## THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON JUNE 29, 1993

## MINUTES

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Bar Foundation, Inc. was called to order by President John McClaugherty at the State Bar Center on June 29, 1993.

Members of the Board in attendance were David Daugherty, Charles Loeb, Rob Fisher, Mote Thompson, Caton Hill, William Richardson, Jr., Dan Ruley, Robert Wallace, Michael Chaney and Grant Crandall. Also in attendance were State Bar President Jerald Jones, President-Elect Barbara Baxter, Vice President Tom Flaherty and Executive Director Tom Tinder.

The first item on the Agenda was a review of the Minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting which was held on May 20, 1993. Without objection, the Minutes were approved as presented.

President McClaugherty then led a lengthy discussion concerning recent actions taken by the Supreme Court regarding the IOLTA Program. He distributed a letter from the Administrative Director of the Court stating that the Court would make final decisions on any IOLTA Special Grants in the future. The Court has also put a cap of \$50,000 per year for administrative expenses for the IOLTA Program with the ability to receive more after the submission of the necessary documentation.

President McClaugherty also discussed the specific interests and involvement of the Court in the awarding of the Special Grants for the IOLTA Program for the present funding cycle. He went over the participation of Chief Justice Workman in attending the previous meeting of the Board of Directors. There were many questions and comments by the Board members regarding these topics.

Then, IOLTA Advisory Committee Chairperson Richardson gave the report from the Committee regarding the recommendations for Special Grants. The recommendation from the Committee was to provide \$22,000 to the Children's Policy Institute, \$9,000 to the CASA Program in Cabell County and \$9,000 to the CASA Program in Kanawha County. A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the recommendations of the IOLTA Advisory Committee.

During the discussion aspect of the motion, there were many questions and answers. Then, an amendment was made to the motion that the Special Grants be provided as follows - \$16,000 to the Children's Policy Institute, \$15,000 to the CASA Program in Kanawha County and \$9,000 to the CASA Program in Cabell County. The amendment to the motion was passed and the main motion, as amended, was passed.

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In addition, Mr. Richardson distributed to the Board members the Application Form for the Special Grant Funds in the IOLTA Program. The IOLTA Advisory Committee had put together this form in order to be able to evaluate and monitor the Special Grant funds that are provided by the IOLTA Program.

President McClaugherty then requested that a financial report be presented. Mr. Tinder distributed several documents to the Board members which gave the financial status of the Bar Foundation for the fiscal year of July 1, 1992 through May 31, 1993 as well as the IOLTA Program operation during that same time period.

President McClaugherty then called upon Mr. Wallace, as Chairperson of the Nominating Committee, to give the report on the election of Officers. The Committee recommended that Mr. McClaugherty serve a President, Mr. Daugherty serve as Vice President and Mr. Loeb serve as Secretary. A motion was duly made seconded and passed that the nominations be closed and that the three individuals be elected to those positions for the next year.

Under the topic of Other Business, President McClaugherty brought to the attention to the Board the interest of the State Womens' Commission and the Women Lawyers Committee of the State Bar in compiling and distributing a legal handbook for women. A request was made that the Bar Foundation serve as the conduit for the acceptance and distribution of a grant from the Clay Foundation to print this booklet. After some discussion, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Bar Foundation utilize its administrative abilities to serve as a pass through for these funds from the Clay Foundation.

Then, Mr. Jones made remarks to the Board regarding the actions being contemplated concerning the Legal Ethics Program in the state. The Board had gone on record previously as supporting the continuation of the Legal Ethics responsibilities within the State Bar. A draft report from the Supreme Court has recommended that the Legal Ethics Program be removed from the auspices of the State Bar. The Board members stated that they continued to support the position that the Legal Ethics activities should remain within the structure of the State Bar.

President McClaugherty then announced that the next meeting of the Board would be held in August based upon the need to take action on IOLTA Grants.

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