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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

September 15, 16, & 17, 1976

The 35th Annual Meeting of the Integrated Bar and the 61st Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was called to order by President Charles G. Kepler at 9:00 o'clock A.M. at the Convention Center in Cody, Wyoming.

President Kepler welcomed all those attending the convention and thanked all members of the Wyoming State Bar for their cooperation throughout the preceding year.

Steve Simonton welcomed the members of the Wyoming State Bar to Cody on behalf of the Park County Bar. Lawrence A. Yonkee, President-Elect responded.

President Kepler called upon George Simonton, Treasurer, for the Treasurer's Report. Upon motions duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Report of the Audit Committee was accepted.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the reading of the minutes of the previous annual meeting was dispensed with.

President Kepler then gave his President's Address to the meeting followed by the report of Tom Lubnau of the Committee for Judicial Selection and Retention. Motion, second and unanimous approval to accept the report.

President Kepler made some brief remarks about Legal Research Services.

James Zaring, Chairman of the Grievance Committee, gave his report and recognized Robert E. Holstedt for his excellent services

to the Grievance Committee during the preceding year. There being no discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously adopted that the report be accepted.

After a brief recess, the meeting was reconvened at 10:30 A.M. and Carl Lathrop, Chairman of the Ethics Committee, presented his report. The report was followed by a discussion of proposed resolutions. The Ethics Committee recommended that the Wyoming State Bar recommend to the Supreme Court of Wyoming for adoption as part of the Code of Professional Responsibility the following:

1. The Amendments to the Code of Professional Responsibility adopted by the American Bar Association at the 1974 Midyear Meeting.
2. The Amendments to the Code of Professional Responsibility adopted by the American Bar Association at the 1975 Midyear Meeting.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the report of the Ethics Committee be approved. There followed a question on the ethics of advertising by the legal profession. After considerable discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Committee engage in further study and make a preliminary report at the Legislative Committee Meeting with an in depth report to the 1977 Convention.

Houston Williams, Delegate to the American Bar Association, gave his report.

The report of G. J. Cardine regarding Free Legal Clinics was given by President Kepler. Howell McDaniel, Jr. presented his report on the Client Security Fund. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the reports be accepted.

President Kepler then called on President-Elect Yonkee to discuss Judicial Retention (Judicial Advisory Poll) which was followed by lengthy discussion. President Kepler called for the discussion to cease until the following day.

President Kepler then proceeded to the nomination of officers for the 1976-77 year. Those nominated were as follows: President-Elect, G. J. Cardine of Casper; Vice-President, Robert B. Ranck of Jackson; Secretary-Treasurer, George L. Simonton of Cody. There being no further nominations, President Kepler called for nominations to close and the convention cast a unanimous ballot for those nominated for the respective offices.

There being no further business to come before the convention this day, President Kepler declared the meeting adjourned at 11:50 o'clock A.M.

President Kepler called the Friday morning meeting to order at 9:00 o'clock A.M. in the West Petroleum Room of the Holiday Inn in Cody.

Ellen Crowley presented her Committee for the Mentally Disabled Report followed by the Law School Report given by E. George Rudolph, Dean, University of Wyoming, College of Law, in which he discussed the enrollment and success of Wyoming graduates in the bar examination.

Walter C. Urbigkit, Jr. reported on the Bar Recertification Committee. He reported that several states have instituted programs for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education and urged the Bar to adopt Mandatory CLE for Wyoming. G. G. Greenlee reported on the Continuing Legal Education Committee and the activities of the committee during the preceding year. Moved, seconded and unanimously passed that these reports be accepted.

R. R. Bostwick presented his report on Legal Aid Services followed by G. J. Cardine's report on Prepaid Legal Services. Ed Webster gave the report of the Necrology Committee reporting that Justice Norman B. Gray, Tom H. Barratt, John E. Dobos, Edward E. Murane and William E. Barton had passed away during the preceding year. It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that these reports be accepted.

The convention again took up the question of Judicial Retention. After much discussion, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that a Judicial Poll be conducted prior to the November 2, 1976 election and that the method and manner of conducting said poll be left to the Bar Commissioners.

President Kepler submitted the following resolutions which were unanimously passed:

RESOLUTION NO. I

WHEREAS the members of the Wyoming State Bar have had the privilege of attending their 61st meeting in the beautiful community of Cody, Wyoming on September 15, 16 and 17, 1976;

WHEREAS the members of the Wyoming State Bar have enjoyed the hospitality and generosity of the Park

County Bar Association, the wives and members thereof, the City of Cody, The Holiday Inn, Kenney, Inc., Shoshone-First National Bank, Cody, First State Bank, Cody, First National Bank of Powell, American National Bank, Powell, Provident Federal Savings & Loan Association, Cody, First National Bank of Meeteetse, Shoshone Title Insurance Company, Cody, Park County Title Insurance Agency, Cody, Irma Hotel, Cody, Bronze Boot, Cody, Title Guaranty of Wyoming, West Publishing Company, Bancroft-Whitney Company and Michie Company;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Bar in session duly assembled on the 17th day of September, 1976, does hereby express to the above named, the appreciation, thanks and gratitude of all its members and wives who have attended this annual meeting.

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 various proceedings and meetings, to-wit: Justin A. Stanley, President, American Bar Association; Hon. Ewing T. Kerr, United States District Court for Wyoming; Dr. Hans Bleiker, Director of Planning Program, University of Wyoming; Dr. James Ahl, Executive Director, Wyoming Land Use Commission; Dr. Blaine E. Dinger, Executive Director, Wyoming Industrial Siting Council; Hon. Harold R. Tyler, Jr., United States Deputy Attorney General; and S. David Peshkin of Des Moines, Iowa;

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Bar has greatly appreciated the fine work of these gentlemen who have contributed immensely to the success of this 61st Annual Meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar extends 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, Charles G. Kepler has ably served the Bar of the State of Wyoming as its President this year;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar acknowledge with gratitude the service rendered by Charles G. Kepler and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Wyoming State Bar shall send a copy of this resolution to Charles G. Kepler, Esquire.

The annual banquet was held at 7:00 o'clock P.M. on September 17, 1977 at the Convention Center in Cody, highlighted by an address by Justin A. Stanley, President of the American Bar Association. Fifty year plaques were awarded to the Hon. Milward Simpson, Cody, Wyoming; Judson P. Watson, Lusk, Wyoming and Ernest Goppert, Cody, Wyoming. Following the plaque presentation ceremony, the official transfer of the Australian Boomerang mas made by President Kepler to President Yonkee and the traditional transfer of the gavel was made to Lawrence A. Yonkee as the incoming President.

The assistance of J. Nicholas Murdock of the Land and Water Law Review staff in the preparation of these minutes is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE L. SIMONTON
Secretary-Treasurer