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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

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*Cheyenne, Wyoming*

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar, also being the 27th Annual Meeting of the Integrated Bar was unofficially convened at 6:30 P.M. in the East Coach Room of the Hitching Post Inn in Cheyenne, Wyoming where the Laramie County Bar Association hosted a reception honoring Governor and Mrs. Stanley K. Hathaway and the President of the American Bar Association and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris. At the conclusion of the reception, the Wyoming State Bar hosted a presidents' dinner honoring all visiting bar presidents in the Regency Room at Little America, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The official portion of the 27th Annual Meeting was called to order by President George F. Guy at 9:12 o'clock A.M. in the Coach Room of the Hitching Post Inn, Cheyenne, Wyoming. President Guy opened the session by calling upon the Most Reverend Hubert M. Newell, D.D., Bishop of Cheyenne, who gave the invocation. Following Bishop Newell's invocation, President Guy called upon Vice President Edgar J. Herschler, Kemmerer, Wyoming, who asked that the members in attendance stand and join him in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Vice President Herschler then turned the meeting back to President Guy who in turn introduced Brooke Wunnicke, Cheyenne, who, on behalf of the Laramie County Bar, welcomed the members of the Wyoming State Bar to Cheyenne for the 1967 annual meeting.

President Guy turned the meeting over to President-elect Henry A. Burgess, Sheridan, who responded to Mrs. Wunnicke's cordial welcome, and turned the meeting back to Mr. Guy who introduced Mr. William Kleindorfer, Chicago, Illinois, of the American Bar Association.

After the introduction of guests, John T. Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer, Powell, Wyoming, was called upon to give the Treasurer's report, at the conclusion of which a general question and answer session concerning the Bar's finances took place. Following the

question and answer session it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the report of the treasurer be approved and accepted as read and spread at length in the minutes of this meeting.

President Guy then introduced Earl F. Morris, Columbus, Ohio, President of the American Bar Association, Glenn Winters, Chicago, Illinois, Director of the American Judicature Society, and Warren Welliver, President of the Missouri State Bar from Columbus, Missouri.

President Guy then turned the meeting over to President-elect Henry A. Burgess, Sheridan, Wyoming, who in turn reintroduced President George F. Guy who reported on his year's activities as President of the Wyoming State Bar. Following Mr. Guy's report, President-elect Burgess thanked him for his efforts on behalf of the Wyoming State Bar during the 1966-67 year and it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the report of President Guy be approved and accepted as read and spread at length in the minutes of this meeting.

President-elect Burgess turned the meeting back to President Guy who called upon Leonard Lang, Casper, Wyoming, Chairman of the Necrology Committee. Mr. Lang, on behalf of that committee, reported the deaths of eleven members of the Wyoming State Bar since the 1966 annual meeting in Riverton. Mr. Lang concluded his report by moving that the same be accepted and approved as read and spread at length upon the minutes. The motion, after being duly seconded, was unanimously carried. At the conclusion of the necrology report, the entire membership in attendance at the Thursday morning session stood for a moment of silence in memory and honor of the eleven departed members.

President Guy, following the necrology report, introduced Murl Maupin of North Platte, Nebraska, and Jerry Smith of Lewiston, Idaho, Presidents of the Nebraska and Idaho State Bars, respectively.

Following the introductions, President Guy asked Vice President Ed Herschler to return to the stage to report on the activities of the Legislative Committee during the past year including the 1967 session of the Legislature. After Mr. Herschler had reported, Charles Kepler, Cody, Wyoming, Chairman of the Auditing Committee reported on behalf of that committee, recommending to the Board of Commissioners that the Supreme Court be requested to amend Rule 5 to coincide with Section 33-55, Wyoming Statutes, 1957, as amended, so there would not be a conflict between the rule and the statute as to the fiscal year of the bar and also recommending that appropriate budgetary control procedures be adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

Following Mr. Kepler's report, it was regularly moved, seconded

and carried that the report of the Auditing Committee be accepted and approved as read.

Following Mr. Kepler's report President Guy recessed the meeting for a ten minute coffee break and reconvened the same at 10:40 A.M. by again recognizing Charles Kepler who advised the meeting that he had inadvertently failed to recognize the only bright spot on the entire auditing committee, Margie M. Williams, Cody, Wyoming, Mr. Kepler then introduced the distaff member of the committee to the assemblage and turned the meeting back to President Guy who introduced Lt. Col. Miller, Capt. Watson and Lt. Blankenship from Warren Air Force Base.

The remainder of the morning was devoted to a very interesting and informative discussion of the "Reconstruction of an Automobile Accident" by Mr. Stephen E. Blewett, Engineer, Altadena, California. At the conclusion of Mr. Blewett's remarks, President Guy thanked him for his very excellent presentation and following the attendance drawing which resulted in Bill Vine's winning *Federal Tax Return Manual* donated by Commerce Clearing House recessed the meeting at 12:00 noon until 2:00 P.M. Thursday, September 21, 1967.

Luncheon was served to the members in the East Coach Room, Hitching Post Inn, during which those in attendance were favored by addresses from the Honorable Stanley K. Hathaway, Governor of Wyoming, and the Honorable Earl Morris, President of the American Bar Association. The wives of the members of the Bar were privileged to attend a luau luncheon at the Hitching Post.

The September 21, 1967, afternoon session was called to order by President-elect Henry A. Burgess in the absence of President George F. Guy, who accompanied Earl Morris to Laramie for a tour of the Law School, at 2:15 P.M. by introducing Glen Winters, Director of the American Judicature Society, Chairman of the Minor Courts Reorganization Panel, who in turn introduced his panel comprised of Thomas Lubnau, Gillette, Wyoming, Oliver Steadman, Cody, Wyoming, Dick Tobin and Joe Cardine, both of Casper, Wyoming, and R. S. Lowe, Assistant Director of the American Judicature Society, Chicago, Illinois. During the panel discussion Joe Cardine, Chairman, Minor Courts Committee, reported on behalf of that committee and following the panel discussion it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Minor Courts Committee be accepted and approved as read.

After thanking the panel for their participation in the 27th Annual Meeting of the Integrated Bar, President-elect Burgess called upon the Judicial Selection and Tenure Panel headed by Hume Everett, Casper, Wyoming, who in turn introduced panel members, Howie McDaniel and Don Chapin, both of Casper, Wyoming. During the panel discussion Mr. Everett also reported on behalf of the Judicial

Selection Committee and following the conclusion of the panel discussion, moved that the report as read be adopted. The motion having been duly seconded was carried.

Mr. Everett then moved that the consensus of the Citizens' Conference at Laramie in September, 1966, together with a registration list of those in attendance be made a part of the minutes of this meeting. After the motion had been seconded it was moved by R. S. Lowe to amend Mr. Everett's motion to include in the minutes of this meeting in addition to the consensus and registration list the major speeches delivered at the aforementioned Citizens' Conference. The amendment, having been duly seconded, the motion as amended was carried.

President-elect Burgess then recessed the meeting for a ten minute coffee break at 3:45 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 4:00 P.M. and the remainder of the afternoon session was devoted to a highly entertaining, informative and interesting talk entitled, "How to Make Money in the Law Practice" delivered by Mr. Kline Strong, Salt Lake City, Utah, a member of the American Bar Association's Committee on Bar Economics.

President-elect Burgess thanked Mr. Kline for taking time from his very busy schedule to address the members of the Wyoming State Bar.

The final attendance drawing of the day was then held with *Jones on Evidence* donated by Bancroft-Whitney going to R. B. Bowman, Lovell, Wyoming, and John S. Mackey, Pinedale, Wyoming, receiving *Federal Jury Practice and Instruction* donated by West Publishing Company.

President-elect Burgess then recessed the meeting at 5:45 P.M. until 9:00 A.M. Friday, September 22, 1967.

Beginning at 6:30 P.M. a delightful social hour was enjoyed by the members and their wives in the American Room, Little America, hosted by Old Faithful Life, Teton Life of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Great Plains Life, Big Horn Life and Pacific Western Life, all of Casper. Following the social hour, a buffet supper presided over by Vice President Edgar J. Herschler in honor of the judiciary was enjoyed by those in attendance. Concluding the evening's entertainment the members and their wives were privileged to hear from the Honorable Harry S. Harnsberger, Chief Justice, Wyoming Supreme Court.

President George F. Guy reconvened the meeting in the Coach Room, Hitching Post Inn at 9:15 A.M., Friday, September 22, 1967, by turning the meeting over to President-elect Henry A. Burgess,

Sheridan, Wyoming, Chairman of the O.E.O. Committee, who reported on behalf of that committee. Mr. Burgess was aided in the presentation of his report by Harry S. Harnsberger, Jr., Lander, Wyoming, who reported on Fremont County's community action program for the Wind River Indian Reservation. Mr. Hobe Harden and Mr. William Norman reported on the respective programs being carried out in Casper and Cheyenne, respectively. Following the individual reports of Messrs. Norman, Hardin and Harnsberger, President-elect Burgess called upon Charles Newton, Cheyenne, Wyoming, the Governor's O.E.O. representative. Following Mr. Newton's remarks a general discussion period took place on the pros and cons of the type of program to be utilized within the State of Wyoming. Byron Hirst suggested that a committee be formed to determine a program to be adopted by the Wyoming State Bar. Following Mr. Hirst's remarks, a general discussion concerning this subject was had, following which it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the incoming president appoint a committee to determine the advisability of the Wyoming State Bar creating a statewide program.

Following the report of the O.E.O. Committee, President-elect Burgess turned the meeting back to President Guy who called a short coffee break and reconvened the meeting at 10:40 A.M. President Guy then introduced William Kleindorfer, Chicago, Illinois, staff member for the American Bar Association who addressed the members on the subject, "Your Organization and What It Can Do For You".

At the conclusion of Mr. Kleindorfer's remarks, Mr. Guy thanked him for appearing before the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar and introduced Dean Frank J. Trelease who reported to the group on the activities of the Law School during the past year. Dean Trelease also reported on the proposed rules of criminal procedure with the assistance of Ruel Armstrong, Rawlins, Wyoming, subcommittee chairman. At the conclusion of the reports by Mr. Trelease and Mr. Armstrong it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Wyoming State Bar at its 1967 meeting approve the proposed rules of criminal procedure which were sent to every member of the bar as prepared by the committee and that the Supreme Court adopt the same.

Following this motion it was also regularly moved, seconded and carried that the report of Dean Trelease on the activities of the Law School be accepted and approved as read and spread on the minutes of this meeting.

An attendance drawing was then held with a one year's subscription to *Shepard's Wyoming Citations*, donated by Shepard's Citations going to John Callahan and the *Complete Guide to a Profitable Law Practice*, donated by Prentice Hall going to Ross D.

Copenhaver, Powell, Wyoming. Following the attendance drawing the meeting was recessed at 11:55 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., September 22, 1967.

During the noon hour the members and their wives lunched in the Coach Room of the Hitching Post Inn where Gerald Getty, Public Defender, Cook County, Illinois and Defense Attorney for Richard Speck delivered a talk entitled, "The Defender Program". Mr. Getty also detailed some of the highlights of his experience during the Speck trial.

President Guy reconvened the meeting at 2:30 P.M. in the Coach Room, Hitching Post Inn, by calling on Chet Jones, Newcastle, Chairman of the Bar Economics Committee, who reported on behalf of that committee recommending that the minimum fee schedule of the Wyoming State Bar be changed in accordance with his report. At the conclusion of the report it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Wyoming State Bar adopt the revised minimum fee schedule prepared by the Bar Economics Committee and that the same be published and distributed to all members of the bar.

In the absence of President Guy, Vice President Edgar J. Herschler called upon Jerry Housel, Wyoming State Bar delegate to the American Bar Association who reported on the activities of the American Bar Association during the past year including the two meetings which Mr. Housel attended in Houston, Texas and Honolulu, Hawaii.

After thanking Mr. Housel for his report, Vice President Herschler introduced the following new members who were in attendance at the convention: Mick McCarty, Alva Connolly, George Clarke, Charles Aspinwall, Robert Anderson, Larry Jorgenson, Fred S. Reed, John MacPherson, John Ackerman and David Carmichael. After introducing the new admittees to the Wyoming State Bar, Vice President Herschler announced that the Michie Company had donated a set of the *1957 Wyoming Statutes* as a door prize to be given away during the convention and ruled that the drawing would be limited to the new members. John Ackerman was the winner.

President Guy then opened discussion on changing Rule 9 to allow the Bar Commissioners elections to be held more than thirty days prior to the annual meeting. At the conclusion of the discussion it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Supreme Court change Rule 9 to allow election of Bar Commissioners more than thirty days prior to the annual meeting.

President Guy then introduced Elmer J. Scott, Worland, Wyoming, who reported on the Western States Bar Conference, following which Bill Kirven, Buffalo, Wyoming, Chairman of the Election of Officers Committee reported on the activities of his committee and

recommended that the new president of the Wyoming State Bar place the committee's report before the Bar Commissioners for immediate action so that a poll of the entire membership of the State Bar Association can be made. Mr. Kirven also reported on revising the rules governing the Wyoming State Bar, concluding his remarks by asking for an amendment to Rule 6 and Rule 10 substituting in each of those rules the president-elect in place of the vice president as is now contained in the respective rules. He also recommended a change in Rule 20 to include the *Canons of Professional Ethics of the American Bar Association* with amendments up to those last published and a change in Section 2 of Article II of the By-laws of the Wyoming State Bar changing the election of officers from the last item of business to the third item of each and every convention. Following Mr. Kirven's report it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the same be adopted and accepted as given including the recommendations contained therein.

Jerry W. Housel then asked for and received the floor and advised the meeting that there were many inconsistencies between the by-laws, rules and statutes insofar as the Wyoming State Bar was concerned. He recommended that a constitutional revision committee be established by the incoming president to review all rules, by-laws and statutes pertaining to the Wyoming State Bar itself. This recommendation was, upon motion duly made and seconded, carried.

President Guy then discussed the proposed formation of what is to be known as the Mountain States Bar Association comprised of Wyoming, Montana, North and South Dakota and concluded his remarks by referring the question of the advisability of the Wyoming State Bar's joining said association to President-elect Burgess.

An attendance drawing was then held with *Clearing Land Titles* donated by West Publishing Co. going to Robert M. Seipt, Riverton, Wyoming.

President Guy then recognized Elmer J. Scott who discussed the establishment of the Client Security Fund at the 1966 annual meeting in the amount of \$7,500.00 and further advised the meeting that the Board of Commissioners had returned \$2,500.00 from the Client Security Fund to the general account during its 1967 legislative meeting in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Following Mr. Scott's remarks the following resolution was, upon motion duly made and seconded, carried:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that no money, other than that paid for indemnification to clients, be withdrawn from the Client Security Fund without the withdrawal being first voted upon by the entire membership of the Wyoming State Bar.

President Guy then recognized R. S. Lowe, former attorney from

Rawlins, now assistant director with the American Judicature Society, who thanked the Wyoming State Bar for the courtesy shown to him and his wife during the 1967 annual meeting.

After thanking Mr. Lowe for his remarks, President Guy announced that the next item of business was the election of officers. The election resulted in John T. Dixon, Powell, Wyoming, being elected secretary-treasurer and James A. Zaring, Basin, Wyoming being elected vice president. On motion by Charles M. Crowell, duly seconded and carried, the rules of the Wyoming State Bar pertaining to the election for president-elect were suspended and the secretary was instructed to cast an unanimous ballot for Edgar J. Herschler, Kemmerer, Wyoming.

By virtue of the rules governing the conduct of the Wyoming State Bar, Henry A. Burgess, Sheridan, Wyoming, the 1966-67 president-elect, became president for the 1967-68 year without election.

The final item on the agenda for the 1967 annual meeting was the report of the Resolutions Committee as given by C. J. Brimmer, Rawlins, Wyoming. At the conclusion of Mr. Brimmer's report the following resolutions were adopted:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar were privileged to have enjoyed the hospitality and generosity of the Laramie County Bar Association, the wives and members thereof, the City of Cheyenne, Holdings Little America, Hitching Post Inn, Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce, Big Horn Life Insurance Company, Casper, Wyoming, Great Plains Life Insurance Company of Casper, Wyoming, Pacific Western Life Insurance Company of Casper, Wyoming, Old Faithful Life Insurance Company of Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Teton National Insurance Company of Cheyenne, Wyoming, together with the many other fine hotels and restaurants of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Bancroft-Whitney Company, Commerce Clearing House, the Mitchie Company, Prentice-Hall, Shephard's Citations, Inc., West Publishing Company, Title Guaranty Company, Cheyenne Abstract and Title Company, and the Cheyenne Sheriff's Posse, during the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar at Cheyenne, Wyoming, held on September 21 and 22, 1967, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar are desirous of expressing their appreciation, thanks and gratitude to all who have made the meeting so successful and memorable,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Bar in session duly assembled on the 22nd day of September, 1967, does hereby extend and express

the appreciation, thanks and gratitude of all its members and their wives who have attended the said annual meeting to the above named parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Wyoming State Bar send copies of this Resolution to the parties herein named.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Bar has been fortunate in having these distinguished men participate in our convention meetings and deliberations: The Honorable Earl Morris, President of the American Bar Association, Columbus, Ohio; The Honorable Stanley K. Hathaway, Governor of the State of Wyoming; The Honorable Harry S. Harnsberger, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Wyoming; The Honorable Elmer J. Scott, President, Western States Bar Conference; The Honorable William Kleindorfer, American Bar Association, Chicago, Illinois; The Honorable Kline D. Strong, Salt Lake City, Utah; The Honorable Stephen Blewett, Altadena, California; The Honorable Jerry Smith, President, Idaho State Bar, Lewiston, Idaho; The Honorable David Kunz, President, Utah State Bar, Ogden, Utah; The Honorable Paul Keller, President, Montana State Bar, Helena, Montana; The Honorable Stanley Siegel, President, State Bar of South Dakota, Aberdeen, South Dakota; The Honorable Murl Maupin, Nebraska State Bar, North Platte, Nebraska; The Honorable James M. Pughe, Vice President, Colorado State Bar, Craig, Colorado; The Honorable Warren Wellivere, President, Missouri State Bar, Columbia, Missouri; The Honorable Gerald Getty, Public Defender, Cook County, Chicago, Illinois; The Honorable Glenn Winters, American Judicature Society, Chicago, Illinois; and the Honorable Robert Stanley Lowe, American Judicature Society, Chicago, Illinois.

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Bar is greatly appreciative of the fine work of these gentlemen which has contributed much to the success of the 52nd Annual Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Bar extend its thanks and appreciation to these distinguished gentlemen for their contribution to and participation in this meeting, and that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Wyoming State Bar send copies of this Resolution to each of them.

There being no further business to come before the meeting the same was adjourned at 4:20 P.M., September 22, 1967.

Concluding the social portion of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar the members and their wives attended the annual banquet held at the Hitching Post Inn preceded by a social hour hosted by the Title Guaranty Company, Casper, Wyoming, and the Cheyenne Abstract and Title Company, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

President George F. Guy presided during the banquet and presented 50-year plaques to the following members of the Wyoming State Bar or their representatives:

E. J. Goppert ..... Cody, Wyoming  
Clarence A. Swainson ..... Cheyenne, Wyoming  
A. R. McMicken ..... Rawlins, Wyoming  
James A. Greenwood ..... Roseburg, Oregon

After the presentation of golf trophies, President George F. Guy, Cheyenne, Wyoming, handed the gavel of the Office of the President of the Wyoming State Bar for the 1967-68 year to Henry A. Burgess, Sheridan, Wyoming. Mr. Burgess, on behalf of the entire membership of the Wyoming State Bar, thanked President Guy for the services he rendered as President of the organization during the past year.

Dancing concluded the evening's entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOHN T. DIXON  
Secretary-Treasurer