

THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON
DECEMBER 7, 2006

MINUTES

The meeting of the West Virginia Bar Foundation's Board of Directors was called to order by President Al Emch on December 7, 2006 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Carl Harris, a member of the Board of Directors, participate by telephone conference call. Consultant Susan Griffis and State Bar Executive Director Tom Tinder were also in attendance.

The first item on the Agenda was a review of the Minutes of the last Board of Directors Meeting which was held on September 28, 2006. There were no additions or corrections to be made to the Minutes as presented.

The next item on the Agenda was the financial report. The Board members reviewed the financial report for the first four months of the fiscal year - July 1, 2006 to October 31, 2006. There had been increases over the budgeted amounts for annual membership, lifetime membership and new contributions. There were also comments made about the expenses being in satisfactory amounts and that there was an excess of revenue over expenses of \$8,000 at the end of four months of the fiscal year.

The next item on the Agenda was a report from the IOLTA Advisory Committee. The Committee had met previous to the Board Meeting and had reviewed the finances which showed that there was the amount of \$272,000 available for distribution as of November 30, 2006. The recommendation from the Advisory Committee was to increase the Rainy Day Fund from \$62,500 to \$75,000, to increase the annual management fee set aside from \$12,500 to \$25,000 and to distribute the remaining \$172,000 in accordance with the Supreme Court Order. After some discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to approve the recommendation from the IOLTA Advisory Committee as presented.

The next item on the Agenda was a report from the Grant Making Committee. There were comments made that the grant of \$2,000 has been made to West Virginia Public Broadcasting to provide closed captioning for The Law Works. The Board members reviewed correspondence from West Virginia Public Broadcasting. No additional grant applications had been received.

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The next item on the Agenda related to a report on the Foundation Fellows Activities Committee. In the absence of Mr. Goldenberg, there was no report. The Foundation Fellows have been specifically requested to provide assistance with the Bar Foundation's Fund Raising Campaign.

President Emch then led a discussion concerning the Fund Raising Campaign. It was reported that more than \$75,000 has been pledged so far. There will be a barrage of mailings, e-mails, items in the Bar Blast and items in The West Virginia Lawyer magazine that will occur during the next 30 days. It was agreed that there will be a concentrated effort in the next 30 days to get additional contributions for the Fund Raising Campaign.

Under the topic of Other Business, the Board reviewed a request from Legal Aid of West Virginia to provide additional financial support for the visit that was made by the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors. The Foundation Board had already approved a financial commitment of \$2,500. After additional discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to provide a contribution of \$3,334 to support the official visit by the Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors.

President Emch announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors would be on March 8, 2007 at 12:00 noon at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

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