

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION
Executive Committee
June 16, 2015 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by acting chair Mary Ellen Farr, at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. Present were Mary Ellen Farr (secretary), Mark Ronning (past chair), Daniel Zene Crowe, Jack Platten, Chris Griffin (guest), and Troy Wood (bar liaison). Present by telephone were Bryan Scott Wayson, Wes Hill, Jim Rice, and Mark Holady.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting of May 19, 2015, were approved unanimously.

Committee Reports.

Legal Clinic. Crowe reported that he was working with veterans support service programs to obtain funding for the legal clinic. A nonprofit organization has been organized with Willamette Law School called Oregon Veterans Legal Services (www.ovls.org) to operate the clinic and obtain funding. The legal clinic should be operating no later than October 1, 2015. Crowe has also been working on creating a legal questionnaire to screen participants. Alicia Firestone, board member, will be hired by the legal services organization to handle the client coordination and act as supervising attorney. Wood indicated he thought the new organization should satisfy the BOG's concerns regarding the legal clinic. Crowe also mentioned that the section could remain a valuable asset as a referral source for pro bono or low cost lawyers to represent clients as part of the clinic. Farr suggested that an article in the *Bulletin* in the fall announcing the opening of the clinic might also bring attention to the general membership of the bar. Crowe offered to circulate a memorandum outlining an article.

Law School Class. Ronning reported that he had taken the steps required by the law school to get the class up and running. He is preparing the required memorandum explaining the need for the class and establishing the syllabus. He is looking for a reasonably priced text book. Ronning noted he was hopeful that the class could be expanded to Lewis and Clark in the next year. Griffin stated that there are four faculty members who are veterans at Lewis and Clark law school, and an e-mail group of veterans is active at Lewis and Clark. Griffin felt Lewis and Clark law school would be enthusiastic about such a class. Crowe offered to reach out to the University of Oregon law school as well.

CLE. Holady said he expects to have the first presentation in Deschutes County on July 10th, and perhaps presentations in Lane County and Josephine County in September. He has not had a response from the bars of some counties. He anticipates three MCLE credits for the class.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.