Minutes of the Annual Fellows Membership Meeting April 5, 2019

On Friday, April 5, 2019, at Noon, the Annual Fellows Membership Meeting was held at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans. The meeting was called by notice sent in March to all members. A quorum of the members being present, President Mike Street welcomed members and called the meeting to order.

Secretary Harry J. “Skip” Philips asked the members to review the minutes of the Annual Meeting on April 20, 2018. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved as submitted.

President Street referred members to the materials provided in the packet and gave an overview of the bar year activities and accomplishments: 2018-19 grant awards and increased funding for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, findings of the 2018 Social Return on Investment of Civil Legal Aid Services for Louisiana and progress on the LBF Strategic Plan and 2021 Vision. Other updates included information on the Child in Need of Care Program, progress of the nine Community Partnership Panels, the Oral History Project, and the Kids’ Chance Scholarship Program.

Outgoing board members Dunbar Healy, Mike Mestayer, Shayna Sonnier, Tina White, Barry Grodsky and Deidre Robert were recognized for their leadership and support. Certificates were presented to committee chairs and Community Partnership Panel chairs for their service during the bar year. President Street acknowledged Alan Brackett as recipient of the President’s Award for his outstanding support, volunteer service and dedication to the LBF mission and goals.

Next, President Street submitted the report of the Nominating Committee. After discussion and upon motion made and duly seconded, the slate was approved unanimously. The following Fellows were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for three-year terms: Patricia Bonneau, Mandeville; Hon. Guy E. Bradberry, Lake Charles; Edmund J. Giering IV, Baton Rouge; and David E. Verlander III, Monroe. Paula Adams Ates, New Orleans was elected for a one year term. The swearing-in of officers will take place at the Annual Fellows Gala in the evening.

Treasurer Chris Ralston reviewed the financial information on the Foundation, IOLTA and other restricted funds as of February 2019. The LBF reserve, restricted funds and endowment balances are in excess of $8 million.

President-Elect Amanda Barnett then presented Mike Street with a special acknowledgment for his excellence in leadership, support and service as President during the 2018-2019 bar year.

Having discussed all business, the Annual Meeting of the Fellowship was adjourned.

Adopted by the LBF Fellowship this _______ day of ________________________, 2020.

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Amanda W. Barnett, President