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THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON  
FEBRUARY 23, 1999

M I N U T E S

The meeting of the West Virginia Bar Foundation's Board of Directors was called to order by President Nick Casey on February 23, 1999 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Members of the Committee in attendance were Cheryl Henderson, Heather Heiskell Jones, Mike Chaney, Rob Fisher, Bob Wallace and Mote Thompson. Participating by telephone conference call was Caton Hill. Tom Tinder was 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 January 19, 1999. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Minutes be approved as presented.

President Casey then asked for an update on the IOLTA Program. Mr. Chaney said that there was the amount of \$360,000 to be distributed to the four Legal Services Programs in the state. The IOLTA Advisory Committee was waiting for a response from Chief Justice Starcher as to whether or not he wanted to have a press conference. It was also reported that \$673,000 had been received from the IOLTA Program during the current fiscal year from July 1, 1998 to January 31, 1999.

The Board members then talked about the Citizen and Lawyer of the Year Awards. A formal announcement of the awards had been placed in the February issue of The West Virginia Lawyer magazine and there would be another notice in the March issue. The deadline date for nominations is March 25, 1999. The awards will be made at the Bench/Bar Luncheon at the State Bar's Annual Meeting on April 30, 1999.

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President Casey led an extensive discussion concerning the Foundation Fellows Program. He reported that 11 persons had already committed to participate and that only two persons had declined (Mary Frances Brown and Edward Eiland). He will receive decisions from the rest of the invitees by the first of March.

The Board members talked about other persons who should perhaps be added. After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Foundation Fellows Nominating Committee consider other nominees to replace the two persons who had declined the invitations. The Board members discussed the need to send invitations to all State Bar members to participate at the Foundation Fellows Dinner on May 13, 1999. It was agreed that invitations would be sent and that notices would be placed in the March and April issues of The West Virginia Lawyer magazine.

After additional discussion, the Board members agreed to the following schedule relating to the Foundation Fellows Program:

March 1, 1999 - Deadline for responses from invitees

March 19, 1999 - Invitation to Foundation Fellows Dinner mailed to all State Bar members

March, 1999 - A short invitation to be placed in The West Virginia Lawyer magazine.

April, 1999 - A larger advertisement to be placed in The West Virginia Lawyer magazine with the names of all of the Foundation Fellows.

April 30, 1999 - Deadline for sponsors for the Foundation Fellows Dinner at the rate of \$200 per sponsorship.

The Board members agreed that they would accept the responsibility to contact persons at the law offices of the Foundation Fellows to secure the \$200 sponsorships for the awards dinner as well as to sell tickets for the awards dinner.

The next item on the Agenda was a discussion of the remodeling of the State Bar Center. Mr. Tinder said that a representative from the Pray Construction Company had recently visited and said that they cost for the renovations would be between \$35,000 and

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\$40,000. After some discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to work with the Pray Construction Company.

President Casey then called upon Mr. Chaney to give a report from the Nominating Committee. He said that there were six positions on the Board of Directors to be filled. He made some suggestions including John Busch, Richard Ford, Jr., Caton Hill, Mote Thompson, Blaine Myers and Norwood Bentley. There were additional suggestions made of Lisa Rose, Claudia Bentley, Sue Core and Sue Seibert Farnsworth. The Committee will have a further report at the next Board Meeting.

The Board members then talked about the activities of the Bar Foundation which will be held at the 1999 State Bar Annual Meeting. The Bar Foundation's Annual Meeting will be held on April 30, 1999 at Lakeview Resort and there will be participation at the Bench/Bar Luncheon on that same day.

President Casey then announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors would be on March 31, 1999 at 12:00 noon at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

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