

THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON  
DECEMBER 6, 1994

M I N U T E S

The meeting of the Bar Foundation's Board of Directors was called to order by President John McClagherty on December 6, 1994 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Members of the Board in attendance were Vice President David Daugherty, Treasurer Charles Loeb, Mike Chaney, Mote Thompson, Rob Fisher, Caton Hill and Dan Ruley. Tom Tinder was also in attendance.

The first item on the Agenda was a review of the Minutes of the last Board meeting which was held on July 21, 1994. There were no additions or corrections to the Minutes as presented.

President McClagherty then led a discussion concerning the operation of the IOLTA Program. He informed the Board that the first payments made on a quarterly basis to the four Legal Services Programs had been made just prior to the beginning of this Board of Directors meeting. A total of \$150,000 has been presented to the four Legal Services Programs for the first quarter of the fiscal year - July 1, 1994 through September 30, 1994.

President McClagherty requested that Mr. Tinder provide additional information concerning the IOLTA Program. Contacts have been made with many participating banks to make sure that the IOLTA Program is receiving the appropriate funds. In addition, the information on lawyer and bank participation should be entered into the computer by January so that more effective information will be available.

The next item for discussion was the financial report. The Board reviewed the financial reports for both the IOLTA Program and the Bar Foundation. There were numerous questions concerning various accounts in the budgets. The financial condition of both programs is satisfactory.

President McClagherty then led a discussion concerning the Judicial Selection Symposium which had been held in October in Charleston. The Bar Foundation had been a co-sponsor of this event as well as agreeing to handle the funds which were collected. The Board members talked about the topic of judicial selection. It appears that there may be action on this topic in the future. The Symposium was attended by a diverse group which reviewed the various judicial selection options which are available.

The Board members then had a lengthy discussion concerning various endeavors in which the Foundation could become involved.

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The first one which was discussed related to legal tapes utilizing former Justice Thomas Miller. There were numerous comments made regarding the feasibility of such a program.

Then, the Board members reviewed a Consumer's Guide that had been received from the American Bar Association. After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and approved to determine the purchasing of sufficient guides to be distributed to the 179 public libraries in the state. Mr. Chaney said that he would provide Mr. Tinder with information on this topic.

The Board members then talked about special recognition awards. There were numerous comments about the types of awards to be considered, who would be eligible to receive them and the final selection process. The Board members talked about awards, one to a layperson and the other to a lawyer for worthwhile activities outside the practice of law. It was felt that the awards should be given for outstanding civic or community service. President McClagherty stated that he would put together an initial draft for consideration by the Board members.

The next item for discussion related to membership dues mailings. The Board members agreed that a letter would be sent to all State Bar members encouraging their payments of Bar Foundation membership dues. A separate statement would be sent to current Foundation members who had not paid their membership dues for the current fiscal year, 1994-95.

Under the topic of Other Business, the Board members talked about the payment of expenses for laypersons to attend meetings for the drafting of the Uniform Commercial Code. It was felt that funds could perhaps be provided for a West Virginia Consumer Representative to participate in these meetings.

President McClagherty then announced that the next meeting of the Board would be in early February, 1995.

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