

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION
Executive Committee
August 16, 2016 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by the chair elect, Daniel Zene Crowe, at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. Present were Mary Ellen Farr (secretary), executive committee member Jack Platten, Troy Wood (OSB liaison), and section member Chris Griffin. David Kramer entered the meeting shortly after Crowe called the meeting to order. Present by telephone were executive committee members Brian Scott Wayson, Robert Schulhof, Brian Thompson, Mark Holady, Paul Sundermier and Mark Ronning, and section member Joe Miller.

Minutes. The minutes of June 21, 2016 and July 19, 2016 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Holady reported that he will provide a budget for 2017 by the next meeting and asked for time on the agenda to go over the proposed budget.

Handbook. Kramer reported that the handbook has authors and subjects, although those may be altered as the process goes forward. Linda Lee at the bar and Kramer have put together a schedule of deadlines. The next deadline is September 19, 2016, when the authors need to submit their proposed chapter outlines. If the handbook stays on schedule, the handbook will be posted to BarBooks by June of 2017. Wood noted that the authors need to define what a "veteran" or a "military" member means for various purposes. He also informed the committee that the president of the American Bar Association has stated that veterans' rights and access to justice are her priorities. Kramer noted that Firestone offered to write a chapter on the assumption that law students could be available to assist and might be able to get course credit for their work. So far Willamette has not been willing to agree to that proposal. Griffin suggested one of the other law schools might be willing to give course credit to students to assist in writing the handbook. He had spoken to Bill Funk who indicated he might be willing to be act as faculty for such a writing project at Lewis and Clark. Griffin will follow up on this suggestion.

Oregon New Lawyers Division. Crowe reported that the November social is moving forward and stressed that members of the executive committee and the section should make every effort to be there to meet the new lawyers.

Judicial Training. Crowe reported that the annual judicial conference is in May. Kramer also suggested incorporating the handbook materials into a chart to be given to the judges. Sundermier offered to contact members of the judiciary to see what kinds of materials they would like to see in such a chart.

Annual Meeting. Crowe reported that the nominating committee has been contacting members of the section to identify people who are interested in becoming active members of the executive committee. The proposed slate will be ready for the October 17, 2016 meeting. Section members can also nominate candidates from the floor.

Willamette Law Clinic. Crowe reported that the clinic is up and running, but the clinic will have to find a new source to fund screening. Wood suggested polling the section members to see if anyone has experience in grant writing.

Willamette Law School Class. Kramer expressed frustration that Willamette has so far not approved the class to be offered next year. Ronning said he would contact the dean again in August. Crowe also suggested the committee focus more on Lewis and Clark and the University of Oregon for a class on military and veterans' issues.

New Business. Wood informed the committee that the fall bar swearing in ceremony will be on Thursday, November 29, 2016, at Willamette Law School and that a number of bar organizations provide information, from postcards to brochures, to the lawyers being admitted to the bar. The person to contact at the bar is Michelle Lane in member services. The materials need to be to her by Wednesday, September 21, 2016, in order to be made available at the swearing in ceremony. Crow offered to draft a flier to use at the ceremony.

The next meeting of the executive committee of the section will be on September 20, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.