

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION
Executive Committee
January 24, 2017 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by the chair, Daniel Zene Crowe, at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. Present were Jaimie Fender (secretary), Mark John Holady (treasurer), Mark Ronning (chair elect), David Kramer (Immediate Past Chair), Troy Wood (OSB liaison), executive committee members: David Shawcross, Jennifer Sackett, Jennifer Dunn, Ross Neher, Trevor Caldwell, and visitors: Mark Exley, Larry Peterson, Joe Miller, Wes Hill, Leslie Nelson, and our Law School Liaisons: Andrew Futerman, Luke Miller and Alex Tucker

Minutes. The minutes of November 15, 2016 were approved unanimously.

Judicial Conference. Crowe gave an overview of this project. Sundermier to give the committee an update at the next meeting.

Bar Book. Crowe gave an overview of this project. Kramer indicated that authors and editors are hoping to get a finished draft to the editors at the OSB by the spring. The hope is to have an electronic version of the book completed and published by mid-summer and a hard copy published by the fall. Crowe indicated that there is still time to volunteer to help with writing or editing. Contact Kramer if interested.

Website. Mark John Holady has volunteered to maintain the Section's website.
<https://militaryandveteranslaw.wordpress.com/>

Veteran & Military Law Class. Professor Chin at Lewis & Clarke is interested in building out a Veteran and Military Law Class. Crowe to follow-up with Professor Chin and report back at the next meeting.

Willamette OVL Clinic. The Clinic is currently finishing out with its last participants and will then be suspended due to lack of funding. The hope is that some of the measure 96 money would eventually be used to fund the clinic. The long term hope is to resurrect a Lewis & Clark clinic but without a funding source that is not currently possible. Crowe will keep the committee updated.

Section Scholarships. Neher spoke to the OSB about section scholarships and discovered that the International Law Section does have a model on which we could base one. Any potential scholarship has to be offered for 3 years and is subject to OSB approval. Neher and Kramer to discuss further and provide the committee with a recommendation.

ONLD / MVLS CLE. Fender has begun organizing a 5 part mini CLE series to be held around the state. The topics currently are: 1) lending; 2) Elderly / Aging Veterans; 2) LGBTQ Veterans' Issues; 4) Women Veterans' Issues; 5) Petty Criminal Fines and Homelessness.

Caldwell and Exley suggested including employment and health issues. Fender met with the Consumer Law Section who have agreed to partner on the first CLE and will continue to seek partners for the CLE series. Fender has started to fundraise and is seeking \$1000 from larger firms.

It was moved and approved unanimously to create a standing CLE sub-committee. Fender will Chair the Sub-Committee. Leslie Nelson and Jennifer Dunn have volunteered to join the sub-committee. The committee will report progress at the next meeting.

New Business. Crowe updated the committee on the recently passed measure 96 legislation directing funds from the lottery to veterans' issue. Crowe testified at the Joint House & Senate Veterans Committee in December. There is still a possibility that some of that money might be available for legal issues to assist veterans and for veterans' courts, but if and how much money will be available under the legislation remains to be seen. It will be a brutal fight this session and we will not know how the funds will be allocated until July 4. Crowe will continue to monitor the process and report.

Off Site Executive Meeting. Crowe would like to hold one of the upcoming executive meetings at the Lewis & Clark Law School. February had been the target date but we will postpone that to potentially March. Crowe to give update at next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on February 21, 2017. Note that the meeting will be held in the PLF conference room on the 3rd floor at the OSB.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.