

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION  
Executive Committee  
February 2018 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by the Chair. Officers Dan Crowe (by telephone) (Immediate Past President), Larry Peterson (Secretary), Mark Holady (Treasurer). Executive Committee Members: David Shawcross, Jennifer Dunn, Jim Rice, Ross Neher, Janet Graham, Luke Miller. Advisory Members: Andy Blevins, Chris Griffin. Bar Liaison: Troy Wood.

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MVLS Minutes: January 2018 minutes were presented. Chair recognized that it lacked quorum for approval and the item was tabled.

Old Business: Discussion of standing committees, legislative membership web site and events/CLE; Andy Blevin was appointed to the Events CLE Committee; Dan Crowe, Janet Graham, Mark Ronning were appointed on the Legislative Committee. Chris Griffin accepted appointment to the Web Site Committee along with Ross Neher and Mark Holady. Troy Wood suggested that the Web Site Committee review those MVLS web sites from Georgia and Illinois Bars and also pointed to the OSB Elder Law as having a web site for review.

There was an update on the Bench Book and the matter was tabled.

Treasurer: Presented by Mark Holady and includes the following:  
2017 Total Revenue: \$3,175; total expenses: \$2,171  
Beginning fund balance: \$7,583  
Ending fund balance: \$8,447

Law School Reports: Updates were presented by Chris Griffin and Andy Blevins.

New Business: Opened with a presentation by Member Janet Graham, first year law student who had written a proposed piece of legislation effecting military families.

Ms. Graham presented a written summary of the proposed legislation that was distributed to the Committee and previously made a part of this record. The Summary has five areas within the proposal; comments on each of the five provisions. A proposal will be submitted to the Legislation Committee for discussion and comment. The Legislation Committee will respond to the Committee at a future date. Generally, the legislation proposes no prejudice of a service member's potential deployment in determining custody or parenting time with the children in a dissolution proceeding. The effort would attempt to remove any

stigma of being a service member subject to deployment from judicial determinations on placement and visitation.

It was noted that 38 other states had similar laws and it was easier to effect this type of legislation or the section to show that it is more likely to be a national standard similar to a uniform act. The proposed legislation goes on to provide clarification, definitions of terms for the court such as “service member.”

The Homeless Vets Act was scheduled for presentation by Jamie Fender, Chair Elect, was tabled until February or March 20, next meeting.

Next Meeting: March 20, 2018, OSB offices, 12:00

The meeting adjourned at 13:05