

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION
Executive Committee
March 15, 2016 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by the chair, Dave Kramer, at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. Present were Dave Kramer (chair), Daniel Zene Crowe (chair elect), Mary Ellen Farr (secretary), Mark Holady (treasurer), executive committee members Jack Platten and Paul Sundermier, and Linda Kruschke (OSB) and Troy Wood (OSB liaison), and visitors Emily Fox and Leigh Hudson. Present by telephone was Wesley Hill.

Minutes. The minutes of February 16, 2016 were approved unanimously with the following changes: 1) the spelling of Daniel Zene Crowe's name should be corrected; and 2) the budget was presented by Bryan Scott Wayson and not Mark Holady.

CLE. Crowe and Holady presented an updated schedule for the all-day CLE to be held on May 19, 2016 at the OSB center. The title of the CLE will be "Representing Military Veterans in Oregon." Crowe suggested that the committee consider a second CLE later in the year dealing with civil law and practice traps for the unwary dealing with veterans and military members. The target audience for the upcoming CLE will be lawyers who representing service personnel, particularly in veterans preference processes. The committee unanimously approved the proposed plan and authorized Crowe and Holady to proceed organizing the CLE on the general terms outlined in the schedule. The committee also approved expenditures from the section's funds up to \$500 for the CLE, as necessary.

Willamette Law School Course Offering. The course has been approved for the fall term. Mark Ronning and Kramer will teach the course. The course syllabus has been approved.

Willamette Law Clinic. The clinic is ready to begin and will be organized under the auspices of Willamette University and the Oregon Veterans Legal Services 501 c3 entity. The clinic will focus on housing instability.

Handbook. Linda Kruschke from the bar's legal publications office attended the meeting to discuss production of a written manual regarding veterans and military issues. The first step is to solicit between two and four members of the bar to serve as the editorial review board. Kruschke suggested the section could solicit section members through the section's website. Then the review board will divide the subject into chapters, identify authors and review submissions as they are completed. Ultimately, the bar staff will do the publication editing, finalize the handbook and make it available to bar members. The committee asked how the handbook would be made available to lawyers and judges. Kruschke noted the book will be available on the BarBooks website and noted there might be other ways to make the books available if necessary. Platten volunteered to be on the review board.

Legislative Concepts. Crowe discussed HJR 202 which recently passed the legislature and provides that 1.5% of lottery revenues be dedicated to veteran services in Oregon, estimated at about \$8 million per year. The bill will be presented to the voters at the November 8th election.

New Business. Kramer presented to the committee a request from OLIO for a donation. The committee decided it had insufficient funds at the present to consider charitable requests but agreed to consider such requests in the future if more funds were available.

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