

**Military and Veterans Law Section**  
**Meeting minutes Tuesday, 8 April 25**  
**Start 12:05 p.m.; Adjourned 1:16 p.m.**

- I. Attendance (8)
  - Virtual
    - Mike Gawecki – Chair
    - Terrance – Bylaws Committee Chair
    - Thomas
    - Sasha
    - Andrew – Vice Chair
    - TJ - Secretary
    - Holly
    - Steve
- II. Introductions
- III. Finance Report
  - Reviewed the report that Morgan emailed.
  - Need a better understanding of State Bar's accountability of our dues
    - Current understanding is that joining the section is voluntary.
    - But to be a member of the section, you have to pay dues.
  - What expenditures are there for the budget?
    - When the treasurer returns, we can discuss breaking down the funds into different expenditures. That can be handled by the finance and budget committee.
- IV. Bylaws Proposed Changes
  - Reviewed Terrance's proposed changes.
    - Questions raised regarding voting by proxy. Terrance recalled seeing something about proxy voting in a state bar document.
    - Changes regarding the council membership
      - Membership on council and as an officer is for 3-year terms.
  - Finalize draft, email to Secretary, and Secretary will submit via email for up or down vote to proposed changes. Committee is only voting on proposed changes to be published for section to later adopt.
  - The vote to adopt proposed bylaw changes must be announced to entire section by first publishing in the MI Bar Journal the intent to adopt new bylaws. After publishing in next Bar Journal, then the committee may release proposed bylaws for full section vote.
- V. Proposed Committees
  - (Bylaws Committee: Chair – Terrance – Not discussed but Terrance has offered to serve in past meetings)
  - Disability Committee: Chair - Sasha
    - Sasha will email the purpose.
  - Budget and Finance Committee: Chair - Morgan

- Thomas suggested we breakdown the expenditure of funds
  - Programs Committee: Chair – No chair identified
    - Planning events, contests, outreach, and engagement.
  - Appellate and Administrative law Committee: Chair: – Mike has a friend who would like to Chair but first he needs to join the section.
    - Mike will provide more information to the council.
    - Subcommittee: Legislative Committee – No Chair identified yet.
  - Council will vote on creation of these 4 committees via email.
- VI. Annual Conference – June 13-14<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - Who will attend:
    - Holly has interest in attending
    - Thomas will attend
    - Mike will solicit for interest from 2 more members to attend
    - Goal is to fund attendance for conference fee, lodging, and food.
      - <https://www.michbar.org/GLLC/schedule>
- VII. Priorities for Next Meeting:
  - Vote on creation of committees via email before next meeting
  - Discuss committee staffing at next meeting
  - Proposed changes to bylaws
    - Terrance Bronson to assemble 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft.
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft will be disseminated at next meeting.
    - Goal → Finalize proposed changes so the proposed changes can be published in next MI Bar Journal for notice and comment. After the notice and comment period concludes, we will vote on adoption at next council meeting.
- VIII. Need to create a premium zoom account → Mike
  - Note: Holly's university pays for a premium account, and she can host through her account
- IX. Meeting Schedule:
  - **Next Meeting:** 13 May 25
  - **Future Meetings:**
    - 10 Jun 25
    - 8 Jul 25
    - 12 Aug 25
    - 9 Sep 25
    - 14 Oct 25
    - 11 Nov 25
    - 9 Dec 25

**Meeting Adjourned 1:16 pm.**