

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION  
Executive Committee  
June 21, 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), Tom Flaherty (past chair), Mary Ellen Farr (secretary), executive committee members Jack Platten and Paul Sundemier, the Honorable Beth Allen (advisory member), Troy Wood (OSB liaison), and guest Jaimie Fender. Present by telephone were Mark Holady (treasurer), and executive committee members Wesley Hill and Brian Scott Wayson.

**Minutes.** The minutes of March 15, 2016, April 19, 2016 and May 17 were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report.** Holady reported that the only change over last month's report was that the section will receive funds from the CLE.

**CLE.** Crowe reported he had not yet received a final accounting on the CLE from the bar. He has received a number of positive comments from attendees and complimented the bar for the assistance it provided.

**Handbook.** Kramer, Hill and Sundermier met with Linda Lee at the OSB publications office. They have established deadlines for production of the handbook. The first deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup> for recruiting writers. The handbook should be ready for electronic publication by January. The hard copy will be published shortly after that. Judge Allen agreed to help on writing the family law section. The subcommittee has prepared a draft Table of Contents.

**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. She met with Crow and Alicia Firestone in the past month to discuss the potential of Firestone funneling clinic applicants who cannot receive services through the clinic to new lawyers for pro bono or low cost services. The clinic is currently receiving more potential clients than the clinic can serve. Fender also suggested and the committee endorsed the idea that the ONLD and the section sponsor a social on November 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> where young lawyers can meet with members of the section.

**Willamette Law Clinic.** Crowe reported, as indicated above, that the clinic is receiving requests for assistance from more people than the clinic can currently serve. Firestone has four students working in the clinic. Holady reported that he had taught a course at the clinic on civil litigation. The clinic is suffering from lack of funds as anticipated funding sources have been somewhat delayed. The section has received authorization from the bar to contribute funds to Oregon Veterans Legal Services. Kramer moved that the section donate \$500 to the

organization, and Platten seconded the motion. Crowe abstained from voting as he is on the board of the organization and was one of the founders of the organization. The motion passed unanimously. The committee will consider further donations in the next few months.

**Listserve.** The committee agreed that the bar should send out the greeting letter which the bar provided to try to breathe life into the listserve.

**New Business.** Farr said she had been contacted by a legal aid organization in North Carolina for veterans asking to link the websites for the organizations. The committee agreed that the information should be included on our section's website.

Wood reported on the bar's Section Summit. He also reported that the section needs to form the nominating committee for 2017 at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on July 19, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.