

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION
Executive Committee
September 20, 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 Tom Flaherty (past chair), Mary Ellen Farr (secretary), Mark John Holady (treasurer), executive committee members Jack Platten and Paul Sundermier, Troy Wood (OSB liaison), Kerry Sharp (BOG liaison), and visitors, Daniel Messenger, Max Goins, David Shawcross, and Jaimie Fender. Present by telephone were executive committee members Mark Ronning, and Bryan Scott Wayson, and section member Joe Miller.

Minutes. The minutes of August 16, 2016 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Holady reported that he will provide the materials for next year's budget at the next meeting. The section currently has a fund balance of \$2,518 and has 86 paid members and 13 non-paid members. The section made a contribution of \$500 to Oregon Veterans Legal Services and received about \$120 from the CLE.

New Officers. Farr reported that the sub-committee is putting the slate together and will have it ready for the meeting in October.

Handbook. Kramer reported that the handbook is in process. He is looking for volunteers to assist the authors in preparing chapters.

Judicial Training. Sundermier reported there is an opportunity for the section to arrange for a presentation to the judges at the annual judicial conference, including about four to six topics in about 1.5 hours. Kramer moved that a sub-committee be appointed to work on preparing for the judicial conference, and the motion passed unanimously. The sub-committee will be made up of Sundermier, Flaherty and Holady.

Oregon New Lawyers Division. Fender is looking for donations to pay for the beverages for the November social. The ONLD will begin marketing the social in October and will invite the tri-county bar. The committee encouraged Fender to consider inviting third year law students as well.

New Business. Goins and Messenger attended on behalf of Lewis and Clark law students Public Interest Law Project. Each year the Project sponsors an event. This year they are interested in a CLE on Veterans Benefits and are looking for speakers. It will be about three to four hours in mid-November and will be addressed to new lawyers and law students. Ronning and Flaherty volunteered to help. The committee also suggested following up with Daniel Zene Crowe and Alicia Firestone as speakers.

Kramer suggested looking into an award to be granted by the section. Farr agreed to be on a subcommittee with Kramer to examine how the section could arrange such and award.

Wood reminded the committee that the new lawyer swearing in ceremony will be at Willamette University on September 29, 2016. Kramer agreed to be present to represent the section.

The next meeting of the executive committee of the section will be on October 20, 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.