

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION  
Executive Committee  
July 19, 2016 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by the chair, David Kramer, at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. Present were Daniel Zene Crowe (chair elect), Mary Ellen Farr (secretary), executive committee member Paul Sundemier, Troy Wood (OSB liaison), and section member Jaimie Fender. Present by telephone were executive committee members Jack Platten and Brian Scott Wayson.

**Minutes.** The minutes of June 21, 2016 were tabled for lack of a quorum.

**Treasurer's Report.** Farr indicated that Holady had reported that the funds from the CLE had not yet been received, and that Holady had sent a check for \$500 as a donation to Oregon Veterans Legal Services.

**Handbook.** Kramer has sent out an e-mail to section members soliciting authors for the sections of the handbook.

**CLE.** Farr reported that Holady had informed her that the section's CLE had received Washington state CLE credit.

**Oregon New Lawyers Division.** Fender, of the ONLD Pro Bono committee, attended this month's meeting to follow up on the possibilities of cooperation between this section and the ONLD. The ONLD is in the process of selecting a venue for the joint social between the section and the ONLD. The date that has been chosen is November 7, 2016.

**Annual Meeting.** The committee chose a subcommittee to nominate people for next year's executive committee and officers. The committee consists of: Dan Crowe, Mary Ellen Farr and Jaimie Fender. The committee does not propose a dues increase for next year. The annual meeting and elections must be held by November 15, 2016. Fourteen days before the meeting, the bar must send out the meeting notice to section members with the slate of proposed committee members and officers. The committee must therefore approve the slate of candidates by the meeting on October 17, 2016.

**Willamette Law Clinic.** Crowe reported that the clinic has many more clients than it can accommodate and now has a waiting list. The clinic is looking for people to teach sessions on such topics as the Uniform Code of Military Justice, Department of Defense discharge upgrades, and Veterans Social Security eligibility. There will be 26 one hour classes during the coming semester. Fender commented that it would be useful for the section to help organize training for lawyers to handle disability claims.

**Judicial Training.** Sundermier has been having discussions regarding training for judges on issues relating to military members and veterans. His impression is that the judiciary would receive such an effort very positively. Crowe reminded the committee that our goal is to present a session on these issues at the next annual judicial conference and Sundermier agreed to find out who to approach.

**New Business.** Wood noted that the next House of Delegates meeting will be on October 18 to 20, 2016. The annual meeting will be November 4, 2016.

The next meeting of the executive committee of the section will be on August 16, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.