

**WYOMING STATE BAR FOUNDATION  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Date: October 16, 2009  
12 p.m. -1:30 p.m.  
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**MINUTES**

In Attendance: Justice Burke, Scott Kath, Bill Hiser, Stuart Day, Chad Hooker, Chris Reimer, Jim Salisbury, Brian Hultman  
Teleconference: Kim McKelvey, Keegan Flaherty  
Absent: Lance Harmon, Pat Carpenter

- I. Welcome/call to order. A quorum was present.
- II. Additions to agenda. None.
- III. Overview of earmarked funds
  - a. Potential \$10 increase in filing fees in Wyoming District and Circuit Courts
  - b. Earmarking: legislative action. Once the funds are “earmarked” a representative of the Wyoming Supreme Court would go to the appropriate legislative committee and ask that the “earmarked” funds be released to fund access to justice needs.
  - c. One-time funding
  - d. Funds use: coordination of access to justice needs, including retention of counsel to represent clients and making grants to other access to justice providers
  - e. A2J options: WSBF or create new entity to receive and allocate earmarked funds.
- IV. Discussion: WSBF as entity?
  - a. Grantmaking
  - b. Retaining legal counsel
  - c. Increased administration/Executive Director
  - d. Use of funds for increased administrative and overhead costs
  - e. Increased visibility for WSBF

Discussion:

- Stuart D. feels that the Foundation is at a crossroads and this opportunity is allowing the Foundation to decide what it would like to become.
- Stuart D. reported that the University of Wyoming Law School is going to undertake a campaign to fund their clinics.

- Bill H. stated three concerns: (1)The Foundation is a self appointing BOD and will have to reconsider board selection process; (2) Is the Foundation in a position to consider having non-lawyer members?; (3) The Foundation would have to consider amending By Laws and how the Foundation operates.
- Stuart D. agreed with Bill; if the Foundation was selected to receive and allocate earmarked funds, staffing, grantmaking, and membership would have to change.
- Chris R. stated that this is an opportunity to increase the Foundation visibility.
- Stuart D. feels that there is concern about the Foundation undertaking services again, but stated that if the Foundation had adequate administrative funds to this, then the Foundation is the best place to receive earmarked funds.
- Bill H. feels that the Foundation can best serve the entire state of Wyoming and if the Foundation has the funding to have at least one full-time employee, then there is not a big issue to provide adequate services.
- Kim M. stated that nationwide one of the roles of the Bar Foundation is to be thinking about collaboration.
- Bill H. is concerned if the Foundation decides not to receive earmarked funds, then the Foundation might be left out of Access to Justice issues in the future.
- J. Burke has no objection to the issue, but worries about to what extent the Foundation can provide services.

Scott K. moves to express interest to the ATJ commission in the WSBF becoming the entity that the ATJ commission defines to allocate funds from proposed increased filing fees, including the administration of programs, with the understanding that the WSBF is willing and interested in altering its organization's structure to best fulfill that role.

Bill Hiser seconded. Unanimous.