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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

Sheridan, Wyoming
Sept. 13, 14, 15, 1956

Pursuant to Rule 10, the Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was held in the Shrine Auditorium at Sheridan, Wyoming, on September 13, 14 and 15, 1956, due notice of such meeting having been sent to all members.

The meeting was called to order by President Edwin V. Magagna at ten o'clock A.M. on September 13, 1956 and he announced that this was the 41st Annual Meeting of the Bar of the State of Wyoming. The President then recognized Mr. E. E. Birchby, President of the Sheridan County Bar, who welcomed the members on behalf of the Sheridan County Bar and the Fourth Judicial District Bar, and who introduced Mr. Carl Crawford, Mayor of the City of Sheridan, who made an official Address of Welcome.

President Magagna then recognized Mr. A. G. McClintock of Cheyenne, who formerly resided in Sheridan, who gave the Response to the Address of Welcome.

President Magagna recognized E. E. Lonabaugh, who reported to the meeting concerning the golf tournament being held in conjunction with the State Bar meeting at the Sheridan Country Club. President Magagna then reported concerning the program of the meeting inasmuch as some of the members did not have printed programs at that time.

The Secretary-Treasurer read the financial report covering the period from August 1, 1955 through July 31, 1956. President Magagna read the report of the Auditing Committee, composed of Richard R. Bostwick, Chairman, Donald E. Chapin and William T. Schwartz. Upon motion made, seconded and carried, the Auditing Committee's report was adopted, and the financial report was approved and accepted.

President Magagna then called upon the Honorable Judge T. Blake Kennedy, U. S. District Court Judge retired, to address the meeting with a few impromptu remarks. The Judge stated his pleasure at being a member of the Bar and attending these meetings and made his claim to being the senior member of the Wyoming State Bar, so far as date of original admission to practice in this state is concerned.

President Magagna then called upon the Honorable Ewing T. Kerr, U. S. District Court Judge for the District of Wyoming, for a few remarks, following which President Magagna made his President's Report. The meeting was then recessed until 2:00 P.M.

During the noon recess a very delightful buffet luncheon was served the members of the Bar at the Sheridan Inn.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 P.M., September 13, 1956.

President Magagna appointed the following members of the Resolutions Committee: R. G. Diefenderfer of Sheridan, Chairman; Jack Lewis, Sam Corson, R. S. Lowe, Vincent Mulvaney, Joe Spangler and James Zaring; following which President Magagna read a proposed resolution concerning the qualifications for judicial office in the State of Wyoming.

President Magagna then recognized Attorney General George Guy, who made an announcement concerning contempt proceedings to be filed against J. Norman Stone of Sheridan. He also addressed the meeting with regard to the gambling situation in Jackson and other matters.

President Magagna introduced Judge Joe M. Hill of Dallas, Texas, member of the A.B.A. Traffic Court Conference Committee, who spoke to the group concerning the functions of this committee and indicated the desire of the committee to hold a Traffic Court Conference at the Law School in Laramie the second weekend of October, 1956.

President Magagna then introduced Professor William Bowe of Vanderbilt University and the University of Colorado, who conducted a seminar or institute on "Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning," following which the meeting was recessed until 10:00 A.M. September 14, 1956.

The members and their ladies were entertained by the A. W. and E. E. Lonabaughs and the E. J. and W. D. Redles at the Piney Ranch, followed by a chuck wagon dinner at the Lodore at Story, Wyoming.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:00 A.M. September 14, 1956. Following an announcement by R. G. Diefenderfer concerning the time and place of the meeting of the Resolutions Committee, President Magagna read a letter presented to him by R. S. Lowe from J. Norman Stone. President Magagna then called upon Senator Frank A. Barrett, who was in attendance, to speak to the group, who then spoke concerning the Multiple Purposes Use of Federal Lands' Bill and also concerning the second Federal Judge for Wyoming.

President Magagna then called upon Edward E. Murane of Casper, who conducted an informal seminar or institute on "Selection of Jurors and Objections to Evidence at Jury Trials."

President Magagna then recognized William J. Wehrli of Casper, President of Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation, who spoke to the group concerning the purposes and functions of the Foundation and announced that the 1957 meeting of the Mineral Law Institute, conducted by the Foundation, will be held in Missoula, Montana, on August 1, 2 and 3, 1957.

President Magagna then recognized R. G. Diefenderfer of Sheridan, who made a report concerning the activities of J. Norman Stone, since he came to Sheridan.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Diefenderfer's report be referred to the Resolutions Committee for action, following which the meeting was recessed until 2:00 P.M.

The meeting was reconvened at 2:00 P.M. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of the last annual meeting be approved as printed in the Wyoming Law Journal.

President Magagna then called upon Harry Thompson, Chairman of the Necrology Committee, who presented that committee's report and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded and carried. The entire membership stood in reverent silence in memory of the deceased members: Supreme Court Judge William A. Riner, M. A. Kline, George E. Brimmer, Donald M. Starnes, H. Glenn Kinsley, William F. May, H. B. Durham and W. E. Hardin.

President Magagna then called upon Professor Frank J. Trelease, who in the absence of Dean Hamilton, gave the report of the Legal Education and Admission to the Bar Committee, informed the group that there are about 25 new students in the Wyoming Law School this year out of a total student body of 55, and spoke concerning the Wyoming Law School's scholarship fund to which he urged the membership to give their whole-hearted support.

President Magagna next called upon Edward J. Redle, who in the absence of Chairman George Millett, gave the report of the Public Relations Committee, informed the members that the Wills Pamphlet has been shipped to the members of the committee for distribution through the banks or by other means and that there were 50,000 copies of this Wills Pamphlet printed.

President Magagna next declared a five minute recess for the purpose of preparing for the election of officers.

President Magagna called the meeting to order and declared that the next order of business would be the election of officers.

Mr. Laughlin moved that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Thomas O. Miller of Lusk as President-Elect of the Wyoming State Bar. It was regularly seconded and unanimously carried. President Magagna thereupon declared that Thomas O. Miller be elected President-Elect.

Upon secret written ballot, James O. Wilson of Cheyenne was elected Vice President by a majority vote.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and that Daniel C. Rogers, Jr. be nominated for the office of Secretary-Treasurer; that nominations be closed and that the President cast the unanimous ballot of the meeting for the nominee. The motion was carried and Pres-

ident Magagna thereupon declared Daniel C. Rogers, Jr. elected Secretary-Treasurer.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the rules be suspended, that Alfred M. Pence of Laramie be nominated for the office of Wyoming State Bar Representative to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association and that nominations be closed and that the President cast the unanimous ballot of the meeting for the nominee. The motion was carried and President Magagna thereupon declared Alfred M. Pence elected Wyoming State Bar Representative to the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association.

President Magagna then recognized Mr. Pence who gave a report concerning the Interstate Bar Council and its work and especially concerning the Interstate Bar Council meeting held in Cheyenne on February 25, 1956, where the Wyoming State Bar was host.

Mr. Pence also spoke on the Uniform State Law's Commission and urged that the Wyoming State Bar remain active in its work with this Commission and give considerable attention to the laws suggested by this Uniform State Law's Commission.

President Magagna then reminded the membership of the rule concerning presentation of legislation to the Legislative Committee and called upon Vincent Ross, Chairman of the Legislative Committee, to give his report.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Wyoming State Bar adopt a resolution requesting the West Publishing Company to drop from their Pacific Reporter System all California decisions excepting the decisions of the Highest Court of California and that the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the West Publishing Company and to the Secretary of each State Bar organization served by the Pacific Reporter.

Ernest Newton of Lander, Executive Secretary of the State Legislative Interim Committee, was called upon to report concerning the activities of the Legislative Interim Committee and to explain the proposed Municipal, County and School District Bond Act which would amend, revise and completely change all of the present statutory provisions concerning general obligation bonds issued by municipalities and other state subdivisions.

President Magagna recognized R. G. Diefenderfer, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, who gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. The following resolutions were passed adopted and approved by the Wyoming State Bar:

1. Increasing the number of Supreme Court Judges.
2. Concerning appreciation to the speakers.
3. Concerning appreciation to the Fourth Judicial District, the Sheridan County Bar, etc.

4. Concerning the "Stone matter".

President Magnagna next called upon Congressman E. Keith Thomson of Wyoming, who made a very well received impromptu address before the meeting.

President Magagna recognized State Senator E. Byron Hirst, Chairman of the Wyoming Statutes Compilation Commission, who made a very informative and detailed report concerning the work of the Wyoming Digest Committee in formulating and obtaining the Wyoming Digest and then spoke concerning the work and preparation made by the Compilation Commission in attempting to secure a new compilation and codification of our Wyoming Statutes. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Compilation Commission and especially E. Byron Hirst, be given a resounding vote of appreciation for the splendid work being done on this Commission.

President Magagna next recognized Chester S. Jones, who gave the report of the County Attorneys' Association, concerning the revision of the Criminal Statutes, in the absence of Jim Barrett, Chairman of that Association.

The meeting was then recessed until 10:00 A.M. September 15, 1956.

The members and their ladies were entertained at the Sheridan Inn, followed by the Annual Banquet at which time President Magagna presented the gavel of authority to President-Elect Steadman of Cody. After appropriate remarks by President-Elect Steadman, President Magagna called upon Past President Ray S. McCarty of the Utah Bar who gave us a very interesting and humorous dissertation. Dancing followed the banquet.

The meeting was reconvened at 10:00 o'clock A.M. on September 15, 1956.

President Magagna introduced Frank J. Cavanaugh of Denver, Colorado, who conducted a seminar or institute on "Taxes with Special Reference to Oil, Minerals and Mining Claims," with particular emphasis on the "Taxation Problems of Hard Rock Mining."

There being no further business the meeting was regularly adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel C. Rogers, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer