

**WEST VIRGINIA BAR FOUNDATION
ANNUAL MEETING
ZOOM VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 6, 2024 – 1:00 PM**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Bar Foundation was called to order by President Teresa Dumire on June 6, 2024, Zoom virtual conference. A quorum was established, and there were numerous members participating.

REVIEW OF ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The first item on the agenda was a review of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting which had been held on June 1, 2023, by Zoom virtual conference. A motion was duly made, seconded and passed that the Minutes be approved as presented.

2023-2024 ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

President Dumire gave a report on the activities and services of the Bar Foundation during the past year. In addition to the regular activities of the Bar Foundation, which included the Lunch & Laughs event, Bar Foundation Fellows Dinner and the Lawyer Leadership Institute, President Dumire applauded the Bylaws Committee for undertaking updates to the bylaws that are now in good working order. The Bar Foundation's new website and new membership software were implemented. The Bar Foundation held its first ever strategic planning retreat, with Tom Heywood facilitating the discussion. The Board has created its first Strategic Plan for 2024-2029. President Dumire said she is so proud to serve with the Board, Committees, and Executive Director for their hard work throughout the year.

The Board would like to recognize President Dumire for an outstanding job she has done in the past year as President in the way she has led this organization.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Secretary/Treasurer Judge Patrick Flatley had reported on the finances of the WVBF during the preceding Board meeting. The Foundation is in a very healthy financial position. The Justice Fund is at a substantial level.

He reported that there was a clean financial audit for 2022-23 received from the independent auditor with the Board reviewing both the audit and the IRS Form 990, that a second accounting firm does the bank reconciliations each month.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ann Haight gave the report for the Nominating Committee. The Committee recommends the following Board of Directors members to serve beginning in June 2024:

- i. Judge Patrick Flatley – Warren, RI
- ii. Debra Kilgore – Bluefield

- iii. Teresa McCune – Charleston
- iv. Judge Patricia Hill – Morgantown
- v. Suleiman Oko-ogua – Charleston

A motion was duly made, seconded and passed to approve the election of these new Board members.

The Committee recommends the following individuals serve as Officers for the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

- i. President – Ann Haight – Charleston
- ii. Vice President – David Morrison – Bridgeport
- iii. Secretary/Treasurer – Judge Patrick Flatley – Warren, RI
- iv. Immediate Past President – Teresa Dumire – Morgantown

A motion was duly made, seconded and passed to approve the nomination of these Officers.

President Dumire and the Board would like to recognize Immediate Past President Lucien Lewin for his past work and service as Board Member and Officer. President Dumire and the Board would also like to recognize and thank Judge Joyce Carpenter for her service as a Board Member.

OTHER BUSINESS

President Dumire asked everyone to mark their calendars for the upcoming Lunch & Laughs event on September 6, 2024 at the Erickson Alumni Center, honoring Judge Alan Moats. The next Board Meeting will be held immediately following that event.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact, the Zoom Annual Meeting was adjourned.