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THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON
MARCH 12, 1998

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 John McClagherty on March 12, 1998 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Members of the Board in attendance were Vice President Wallace, Nick Casey, Rob Fisher, Grant Crandall, Howard Persinger and Mote Thompson. Participating by telephone conference call were Richard Ford, Sr. State Bar Vice President Dan Ringer and State Bar Executive Director Tom Tinder were 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 November 20, 1997. There were no additions or corrections to be made to the Minutes as presented.

Mr. Fisher then gave a report on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Its recommendation for individuals to serve as Officers for the 1997-98 year were President John McClagherty, Vice President Bob Wallace and Secretary/Treasurer Charley Loeb. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Officers be approved as presented.

Mr. Tinder then reported to the Board that the State Bar Center Lease had been approved by the State Bar's Board of Governors at its meeting in January. It took action to approve the amendments which had been made by the Bar Foundation Board of Directors at its meeting in November. The three year lease went into effect on July 1, 1997.

President McClagherty then asked for a financial report. Documents were provided regarding

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the financial status of the Bar Foundation and the IOLTA Program for the first eight months of the fiscal year - July 1, 1997 through February 28, 1998. There were several questions regarding the reports. Then a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the financial report be approved as presented.

The Board members then spent some amount of time discussing the IOLTA case which has been argued before the United States Supreme Court. A decision will be handed down before June of this year. There were also comments made about the efforts to get State Government funding during the current State Legislative Session.

President McClaugherty then called upon Mr. Ringer to discuss the legal affairs broadcast proposal. He talked about the legal affairs program which is being considered for utilization by the West Virginia Public Broadcasting Authority on its Public Television stations. After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Bar Foundation would endorse such a program and will support it by participation and by serving as a fiscal agent, if necessary.

The next item on the Agenda related to the Foundation Fellows Program. Mr. Persinger led a discussion regarding a proposal to set up a Foundation Fellows Program. After some comments were made, motions were duly made, seconded and passed to make some wording changes in paragraph 5 and paragraph 6 of the funding proposal. Then, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to set up a Fellows Program. It was felt that it would be beneficial to have the first meeting of the Foundation Fellows in the evening of the first day of the September term of the West Virginia Supreme Court.

The next item on the Agenda related to the selection of the Citizen of the Year and the Lawyer of the Year Awards. President McClaugherty left the room and Vice President Wallace chaired the meeting. After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to select John McClaugherty to receive the 1998 Lawyer of the Year Award.

Mr. McClaugherty then returned to the room. Discussion was held regarding the selection of a Citizen of the Year. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed to select James "Buck" Harless of

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Mingo County for the Citizen of the Year Award.

President McClaugherty then led a discussion concerning the 1998 Annual Business Meeting of the Bar Foundation which will be held on March 27, 1998 at the State Bar's Annual Meeting at the Greenbrier Hotel in White Sulphur Springs. There were comments made about the need for an election of five members the Board of Directors. A Nomination Committee was selected consisting of Mr. Chaney, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Casey.

Then, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that Mr. Casey would serve as the Chairperson of the Annual Business Meeting which will be held at the Greenbrier Hotel on March 27, 1998.

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