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MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING
OF THE
WYOMING STATE BAR

Cheyenne, Wyoming
January 16, 1953

The Legislative Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was held at the Supreme Court Room in the Supreme Court Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on January 16, 1953, 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 Edward E. Murane, who announced that the meeting had been called to consider legislation.

The President called upon James O. Wilson, Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Mr. Wilson presented the bills and proposals considered by the Legislative Committee with the recommendations thereon. The bills and proposals presented, and the action taken thereon by the meeting upon motion made, seconded and carried in each case are indicated below:

1. Bill relating to terms of court in Sweetwater and Lincoln Counties.
Action: Endorsed.
2. Bill relating to salary of court reporters.
Action: Endorsed.
3. Bill increasing fees of reporters for taking depositions.
Action: None.
4. Bill increasing fees of reporters for taking inquests.
Action: Endorsed.
5. Bill increasing fees of reporters in criminal cases.
Action: None.
6. Bill relating to a Wyoming Digest.
Action: Endorsed.
7. Proposal for a constitutional amendment increasing membership of the Supreme Court.
Action: Endorsed.
8. Proposal for a constitutional amendment to allow Judges to receive salary increases during term of office.
Action: Endorsed.
9. Bill increasing the salary of Judges.
Action: Endorsed.
10. Bill requiring degree from an accredited law school for admission to practice.
Action: Endorsed.
11. Proposal to revise corporation statutes.
Action: Recommended that Legislative Interim Committee include the subject in its studies.
12. Proposal establishing jurisdiction over testamentary trusts.
Action: None.

E. L. Newton discussed the report of the Legislative Interim Committee on re-districting the State.

President Murane announced that the next order of business was the election of a Delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. C. A. Zaring move that Edward E. Murane be elected as such Delegate. President Murane called Vice-President R. Dwight Wallace to the chair to preside and thereupon Mr. Zaring's motion was seconded and upon being put to a vote was carried unanimously. Vice-President Wallace declared Edward E. Murane elected as a Delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association.

President Murane resumed the chair and declared the meeting in recess until 2:00 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m., and continued with the consideration of legislation.

13. Bill eliminating collections by Clerks of Court.
Action: Endorsed.
14. Bill relating to fraudulent checks.
Action: None.
15. Uniform Support Act.
Action: Endorsed as amended.
16. Bill re-districting the State. After general discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that, in lieu of re-districting the State, a bill providing for a second Judge in the First, Fifth and Seventh Districts be endorsed.
17. Bill relating to interest on unliquidated accounts.
Action: Referred to the next Legislative Committee for action in 1955.
18. Bill relating to statewide subpoena power.
Action: Endorsed.
19. Bill repealing certain notice requirements in the final settlement of estates.
Action: Disapproval.
20. Bill relating to the trial of cases by Judges called in from another district.
Action: Referred to the next Legislative Committee for action in 1955.
21. Bill relating to insanity pleas in criminal cases.
Action: Tabled.
22. Proposal to adopt by statute the Rules of Civil Procedure.
Action: Tabled. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the President was directed to file in the Supreme Court a motion on behalf of the Wyoming State Bar for adoption of the Rules.
23. Bill increasing jurisdiction of Justice Court in criminal cases.
Action: Tabled.

The President recognized Dean R. R. Hamilton who discussed the participation of senior law students in actual cases. To this end he suggested the following amendment to Rule 17 of the Rules of the Supreme Court governing the Wyoming State Bar. (Section 2-418, Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1945):

"No person resident in the State of Wyoming shall practice law in the State of Wyoming except an active member of the state bar; provided, however, that senior students in any accredited Law School in this state may, without fee, and under the supervision of any duly licensed attorney, participate in the preparation and trial of any cause, civil or criminal, in either the Justice or District Courts of this State and such participation shall not be deemed the practice of law but shall be considered only as an aid to legal education in this state. There shall be no such participation without the approval of the Dean of said Law School, the Justice or Judge of said court and counsel for both plaintiff and defendant."

Upon motion made, seconded and carried it was recommended to the Supreme Court that Rule 17 be amended accordingly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The members and their ladies were entertained at a banquet at the Cheyenne Country Club in the evening.

Robert B. Laughlin,
Secretary-Treasurer.

RULES OF WYOMING STATE BAR

Section 2-418 and Section 2-419, Wyo. Comp. Statutes, 1945,
(Rules 17 and 18 of Wyoming State Bar.)
As Amended by the Supreme Court
May 19, 1953.

Section 2-418. **RIGHT TO PRACTICE LAW.** No person shall practice law in the State of Wyoming who is not an active member of the State Bar, except as hereinafter provided; provided, however, that senior students in any accredited Law School in this state may, without fee, and under the supervision of any duly licensed attorney, participate in the preparation and trial of any cause, civil or criminal, in either the Justice or District Courts of this State and such participation shall not be deemed the practice of law but shall be considered only as an aid to legal education in this state. There shall be no such participation without the approval of the Dean of said Law School, the Justice or Judge of said court and counsel for both plaintiff and defendant.

Section 2-419. **NON-RESIDENT PRACTITIONERS.** No attorney from any other state shall be permitted to enter his appearance in, prosecute or defend, any action pending in any Court or before any tribunal, commission, board or other Governmental agency of the state, whose rulings are subject to review by the Courts of this state, unless he shall have associated with him in such action or proceeding an active member of the Wyoming State Bar.