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## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WYOMING STATE BAR

*September 4, 1965*

*Casper, Wyoming*

The regular annual meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Wyoming State Bar, was a breakfast meeting held in the Sky Room of the Gladstone Hotel, Casper, Wyoming. The meeting was called to order by President Elmer J. Scott at 8:45 A.M. Those in attendance were Elmer J. Scott, President, R. R. Bostwick, Past-president, George F. Guy, President-elect, Henry A. Burgess, Vice-president, and John T. Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer, David N. Burns, Commissioner, Third District, Thomas E. Lubnau, Commissioner, Fourth District, Chester Ingle, Thermopolis, Fifth District, Richard J. Macy, Sixth District, and W. J. Nicholas, Retiring Commissioner, Seventh District.

Jay Gaer, Commissioner of the Second District, and Al Kaufman, Commissioner of the Seventh District, and Joe Maier, Commissioner of the First District, were absent.

President Scott opened the meeting by introducing Bill Moore, General Agent for National Reserve Life Insurance Company of Topeka, Kansas, who presented a group plan of life insurance for the membership. At the conclusion of Mr. Moore's remarks, he requested approval of his company's plan by the Board of Commissioners. It was duly moved by George F. Guy, seconded by Jack Nicholas, that the plan for group life insurance, as presented by Mr. Moore, be taken under advisement by the officers and commissioners. The motion was unanimously carried.

President Scott advised the group that he felt that the activities and business of the Wyoming State Bar had reached such scope that it was virtually impossible for the officers and commissioners to perform their functions with only one meeting a year, and suggested that he was seriously considering instituting a mid-winter meeting for the Board of Commissioners. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that a mid-winter meeting, some time during the early

part of 1966 be held in Casper, Wyoming, the time to be set by President Scott for the convenience of the Board.

President Scott informed the meeting that the 1965 Legislature had given the Wyoming State Bar authority to raise its dues, not to exceed \$35.00 for those members with more than ten years membership in the organization, subject to the approval of the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming. At the request of Mr. Scott, John T. Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer, presented the 1964-65 Treasurer's report which, among other things, showed the Wyoming State Bar to have a reserve in time deposits of \$7,500.00. Mr. Dixon explained to the meeting that the reserve had been created from the time of the last raise in dues, and at one time exceeded \$12,000.00. President Scott then advised the meeting that if the Wyoming State Bar were to continue its activities and functions on the level of the past years, it would just be a matter of time until the reserve was completely depleted, and that therefore, in order to continue the functions of the State Bar, it would be necessary to raise the annual dues as allowed by the Legislature. Discussion was had concerning the matter. It was moved by Chester Ingle that the Board of Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar recommend to the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming, that the dues for the members of the Wyoming State Bar be raised to \$30.00 for those individuals with more than five years membership, and \$15.00 for those individuals with less than five years membership, both raises to be effective for the 1966-67 fiscal year. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the following Resolution was passed:

#### R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Wyoming did amend and re-enact Section 33-55, Wyoming Statutes, 1957, to provide for an annual license fee for members of the Wyoming State Bar in an amount not to exceed the sum of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00), and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid annual license fee was to be set by the Supreme Court upon the recommendation and advice of the Board of Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar, and

WHEREAS, said amendment and re-enactment was approved March 1, 1965, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar did, at its annual meeting held in Casper, Wyoming, September 4, 1965, recommend that said annual license fee be increased to Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per year for those members with less than five (5) years in the State Bar and Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per year for those members having more than five (5) years membership in the Wyoming State Bar:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar recommend to the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming that the annual license fee for members of the Wyoming State Bar be set by the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-55, Wyoming Statutes, 1957, as amended and re-enacted in Chapter 166, Session Laws of Wyoming 1965 in the following set forth amounts:

1. Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per year for all members having more than five years of membership in the Wyoming State Bar.
2. Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per year for all members of the Wyoming State Bar having less than five (5) years membership.

Invitations from Worland, Jackson and Riverton were read to the meeting by President Scott, with the invitation of Riverton being accepted by the Commissioners. Mr. Scott advised the meeting that he felt, by reason of the poll taken at the last session of the annual meeting, that most of the members preferred to have the meeting prior to Labor Day and therefore set September 1, 2, and 3, 1966, as the dates for the annual meeting to be held in Riverton, Wyoming.

President Scott again appointed the officers as members of the budget committee.

President Scott informed the meeting that R. S. Lowe, Chairman of the Minor Courts Committee, was unable to attend the meeting, but had requested that the Wyoming State Bar pick up the expenses for the lay committee on Court Reform at such time as he was able to bring the Lay Committee to the State of Wyoming. According to President Scott, Mr. Lowe felt that these expenses would involve only room and board for a few days. It was duly moved by David N. Burns, seconded by Jack Nicholas, that the matter be referred to the Budget Committee for determination.

President Scott next advised the meeting that he and past president Bostwick had discussed the duties of the Secretary-Treasurer and that they felt that such duties were not being adequately compensated for at the present time, and suggested that the office of Secretary-Treasurer be given a raise in pay. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary-Treasurer receive a \$25.00 a month salary raise, effective September 1, 1965.

Past President Bostwick then discussed President Johnson's proposed World Conference on World Peace Through Law. He advised the meeting that the conference was in the planning stage only, and that he felt further formalization would be necessary before the program was ready to be presented to the Board of Commissioners. No action was taken on this matter.

The final item to come before the meeting was a directive by the membership at large to investigate the possibility of publishing Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, together with the Supreme Court and District Court rules for distribution to the membership. President Scott advised the meeting that he would contact Dean Frank J. Trelease, a member of the Rules Committee, concerning the matter.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 11:00 o'clock A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. DIXON  
Secretary-Treasurer