

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

March 2021 MEETING MINUTES

The March 2021 meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. on March 16, 2020 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	Mr. Michael Hajarizadeh
		X	Past Chair	Mr. Trevor R. Caldwell
	X		Secretary/ Chair-Elect	Ms. Leah Eccles Watson
	X		Treasurer	Mr. Ross Neher
	X		Member-At-Large	Mr. Ryan Adams
	X		Member-At-Large	Ms. Tracy E. Connor
		X	Member-At-Large	Ms. Jaimie A. Fender
	X		Member-At-Large	Ms. Rowan C. Hardenbrook
		X	Member-At-Large	Mr. Wesley A. Hill
		X	Member-At-Large	Ms. Leslie A. Nelson
		X	Member-At-Large	Ms. Jennifer B. Sackett
		X	Member-At-Large	Mr. Daniel O. Schmidt
	X		Member-At-Large	Mr. Joel W. Stevens
	X		Member-At-Large	Mr. Josh D. Yanov
		X	Advisory Member	Mr. Jesse Wm Barton
	X		Advisory Member	Mr. Mark John Holady
		X	Advisory Member	Mr. James 'Jim' Gordon Rice
		X	Law School Liaison	Mr. Jacob Gates
		X	Law School Liaison	Mr. Hi'ilei M. Haru
	X		Law School Liaison	Ms. Jessica Watkins
		X	Bar Liaison	Ms. Natalie Batiste
	X		Bar Liaison	Mr. Troy J. Wood
		X	BOG Representative	Mr. Joseph Hesbrook

Opening Remarks: Briefed by Leah Watson

- Express regrets for Chair, Michael Hajarizadeh, who could not attend today

Roll of Attendees: Brief by Secretary, Leah Watson

- No quorum to conduct votes at start of meeting
- 10 people in attendance by mid-meeting to include 7 members, OSB Liaison, Advisory Member, and 1 Law School Representative

Standing Committee Reports:

Membership Report: Brief by Treasure, Ross Neher

- 84 paid members; 15 complimentary; 99 total members currently
- OSB wants 100 members as a minimum number; so please spread the word for recruiting

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Treasury Report: Brief by Treasure, Ross Neher

- o \$1769 in account, with a small income of last month from membership renewals

CLE& Events: Briefed by CLE Committee Lead, Tracy Conner

- o No significant updates for the beginning of the year
- o We have CLE topics and offers for presenters and will be scheduling CLEs for virtual events in the coming months

Legislative /Update: Briefed by Leah Watson

- o SB 184, the OSB Military and Veterans bill
 - Was assigned to the House Committee on Business and Labor this week. <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2021R1/Committees/HBL/Overview#>
 - We are not expecting any action on the bill until we are much closer to the First Chamber deadline (April 13).
- o Legislative proposals for the next FY will be considered next by the committee
 - Senator Manning mentioned potential interest for a bill to help military spouses in public hiring similar to the veteran preference law
- o Members interested in joining the Legislative Committee are welcome
 - Ross Neher expressed interest to be part of legislative committee

Law School Representatives:

- o Willamette Law - Jessica Watkins (Law Student Rep)
 - o No update for fall semester being in person; registration process suggests it will be virtual for planning purposes at least
 - o Looking to elect a new board and continue a few folks
 - o Kelson Herly 1L is interested in being the new liaison to the MILVET Section

New Business/Announcements:

- Portland VA is now offering COVID vaccine to 40+
- DOD affiliated folks are also being offering the vaccine

Closing Remarks: Briefed by Leah Watson

- Thank you all for attending; hopefully we will be able to have a larger group next month

April 20th next meeting

Wrap-Up/Adjourn

- Tracy moved to adjourn; Joel 2nd; unanimously approved; meeting adjourned.