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THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON  
NOVEMBER 18, 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 Nick Casey on November 18, 1998 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Members of the Board in attendance were Cheryl Henderson, John McClaugherty, Caton Hill, Mike Chaney, Howard Persinger, Rob Fisher and Mote Thompson. 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 Meeting which was held on September 16, 1998. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Minutes be approved as presented.

President Casey then requested a report from Mr. Chaney, the Chairperson of the IOLTA Advisory Committee. He said that the Committee had not met since the last Board Meeting. It was still waiting for contact from the Chief Justice's office as to whether or not she wanted to have a press conference to release the most recent grant awards.

The Board members then received numerous documents relating to the financial condition of the Foundation and the IOLTA Advisory Committee. Mr. Tinder stated that a plan will be used to have high school students enter the IOLTA data onto the computer system so that it can be automated. The Board members reviewed the 1998-99 budget for the Bar Foundation. After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to approve the financial reports as presented.

The next item for discussion related to the Foundation Fellows Program. The Board members

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reviewed the listing of 20 lawyers, 2 judges and Senator Byrd which had been provided to them by the Sub Committee. There was an extensive amount of discussion regarding the persons who should be nominated for the first class of Foundation Fellows. Finally, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to approve the 20 names, including Herbert Underwood of Clarksburg and Wade Watson from Bluefield as well as Judge Robert Maxwell, Judge Callie Stapsis and Senator Byrd. In addition, the Board agreed to have the Sub Committee meet, if necessary, to add names to the first class if some of the nominations declined the invitations to be Foundation Fellows.

After some more comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that have the Sub Committee review the selection process rules that had been approved previously to ascertain any changes that should be made in the rules. The Sub Committee is to report back to the Board of Directors with its recommendations at the next Board Meeting.

The Board members then talked about the Foundation Fellows induction ceremony. It has been set for May 13, 1999 at the Cultural Center in Charleston. It was agreed that President Casey and Mr. McClaugherty would work on the program for the ceremony and the best ways to publicize the event and have large numbers of persons in attendance.

It was agreed that invitations to the 23 persons would be sent to them in the next several days. They would be requested to respond by no later than January 5, 1999. Then, if the Sub Committee needed to meet, it could do so in order to have additional names for consideration at the next Board of Directors Meeting which will be held in January.

The next item on the Agenda related to an update on the remodeling of the State Bar Center. Mr. Tinder asked the Board members to provide him with names of any contractors who they might know that could do the work. According to the architect, it is very difficult to find a contractor who will do this relatively small job because all of them are so busy with their work.

The Board members then talked about the 1999 Citizen of the Year and Lawyer of Year Awards. It was agreed to put a notice concerning these awards in the January and February issues of The West Virginia Lawyer magazine.

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The next item for discussion related to a legal affairs program on public television. The Board members were informed that work is still being done on this project and that there may be a request for some financial contribution by the Bar Foundation.

Under the topic of Other Business, President Casey informed the Board of the letter of resignation which had been received from Board member Charles Loeb. After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to accept Mr. Loeb's letter with regret and to appoint Mr. Chaney to serve as the Secretary/Treasurer of the organization.

In response to a question from Mr. Hill, it was announced that there are currently 75 lifetime members of the Bar Foundation.

President Casey then announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors would be on January 19, 1999 at 12:00 noon at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

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