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THE WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

STATE BAR CENTER - CHARLESTON

MARCH 25, 1997

MINUTES

The meeting of the West Virginia Bar Foundation's, Board of Directors was called to order by President John McClaugherty on March 25, 1997 at the State Bar Center in Charleston.

Members of the Board of Directors in attendance were Cheryl Henderson, Mike Chaney, Bob Wallace, Rob Fisher and Nick Casey. Participating by telephone conference call were Caton Hill and Richard E. Ford, Sr. 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 December 17, 1996. There were no additions or corrections to be made to the Minutes as presented.

President McClaugherty then requested a report from the IOLTA Advisory Committee. Several documents were distributed. There were comments made about the amount of money which is being held by United National Bank and is to be transferred to the central IOLTA account at Bank One by March 31, 1997.

Based upon the amount of money that was available at the time of the IOLTA Advisory Committee meeting in February - \$578,392, the IOLTA Advisory Committee recommended the following distribution:

\$300,000 - to be distributed to Legal Services
Programs

+\$52,000 - set aside for special grants for the remainder of the fiscal year

(48,000 already distributed)

\$ 50,000 - management fee to be paid prior to the end of the fiscal year

\$176,000 - to be placed in rainy day fund - amount

includes \$5,000 allocated for automation of system

After some additional comments were made, a motion was duly made, seconded and passed to recommend the distribution of these funds to the Supreme Court contingent upon the forwarding of the funds by United National Bank on March 31, 1997.

Mr. Casey and Mr. Chaney then gave a report on the negotiations with the West Virginia State Bar officials regarding the State Bar Center. The group is waiting for an updated report from Paul Marshall & Associates regarding the renovation of the State Bar Center to meet the Americans With Disabilities Act requirements. When that material is received, the group will meet again to decide what further action should be taken regarding the lease of the State Bar Center.

President McClaugherty then requested financial report for the organization. Several materials were distributed providing financial information on the IOLTA Program and the Bar Foundation's financial records. Comments were made by Board members that the brochure concerning the Bar Foundation's activities would be approved for distribution at the Annual Business Meeting in May, 1997, that there would be a booth for the Bar Foundation set up at the 1997 State Bar Annual Meeting and that a letter would be sent from Mr. Casey, Mr. Ford and Mr. Wallace to Past Presidents of the West Virginia State Bar requesting that they become members of the Bar Foundation.

The next item for discussion related to the Citizen of the Year and Lawyer of the Year Awards to be presented by the Bar Foundation. In the category of Citizen of the Year, there was one nomination for Ms. Cleo Mathews. Additional nominations were made for Frank Mazzei, Betty Puskar and Jennings Randolph.

The Board members then reviewed the nominations that had been received for Lawyer of the Year. They were Debra Scudiere, David Tyson, Professor Frank Cleckley, Scott Stapleton, Charles Loeb, James McCallum, Professor Jack Bowman and John Kizer. An additional nomination of Senator Robert C. Byrd was made.

After numerous comments were made, it was decided to have a Sub Committee review the

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nominations and make a recommendation to the whole Board of Directors. President McClaugherty appointed Mr. Wallace as Chairperson and Mr. Ford and Mr. Casey as members of this Sub Committee. It was then agreed that there would be a telephone conference call of the Board of Directors on April 15, 1997 at 3:00 p.m. to make decisions on the Citizen of the Year and the Lawyer of the Year.

The next item on the Agenda related to a video tape regarding the state court system. The Board members said that this video tape would not be done.

Under the topic of Other Business, President McClaugherty appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Mr. Chaney as Chairperson and Mr. Fisher and Mr. Hill as members of the Committee. They will have a report to the present at the Annual Business Meeting of the Bar Foundation on May 9, 1997.

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