

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

FEBRUARY 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The February 2020 executive committee meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. on January 21, 2020 at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance at the Bar Center were:

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

MVLS Minutes: Brief by Secretary Leah Watson

- November 2019 meeting minutes summarized; Trevor Caldwell moved to approve; Mark Holady seconded; vote was in favor; minutes approved.
- January 2020 meeting minutes summarized; Trevor Caldwell moved to approve; Mark Holady seconded; vote was in favor; minutes approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Membership: Brief by Treasurer Mark Holady
 - 85 members, down from 90 this time last year (lost 31 members)
- Treasurer: Brief by Treasurer Mark Holady
 - Line item for purchase of books based on goal to distribute 21 books to VSOs in 2020; Mark coordinating with ODVA to locate County VSO offices to distribute to.
- Donation Request: Briefed by Chair Trevor Caldwell
 - Request made to donate to organization that provides legal support to elderly populations

- Trevor Caldwell recommended declining offer; Mark Holady noted potential conflict and choice to abstain; Tracy Connor concurred with recommendation to decline donation request.
- No motion required as no one moved to grant the donation request.
- CLE: Briefed by Jaimie Fender and Tracy Connor
 - Looking into doing veteran oral history project; goal to have details by next meeting for an event
 - Goal to have dates for CLE events by next meeting
 - Discussion on getting on agenda for Judges' Conference; difficult process; goal to get on agenda at least every other year.
 - OJD to provide draft instructions on legislation for input; connection could be used as spring board for getting on agenda for Judges' Conference
 - Day at Veteran's Court potential event proposed by Jessica Watkins (Willamette Law Student Rep) as a positive exposure event to introduce law students and lawyers to this area of law.
- Website: Briefed by Treasurer Mark Holady
 - Current; all slides uploaded from Jesse Barton's December CLE
- Legislative Update: Briefed by Jesse Barton
 - Implementation of HB 2462: Working with OJD; provided CLE materials; requested copy of materials sent to Judges last fall (not received); a new document for use in arraignments was prepared (awaiting a copy)
- Law School Representatives:
 - Willamette Law - Jessica Watkins (Law Student Rep)
 - Meeting end of this month or early next
 - Membership is ~20; trying to increase membership
 - Looking at potential visit to Veteran's Court
 - Interested in creating a mentorship program

New Business:

- None

Next meeting (March 17th):

- Chair will be out of country on Army Guard duties next month
- Chair will poll members about moving location to Chair's law firm; potentially add lunch or afternoon snacks
- Discussions on having meetings at other locations in state to better reach membership pool
- Next meeting might be rescheduled or moved to another location due to conflict

Wrap-Up/Adjourn