the sizing of the executive committee. Troy informed the executive committee that the number could be adjusted nominating committee and affirmed by voting at the general meeting.

Along those lines, the nominating committee was to present its slate to the Bar for publication for election by October 7.

- 41 Brigade Deployment Update

The recent explosion in Kabul was in close proximity to the area where the 41<sup>st</sup> BCT is housed. By 20 Sept. 2014, 1000 personnel from Oregon should be in country. Two battalions are there now with another in transit there.

- Army One Source Pro Bono Project. The Army has launched a way for attorneys to volunteer to help deployed service-members and their families

[www.militaryprobono.org](http://www.militaryprobono.org). Renée Simon at the Oregon Dept. Of Justice will coordinate communication. Facilities for meeting with military clients will be offered by the U.S. Veterans Affairs Dept. Troy Wood has been in contact with Catherine Petrecca of Legal Aid/OSB and Judith Baker of the Oregon Law Foundation as well.

Dan Crowe also noted that Metropolitan Public Defenders has set up clinics, and Dan is interested in working on a committee

Mark Ronning said that the subcommittee (Pro Bono Lawyers Serving Veterans) is preliminary at this point, but with the interest shown, may be set up for October's meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Membership Committee Report. Membership now stands at 90. Guest Dr. Chris Griffin is a second-year student at Lewis & Clark. Dr. Griffin is a physician and spent 7 years in the Air Force and was with the VA for 4 years. He wants to head up a law-student chapter

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative Committee. SB 999–proposed update/amendment is dead for now
- Information Committee. Charlie Williamson reported that Jonas Hemenway has put the minutes on the website. Mark Holady asked whether a synopsis of SB 999 could be put on website.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- None raised.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting at the Oregon State Bar Center, Tigard, Oregon, on October 21, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark John Holady, Secretary