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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WYOMING STATE BAR

Rock Springs, Wyoming
September 16 and 17, 1954

Pursuant to Rule 10, the Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was held in Rock Springs, Wyoming, on September 16 and 17, 1954, due notice of such meeting having been sent to all members. The meeting was called to order by President R. Dwight Wallace at 10:00 a.m. on September 16, 1954. The President recognized W. A. Muir, President of the Sweetwater County Bar Association, who welcomed the members to the meeting. The President then recognized Edward E. Murane, Past-President of the Wyoming State Bar and Representative of the Wyoming State Bar in the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association, who responded to the welcoming address.

Attendance door prizes were won by the following:

Thomas O. Miller
James G. McClintock
A. G. McClintock
R. Dwight Wallace
C. A. Brimmer, Jr.
Charles Wingett
Richard Leedy

The prizes consisted of five copies of Pound's "The Lawyer From Antiquity To Modern Times" and one set of "Merill on Notice" donated by West Publishing Company; and a one year subscription to either Shepard's Wyoming Citations or Shepard's Pacific Reporter Citations donated by Shepard's Citations.

The President announced that the Supreme Court had entered an order amending the rules governing the State Bar so as to provide for a President-elect in accordance with a Resolution adopted at the 1953 Annual Meeting.

The President recognized Oliver W. Steadman who introduced the members who have been admitted since the 1953 Annual Meeting and then called upon the Honorable Fred H. Blume, Chief Justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court, who addressed the new members. Mr. Steadman then introduced W. J. Wehrli who also addressed the new members.

President Wallace appointed the following as the Resolutions Committee:

C. A. Lathrop, Chairman
Henry Burgess
George Sawyer

Joseph Garst, Chairman of Committee on Minimum Fee Schedule, was recognized and reported on behalf of that Committee. Action on the report was deferred until later in the meeting.

The President recognized Ernest L. Newton who discussed the changes in the Wyoming Inheritance Tax Laws proposed by the Legislative Interim Committee.

The meeting was then recessed until 2:00 p.m.

A noon luncheon meeting was held at Howard's Cafe and was addressed by the Honorable John P. Randall, Chairman of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 p.m. Attendance door prizes were won by the following:

L. A. Crofts
Bob Sigler
John King

The prizes consisted of one set of "Jones on Evidence" donated by Bancroft-Whitney Company; and one copy of Appleman's "Military Tribunals and International Crimes" and one copy of "Jones Legal Forms" donated by The Bobbs-Merrill Company.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to an Institute on Mining and Mineral Law conducted by the following:

Clair M. Senior. Attorney at Law,
Salt Lake City, Utah
H. Byron Mock, Area Administrator,
Bureau of Land Management,
Salt Lake City, Utah
Joseph E. C. Conrace, Lands and Mineral Officer
Bureau of Land Management,
Cheyenne, Wyoming
John Riedel, Commissioner of Public Lands,
Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The meeting was then recessed until 10:00 a.m., September 17, 1954.

On the evening of September 16, 1954, the members and their ladies were entertained at a social hour, dinner and dancing at the Elks Club. The speaker was the Honorable F. Trowbridge vom Baur, General Counsel, Department of the Navy.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:00 a.m. on September 17, 1954. Attendance door prizes were won by the following:

Daniel Rogers
Byron Hirst

The prizes consisted of one copy of "Federal Tax Course" donated by Commerce Clearing House, Inc.; and one copy of Warren's "Forms of Agreement" donated by Matthew-Bender Company.

The President recognized H. Glenn Kinsley, State Delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association and a member of the Wyoming Commission on Uniform State Laws. Mr. Kinsley announced that Wyoming was the first state to exceed its quota of contributions for the American Bar Center. He also discussed the operations of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. Mr. Kinsley moved that the President appoint a special committee of five to study the new uniform commercial code and that copies of the code be purchased for the use of the committee. The motion was seconded and carried.

Edward E. Murane reported to the meeting on the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association.

The President announced that Mr. Murane's term as Delegate to the House of Delegates had expired and declared the meeting open for nominations for the State Bar's Delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association for a term expiring at the close of the 1956 American Bar Association meeting. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that Edward E. Murane be nominated for the office of Delegate, that nominations be closed and the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the meeting for the nominee. President Wallace thereupon declared Mr. Murane elected as such Delegate.

President Wallace called upon E. Byron Hirst who discussed the possibilities of obtaining a Wyoming Digest and a new Compilation or Revision of the Statutes. Mr. Hirst, who is a member of the Wyoming Senate, review the efforts made to date on these matters (including a proposal of West Publishing Company for a Digest) and suggested that a committee be appointed to study the matters and work with the Legislative Interim Committee. Following a general discussion it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the State Bar go on record as approving the proposal of the West Publishing Company for a Digest, and that a committee of seven be appointed on a Judicial District basis to investigate the matter of a Wyoming Digest and a new Compilation or Revision, such committee to work with the Legislative Interim Committee, to circularize the State Bar and to take such other action as may be necessary to secure the assistance of the Legislature in getting a Digest and Compilation or Revision.

President Wallace recognized the Honorable Glen Parker, Judge of the Second Judicial District Court, who discussed the Uniform Bill on Child Support which is being sponsored by the Wyoming Youth Council. Judge Parker stressed the need for such legislation and urged its study by the Legislative Committee. He pointed out that the uniform bill had been passed in 43 states.

The remainder of the morning session was devoted to an institute on the 1954 Internal Revenue Code conducted by Frank M. Cavanaugh,

Attorney at Law, Denver, Colorado, and former Associate Appellate Counsel, Chief Counsel's Office, Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The meeting was then recessed until 2:00 p.m. During the noon recess The Wyoming College of Law Alumni Association was organized and for the information of the membership the by-laws of the organization are included as a part of these proceedings. The following were elected as officers and directors:

President:	David N. Hitchcock
Vice-President:	Ernest Goppert, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer:	Margie Millhone
Directors:	William Walton
	Fred Phifer
	George Rollins
	Michael Hoch
	Elmer Scott
	Dick Dumbrill
	Daniel Rogers

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 p.m. An attendance door prize was won by Bob Duncan consisting of one set of Cowdery's "Legal and Business Forms" donated by Jack R. Lloyd, representing Bender-Moss Company and Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company.

The institute on the 1954 Internal Revenue Code was completed.

President Wallace announced that he would not give his report due to lateness of the hour but that the report would be included with the published proceedings of the meeting.

The Secretary-Treasurer gave the financial report covering the fiscal year ending July 31, 1954. The Report of the Auditing Committee was read and upon motion, made, seconded and carried, the Auditing Committee's Report was adopted and the financial report was approved and accepted.

Lee S. Nebeker presented the report of the Necrology Committee and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded and carried. The entire meeting stood in reverent silence in memory of the deceased members:

Thomas O. Milligan
 Everett Taylor
 Ambrose D. Hemingway
 Charles H. Harkins
 Leonard S. Strahan
 John L. Sawyer
 Erle H. Reid
 George Dobler
 E. E. Wakeman
 Donald L. Taylor
 Thomas F. Kennelly
 Reuban J. Shay

C. A. Lathrop was recognized and presented the report of the Resolutions Committee. Upon motions, made, seconded and carried, the following Resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Bar during its Annual Meeting in Rock Springs, Wyoming, in September, 1954, was the most fortunate in having an institute on Mining and Mineral Law conducted by a panel, consisting of: Clair M. Senior of Salt Lake City, Utah; H. Byron Mock of Salt Lake City, Utah; Joseph E. C. Conrace of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and John Riedel of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and

WHEREAS, the State Bar has been fortunate in having the following outstanding men from outside the Wyoming State Bar Association speak to the Bar at its various meetings, to-wit: John D. Randall, Chairman of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association; Trowbridge vom Baur, General Counsel of the U. S. Navy, Washington, D. C.; and Frank M. Cavanaugh, Attorney and former Associate Appellate Counsel, Chief Counsel's Office, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Denver, Colorado,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Bar extend its thanks and appreciation to the distinguished gentlemen who participated in the panel discussion, and to each and all of the above-named parties for their contribution and participation in this meeting."

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, we deem it desirable, and in the public interest that admission to the Bar in the State of Wyoming be recognized by appropriate proceedings before the Supreme Court,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Association respectfully recommend to the Supreme Court that admission to the Bar in Wyoming be accompanied by such ceremony and proceedings in open Court as the Honorable Court may deem appropriate and beneficial, and that the Court, from time to time, fix the dates for such admission ceremonies and that all applicants for admission be required to appear before the Court and take the required oath, unless for good cause excused from so appearing."

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, the Executive Secretary of the Legislative Interim Committee has requested the Wyoming State Bar to assist in the drafting of amendments of the Wyoming State Inheritance Tax Laws,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wyoming State Bar that the incoming President appoint a committee of five lawyers to consult with and assist the Legislative Interim Committee in making or suggesting amendments of the Wyoming State Inheritance Tax Laws, and report back to the Wyoming State Bar at its January, 1955, Legislative Meeting."

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, the members of the Sweetwater County Bar and business firms of Rock Springs assisted in making this Convention an outstanding one,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Wyoming State Bar that the Sweetwater County Bar be thanked and highly commended for their work in providing for this meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all law book publishers and Rock Springs merchants and business firms be thanked for their assistance and cooperation in connection with the State Bar Meeting."

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, Robert B. Laughlin has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Wyoming State Bar for a period of nine years and has indicated that he cannot again accept this office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Bar extend its thanks and appreciation to Robert B. Laughlin for the excellent and efficient manner in which he has served the members of the Wyoming State Bar during the nine years he has occupied the office of Secretary-Treasurer."

The Resolutions Committee recommended that the Secretary notify the county associations two months prior to the annual meetings that any proposals initiated by them should be reduced to writing for presentation to the Resolutions Committee at the annual meeting, as such procedure would lend for a more orderly handling of the business of the meeting and give the Resolutions Committee time to give proper consideration to such proposals.

An invitation to hold the 1955 Annual Meeting in Evanston was read. The Park County Bar Association invited the State Bar to hold its 1955 Meeting in Cody.

The President announced that the State Bar had invited the Interstate Bar Council to hold its 1955 Meeting in Wyoming.

President Wallace then announced that the next order of business would be the election of officers, and reviewed the method by which the election would be conducted, to-wit: the nominations for each office would be by secret written ballot, with the two receiving the highest number of votes being nominated for that office; that a second secret written ballot would be had to determine the election between the nominees.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried, that the rules be suspended and that nominations be made from the floor.

The President, thereupon, declared the meeting open for nominations for office of President. Joseph O. Spangler was nominated for President. It was duly moved, seconded and carried, that nominations be closed, and that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the meeting for the nominee. President Wallace, thereupon, declared Joseph O. Spangler elected President.

The President declared the meeting open for nominations for the

office of President-elect. Edwin V. Magagna was nominated for President-elect. It was duly moved, seconded and carried, that nominations be closed, and that the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot of the meeting for the nominee. President Wallace, thereupon, declared Edwin V. Magagna elected President-elect.

The President declared the meeting open for nominations for the office of Vice-President. The names of Oliver W. Steadman and George Sawyer were placed in nomination. Nominations were closed and upon secret written ballot Oliver W. Steadman was elected Vice-President and President Wallace so declared.

The President declared the meeting open for nominations for the office of Secretary-Treasurer. The names of Daniel C. Rogers and William Walton were placed in nomination. Nominations were closed and upon secret written ballot Daniel C. Rogers was elected Secretary-Treasurer and President Wallace so declared.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried, that the new administration formulate plans for and execute a publicity campaign in favor of Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 2 relating to the salaries of the District Judges and Supreme Court Justices.

The President recognized Joseph Garst who moved the adoption of the recommendations of the Committee on Minimum Fee Schedule. The motion was seconded. It was moved, seconded, and carried that consideration of the motion be postponed until the 1955 Legislative Meeting so that local bar associations might give consideration to the recommended fee schedule. It was further moved, seconded and carried, that local bar associations be urged to study the suggested fee schedule in anticipation of consideration thereof early in the 1955 Legislative Meeting.

The President called upon Daniel C. Rogers, Oliver W. Steadman and Edwin V. Magagna in turn and each briefly addressed the meeting.

President Wallace then presented a gavel to the new President, Joseph O. Spangler, and turned the meeting over to him.

It was moved and seconded that the appreciation and thanks of every member be extended to R. Dwight Wallace, the retiring President, and to Robert B. Laughlin, the retiring Secretary-Treasurer. The motion was adopted by acclamation.

Following a few remarks by the President, Joseph O. Spangler, there being no further business, the 1954 Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was adjourned.

Robert B. Laughlin
Secretary-Treasurer.