Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar

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A regular meeting of the Officers and Bar Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar was held at the Ramada Snow King Inn in Jackson, Wyoming at 10:00 A.M. on September 9, 1978.

The following officers and members were present: William T. Schwartz, President; Thomas E. Lubnau, President-Elect; Carl L. Lathrop, Vice-President; George L. Simonton, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert N. Siept; James N. Wolfe; Tosh Suyematsu; Alva Gerald Connolly; Robert L. Bath; and William A. Taylor, Executive Director-Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President opened the meeting for discussion as to the site of the 1979 Bar Convention. It was unanimously agreed that Casper be the location of the 1979 Bar Convention. The exact date was left to be decided at the next regular meeting of the Commissioners. President Schwartz and the Executive Director were authorized to contact the Ramada Inn and the Hilton Hotel in Casper as possible locations of the various Bar Meetings. President Schwartz informed the Commissioners that he was desirous of having a CLE Program at the next Convention and would contact the CLE Committee to begin arrangements.

The Officers and Commissioners discussed the Committee appointments for the ensuing year. Most of the Committee appointments were made with the approval of the Commissioners and the President advised the Board that he would complete his Committee selections within the next 30 days and advise the Commissioners for their approval.

The Bar Commissioners and Officers, also acting as the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, then discussed two complaints which had been directed to the Wyoming State Bar concerning the unauthorized practice of law. Commissioners Bath and Suyematsu were appointed by the President to make further investigation of the complaints and report back to the Commissioners at their next regular meeting.

A Fee Arbitration Rule, which was approved in principle by the Wyoming State Bar, was discussed. Each Commissioner was requested
to study the rule which had been presented and to send their comments and suggestions to the President for future consideration.

President Schwartz informed the Commissioners that the 1979 Western States Bar Conference would be held in San Diego, California, and that all Bar Commissioners were urged to attend. Commissioners would be paid the regular per diem rate allowed by the Bar, but total expenses not to exceed $500.00.

The Executive Secretary was instructed to prepare an agenda for the next meeting of the Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar to be held on November 28, 1978, at the Law School in Laramie. November 28th is also the date of the Legal Education and Admission to the Bar Committee Meeting, also at the Law School. All Officers and Commissioners were urged to be in attendance at the meeting in November.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary-Treasurer
Wyoming State Bar