

THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON
MAY 12, 2005

MINUTES

The meeting of the Bar Foundation's Board of Directors was called to order by President Al Emch on May 12, 2005 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Members of the Board in attendance were Elliot Hicks, Carl Harris and Larry Skeen. Participating by telephone conference call were Vice President Bill File, Secretary/Treasurer Lisa Rose, Bob Goldenberg, Cheryl Riley, David Burton and Jerry Jones. J.T. Riley, a law school summer intern in Mr. Skeen's office was also in attendance as well as State Bar Executive Director Tom Tinder.

The first item on the Agenda was a review of the Minutes of the last Board of Directors Meeting which was held on February 24, 2005. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Minutes be approved as presented.

President Emch called upon Secretary/Treasurer Rose to give a financial report. The Board members reviewed the revenues and expenses for the first ten months of the fiscal year from July 1, 2004 to April 30, 2005. They went over each of the items in the financial document which demonstrated that the Bar Foundation was in good financial condition. After some additional comments, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the financial report be approved as presented.

Mr. Hicks then gave a report on behalf of the IOLTA Advisory Committee. He mentioned the funding situation for legal services programs by both the federal government and the state government. He informed that Board that there was \$143,000 available to distribute and that the recommendation was that \$20,000 be placed in the Rainy Day Fund, that \$25,000 be set aside for the administration fee and that the remaining amount of \$98,000 be distributed to the legal services programs in accordance with the Supreme Court Order. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that these actions be undertaken. Then, the Board was informed that the administration fee of \$50,000 will be paid on June 30, 2005.

Mr. Hicks then talked about the improvement that has occurred in IOLTA funds in the past few months based upon the increase in interest rates

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as well as the waiver of service fees by the five largest banks. After some additional comments, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Bar Foundation expend up to the amount of \$1,000 to provide recognition plaques to the five lead banks in the state. Mr. Hicks concluded his remarks by mentioning that an IOLTA press conference had been held in March at the Supreme Court with participation by Chief Justice Albright, President Emch, State Bar President Love and John Amores, Esquire representing the West Virginia Bankers Association.

The next item on the Agenda was a report from the Grant Making Committee. Mr. Burton stated that there had been no grant applications received since the last Board Meeting.

Mr. Goldenberg then gave a report on behalf of the Foundation Fellows Activities Committee. There is a desire by the Foundation Fellows to provide legal assistance to the state's citizens.

President Emch reported on the Foundation Fellows Dinner which had been held during the first week of May. Eighteen new Fellows had been inducted and there were more than 175 persons present at this successful event.

President Emch reported on the activities which had occurred at the Bar Foundation's Annual Business Meeting which had been held during the State Bar's Annual Meeting the previous week in Morgantown. The By-Law revisions had been approved at the Annual Business Meeting and Judge Robert Maxwell and Maggie Drennen had received the Lawyer of the Year and Citizen of the Year Awards.

The next item on the Agenda was the topic of directors liability insurance. President Emch reported that a quote had been received from BB&T Carson Insurance Agency to provide this coverage for an annual premium of \$1060.50. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the insurance coverage be acquired and that the premium be paid.

President Emch led a discussion concerning law related education programs in which the Bar Foundation could be involved. He mentioned the Youth In Government Program which provides seminars for hundreds of eighth grade students from around the state who come to Charleston during the State Legislative Session. After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to have the Bar Foundation take over the administration of the Youth In Government Program.

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President Emch went on to talk about the We, The People Program which is a statewide competition for high school students to learn more about their rights and responsibilities under the law. After some discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to authorize President Emch to communicate with the State Bar to take over the administration of the We, The People Program.

Vice President File then made a report on behalf of the Nominating Committee. He stated that the following individuals had been approved to serve three year terms as members of the Board of Directors at the Annual Business Meeting the previous week. The Directors are:

Tracey Rohrbaugh - Martinsburg
Janet Preston - Parsons
David Burton - Princeton
Robert Goldenberg - Parkersburg
Jerald Jones - Clarksburg

Vice President File went on to give a report on the nominations for Officers to serve for the 2005-06 fiscal year. The nominations were President - Al Emch, Vice President - Bill File and Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl Riley. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the nominations be closed and these three individuals be approved as the Bar Foundation Officers.

Under the topic of Other Business, the Board members expressed their appreciation to Secretary/Treasurer Rose and Ms. Bentley who were ending their current term and a total of six years as members of the Bar Foundation's Board of Directors. They were commended for the outstanding service and leadership that they had provided to the Bar Foundation.

President Emch announced that the next Board of Directors Meeting would be on August 11, 2005 at 12:00 noon at the State Bar Center.

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned.