

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION
Executive Committee
May 17, 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), Mark Holady (treasurer), executive committee member Jack Platten, Sarah Hackbart (OSB liaison), and guest Jaimie Fender. No one was present by telephone.

Minutes. Approval of the minutes of March 15, 2016, and April 19, 2016 was tabled as there was not a quorum.

CLE. Crowe reported that there were 36 people signed up for the CLE, plus an additional 7 people signed up for the webcast. Crowe recommended following up with a CLE in the fall, going into greater detail on civil law issues, particularly those suggested by the attendees at the CLE.

Willamette Law School Course Offering. Ronning had reported to Kramer that there has been no change in status on that class. The committee recommended working with the other law schools to explore other options for the class.

Willamette Law Clinic. The OSB has approved the Oregon Veterans Legal Services LLC for donations from sections. Crowe reported that the clinic is up and running with one student currently. Another three students are expected for the summer. He is working on externship opportunities for the University of Oregon and Lewis and Clark law school students for the Veterans Justice Program through the Metro Public Defender's office.

Handbook. The subcommittee will meet with the OSB publications office and Linda Lee next week.

Judicial Conference Presentation. There was no report.

Treasurer's Report. Holady presented the treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes. As of May 15, 2016, the section has 82 members, 27 below the targeted goal. The revenue from membership is therefore down, at 74.5% of the budgeted amount, but expenses are also down. The fund balance is up, and there is a total balance of \$3,043 which does not include the money which the section will receive from the CLE.

New Business. Fender attended the meeting as a representative of the Oregon New Lawyers Division pro bono subcommittee. All new lawyers, those in practice less than six years, are members of the ONLD, and the organization is state-wide. Fender reported that the pro bono subcommittee was interested in developing programs relating to the needs of military

and veterans and their families, including the possibility of a Memorial Day and Veterans Day legal services fair. In the past the organization has presented programs called Wills for Heroes, but the group would like to expand that offering to include other areas, both assisting the military and veterans' communities and providing opportunity for pro bono or low cost experience for new lawyers. The committee noted there are many opportunities to serve military and veterans and their families, throughout the state and invited Fender to return for next month's meeting. Fender also suggested including the section as a participant in the ONLD monthly socials to network with beginning lawyers.

Kramer suggested the committee consider ways to energize the listserv. Hackbart indicated the bar could resend the welcome letter to all the members of the section as a way of reminding people that the group can be used for communications relating to the goals of the section.

The next meeting will be on June 21, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

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 Statement of Revenue and Expense
 For the Four Months Ending April 30, 2016**

Description	April 2016	YTD 2016	Budget 2016	% of Budget	April Prior Year	YTD Prior Year
REVENUES						
Membership Fees		\$1,640	\$2,200	74.5%	\$120	\$1,780
Total Revenue		1,640	2,200	74.5%	120	1,780
EXPENSES						
Committee - Executive			200			
Conferences / Seminars Expense			550			
Telephone - Conference Calling		34	120	28.1%	17	27
OSB Support Services Assessment		664	880	75.5%	48	728
Miscellaneous Expense			100			
Total Expense		698	1,850	37.7%	65	755
Net Revenue (Expense)		942	350		55	1,025
Beginning Fund Balance		2,100				
Ending Fund Balance		3,043				
Section Member Count - Paid		82	110			89
Section Member Count - Complimentary	1	6	5			3
Section Member Count - Total	1	88	115			92