

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

February 2022 MEETING MINUTES

The February 2022 meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. on February 15, 2022 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	Ms. Leah Eccles Watson
			Past Chair	Mr. Michael Hajarizadeh
	x		Chair-Elect	Ryan Adams
	x		Secretary	Ms. Leslie A. Nelson
	x		Treasurer	Mr. Ross Neher
			Member-At-Large and CLE Committee Chair	Ms. Tracy E. Connor
			Member-At-Large and Legislative Committee Chair	Mr. Trevor R. Caldwell
			Member-At-Large	Ms. Rowan C. Hardenbrook
			Member-At-Large	
	x		Member-At-Large	Mr. Daniel O. Schmidt
	x		Member-At-Large	Mr. Joel W. Stevens
				Josh
			Advisory Member	Mr. Jesse Wm Barton
	x		Advisory Member	Mr. Mark John Holady
			Advisory Member	Mr. James 'Jim' Gordon Rice
			Advisory Member	Mr. Wesley A. Hill
			Law School Liaison	
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			Bar Liaison	Ms. Natalie Batiste
	x		Bar Liaison	Mr. Troy J. Wood
			BOG Representative	

Opening Remarks: Briefed by Chairperson, Leah Watson

- Welcome

Roll of Attendees: Brief by Secretary, Leslie Nelson

No minutes approved yet because we are still working on issues out related to the recent election. Troy Wood is checking on where our slate of electors went and what has happened with that. He is going to get an answer and will get back to us soon.

- 9 people in attendance by mid-meeting to include 8 members, and OSB Liaison

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Brief by Treasure, Ross Neher. \$1,650.00 in the treasury.

- 107 total members currently

CLE & Events: Briefed by Leah

- Leah reported that there is on-going work on a family law CLE that will most likely be by Zoom and will probably be set in April.
- Troy reports that hybrid CLEs that include in person and virtual aspects have proven to be very expensive, so we may want to avoid those.
- The Section would like to hold some meetings at the Oregon law schools in the future and will continue to plan for that.

Website: Brief by Mark Halady

- New WordPress design is being used for the website. Leslie will email the minutes to Mark for posting right after the meetings.

Legislative /Update: Brief by Leah

- Trevor is looking into ideas for legislation and has been contacted about some ideas.

Law School Representatives:

- None present to brief for the schools
 - Univ of Oregon Law
 - Willamette Law
 - Lewis & Clark Law

New Business/Announcements:

Mark Halady is the longest serving on the Executive Board. Mark suggests we need some more action items to excite others and keep our group going. There is a problem and something needs to be done to keep the group moving. The group discussed having an outdoor, in person event in the spring. Discussion of whether we should have a CLE, clinic, social event or a combination of these. Leslie agrees to meet with CLE and Events group to discuss ideas and brief the Section next month.

Closing Remarks: Briefed by Leah

- Thank you all for attending
- Next meeting is March 15th at noon, via Zoom

Wrap-Up/Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 12:28 pm.