

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

SEPTEMBER 2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

The September 2020 executive committee meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. on September 22, 2020 by Zoom Video Conference with virtual attendance by the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance at the meeting were the following people:

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

Roll of Attendees: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

- Quorum not reached at start of meeting (6 members, not including OSB rep)

Opening Remarks: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell

- August 2020 meeting minutes to be considered when there is a quorum

Standing Committee Reports:

- Treasurer & Membership Report: Briefed by Treasurer, Mark Holady
 - Membership is static thus revenue is static
 - Books are out and paid for
 - \$1139.00 in account
 - We generally make about \$1k per year revenue/expenses

- Best to have in coming Treasurer trained up prior to taking post; willing to stay on EC to train new Treasurer
- CLE & Events Committee Report: Briefed by Leah Watson for Committee Chair, Leslie A. Nelson
 - Big thank you to Leslie and CLE Committee
 - September CLE – COVID-19 Veteran Issues
 - We had about 38 participants for the 9/14 CLE, via Zoom. It went pretty well.
 - October CLE – Veteran Benefits
 - Next up is a 3 ½ hour veterans benefits CLE on 10/27 starting at 9:00. This will qualify for VA accreditation. We are charging a small fee for this CLE. We have been approved for 3 ¼ hours of CLE credit. Invites will be going out soon. This will also be a virtual presentation.
 - It has been approved for 3 ¼ credits.
 - The cost is \$55 for the general public and \$45 for MVLS members.
 - The first announcement will go out on 9/28 and it is going to these sections: MVLS, disability law, diversity and family law. Everyone can feel free to send it out to any other sections. I had to choose four.
 - November CLE – Justice involved Veterans
 - Then on 11/10 – Justice involved Veterans CLE, which should be particularly useful for criminal defense attorneys. And will be from 10 to 11. Two Veterans Justice Officers will be presenting. This one will again be free and also virtual.
 - VA Disability Benefit CLE
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- Law School Representatives Reports:
 - None in attendance due to scheduling conflicts
- Legislative Update: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell
 - New Legislative Proposal - Applicant Boost Percentage Change
 - New Legislative Proposal - Definition of Veteran Change
- Nominating Committee: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell
 - Timeline:
 - 9/17/20: Last day to appoint nominating committee.
 - 10/16/20: Committee submits list of nominees to Section Chair.
 - 11/17/20: Annual Meeting via Zoom – 2021 EC nominees presented and voted on.
 - Proposed Members (membership to be ratified at Oct Meeting): Trevor Caldwell (Chair); Michael Hajarizadeh (Chair Elect); Ross Neher (Past Chair); Leah Watson (Secretary); Joel Stevens (General Member); Other Interested EC Members
 - Actions (to be ratified at next meeting): Deadline to submit nominees is 16 Oct 20; Annual meeting will take place prior to the Nov EC meeting on 17 Nov 20 where there will be a vote on new EC members with all attendees annotated in the notes and their votes similarly reflected
- Legislation & Policy Sub Committee: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell
 - Mission: draft and pass legislation related to military and veterans' legal issues during each regular session of the legislature. Keep Section apprised of developments in law and policy affecting veterans and servicemembers.
 - Members: Trevor Caldwell, Leah Watson, Ross Neher, Jess Barton, Michael Hajarizadeh
- Mentorship Committee: Briefed by Chair, Trevor Caldwell

- Mission: establish and maintain a mentorship program for law students and new lawyers who are veterans and/or interested in military and veterans law issues. Ensure all veteran law students have the opportunity to become members of the section.
- Members: [Volunteers needed]
- Tracy offered to help with reminding EC membership to participate

Next meeting (October 20th):

- Next meeting will be by conference call or Zoom

Wrap-Up/Adjourn