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MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE  
WYOMING STATE BAR

Cheyenne, Wyoming, January 21, 1947

The Legislative Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was held at the Supreme Court Room in the Supreme Court Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on January 21, 1947, pursuant to the call of the President and due notice of the time and place of the meeting having been sent to all members. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by President L. C. Sampson who announced that the meeting had been called to consider legislation.

The President called upon Mr. A. D. Walton, Chairman of the General Legislative Committee, who outlined the work of his committee which had met on January 20, 1947. Mr. Walton then presented the bills considered by his committee with the recommendations of the committee. The bills presented by Mr. Walton, the recommendation of the committee, and the action taken by the meeting upon motion made, seconded and carried in each case, are indicated below:

1. Bill to amend and re-enact Section 3-1101, WCS, 1945, providing for the requirements in service by publication, the new matter requiring the clerk of court to send a copy of the publication to each defendant by registered mail with return receipt requested. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

2. Bill to amend and re-enact Section 1-621, WCS, 1945, prohibiting the clerk of court and the official court reporter from practicing law in certain cases. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

3. Bill relating to the names of parties in civil actions, providing for the method of titling the case where there are multiple parties. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

4. Bill to amend and re-enact Section 3-1106, WCS, 1945, relating to service on unknown heirs and devisees, eliminating the court order. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

5. Bill to eliminated verification of pleadings in civil cases. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: amended to require verification in certain instances and to eliminate the necessity of giving the address of the attorney; as amended, approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

6. Bill to authorize the Supreme Court to adopt rules governing practice and procedure in all courts of the state. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: Section 5 permitting inferior courts to adopt additional local rules deleted and as so amended, approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

7. Bill providing that the Supreme Court shall prescribe rules of procedure for cross-appeals. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

8. Bill providing for the receipt in evidence of official findings, records, reports, or certified copies thereof, of death, presumed death, missing or other status, issued by the Secretaries of War and Navy and other Federal officers and employeers. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

9. Bill providing for the administration of estates of missing persons (taken from the California law). Committee recommendation: approval. Action: amended as to publication of notice and condition of bond, and as amended, approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

10. Bill to amend and re-enact Section 3-403, WCS, 1945, relating to actions for death which survive. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

11. Bill to amend and re-enact Section 3-402, WCS, 1945, relating to causes of action that survive. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: amended to provide for appointment of administrator if tort-feasor leaves no property in Wyoming, and as amended, approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

Mr. Charles Crowell, a member of the Legislature from Natrona County, discussed the publication of the session laws and the pocket supplements for the 1945 statutes.

The hour of 12:00 noon having arrived, the meeting was recessed until 1:30 p. m.

The meeting re-convened at 1:30 p. m. and was called to order by the President who announced that the first order of business was the election of a Delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. The meeting was declared open for nominations. The name of Mr. C. A. Zaring was placed in nomination by Mr. W. O. Wilson, and the name of L. A. Bowman was placed in nomination by Mr. G. R. McConnell. Mr. Zaring withdrew his name from nomination and there being no further nominations, Mr. W. O. Wilson moved that the nominations be closed and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for L. A. Bowman. The motion was seconded by Mr. A. D. Walton and upon vote the motion carried. The President thereupon declared Mr. Bowman elected as a Delegate. Mr. Bowman thanked the Bar for his election and urged membership in the American Bar Association.

The meeting then continued with the consideration of legislation, the bills considered by the legislative committee being presented by Mr. Walton with the committee's recommendation.

12. The Comprehensive Curative Act (taken from the Nebraska law). Committee recommendation: none. Action: amended to delete that part of the bill relating to conveyance of homesteads and as so amended, approved and recommended to the legislature for passage.

13. Bill to repeal Section 89-2302, WRS, 1931, relating to the re-opening of cases within three years after service by publication. Committee recommendation: none. Action: approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

14. Bill to amend and re-enact Sections 2 and 6, Chapter 30, Session laws of 1933, relating to small claims. Committee recommendation: disapproval. Action: disapproved.

15. Bill to amend and re-enact Section 1-114, WCS, 1945, providing for pensions for district judges as well as supreme court justices. Committee recommendation: none. Action: amended so as not to reduce the pension provided for supreme court justices and as amended, approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

16. Bill for the protection of those dealing with trustees. Committee recommendation: approval. Action: amended to provide that undisclosed beneficiaries may file for recording an instrument setting forth their interest within one year instead of three years after passage of the Act, and as amended, approved and recommended to legislature for passage.

Mr. A. G. McClintock moved that the legislative committee draft a bill in the form of the Nebraska law on the presumption of death and that it be approved for passage by the legislature. The motion was seconded by Mr. L. A. Bowman and upon vote the motion carried.

Mr. McClintock moved that in the event the bill authorizing the Supreme Court to adopt rules of practice and procedure (No 6 above) should become law, the President and Board of Commissioners appoint a committee to work with the Supreme Court in the activation of the powers under the law and recommend to the Supreme Court the appointment by the Court of an advisory committee consisting of seven members of the Bar, one from each of the seven judicial districts, with the President of the State Bar and all of the District Judges as ex-officio members. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Bowman and upon vote was carried.

At 4 p. m. the President called upon Mr. W. O. Wilson who introduced the Honorable Carl B. Rix, President of the American Bar Association. Mr. Rix addressed the meeting on the subject: "The Lawyer in International Policy."

Following his address, President Sampson thanked Mr. Rix for coming to Cheyenne to address the Bar and Mr. McConnell moved a standing vote of thanks to Mr. Rix. The motion was carried by acclamation.

Mr. Frank J. Trelease gave a report on the Wyoming Law Journal and stated that the first edition was now at the printers. He urged and appealed to each member who has a specialty to put his information and knowledge together and submit it for publication.

The President announced that a digest of procedural acts passed by the legislature would be distributed to members.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p. m. on January 21, 1947.

In the evening a social hour and banquet was held at the Cheyenne Country Club and was well attended. The President presided over the banquet and the Honorable Carl B. Rix was the speaker of the evening.

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*Secretary-Treasurer.*

