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WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON
SEPTEMBER 22, 1999

MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Bar Foundation was called to order by President Nick Casey on September 22, 1999 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Members of the Board of Directors in attendance were Rob Fisher and Mote Thompson. Participating by telephone conference call were Claudia Bentley, Lisa Rose, Rich Ford and Caton Hill. 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 of Directors Meeting which was held on June 16, 1999. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Minutes be approved as presented.

President Casey asked Mr. Tinder to give a report on behalf of the IOLTA Advisory Committee. He stated that there was \$492,000 available for distribution as of September 15, 1999. However, \$207,000 had already been committed with \$200,000 to the Rainy Day Fund, \$5,000 for automation and \$2,000 to the Legal Services for the Poor Symposium. Therefore, there was the amount of \$285,000 available for distribution. The Committee recommended that the money be distributed to the four Legal Services Programs. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the amount of \$285,000 be distributed to the four Legal Services Programs in the state. Ms. Bentley abstained from voting because of a conflict with her husband serving as a member of the Board of Directors of one of the four programs.

The Board members then spent an extensive amount of time reviewing the financial reports for 1998-99 and 1999-2000. Because of the success of the Foundation Fellows Program, the Foundation had achieved

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approximately \$22,000 in revenues over expenses during the 1998-99 fiscal year. The Board also reviewed the financial documents for the first two months of the 1999-2000 fiscal year. After some comments and questions, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to accept the financial report as given.

President Casey then led an extensive discussion concerning the Foundation Fellows Dinner. It was felt that it should be held during the time period from the middle of April to the first part of May in 2000. It was agreed that it would be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston and that Thursday night was a satisfactory day for the event.

There were additional comments made relating to the criteria for the selection of the Foundation Fellows. Then, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that nominations for Foundation Fellows would be received from the existing Fellows with the final selection of the new group of Fellows being made by the Bar Foundation's Board of Directors.

The Board then talked about the Citizen of the Year and the Lawyer of the Year Awards. It was felt that the selection process should begin with the nomination form being placed in the November, December and January issues of The West Virginia Lawyer magazine. In addition, a request will be made for recommendations from the Bar Foundation Board of Directors in the next two weeks.

President Casey then announced that the next meeting of the Board of Directors would be held on December 9, 1999 at 12:00 noon at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

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