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THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON
OCTOBER 26, 2000

MINUTES

The meeting of the Bar Foundation's Board of Directors was called to order by President Michael Chaney on October 26, 2000 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Members of the Board in attendance were Elliot Hicks, Rob Fisher and Mote Thompson. Participating by telephone conference call were Claudia Bentley, Heather Heiskell Jones, Lisa Rose, Caton Hill and Richard Ford, Jr. State Bar Executive Director 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 had been held on July 13, 2000. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Minutes be approved as presented.

The Board members then considered the vacant position on the Board. Suggestions were made for appropriate individuals to fill that vacancy. Then, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to appoint Bob Noone of Logan to that position. President Chaney said that he would contact Mr. Noone.

President Chaney then gave report on behalf of the IOLTA Advisory Committee. First, he suggested that another member of the Board should be appointed as the IOLTA Advisory Committee Chairperson to replace him. After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to appoint Mr. Hicks as the Chairperson of the Committee.

President Chaney gave a report on the IOLTA Program which included a recommendation from the IOLTA Advisory Committee to make a distribution of \$302,000 in the following manner:

Special Grantees - \$45,300
Legal Services Programs - \$244,200
Management Fee - \$12,500 (reserved)

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After some comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the distribution be made as suggested.

The Board members then talked about the 2001 Foundation Fellows Program. It was agreed that the event would be set for the first Thursday in May, 2001 and that an attempt would be made to have it at the Marriott Hotel. After some additional comments, it was agreed that the Nominating Committee for the Foundation Fellows Program would consist of Mr. Persinger as Chairperson and Ms. Rose and Ms. Bentley as members of the Committee.

The next item related to a financial report for the organization. The Board members reviewed the financial records for the first three months of the current fiscal year - July 1, 2000 to September 30, 2000. After some questions and answers, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to approve the report as presented.

President Chaney announced that Ms. Henderson, Mr. Fisher and he would serve as the members of the Committee to renew the facility lease for the State Bar Center with the State Bar. The current lease expired on June 30, 2000 and is continuing on a month to month basis. A meeting will be set of the Bar Foundation Officers with the State Bar Officers to put together a new lease agreement.

The Board members then talked about the 2001 Citizen of the Year and Lawyer of Year Awards. It was agreed that the form for the award would be put in the November and December issues of The West Virginia Lawyer magazine and that a decision on the selections would be made at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

Under the topic of Other Business, President Chaney led a discussion concerning a request from the two legal services programs - The West Virginia Legal Services Plan and Appalachian Legal Services - to receive funds for the merger discussion and meetings that are occurring between the two groups. A request had been made for \$7,500. There were numerous comments made including the action which had been taken by the Bar Foundation in providing funds previously to put together the state plan and the merger activity is a major portion of the state plan. Finally, a motion was

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duly made, seconded and passed to approve the amount of \$7,500 from IOLTA funds to be used for the legal services program merger. This request was a recommendation from the IOLTA Advisory Committee.

It was agreed that the next Board of Directors Meeting would be set at the discretion of the President.

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