

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

MAY 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 May 19, 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

Opening Remarks: Brief by Chair, Trevor Caldwell

- Quorum reached (7 members) at start of the meeting
- Oregon Guard Update

MVLS Minutes: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

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

Standing Committee Reports:

- Membership: Brief by Treasurer, Mark Holady
  - No updates

- Treasurer: Brief by Treasurer, Mark Holady
  - ODVA said that VSOs would love to have our book
    - 34 VSOs requested 2 books each (\$120 each)
    - We have fund to (\$4080) to send 1 book to each VSO; it would take 3 years at current funding levels to give 2 books to each VSO
    - OSB only has 15 books as they have been selling so a reprint will be needed
    - Proposed 1 book to each VSO and consider later abilities to provide more in a few years when there is a revision
    - Trevor Caldwell recommended providing 1 book to each VSO this year and looking at options in the future
    - Discussion about potential Supplements or page inserts for updates.
    - Motion to approve 1 book to each of 34 VSOs; no objects and passed
    - Mark to coordinating with ODVA and OSB on distribution
- CLE& Events: Leslie A. Nelson)
  - No updates
  - To look at Judicial Conferences in future months
- Website: Briefed by Treasurer, Mark Holady and Ross Neher
  - No new updates for the website
  - Look at potential updates over next few months
- Legislative /Update: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell and Secretary, Leah Watson
  - Presented 2 proposals to OSB for consideration
  - One deals with eligibility for preference recommending change to allow 5/10 point increase for a separating military member not yet in receipt of a DD-214 similar to Federal Law
  - One deals with allocation of points for preference to address differences in point scale between employers to provide a 5/10% bonus as discussed in legislative history
  - Neither are controversial and should have broad support
- Law School Representatives:
  - Univ of Oregon Law - Jacob Gates (Law Student Rep)
    - No updates; finals are over and grades are being turned in
  - Lewis & Clark Law - Hi'ilei M. Haru (Law Student Rep)
    - Registration has been postponed to allow for extra sections of foundational course to accommodate potential need for Zoom classes in the fall
    - Finals are over
  - Willamette Law - Jessica Watkins (Law Student Rep)
    - Finals are over; upper classes have received grades
    - Class will be online in summer and may be online in the fall too

#### New Business:

- Request for Contribution received from Oregon Lawyer Assistance Foundation; Trevor Caldwell did not recommend approval as there is not a direct tie to Veterans and Military; recommend a polite decline letter or phone call; no vote required

#### Next meeting (June 16th):

- 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; Leah Watson seconded; vote was in favor; meeting adjourned.