

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

AUGUST 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The August 2020 executive committee meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. on August 18, 2020 by Zoom Video Conference with virtual attendance by the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance at the meeting were the following people:

In Person	By Zoom	Unable to Attend	Position	Name
	X		Chairperson	Trevor R. Caldwell
	X		Chair-Elect	Michael Hajarizadeh
	X		Past Chair	Ross Neher
	X		Secretary	Leah Eccles Watson
	X		Treasurer	Mark John Holady
		X	Member	Wesley A. Hill
		X	Member	James Andrew Gardner
		X	Member	Jaimie A. Fender
		X	Member	Jennifer B. Sackett
	X		Member	Heather St Clair
	X		Member	James Gordon Rice
	X		Member	Leslie A. Nelson
		X	Member	Tracey Connor
	X		Member	Josh D. Yanov
	X		Advisory Member	Jesse Wm Barton
		X	Advisory Member	Luke D. Miller
	X		Law School Liaison	Hi'ilei M. Haru
	X		Law School Liaison	Jessica Watkins
		X	Law School Liaison	Jacob Gates
	X		Director of Public Affairs	Susan Grabe
		X	Bar Liaison	Troy J. Wood
	X		Bar Liaison	Natalie Batiste
		X	BOG Representative - Public	Anne Graham

Roll of Attendees: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

- Quorum reached (more than 7 members) at start of the meeting

MVLS Minutes: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

- June and 2020 meeting minutes summarized
- Jim Rice moved to adopt, Ross Neher 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; Trevor Caldwell called for vote; motion to approve the June and July minutes passed with no opposition

Standing Committee Reports:

- OSB & Legislative Update: Briefed by OSB Director of Public Affairs, Susan Grabe
  - Implementation of HB 2462

- OJD has updated the Judicial Deskbook and OSB asked about whether we would be able to give feedback; told no though thanked for interest; OJD explained that just the legislation is added to the book
    - OJD did cover HB 2462 at the judicial update conference and referenced the Deskbook
    - Discuss impacts at OJD due to budget reductions and vacancies
    - Discussion on ways to obtain a copy of the Benchbook for review
    - Discussion on ways to check on compliance; survey of Defense Bar
  - New Legislative Proposals
    - OSB Public Affairs approved both proposed legislation changes
    - Requested to have both proposals placed in the same bill for simplicity
    - Bill(s) in drafting; expected next month; Susan to send to Trevor and Leah to review (swift turn needed)
  - Section Certificate
    - Should get a certificate like other sections; could put on website (digital copy preferable as no physical section location to hang a hard copy)
- Treasurer Report: Briefed by Treasurer, Mark Holady
  - ~\$1.1k in account
- Membership Report: Briefed by Treasurer, Mark Holady
  - Membership numbers unchanged from last month
- Website Report: Briefed by Treasurer, Mark Holady
  - Cannot see newly uploaded documents on back end due to updates by Word Press such as meeting minutes
  - Front/public side looks fine
- CLE & Events Committee Report: Briefed by Committee Chair, Leslie A. Nelson
  - Free online CLE on COVID-19 Impacts on Veteran Issues
    - Scheduled for Sep 14<sup>th</sup> from 1300-1430 hours
    - Notice to be going out soon to membership and other sections who may have interest
  - VA Disability CLE
    - Survey on interest for a VA Disability came back: 24 responses/18 expressed interest
    - May be able to get other Sections to attend due to cross interests
    - Cost would be \$500 to the section; minimal attendee cost to ensure that attendees show up verses just for free; offer free attendance to law students
    - Potential CLE date in late October
  - Potential other CLE Topics Discussed:
    - Committee met by phone and came up with some good ideas
    - Discharge upgrade topic for future CLE
    - Criminal law and VA benefits CLE; could get someone from the Veteran's Justice Office to present
- Law School Representatives Reports:
  - Willamette Law - Jessica Watkins (Law Student Rep)
    - Virtual Student Org Fair (online) was on 3<sup>rd</sup>; ~30 1L showed up and 1 student sought out the rep to learn more about joining student group
    - School starts next week with mixture of in person and virtual/remote
    - Rep will be late at meetings in the fall due to class going to 1220 hours
  - Lewis & Clark Law - Hi'ilei M. Haru (Law Student Rep)
    - Re-activated Military and Veteran Law Society; figuring out meetings and events
    - Classes begin soon with students reserving spots to attend in person or electing to participate via by Zoom

- Virtual student fair coming up: 3 days in the evenings; will have a student group rep at fair

New Business: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell

- New mentorship committee being formed to create program for recent Bar members and law students to be paired with an attorney mentor
- Nominating committee for new officers needs to be put together over next month to propose a new slate of attorneys
  - Email Trevor Caldwell if you are interested in being on the committee
  - Committee automatically includes: Chair, Secretary and In-Coming Chair, and requires one non-EC member to participate
  - Committee members must be ID'd by Sept 15th
- Annual meeting is typically held at same time as executive meeting in November with annual meeting held first; Nov meeting is set for Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, but deadline for completion of annual meeting is 15<sup>th</sup>- EC meeting might be adjusted to make the deadline

Next meeting (September 18th):

- Next meeting will be by conference call or Zoom

Wrap-Up/Adjourn

- Leah moved to adjourn; Jim Rice seconded; vote was in favor; meeting adjourned.