

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

JUNE 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The May 2020 executive committee meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. on June 16, 2020 by teleconference supported by the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance at the meeting was:

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 M. Haru
	X		Law School Liaison	Ms. Jessica Watkins
		X	Law School Liaison	Mr. Jacob Gates
		X	Bar Liaison	Mr. Troy J. Wood
		X	BOG Representative - Public	Anne Graham
		X	Director of Public Affairs	Susan Grabe
		X	BOG Representative - Reg 5	Adrian Brown

Roll of Attendees: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

- Quorum reached (7 members) at start of the meeting; not including law school liaisons

Opening Remarks: Brief by Chair, Trevor Caldwell

- Bar has given a thumbs up on both legislative proposals; now we can work on stakeholder buy-in
- Book order for county VSOs is taken care of; distribution to follow

MVLS Minutes: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

- May 2020 meeting minutes summarized
- Jim Rice moved to approve; Mark Holady seconded; Trevor Caldwell called for vote; vote was in favor (no opposition to minutes); minutes approved.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Treasurer: Brief by Treasurer, Mark Holady
 - 34 books to be purchased for VSOs; additional books to be printed by OSB
- Membership: Brief by Treasurer, Mark Holady
 - Paid membership down by 9; paid membership/renewals down as well; likely a result of COVID-19
 - Total 96 members: 81 paid members, 13 complimentary members
 - Last year we had 113 members at this point in the year
 - Proposed by Jim Rice to do follow up calls with members for renewals
- CLE& Events: Briefed by Leslie A. Nelson
 - Need to look into alternative event solutions with in person events not an option
- Website: Briefed by Treasurer, Mark Holady and Ross Neher
 - Added update to website about monthly meetings being telephonic as of March 12th and events being postponed until further notice
 - Word Press changed hands and we may see changes in website as a result
- Legislative /Update: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell
 - OSB Legislative Committee approved proposals and have moved on to next phase
 - Trevor Caldwell explained the process going forward with the legislation
 - Those interested in assisting may volunteer to work on the technical writing, gathering support, or testifying before the committees.
 - The process will likely stretch into the spring due to delays in legislative session
 - Seek to get ODVA to support
- Law School Representatives:
 - Willamette Law - Jessica Watkins (Law Student Rep)
 - School plans to be in person on a rotational basis in the fall with some online/virtual classes
 - No extracurricular activities on campus this fall (competitions, moot court)

New Business: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell

- We received a donation request last month from Lawyer Assistance Foundation; not recommended contributing to due to lack of direct relation to the focus of our organization; recommend politely declining; re-addressed merely to clarify who will respond on behalf of MVLS
- Create a law student liaison mentorship committee to help with recruitment of student liaisons and establish a more formalized student-attorney mentorship program in the future.
 - Targeted law students who are Vets and potential future military members (JAG or otherwise)
 - Need for broad advertising to all students to not put schools in a position of feeling that they need to disclose Vet status of students.
 - Some schools currently have an attorney-law student mentorship program that could be leveraged to add a question for students to self-identify a desire to be paired with a military vet mentor.

Next meeting (July 21st):

- Next meeting will be by conference call or Zoom
 - If conducted by a video conference it must be decided ahead of time for inclusion in the public notice.
- Likely this model of virtual meetings will remain through the summer

Wrap-Up/Adjourn

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