

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

Executive Committee Minutes
Prepared by John Haub, substituting for Secretary Larry Peterson

August 21, 2018

1. Attendees:

The following were in attendance for the meeting which was called to order at 12 noon, August 21, 2018.

Trevor Caldwell
Mark Holaday
Brian Wayson
Jennifer Dunn
Daniel Crowe
Leslie Nelson
Jaimie Fender, Chair
John Haub, Acting Secretary
David Shawcross
Dani Edwards, OSB Liaison
Andy Blevins, Advisory Member/Law Student Liaison

2. Approval of July Minutes tabled

CHAIR Fender will circulate/recirculate the July minutes for review by attendees so that any corrections can be discussed at the September meeting.

3. Legislative Committee Report:

The Oregon legislature is not presently in session. Dan Crowe will join with Amy Zubko, Legislative Liaison from the OSB to study proposals for the upcoming Oregon Legislature "long session." The considerations include a proposed amendment to ORS 105.111(a)—Stay of Eviction for Servicemember(proposed) (establishing ODVA helpline and statutory authority to stay eviction proceedings for as much as 17 days.

4. OLEO Retreat:

Jamie Fender attended the OLEO retreat, where attendees discussed ways to encourage and retain diversity in the Bar. Students in their first year of law school are typically encouraged to participate in OLEO activities. Mentors, professors, judges, and interested lawyers are encouraged to support OLEO's activities. A military veteran was present at the retreat, and encouraged to join MLVS.

5. September Social Event:

Jamie Fender reported that a Happy Hour no host Social Event, will take place from 5-7 PM at McNally's Taproom, Hillsboro on September 27, 2018, with participation by the Washington County Bar Association, Diversity and Inclusion members, and Oregon New Lawyers section. It is expected that there will be a report on the new Veteran's Court operating in Washington County. Chair Fender will invite representatives of ODVA to the event.

6. Fall CLE Planning Continues

Leslie Nelson reported that a CLE is planned for October/November with subjects of Veterans and Criminal Law, Homelessness, and solutions to barriers for success will be highlighted. Speakers, location, and programming are under review.

7. Website Committee Development:

Mark Holaday reported membership has reached 30 members, including auxiliary members. CLE planners are encouraged to coordinate announcements and events with the Website committee.

8. Nominations Committee:

Nominations for expiring terms will be addressed at the next Executive Committee meeting, to be held on September 18, 2018, at noon.

9. Sponsorship Requests Tabled

A request for sponsorship from OLIO (Opportunities for Law in Oregon) event in the sum of \$100 has been requested. Funds would be used to support their annual event, including OGALLA (Oregon Gay and Lesbian Lawyers Association) and LGBTQ participants.

The Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association also asked for \$100 to sponsor costs for a veteran speaker, a defense attorney from California, at an upcoming CLE.

10. National Veteran's Legal Services Fellowship.

Brian Wayson reported that the two-year fellowship application is due in September 2018. The Federal Bar Association, Young lawyer's section is considering a "Wills for Heroes" program involving pro bono support in estate planning. Volunteers are needed.

11. Veteran's Stand Downs

Leslie Nelson reported that a Veteran's Stand Down is being held on 23 August at the Hillsboro Elks Lodge.

The September 11, 2018 Portland Veteran's Stand Down will once again take place at the Memorial Coliseum. Revocation of fines and fees for Veterans will be accomplished with the assistance of the Multnomah County DA, Metro PD, and Circuit Judge Beth Allen.

12. Treasurer's Report

Mark Haloday reported that our section has \$5,376 in the bank.

13. Adjournment.

Chair Fender closed the meeting at 12:42 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2018 at the OSB Headquarters.