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

*September 17 & 18, 1970*

*Rawlins, Wyoming*

The 29th annual meeting of the Integrated Bar and the 55th Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was called to order by the President, James A. Zaring, at 9:30 A.M. at the Dr. C. W. Jeffrey, M.D., Memorial Center, Rawlins, Wyoming. Fr. Jerome Logue of Rawlins gave the invocation. The invocation was followed by introduction of Mr. Matthew Baclawski who formally welcomed the members of the Wyoming State Bar to the meeting and to Rawlins on behalf of the City of Rawlins. President Zaring then called upon President-elect, Ross D. Copenhaver, to respond to the address welcome.

President Zaring thereupon called on Joseph E. Darrah, Secretary-treasurer, for the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried the reading of the minutes of the Bar Association, followed by a report from Alan K. Simpson, Chairman of the Auditing Committee. Chairman Simpson concluded his report by recommending that the Treasurer's Report for the period ending July 31, 1970, be approved. Thereupon, motion duly moved, seconded, and carried the reports of the Treasurer and the Auditing Committee were accepted and approved as read, and ordered spread at length in the minutes of this meeting.

President Zaring then called upon Kenneth W. Keldsen, Charles G. Kepler, Houston G. Williams, and James Wolfe to serve on the Resolutions Committee for the Annual Meeting.

President Zaring then introduced to the convention Mr. Samuel P. Guyton, a Denver, Colorado attorney who gave an enlightening talk, followed by a question and answer period dealing specifically with the farming and ranching provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1969. Mr. Guyton dealt primarily with the historical background and basis of the several tax provisions of prime concern to the farm and ranch industry.

Thereupon a panel met, consisting of Mr. Charles C. Nicola, of Denver, Colorado, Eugene C. Thomas, of Boise, Idaho, and Mr. R. R.

Bostwick, of Casper, Wyoming. Mr. Nicola, and Mr. Bostwick presented to the members the Code of Professional Responsibility and Canons of Judicial ethics as propounded by the American Bar Association. Mr. Thomas then presented his views with emphasis upon objections to the code with regard to the code's impact upon sparsely populated western states.

At the conclusion of the panel, and after thanking the panel members, President Zaring adjourned the meeting for a luncheon held at the Rawlins Elks Club.

The convention was reconvened at 1:30 P.M. when President Zaring called upon Mr. E. E. Lonabaugh, a Sheridan, Wyoming, attorney, to give his report as Chairman of the Committee on the Proposed Uniform Consumer Credit Code. Mr. Lonabaugh concluded his report with the showing of a film entitled "There Ought To Be A Law" as narrated by Chet Huntley illustrating the need for the proposed code.

After commending Mr. Lonabaugh, President Zaring then proceeded to give his annual report as prescribed by the by-laws of the association.

The conclusion of the President's report was followed by introduction of Mr. Frank Trelease, Dean of the College of Law of the University of Wyoming. Dean Trelease reported on graduation, changes in the faculty, the scholarship program, and the new legal aid program designed to foster practical experience to law students attending the law school.

President Zaring then called upon the American Bar Association delegate, Mr. William Kirven, of Buffalo, to report on the activities of the American Bar Association. Mr. Kirven explained various functions of the A.B.A. including committee work and work in the House of Delegates generally. Mr. Kirven concluded his talk by encouraging total membership of the members of the Wyoming Bar Association in the A.B.A.

After thanking Mr. Kirven for his report, President Zaring then called upon Alfred Pence, an attorney from Laramie, Wyoming, to report on the committee on Uniform Laws. Mr. Pence gave a brief summary of the proposed Uniform Laws with a brief resume of each

Concluding Mr. Pence's report, President Zaring then introduced Mr. Richard V. Wellman, an attorney from Ann Arbor, Michigan, who gave a legislative history and content report on the proposed Uniform Probate Code. After Mr. Wellman's report, and a brief discussion, it was duly moved, seconded, and carried that the committee to study the feasibility of the Uniform Probate Code be continued toward the view of ultimately having an acceptable code presented and adopted in Wyoming.

The first day's business being concluded, the convention adjourned to the Rawlins Elks Club where the members and their wives enjoyed a cocktail party hosted by the First National Bank of Rawlins, the Rawlins National Bank, and Pacific Power and Light Company. Thereupon, a dinner honoring the Wyoming Judiciary was held at the Jeffrey Center at 7:30 P.M. where all of the members of the Wyoming Judiciary were introduced by Mr. Joseph B. Sullivan, Vice-president.

The convention reconvened at 9:30 A.M. on Friday morning at the Jeffrey Center. President Zaring called upon Don Chapin, Chairman of the Minor Courts Committee. Mr. Chapin gave a brief legislative history concerning House Bill No. 147 and explained the changes in the bill together with the new proposed companion bill designed to improve the justice of peace system in counties having a population too small to support the proposed minor courts system.

President Zaring then called upon Mr. William Bagley, a Cheyenne attorney, who in turn introduced Mr. Franklin E. Bayless, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Mr. Harold E. Bloomenthal, Laramie, Wyoming, Mr. R. R. Bostwick, and Mr. Lee Harden of Casper, Wyoming who each respectively gave a brief resume of the legal aid programs in Albany, Laramie, and Natrona Counties. The report of the panel was directed to furnishing the members of the association a thorough analysis of the purpose and scope of legal services now being furnished in Wyoming.

The next item presented to the convention was a talk on non-labor arbitration by Mr. Helmut O. Wolff, director of the American Arbitration Association from Dallas, Texas. After Mr. Wolff's presentation the business session adjourned for a luncheon with the ladies at the Jeffrey Center. President-elect Copenhaver presided over the luncheon and introduced the new members of the Bar in attendance. An attendance drawing for the new members was held and Mr. Edward P. Moriarity of Cheyenne was awarded a new set of Wyoming Statutes donated by the Michie Company.

The business session reconvened at 1:30 P.M. with the introduction by President Zaring of Mr. Nicholas Platt to the members of the bar and their wives sitting in joint session. Mr. Platt, the officer in charge of Division for Asian Communist Affairs, Washington, D.C. gave a very informative and entertaining briefing on the behalf of the United States Department of State concerning primarily Communist China. Mr. Platt's talk was followed by a very active question and answer period well enjoyed by all present.

After thanking Mr. Platt and the Department of State for making him available, President Zaring then introduced Mr. Harry E. Leimback of Casper, Wyoming, Chairman of the Defender Aid Com-

mittee. Mr. Leimback gave a report on his committee's work, emphasizing the need for Defender Aid and recommending a continuation of the committee toward the view of formulating some type of affirmative activity economically feasible in Wyoming.

Mr. Ken Keldsen, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee was then called upon to give his report. Mr. Keldsen presented resolutions regarding the Carbon County Bar Association together with various business enterprises that had made the convention so successful, a resolution thanking the various speakers and panel members contributing to the meeting, a resolution thanking the Carbon County legal secretaries, and a resolution commending President Zaring for his year of outstanding service to the Bar. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried all of the resolutions were adopted, and it was requested that the same be spread at length upon the minutes of this meeting.

Secretary Darrah was then called upon to give the Necrology report. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried the report of the Necrology Committee, as prepared by Chairman Paul T. Lamos, Jr., was duly approved and ordered spread upon the minutes of this meeting.

President Zaring then relinquished the floor to Mr. David A. Scott. Mr. Scott related a desire for the Wyoming Bar Association to formally recommend that the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming adopt a rule allowing the formation of legal professional corporations. Mr. Scott thereupon formally moved the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Wyoming State Bar Association recommends that the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming adopt a rule allowing the formation of legal professional corporations within this state pursuant to and in harmony with Internal Revenue Service regulations and the Uniform Corporate Act of the State of Wyoming.

Upon receiving proper seconding the resolution was unanimously carried. Mr. Scott then suggested that Mr. Walter Urbigkit or other suitable attorneys be selected as chairman of the committee to meet with the Supreme Court, and that as such chairman might select his own committee. This suggestion was met with a hardy murmur of approval from the floor although not officially acted upon.

#### RESOLUTION NO. I

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar were privileged to have enjoyed the hospitality and generosity of the Carbon County Bar Association, the wives and members thereof, the City of Rawlins, the Rawlins National Bank, the First National Bank of Rawlins, Credit Bureau of Carbon County, Pacific Power and Light Co., The Title Guaranty Company of Wyoming, Inc., Prentice-Hall, The Michie Company, West Publishing Company, Commercial

Clearing House, Inc., Shepard's Citations, Inc., The Wyoming Association of Natural Gas Utilities, Warden Lenard F. Meacham, of the Wyoming State Penitentiary, Rawlins, Elks Lodge, and The Board of Trustees of the Dr. C. W. Jeffrey Memorial Center during the 55th Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar at Rawlins, Wyoming, held on September 17 and 18, 1970; 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 18th day of September, 1970, does hereby extend and express the appreciation, thanks and gratitude of all its members and the 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 named herein.

#### RESOLUTION NO. II

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Bar has been fortunate in having the following men participate and contribute to the various proceedings and meetings, to-wit: Samuel P. Guyton, Denver, Colorado, Charles C. Nicola, Denver, Colorado, Eugene C. Thomas, Boise, Idaho, Richard V. Wellman, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Helmut O. Wolff, Director, American Arbitration Association, Dallas, Texas, Nicholas Platt, Officer in Charge of Division for Asian Communist Affairs, Washington, D.C., The Honorable Leon Jaworski, President-Elect, American Bar Association, Houston, Texas.

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Bar is greatly appreciative of the fine work of these gentlemen which has contributed much to the success of this 55th Annual Meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar extend its thanks and appreciation to the distinguished gentlemen above-named 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 the parties named.

#### RESOLUTION NO. III

WHEREAS, the Carbon County Legal Secretaries, through their untiring efforts, contributed greatly to the success of the 55th Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar wish to express their thanks to the Carbon County Legal Secretaries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Wyoming State Bar do hereby express their thanks and appreciation to the Carbon County Legal Secretaries and that the Secretary of the Wyoming State Bar send copies of this resolution to each of the Carbon County Legal Secretaries.

#### RESOLUTION NO. IV

WHEREAS, James A. Zaring has ably served the Bar of the State of Wyoming, as its President, for this year, and

WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman is retiring as President of the Wyoming State Bar and the Bar regards it fitting and proper to recognize and commend him for his service and dedication to the causes of the Bar.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar acknowledge with gratitude the service rendered by James A. Zaring and the Secretary of the Wyoming State Bar shall send a copy of this resolution to James A. Zaring, Esq.

The final item of official business was the annual election of officers for the 1970-71 year, and upon motion regularly made, seconded, and unanimously carried the rules of the Wyoming State Bar pertaining to the election of officers were suspended and the Secretary was instructed to cast unanimous ballots for the following individuals for the offices set opposite their names:

Joseph B. Sullivan .....	President-elect
Houston G. Williams .....	Vice-president
Joseph E. Darrah .....	Secretary-treasurer
William Kirven .....	A.B.A. Delegate

By virtue of the rules governing the conduct of the Wyoming State Bar, Ross D. Copenhagen, Powell, Wyoming the 1969-70 President-elect became the President of the Wyoming State Bar for the 1970-71 year without election.

At the conclusion of the elections, there being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was duly adjourned at 4:30 P.M., September 18, 1970.

Concluding the social activities at the annual meeting of the Wyoming State Bar the members and their wives attended a social hour at the Elks Club hosted by the Title Guarantee Company of Wyoming. Following the social hour, the annual banquet was held at the Jeffrey Center and presided over by President Zaring who introduced the new officers, and passed the traditional gavel to President Copenhagen, The banquet was high-lighted by presentation of fifty

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(50) year plaques to W. V. Dolezal, W. J. Wehrli, and Thomas A. Nicholas.

Respectfully submitted,  
JOSEPH E. DARRAH  
Secretary-Treasurer