

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

MARCH 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The March 2020 executive committee meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at :00 P.M. on March 12, 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 Contact	Anne Graham

MVLS Minutes: Brief by Secretary Leah Watson

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

Guest Presenter: Brief by Chair Trevor Caldwell and Jaimie Fender

- Presenter from ODVA, Nathaniel Boehme, was not able to make this meeting, but will hopefully be able to join us at our next meeting to discuss MILVET supporting legal clinics hosted by ODVA.

Standing Committee Reports:

- Membership: Brief by Treasurer Mark Holady
  - 91 members, 6 new members (was 85 at this time last year)
- Treasurer: Brief by Treasurer Mark Holady
  - I have not yet heard back from the contact at the ODVA despite mailing, calling, and emailing. I'll try another angle to assess VSO needs and the distribution of the books.

- CLE: Briefed by Tracy Connor and Jaimie Fender
    - Looking into doing CLEs base don't things people had already developed, and looked at potential dates
      - WA County Event – Vet Court Open House, Elder Abuse Clinic, Oral History Project
        - WA County Open House for Veterans Court, potentially for public, definitely for law students and attorneys to bring awareness to treatment court; perhaps for winter time due to illness concerns and focus on public safety levy. Could include a CLE and/or social event.
        - Oral History Project – bringing it to King City (senior village and Lion's Club) to record histories of WWII veterans
        - Teaming with MBA EDI Committee on an event to about leadership and mentorship with MILVET involvement to highlight military leadership perspectives and including Vets in the EDI discussions
      - Paid Leave EDU around new federal law changes
      - Judge's Conference – no additional info
      - Pro Bono Recruitment of Attorneys to teach VA claims appeals; potential CLE training for community attorneys
      - Veterans Day event – training
      - Law School location for a MILVET meeting to help with recruitment and awareness of section
      - NDA CDA Event, cost would be ~\$100
    - Jamie would like to shift role on CLE committee to more of a liaison to focus on select projects
    - Troy Woods briefed about previously discussed interest in getting on the schedule for the Judicial Conference. Their idea was suggested during the presentation by the OJD about HB 2462. The POC to try to get on program is Dave Factor. Some resistance to getting on the agenda has been felt. An alternative option for approaching the Judiciary was presented based on a request for a future MILVET presentation and will be pursued.
- Website: Briefed by Treasurer Mark Holady
  - Current
  - Listserve reminder about website was positively received.
- Legislative Update: Briefed by Jesse Barton
  - Nothing has been heard from the Judicial Department
  - Shaun McCrea from the Criminal Defense Bar is interested in a webinar and mentioned interest in updating the Still at War Manual to include HB2426.
  - Professor at Lewis & Clark Law has requested Jesse to be a guest lecturer on this topic.
- Law School Representatives:
  - Univ of Oregon Law - Jacob Gates (Law Student Rep)
    - Recurring issue on campus for Guardsmen needing to Drill on Fridays and Mondays; school policy is that it is the professor's discretion as to whether or how to accommodate military students. Students are being negatively impacted. Is there any legislation in the works or possible to help?
      - A potential policy amendment is being worked on by an employee at the school.
      - Might be best addresses with the Dept of Higher Ed – *for discussion at next meeting*
  - Willamette Law - Jessica Watkins (Law Student Rep)
    - School is moving to online classes only
    - There is interest in having an event at the school; perhaps the fall would be better based on current virtual class program

- Lewis & Clark Law - Hi'ilei M. Haru (Law Student Rep)
  - Classes are moving to remote/online only as of today
  - Next fall would be the better time to host an event at the school

New Business:

- Ross saw the email about OR Bar concerns about pandemic and sections changing to  
Canceling all in person events for remainder of the month

Next meeting (April 21st):

- Next meeting might be by conference call only depending on the situation.

Wrap-Up/Adjourn