

August 2018 Agenda

Alternative Pathways to Becoming a Lawyer Committee

August 14; 3:00 – 5:00 pm

In-Person: McKenzie Room, Oregon State Bar Center

Call-in: 1-866-910-4857 x 671660#

- 1) VOTE on how the Committee wishes to proceed on Charge Two
 - a. Option One: Recommend No Action
 - i. YES Libby, Ron
 - ii. NO Dallas, John, Laurie, Kasia, Angela, Nate, Judy
 - b. Option Two: Recommend the Committee draft a letter encouraging President Nordyke to send a letter on behalf of the Oregon State Bar to the American Bar Association urging modification of the three-year requirements; Nordyke just appointed to future of legal education !! sending a letter may do nothing but it might be more impactful that she's got a seat at the table
 - i. YES Dallas, John, Laurie, Kasia, Diane, Danny, Nicole qualified need to see the details, Pat, Angela. Ron, Nate, Roy, Judy
 - ii. NO, Libby
 - c. Option Three: Recommend the Committee urge the Board of Bar Examiners to adopt a rule permitting law students who have completed two years of an accredited law school to spend the third year of their scholastic experience in a law firm, judicial office, law position in the military, or government agency to sit for the bar exam
 - i. YES, Danny
 - ii. NO Dallas, John, Laurie, Libby, Ron, Nate, Judy
 - d. Option Four: Other, to be determined
 - i. YES
 - ii. NO Ron

- 2) Charge One: Discussion of whether we as a Committee wishes to proceed on Charge One
 - a. Option One: Recommend No Action 8-6
 - i. YES Angela, Pat, Ron, Libby, Dallas, Laurie
 - ii. NO John, Danny, Diane, Kasia, Nicole, Nate, Roy, Judy
 - b. Option Two: Recommend the Committee urge the Board of Bar Examiners to adopt a rule permitting applicants who have not graduated from an accredited law school to sit for the bar exam after being mentored by a qualified mentor
 - i. YES John, Diane
 - ii. NO
 - c. Option Three: Other, to be determined
 - i. YES
 - ii. NO

- 3) Discussion of minimum qualifications for applicants to a law study program
- a. Option One: Recommend no education requirements at all
 - i. YES
 - ii. NO
 - b. Option Two: Recommend Bar staff and anticipated volunteer committee make case by case determinations after reviewing applications
 - i. YES John Gear
 - ii. NO
 - c. Option Three: Recommend high school degree or GED degree minimum
 - i. YES
 - ii. NO
 - d. Option Four Recommend associate's degree minimum
 - i. YES Diane, Nate, Kasia
 - ii. NO
 - e. Option Five: Recommend bachelor's degree minimum
 - i. YES Judy, Angela, Roy, Libby, Laurie, Patricia, Dallas, Nicole, Ron
 - ii. NO
 - f. Option Six: Recommend a satisfactory completion of an enlistment of military service in any branch of the United States armed forces
 - i. YES
 - ii. NO
 - g. Option Seven: Other, to be determined
 - i. John: if you are under 30 years old, you can have a BA; but if you are over 30, you need an AA; if you are over 40 and you can show 15 years of work experience, then no post-secondary work experience
 - ii. Diane: similar recommendation of the LLLT educational requirements and note that the military has paralegals
 - iii. Nate: FOUR YEAR general but also associates plus military, peace corps, americorps → two years education plus two years of some method of working in a capacity for the betterment of society **Nate was asked to write a minority report and has agreed to do so**
 - iv. Mark: four year requirement but the committee can vary it case to case
 - v. Nicole: value in the hardships see Nate; also value in the educational exercise and the level of preparedness which might not situate someone to be a lawyer
 - vi. Danny: keep open a door as possible – each benchmark means that there's an obstacle – so as a purist, he's in favor of no requirements of anything; Danny likes equivalency of Americorps, public service – Danny likes *recommended* degree or equivalency
 - vii. Roy: value in uniformity, understanding the requirements; eg, you could get a two year photography degree
 - viii. Ron more nuanced
 - ix.

Laurie – charge is integrity, so we adhere to the highest ethical standards
Vanessa – being an advocate for change for justice, eliminating the bias

4) Next meeting schedule

5) Adjourn