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WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON
FEBRUARY 17, 2000

MINUTES

The meeting of the Bar Foundation's Board of Directors was called to order by Vice President Bob Wallace on February 17, 2000 at the State Bar Center in Charleston. After a few minutes, Bar Foundation President Nick Casey arrived at the meeting and chaired the remainder of the meeting.

Members of the Board of Directors in attendance were Heather Heiskell-Jones, Mike Chaney, John Busch, Mote Thompson and Rob Fisher. Participating by telephone conference call were Lisa Rose, Claudia Bentley, James Companion and Rich Ford, Jr. State Bar Executive Director Tom Tinder was also present.

The first item on the Agenda was a review of the Minutes of the last Board of Directors Meeting which was held on December 9, 1999. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Minutes be approved as presented.

President Casey then requested information on the recent IOLTA decision. The Opinion, which was a strong one in favor of IOLTA Programs, said that there was no taking and therefore, there was no just compensation involved in this case. The Opinion was over 40 pages in length and contained a great deal of factual information.

It is apparent that will be an appeal to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals with the argument probably occurring before the Court in the fall of 2000.

President Casey then asked Mr. Chaney to give a report from the IOLTA Advisory Committee. He said that the next meeting of the Committee had been set for March 9, 2000.

The Board members then reviewed the financial report for the Foundation for the first seven months of the fiscal year - July 1, 1999 to January 31, 2000. There were several questions relating to various aspects of the financial report. Then, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed

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that the report be accepted as presented.

The next item on the Agenda related to the Citizen and Lawyer of the Year Awards. President Casey went over the nominations for the Citizen of the Year which were Sam Bowling of Charleston, Rev. Jack Squires of Fairmont and Father Sadie of Charleston. After some discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that Mr. Bowling be named as the Citizen of the Year for 2000.

President Casey went on to lead a discussion for the Lawyer of the Year Award. The nominations were for Dan Callaghan of Summersville, Nate Bowles of Charleston, Roger Curry of Fairmont, Professor Tom Patrick of Morgantown, Jim Stealey of Parkersburg, Jay West of Clarksburg and Mike Perry of Huntington. After a great deal of discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to nominate Mr. Curry. Then, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to nominate Mr. West. Finally, a vote was taken and the selection for Lawyer of the Year for 2000 was Jay West.

President Casey then led a discussion concerning the report from the Foundation Fellows Liaison Committee. In the absence of the Chairperson, Mr. Persinger, the list of 20 persons and 3 alternates were discussed by the Board members. After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the 20 persons and 3 alternates be named to the Foundation Fellows class of 2000. President Casey stated the he would talk with each of them personally.

The next item on the Agenda related to the nominations process for members of the Board of Directors. A listing of the Board members and their terms was distributed to the Board. President Casey and Vice President Wallace have served two consecutive three year terms and are ineligible for re-appointment.

After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that Ms. Henderson, Mr. Persinger and Mr. Busch are to be re-appointed to another three year term on the Board of Directors. It was agreed that President Casey and Vice President Wallace would serve as a Nominating Committee to come up with suggestions for the two vacant positions on the Board of Directors which will be discussed at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

President Casey then announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors would be held on April 13, 2000 at 12:00 noon at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

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