

THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON  
FEBRUARY 23, 1995

M I N U T E S

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Bar Foundation, Inc. was called to order by President John McClaugherty on February 23, 1995 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Members of the Board of Directors in attendance were Rob Fisher, David Daugherty, Cheryl Henderson, Grant Crandall, Charles Loeb, Mote Thompson, Mike Chaney and Nick Casey. Tom Tinder was also present.

The first item on the Agenda was a review of the Minutes of the last Committee meeting which was held on December 6, 1994. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Minutes be approved as presented.

President McClaugherty then requested a report on the IOLTA Program. The IOLTA Advisory Committee had met earlier on the same day and had received a very favorable report on the continuing success of this activity.

The IOLTA Program had generated approximately \$600,000 during the period of July 1, 1994 to January 1, 1995. An amount of \$150,000 had been made as a quarterly payment to the four Legal Services Programs in December.

The recommendation from the IOLTA Advisory Committee was that \$25,000 be paid to the State Bar for administrative costs, \$60,000 be set aside as the 10% figure for Special Grants and that the amount of \$370,000 be distributed to the four Legal Services Programs. The Committee also recommended that up to \$5,000 be spent for computer software for a scanning machine with this specific request being made to the West Virginia Supreme Court. After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the recommendation be approved and forwarded to the Supreme Court.

The next item on the Agenda was a review of the financial report. Information was provided to the Board members regarding the financial condition of the Bar Foundation and the IOLTA Program. The financial report was satisfactory.

The Board members then talked about the need to increase the number of annual memberships. It was agreed that there would be information at the State Bar's Annual Meeting so that persons could sign up as members of the Bar Foundation.

The next item for discussion was the Consumer's Guide from the

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American Bar Association. This material will be received shortly from the ABA. It was agreed that there would be a note inside of the Guide stating that it was being provide by the West Virginia Bar Foundation and there would be a press release done when the Guides were sent to the 179 public libraries in the state.

President McClaugherty then led a discussion concerning the special recognition awards for a lawyer citizen and a public citizen. It was agreed that there should be small notice placed in the March issue of The West Virginia Lawyer magazine with a formal advertisement in the April issue of the publication. The guidelines for the awards were approved with the provision that suggestions must be made to Bar Foundation members for nomination. A listing of the Bar Foundation members would be included in the April issue of the magazine. The deadline date for nominations would be April 21, 1995.

The Board members then reviewed a letter from WVU Law Professor John Fisher regarding a request to permit him to become a lifetime member by paying the remaining amount due on the total \$500 payment. After some discussion, the Board decided not to approve Professor Fisher's request.

Under the topic of Other Business, President McClaugherty named the Board Nominating Committee consisting of Mr. Casey as Chairperson and Mr. Loeb and Mr. Wallace as members.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Board of Directors would be at the call of the President. There may be a need to have a mail ballot or a telephone conference call in April relating to the new awards.

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