

West Virginia Bar Foundation, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
State Bar Center - Charleston
September 7, 1989

M I N U T E S

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bar Foundation was called to order by President Steptoe. The members in attendance were John Fisher, Sue Core, Robert Wallace, Charles Loeb, Charles Love, III, John McClaugherty, David Daugherty and Helen Gillison (by telephone). In addition, Kemp Morton, Charlie Bagley and Tom Tinder of the State Bar were in attendance.

After the ascertainment of a quorum, it was moved by Mr. McClaugherty, seconded by Mr. Loeb and passed that the minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting on July 14, 1989 be approved as presented.

Mr. McClaugherty then lead a discussion relating to a lease agreement between the Foundation and the Bar for the facility. There were a number of items mentioned such as an exchange of checks between the Bar and the Foundation, the amount of any gift by the Bar to the Foundation and whether or not the Foundation would only provide the property as part of the lease and not pay for the cost of any improvements. Finally, it was moved by Mr. McClaugherty, seconded by Mr. Fisher and passed that the renovations and improvements to the building are the Bar's responsibilities while the Foundation would be responsible for the purchase price of the building.

The next item for discussion was the filling of the vacancy on the Board of Directors created by the resignation of Charlotte Lane. There were a number of names suggested. After appropriate motions and seconds, it was approved that three individuals would be asked to consider serving on the Board - in this order Edward Eiland of Logan, David Brumfield of Welch, and Richard Ford, Sr., of Lewisburg.

After further discussion and review of the membership on the Board, it was moved by Ms. Core, seconded by Mr. Fisher and approved that the earlier motion be rescinded. Then, it was moved by Ms. Core, seconded by Mr. Love and approved that Ralph Bean of Clarksburg would be asked to serve on the Board. If he refused, it was moved by Mr. Wallace and seconded by Mr. Fisher that Jim Hollen then be asked to serve and if he refused, it was moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Love and approved that Moe Thompson be asked to serve.

The next item for discussion was the setting up of a bank account for the Foundation. It was moved by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Ms. Core and approved that the Board resolve to set up the necessary financial institution accounts.

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Then, the Board reviewed the documents relating to gaining an exemption from the Internal Revenue Service. Comments were made relating to these papers. It was decided that the Foundation would have to have the tax exemption before any mailing would be done requesting contributions. In addition, it was suggested that an accountant review these exemption documents to make sure that they were in the proper order.

The Board then spent a good deal of time talking about the fund raising campaign. A goal of \$500,000 had been set at the last Board meeting. Plans were for the campaign to begin on November 1.

The Board reviewed a proposed advertising brochure which had been put together by Alisa Bailey. The members were requested to provide any comments to Tom Tinder as it related to modifications of the material. It was suggested that Board member Warren Thornhill assist in the final actions regarding the brochure.

Then, the Board went over a listing of captains for the campaign in each county of the state. After this action had been taken, it was moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Mr. Daugherty and approved that President Steptoe and Mr. Tinder would make decisions to fill any vacancies which remained. In addition, it was moved by Mr. Wallace, seconded by Ms. Core and approved that Mr. Tinder select three to five corporate counsel to serve on the campaign committee.

Under the subject of old business, there was a discussion relating to the Interest on Lawyer Trust Accounts (IOLTA) program. Mr. Morton reported to the Board that the Board of Governors of the Bar wanted to keep funds from this program for legal services for the poor.

After some discussion and review of the proposed Supreme Court Rule, it was decided that the language in the Rule that "priority consideration" would be given for legal services for the poor programs was satisfactory and no further action needed to be taken by the Board of Directors.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Board of Directors would be on Tuesday, October 10, 1989 at 11:00 a.m. at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

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