

WSBA LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO MILITARY PERSONNEL SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 @ 12:00 hrs,
Via Zoom Call

MEETING MINUTES

Members Present : [Noted in [Blue](#)]

Executive Committee Members

Chair: [Paul Apple](#) (2022-2024)

Vice Chair: [Stephen Carpenter](#) (2022-2024)

Secretary-Treasurer: ~~[Eric McDonald](#)~~ (2022-2024)

Immediate Past Chair: [Stephen Carpenter](#) (2022-2024)

Strategic Planning Committee*

[Jon Bridge](#) (2022-2024)

[Sharon Powell](#) (2022-2024)

~~[Alex Straub](#)~~ (2022-2024)

Historian: [Daniel Russ](#) (2022-2024)

Legislative Committee Chair: [Jeff Coats](#) (2022-2024)

Law School Liaison*: ~~[Craig Allen](#)~~ (2020-2022)

Young Lawyer Liaison*: ~~[Madison Burke](#)~~ (2021-2023)

Board of Governors Liaison*: ~~[Lauren Boyd](#)~~ (2022-2023)
and ~~[Mary Rathbone](#)~~ (2022-2023)

Northwest Justice Project Liaison*: [To be Determined]

* *Nonvoting member*

1. Introductions & Opening Remarks (Paul B. Apple, Chair)
 - a. Review of Minutes from last meeting from July 11, 2023. Read and Approved.
2. Review of Minutes: None from last two meetings due to no quorum being present.
3. Treasurer's Report (none, Chair)
 - a. Discussed the current financial balances provided, but did not have formal report as Treasurer was absent. Reports sent to the Executive Committee members present after the meeting to independently review and discuss at next meeting on May 16, 2024. Secretary/Treasurer to present this report at that meeting.
4. Discussion of New Business (Open)
 - a. Paul Apple discussed the deadline extension for all candidates to apply for the executive committee positions up for vote. The original deadline past with only one submission for Legislative Committee Chair. The deadline was extended to April 30.
 - b. Jeff Coats suggested that members reach out to individuals to solicit candidates.

- c. Under the Bylaws, if no candidates have applied for by April 30, the current EC members will hold over their terms until the LAMP Section calls for voice nominations and a floor vote at the next available General Meeting.
- d. Jeff Coats suggested volunteer opportunities to support Honor Flights for all war vets (WWII, Korea, Vietnam typically) they go to Washington DC and tour Arlington Cemetery, war memorials then return home. The volunteer positions are called “Guardians.” Guardians go along to assist the vets who need help getting around and to corral the old folks that wander around. Volunteers would pay their own way to accompany Elderly War Vets on their trip and return journey. A suggestion was made to publish a link of the LAMP Webpage for volunteers to connect and apply.
- e. Jon Bridge suggested LAMP to donate to support other volunteer organizations that would provide legal assistance services to veterans and dependents of military personnel, such as donations to NW Justice Project to assist with veteran homeless and other housing issues, and Endowment for Equal Justice.

5. Discussion on Planning Next CLE (Paul B. Apple, Chair)

- a. Next CLE will be combined with the General Meeting on May 16, 2024.
- b. CLE WEBINAR is entitled “The New Hybrid Military Justice Reforms in 2024
- c. E-Flyers, prepared by Stephen Carpenter, were to be emailed to the members via the list serve email. It was suggested by several members that the E-Flyer be sent to all contacts within a members’ Outlook email to include Active/Reserve/Guard Military Members, JAG Offices, and Retirees to get maximum publicity of the CLE WEBINAR The New Hybrid Military Justice Reforms in 2024.
- d. Stephen Carpenter volunteered to contact WSBA to get Zoom Link to our next meeting published on the webpage.
- e. Paul Apple volunteered to create and send the email inviting members and former members to the next meeting and to register for the CLE Webinar.
- f. Our next CLE Webinar is tentatively set for October 9, 2024.

6. Social Media Outreach & Development.

- a. Stephen Carpenter will contact WSBA re the LAMP webpage to see if we can get it updated with current information and links to ATG Military Liaison Office to assist WA Veterans and dependents. Also need to find out who is the sections’ Young Lawyer Liaison.

7. Other Business: Good of the Order

- a. Need to locate our physical supplies, including challenge coins to award CLE speakers

Adjourned 12:53pm