

State Bar of Michigan
Military and Veteran's Law Section
Annual Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2016 – 12:00 – 2:00 PM
Thomas M. Cooley Law School – Lansing

Minutes

1. Called to order, 12:20 PM

In attendance: Heather Spielmaker – Chair, Jeremy Henner – Vice Chair, Steven Schultz – Secretary, Mike Viterna – Treasurer, Mike McDaniel – Education Committee Chair, Peggy Costello – Pro Bono Committee Chair, Daniel Shawl, Michael Lamb, Casey Walker, Larissa Waltman, Kersten Zielinski, Justin Hayes, Donna Cody, Julie Lawler-Hoyle, Tracie Lemon, Hon. Deborah Thomas, Cynthia Burton, Alan Foreman, Michael Pelot, Daniel Ophoff, Deanne Bonner Simpson, Ayanna Alcendor, and Matt Cooper.

2. Heather Spielmaker submitted the agenda for approval. No additions or corrections were made and the agenda was approved.
3. Mike Viterna provided the Treasurer's report. We currently have 322 members. That represents a 14% increase over last year. The treasury has \$5988.09. The cost for today's meeting is \$246 catering, plus appetizers at networking social later (approx. \$100), and eBlast fees of \$150.
4. Jeremy Henner led discussion of legislative issues including funding for Veterans Treatment Courts.
5. Heather Spielmaker led nomination and voting process to fill vacant subcommittee chair positions. Honorable Judge Deborah Thomas nominated herself as Veteran's Treatment Court Chair; nomination was seconded by Mike McDaniel and passed unanimously. Casey Walker nominated himself as Communications Chair; nomination was seconded by Alan Forman and passed unanimously. Elections for two vacant council member seats were held. Four individuals self-nominated: Justin Hayes, Tracie Lemon, Julie Lawler-Hoyle, and Larissa Waltman. Justin Hayes and Tracie Lemon were elected by written ballot. Jeremy Henner will check to see if the terms of any current council members are ending and Julie Lawler-Hoyle and Larissa Waltman will fill those positions, if any.
6. Heather Spielmaker led the discussion of the quarterly meeting schedule. The schedule adopted was as follows: January 20, 2017; April 28, 2017; July 21, 2017; and an October date to be determined once the State Bar announces their annual meeting dates. The start time for the quarterly meetings will be 2:00 pm, locations to be determined.

7. Potential training topics for 2017 were discussed; Survivor Benefits including Death Indemnity Compensation; Military Family Law; and Servicemembers Civil Relief Act/Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act were the suggested topics.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00.