

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION
Executive Committee
November 15, 2016 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by the chair, David Kramer, at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. Present were Mary Ellen Farr (secretary), Mark John Holady (treasurer), Daniel Zene Crowe (chair elect), executive committee member Paul Sundermier, Troy Wood (OSB liaison), Kerry Sharp (BOG liaison), and visitors Jaimie Fender, Mark Exley, Doug MacEllven, Ross Neher, and Leslie Nelson. Present by telephone were executive committee member Mark Ronning, and guests Joe Miller and Andrew Futerman (Lewis and Clark Law School liaison).

Minutes. The minutes of October 18, 2016 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Holady presented the treasurer's report and indicated that the section would donate \$300 to the Oregon Legal Veterans Services rather than to law students with the request that OLVS use the funds for scholarships. Holady also presented the proposed budget for 2017 which was approved unanimously. The committee appointed a subcommittee to consider scholarships for the coming year of Neher, Crowe, and Holady.

Lewis and Clark Law School CLE. Futerman reported that the CLE is proceeding. Crowe went over the agenda for the CLE.

Judicial Training. Sundermier reported the subcommittee had made a proposal to the judicial department. The department will meet in February and will take up the proposal. Sundermier also discussed the possibility of providing judges with a one-page "cheat sheet" with issues of importance to military members and veterans in court.

Oregon New Lawyers Division. Fender reported on the joint social with the section and the ONLD. Sixty-three people attended. The attendees included OSB President, Michael Lavelle who has stated that one of his priorities is issues relating to veterans. Fender also reported that there is the possibility of a joint CLE with the debtor-creditor session and that Dress for Success has sponsored women veterans.

Awards. Farr reported that she has identified eight sections which give some kind of award to individuals or law firms although there are no doubt more. She also noted that there did not seem to be any prohibition on making an award to an organization rather than an individual. The section may also establish more than one award and does not need to make any award each year.

New Business. Crowe updated the committee on the recently passed legislation directing funds from the lottery to veterans' issue and noted the possibility that some of that money might

be available for legal issues to assist veterans and for veterans' courts, but that meetings are currently being held to determine how much money will be available under the legislation and how the funds will be allocated. Crowe will continue to monitor the process. The committee also indicated its desire that the OSB should be involved in the legislative discussion. The committee approved a motion that Kramer, Crowe and Holady contact the OSB Director of Public Affairs, Susan Grabe, and determine how to present a statement to the BOG expressing the section's concern that the OSB be involved in the funding discussions.

This was the final meeting of the executive committee of the section for 2016. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.