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MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF
THE WYOMING STATE BAR

Cheyenne, Wyoming
January 14 & 15, 1955

The Legislative Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was held at the Supreme Court Room in the Supreme Court Building, Cheyenne, Wyoming, on January 14 and 15, 1955, pursuant to the call of the President and due notice of time and place of the meeting having been sent to all members. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. Friday, January 14, 1955 by President J. O. Spangler, who thanked the members of the Supreme Court for the use of the Supreme Court Room and complimented Justice Blume on his birthday, which was January 13th.

President Spangler then called upon Phillip White, President of the Laramie County Bar who announced that Jim Wilson, Bob McKay, and Brooke Wunnicke were the Committee on Entertainment and Arrangements in addition to himself, and that the banquet would be held Saturday night at the Cheyenne Country Club with Harry Henderson acting as Master of Ceremonies.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the Rock Springs meeting and the giving of a financial report be dispensed with. Unanimously passed and carried.

President Spangler then asked the opinion of the meeting concerning certain committees which had been suggested as committees for the State Bar. It was unanimously agreed that the President should appoint a Standards and Canon of Legal Ethics Committee, a Corporation Law Committee, and a Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

President Spangler then called upon Glenn Kinsley, Chairman of the Uniform Commercial Law Code Committee, who briefly explained the Uniform Commercial Code and the functions of his Committee. He explained that the Code has been worked out over a long period of years by experts in the Commercial Law field and has been passed in Pennsylvania and is expected to be passed in several other of the larger states in the very near future and eventually will be presented to the Wyoming Legislature, but he said that he felt that it was not a proper time to do so at this sitting of the Legislature.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Spangler recessed the meeting of the Wyoming State Bar and turned same over to Ewing T. Kerr, Chairman of the Legislative Committee to sit as a Committee of the Whole to consider prospective legislation with the Legislative Committee. Afterwards, the meeting was adjourned to reconvene at 2 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2 p.m. and was called to order by Presi-

dent Spangler who paid tribute to the long and faithful service of Fred Fobes as Clerk of the Wyoming Supreme Court, and informed the meeting that Mr. Fobes had been Clerk of the Wyoming Supreme Court for over thirty-five years and had been employed in the Clerk's office for over forty-nine years.

President Spangler then called upon Chief Justice John Riner who urged the members of the Bar to support the Wyoming Digest Bill and subscribe to the purchase of copies of the Wyoming Digest.

President Spangler then recognized Senator L. A. Bowman, who reported that the Wyoming Digest Bill had been introduced as Senate File No. 1, and had been reported out of both the Judiciary and Ways and Means Committees with a "do pass" recommendation.

There being no further business to come before the meeting of the Wyoming State Bar, the President again recessed the meeting to sit as a committee of the whole to consider legislation with the Legislative Committee.

At 4:15 p.m. the meeting was recessed until 10 o'clock the following morning.

The meeting reconvened at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 15, 1955 in the Supreme Court Room, Cheyenne, Wyoming and was called to order by President Spangler, who recognized Justice Blume, who urged the members of the Bar to support and use the Wyoming Digest, and thanked the Bar for the support given him at the last election.

President Spangler then announced that on October 19, 1954, he had mailed an endorsement of Justice Orie L. Phillips for Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

President Spangler then called upon Senator Byron Hirst to give his report as Chairman of the Statutes and Digest Committee of the Wyoming State Senate. Senator Hirst informed the meeting that 200 copies of the Wyoming Digest must be purchased by the Bar or other users. He urged that every member contact the representatives in the State Legislature from his county and urge the support of the Digest Bill. Senator Hirst indicated that it was his opinion as far as the revision of the statutes are concerned that our first need is a good compilation in several volumes or titles and that after this had been done, the various volumes or titles could be revised separately as needed. He further indicated that several bills had been drawn, each setting up some sort of a compilation commission and that it was his opinion that only one bill should be considered and that such a bill should appropriate enough money to do a good job. He suggested that a committee be appointed to draft a single bill which could be sponsored by the Wyoming State Bar. It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed that President Spangler appoint such a committee and President Spangler appointed Allen Pearson, Ernest Newton and Bill Riner on this committee.

It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed that the Wyoming State Bar guarantee the purchase of 200 sets of the Wyoming Digest.

President Spangler then called upon Justice Harry L. Harnsberger, Judge Parker, and Dean Hamilton, who each favored the meeting with a few words.

President Spangler then called upon Joe Garst, Chairman of the Minimum Fee Schedule Committee who presented the draft of the Minimum Fee Schedule as compiled by his committee and moved that same be adopted, and President Spangler then opened the matter for discussion. It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed that the Minimum Fee Schedule as presented be adopted with the single amendment that the word "recommended" be placed before the words "Minimum Fee Schedule" at each place in the schedule that same appeared.

It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed that the Minimum Fee Schedule Committee be commended for their excellent work on the schedule.

The hour of 12 noon having arrived, the meeting was recessed until 2 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2 p.m. and was called to order by President Spangler, who called upon Ed Murane, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee for his report. Mr. Murane suggested that a Wills pamphlet be the first public relations project and that such pamphlets could be distributed by the banks along with their bank statements. It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed that the sum of \$750.00 which had been previously appropriated for Public Relations work be spent as above described.

President Spangler then called upon Frank Bowron, State Chairman of the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association for a report. It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed that the State Bar recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated for Junior Bar activities.

President Spangler then called upon Al Pence, Representative from the Wyoming State Bar to the Interstate Bar Council who reported that the Interstate Bar Council will meet in Phoenix, Arizona on February 25, 1955 and stated that he hoped the Interstate Bar Council would have its meeting in Cheyenne in 1956.

President Spangler then recognized Judge Arthur Kline who favored the meeting with a few well chosen remarks.

President Spangler then called upon Judge Kennedy and it was regularly moved, seconded, and passed that the President appoint a committee to study the rules of Civil Procedure for Federal District Courts and Amendments thereto.

President Spangler then called upon Ewing T. Kerr, Chairman of the Legislative Committee who gave the report of the Legislative Committee. It was regularly moved, seconded, and passed that the report of the Legislative Committee be approved and adopted.

It was then regularly moved, seconded, and passed that the President appoint a Committee to study time and procedure for presentation of legislation to the Legislative Committee.

President Spangler then reported that he had made a request of the Wyoming Supreme Court concerning the appointment of certain standing committees on a three-year basis, and also concerning certain procedures to be followed concerning the recognition of persons newly admitted to practice before the Bar in Wyoming.

President Spangler then recognized Mr. Loomis who reported that many out of state lawyers have been soliciting business within the State of Wyoming, and recommended that this matter be brought to the attention of the Unauthorized Practice Committee.

President Spangler then recognized Vice-President Oliver Steadman who reported that the 1955 Annual Meeting would be held at Cody, Wyoming under the auspices of the Park County Bar at a date to be announced in the future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Daniel C. Rogers, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Jan. 14 and 15, 1955

We, your Legislative Committee, appointed by the President of the Wyoming State Bar Association, have met with the Members of the Wyoming State Bar, assembled in the Supreme Court Building of the State of Wyoming, and collaborated with the Members on all proposed legislation to be sponsored by the Association, and beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that the Association approve and sponsor the following Bills:

- Amend Section 1-606 relating to docket fees charged by the Clerk of the District Court.
- Amend Section 3-2604 relating to taking deposition of adverse party in civil actions for the purpose of discovery.
- Amend Section 3-4504 relating to "Homestead" raising the amount from \$2500.00 to \$4000.00.

Amend Section 3-5001 relating to grounds of attachment by striking the amount of \$500.00 and inserting in lieu thereof \$1500.00.

Amend Section 44-133 and Section 44-1202 relating to Stockholders' meetings, and waiving notice in certain cases.

Amend Section 60-1101 relating to service on the Secretary of State when a non-resident person has used the highways of the State of Wyoming and permits service in case of death, upon the executor or administrator of said deceased person.

Amend Section 6-2305 relating to final notice in closing of estates.

Amend Section 31-109 relating to number of District Judges.

We recommend the State Bar Association to concur in the recommendations of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Ewing T. Kerr, Chairman
David N. Hitchcock
Fred Burdett
James Munro
Robert B. Bowman
Chester S. Jones
Charles M. Crowell

REGISTRATION

1955 LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Al Pence, Laramie
W. P. Farthing, Laramie
Bob Duncan, Cheyenne
Laura B. Brand, Cheyenne
Sarah Donley Steadman, Cody
R. R. Hamilton, Laramie
Oliver W. Steadman, Cody
Frank L. Bowron, Casper
Raymond B. Whitaker, Casper
Thomas Morgan, Gillette
Kyle Casselman, Torrington
Robert E. Brown, Worland
Joseph C. Conrace, Cheyenne
A. G. McClintock
Glenn Parker, Laramie
Harry A. Harnsberger, Cheyenne
Vernon G. Bentley, Laramie
David N. Hitchcock, Laramie
Gordon W. Davis, Laramie
W. E. Brimmer, Rawlins
Tosh Suyematsu, Cheyenne
Ellen Crowley, Cheyenne
William G. Walton, Cheyenne
H. Glenn Kinsley, Sheridan
Chester S. Jones, Newcastle
Edward H. Halsey, Newcastle
Joseph Garst, Douglas
Robert C. Hawley, Denver
Henry A. Burgess, Sheridan
R. H. Nichols, Casper

Jack F. Lewis, Powell
Robert A. Burgess, Casper
R. R. Bowman, Lovell
L. A. Bowman, Lovell
Ewing T. Kerr, Cheyenne
Byron Hirst, Cheyenne
Frank A. Heckel, Cheyenne
Brooke Wunnicke, Cheyenne
Harry B. Henderson, Cheyenne
Robert A. McKay, Cheyenne
W. Swanton, Casper
John P. Ilsley, Gillette
R. Dwight Wallace, Evanston
R. R. Bostwick, Casper
Henry Erickson, Cheyenne
Bob C. Sigler, Cheyenne
J. O. Spangler, Greybull
Dan Rogers, Casper
H. B. Black, Cheyenne
George P. Sawyer, Torrington
Edward E. Murane, Casper
C. A. Swainson, Cheyenne
Harry A. Thompson, Casper
Donald Starnes, Cheyenne
T. Blake Kennedy, Cheyenne
C. M. Crowell, Casper
Walter Urbigkit, Cheyenne
James L. Hettinger, Cheyenne
Ray E. Lee, Cheyenne
Carleton A. Lathrop, Cheyenne