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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

CASPER, WYOMING

OCTOBER 18, 1946

President G. R. McConnell called the annual meeting to order in the Natrona County Court Room at 10:30 o'clock A. M. There was a good attendance present from well over the state.

The reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting was dispensed with upon motion. The Secretary-Treasurer read the financial report covering the period from the last meeting.

President Wm. H. Brown Jr., of the Natrona County Bar outlined the program arranged for the members and ladies and stressed the luncheon arranged for the ladies at the Casper Country Club.

Vice-President Samuel Corson was called to preside and President McConnell read a carefully prepared, interesting and instructive paper upon the subject "TRIAL OF WAR CRIMINALS AT NUREMBERG."

Without allowing an opportunity for commendation of the paper, Mr. McConnell resumed the chair and called for Committee Reports, as follows:

Judge Clyde M. Watts, chairman of The World Government Committee, read a report and moved adoption of the Resolution. A motion that report be tabled until afternoon session carried.

In the absence of Mr. Albert D. Walton, chairman of the General Legislative Committee, the secretary read his committee report mailed in; upon motion the report was adopted and ordered filed.

Noon Recess—Reconvened at 2 P. M.

John U. Loomis delivered a thoroughly informative and instructive paper upon the subject "INTERSTATE COMMERCE IN DAMAGE SUITS." The paper was ordered printed.

Mr. Kinsley then presented a Resolution on the Jennings Bill on amendment to the venue provisions of the Federal Employers Liability Act which was discussed and adopted. (Appendix)

Mr. Watts then presented the following companion Resolution: "Be It Resolved, that Secs. 32-828 and 829 Wyoming Revised Statutes 1931, should be strictly enforced; and that it is the recommendation of this meeting that any specific violation thereof, which comes to the attention of the officers or Commissioners of this Bar should be called to the attention of the appropriate county attorney for prosecution." Carried.

Members present of the following respective committees reported that there was no formal committee report for the following standing committees: Election Laws Committee, War Work Committee,

Corporation Committee, Grievance Committee, Civil Procedure Committee, and Municipal Laws Committee.

The Necrology Committee reported that it would provide the Secretary with proper resolutions later in the meeting.

Samuel Corson reported for the Probate Law Reform Committee and recommended specific changes all of which were discussed and the report was ordered referred to the General Legislative Committee for further action at the January meeting.

Mr. Reid suggested that all bills proposed by the Legislative Committee be mimeographed and sent to the membership in advance of the January meeting, the suggestion to be passed on to the Committee.

William O. Wilson then presented a report upon Wyoming Activities in the American Bar Association.

William J. Wehrli then presented a very excellent paper upon the subject "NEBRASKA-WYOMING-COLORADO NORTH PLATTE LITIGATION." General appreciation and praise of the paper was expressed by many of those present and it was ordered printed and distributed.

Oliver W. Steadman, Chairman of the Committee on Uniform Standards For Title Examination presented a report stressing the need for such standards and used as a model the Colorado Standards; certain of these standards were approved as presented and others, which were controversial, were passed for further consideration at a future meeting.

The World Government Committee report previously tabled was called up for further consideration. After discussion, E. J. Sullivan moved the resolution be tabled. The motion was seconded and passed.

Adjournment for banquet and to reconvene at 10:00 A. M.

A social hour at 6:30 and banquet at 7:30 at the Townsend Hotel was well attended and ably presided over by Hon. Wm. J. Wehrli of Casper. A clever and entertaining program was presented by the committee of the Natrona County Bar, and members responded with short impromptu talks upon call by the chairman.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 1946

Meeting reconvened by President at 10:00 A. M. and after outlining the remainder of the program, Sam Chilcote was called upon for his committee upon "DESIRED CHANGE OF GAME AND FISH LAWS." The report was long and involved and presented matters of policy properly for the Legislature. Mr. Goppert moved further reading be dispensed with and that the report be received, filed and sent to the Game and Fish Commission. Carried.

Alfred M. Pense spoke extemporaneously and interestingly upon "PROBLEMS OF LAWYERS RETURNING FROM SERVICE." After stating the experiences expressed were his own, he stressed

the difficulty of readjustment to mode of living, address and habit, and differences in course of thinking, but expressed appreciation at being back and being favorably received and helped by fellow members of the Bar. He expressed displeasure at the inequities of some well intended legislation for the service man, but commended the law book publishing companies' gestures to the service lawyer. The President expressed the appreciation of all present for the excellent talk.

In the absence of Ruth Edelman, chairwoman of the Committee, George F. Guy presented the report of the "JUVENILE AND ADULT DELINQUENCY" Committee. R. Dwight Wallace of the committee spoke in favor of the bill proposed and others objected to the organization machinery and the expense of administration, being of the opinion that the bill was not needed in the form presented and the expense justified. Upon motion the report was referred to the General Legislative Committee to be presented in January.

Frank J. Trelease Jr. of the University Law School, read a report of the Committee on "WYOMING LAW JOURNAL." This report was favorably received and commented upon by Glen Kinsley who moved that the proposal to publish such a journal jointly by the Bar and the University Law School be approved and recommended, and that the officers take steps to accomplish the purpose, and that the proportionate expense be born by the Bar. Seconded and carried.

R. Dwight Wallace spoke in favor of a "COMPREHENSIVE CURATIVE ACT" modeled after the Nebraska Act. It was moved the report be accepted and referred to the Legislative Committee. Carried.

Vernon G. Bentley spoke of the activities and in favor of an active section of the Junior Bar to work with a similar section of the American Bar Association.

L. A. Bowman gave the reasons that a joint meeting could not be held in Yellowstone Park due to the unreasonableness of the Park concessionaires in not opening all facilities. He urged a further effort in the near future.

Mr. Bowman moved a vote of thanks to the Natrona County Bar for the excellent and generous entertainment and the motion was unanimously passed.

Joseph C. O'Mahoney, an active member of the Bar and U. S. Senator campaigning for re-election addressed the meeting upon the struggle for concession by the Big Powers for natural resources in the Far East, and the effect upon this country.

Edward T. Lazear explained the critical situation that exists with reference to the publication of the Wyoming Reports, there being material for two volumes that the publisher had not been able to get published because of shortage of labor and materials.

Harry B. Henderson, an active member of the Bar and candidate for election to the U. S. Senate addressed the meeting upon the

duties and obligation of the members of the profession as a stabilizing factor in times of alarming delinquencies, such as the present.

The President named Warren Winter, Marvin Bishop and James Munro as tellers to conduct the election of officers for the ensuing year; the first ballot to be a nominating ballot and the next a run-off ballot, for each office to be filled.

Mr. Strahan moved that the officers consider the advisability of increasing the salary of the secretary to \$75.00 rather than \$50.00 per month. Seconded and carried.

Mr. O'Marr, Attorney General, reported on the progress of the publication of the Statutes; that all editorial work was completed and that delivery was expected to start before the first of the year and that the probable cost to resident attorneys would be \$36.00.

The nominating committee reported that:

L. C. Sampson had been elected President

William J. Wehrli had been elected Vice-President

Robert B. Laughlin was nominated by acclamation for the office of Secretary-Treasurer, but was not voted upon as it was thought advisable to contact Mr. Laughlin and for the Board to elect, if he would serve.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

L. C. SAMPSON,
Secretary.
