

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

JULY 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The July 2020 executive committee meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. on July 21, 2020 by Zoom Video Conference with virtual attendance by the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance at the meeting was:

In Person	By Zoom	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 M. Haru
	X		Law School Liaison	Ms. Jessica Watkins
		X	Law School Liaison	Mr. Jacob Gates
		X	Bar Liaison	Mr. Troy J. Wood
	X		Bar Liaison	Ms. Natalie Batiste
		X	BOG Representative - Public	Anne Graham

Roll of Attendees: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

- Quorum not reached (6 members) at start of the meeting; not including Bar liaison; 7 later with law school liaison

MVLS Minutes: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

- June 2020 meeting minutes summarized
- No vote due to lack of quorum

Standing Committee Reports:

- Treasurer: Brief by Treasurer, Mark Holady
 - 34 books to be purchased for VSOs have been distributed; 1 returned due to close of that VSO and will be re-distributed later
 - Trevor Caldwell suggested an email to the VSO about the book and why it was sent
 - Perhaps we can gather stories about the donations impact for a potential press release

- Membership: Brief by Treasurer, Mark Holady
 - Paid membership down by 10 compared to last year; gained 2 in June (complimentary)
 - Trevor Caldwell suggested a membership reminder email
- CLE& Events: Briefed by Leslie A. Nelson
 - Committee met by phone and came up with some good ideas
 - Teaming on a COVID-19 CLE that we could support because of how COVID has impacted the military community greater than others
 - Free CLE to increase attendance and for simplicity
 - 1.5 Hours: Judges Panel; Eviction Panel; Employment Panel
 - Add a block from a VSO about their services
 - Add a block from the VA about claim processing under COVID-19 and how if at all COVID-19 restrictions and/or protests impacts the primary intake location
 - Leah offered to seek a speaker from VA Regional Benefits Office
 - Early September as goal timing
 - Virtual 3.5 CLE about VA benefits offered by practitioner at a cost of \$500 to presenter
 - Survey membership to see about interest and look at other Sections would also be interested to better help
- Website: Briefed by Treasurer, Mark Holady
 - Word Press updated website back end; not as easy to use
 - No issues with website post updates
- Legislative /Update: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell
 - Creating a standing committee to this topic to help guide the legislation through the 2021 Legislative Session
 - 2462 Update by Jess Barton
 - Judges have obligation to tell defendants at arraignment, but not all are
 - At past meeting we had OJD representatives who offered to assist – Jess Barton to check back on status of assistance
 - What is status of new arraignment video OSB was going to produce/assist with – Trevor will check with Susan Grabe on status
- Law School Representatives:
 - Willamette Law - Jessica Watkins (Law Student Rep)
 - Law school's fall plan is still tentative and will need to be approved by the University
 - It will be virtual unless a partial in person plan is approved
 - Virtual Student Org Fair (online) will be on the 3rd so that incoming 1Ls can learn about this section (getting a student membership)

New Business: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell

- No new business

Closing Remarks: Brief by Chair, Trevor Caldwell

- Discuss nominating materials for getting a Slate for new officers; noted Mark Holiday has one year left to serve on executive committee

Next meeting (August 18th):

- Next meeting will be by conference call or Zoom

Wrap-Up/Adjourn

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