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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
WYOMING STATE BAR

Rawlins, Wyoming  
August 29, 30, and 31, 1957

President Steadman called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M., Thursday, August 29, 1957 in the High School Auditorium, Rawlins, Wyoming. The attendance drawing resulted in door prizes as follows: *Merrell on Notice* to Judge Franklin B. Sheldon, Lander; *Jurisprudence In Action* to Henry Burgess, Sheridan; *The Lawyer From Antiquity to Modern Times*, by Pound to Bill Brimmer, Rawlins; *Prossor on Torts* to Joe Wilmetti, Rock Springs.

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the reading of the minutes of the last regular annual meeting, held in Sheridan, in September of last year, be dispensed with and that said minutes as published in the Wyoming Law Journal be approved.

President Steadman called upon Clarence A. Brimmer, President of the Carbon County Bar Association, who delivered an address of welcome.

John P. Ilsley of Gillette, Wyoming, delivered the response.

President Steadman called upon Jack F. Lewis of Powell who presented the new members of the Wyoming State Bar. Those introduced were Ted C. Frome, Afton; William H. Jackson, Jr., Rock Springs; Sterling A. Case, Cheyenne; Dean W. Borthwick, Cheyenne; Alfred G. Kaufman, Jr., and A. L. Garfield, Cheyenne.

President Steadman introduced the Honorable Charles S. Rhyne, President of the American Bar Association and General Counsel for the National Institute of Municipal Law Officers, who presented his first address to any Bar meeting since becoming President of the American Bar Association, delivering a very energetic and enthusiastic address entitled, "New Frontiers for the Law and Lawyers."

President Steadman thanked President Rhyne for his stimulating address and proceeded to introduce and welcome the junior and senior law students who were in attendance.

President Steadman next introduced visiting dignitaries, James McCune, President of the Utah Bar of Nephi, Utah; Frank Clampitt, General Attorney for the Sinclair Refining Company; Angus A. Davidson of Sinclair Oil and Gas Company and T. C. Hammett, Vice-President of Sinclair Oil and Gas Company.

President Steadman appointed Charles M. Crowell of Casper as Chairman and S. K. Briggs of Rawlins; Paul Liamos of Newcastle; Floyd Gorrell of Worland; and John P. Ilsley of Gillette as members of the Resolutions

Committee to accept and formulate any Resolutions to be presented to the meeting and report back to the meeting at a later hour.

President Steadman called upon Byron Hirst of Cheyenne, Chairman of the State Bar Statute Compilation Committee, to give the report of his committee. He reported that the Compilation Commission had signed a contract with the Mitchie Company of Charlottesville, South Carolina, who would compile the statutes. He advised the appointment of a committee to assist in the proof reading of the galley proofs. President Steadman suggested that this committee be appointed by the new President and extended the thanks to the Bar to Mr. Hirst and his committee.

President Steadman recognized R. Lauren Moran of Riverton, who discussed the problem of the extra expenses resulting to landowners from abstracting costs occasioned by mineral filings on lands where the surface is privately owned. Mr. Moran suggested that a committee be appointed from all interested organizations including the Wyoming State Bar and that two or three members of this Bar be appointed to serve on such a committee. It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the President appoint three members to serve on a committee from interested groups to work on this problem.

President Steadman next introduced Mr. Joseph Hodges, President of the Colorado Bar Association, who favored the meeting with a few well chosen remarks.

Harry Thompson of Casper was then asked to give the report of the Necrology Committee, which he did. It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the report be accepted and approved and spread upon the minutes of the meeting and also, that the meeting stand in a moment of silent prayer in memory of our departed members.

The hour of 11:45 having arrived, the President called the meeting to recess until 2:00 P.M.

The membership attended a luncheon at the Adams Restaurant with President-Elect, Thomas O. Miller presiding. The luncheon was favored with remarks from James McCune, President of the Utah Bar; Joseph Hodges, President of the Colorado State Bar Association and the Honorable Irving R. Kaufman, Judge United States District Court, Southern District, New York.

President Steadman called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M., August 29, 1957 in the High School Auditorium, Rawlins, Wyoming.

The attendance drawings resulted in door prizes as follows: *Clark's Summary of American Law* to John P. Ilsley of Gillette. *Planning and Trying Cases* to James O. Wilson, Cheyenne. *Balentine's Law Dictionary* to Tosh Suyematsu of Cheyenne.

President Steadman then requested Vice-President James O. Wilson

of Cheyenne to preside in order to permit the President to present the Annual Address of the President, following which the Treasurer's report was read and the auditing committee's report read. It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the report of the auditing committee be approved and the Treasurer's report accepted and approved.

President Steadman called upon the Honorable Ewing T. Kerr, Judge, United States District Court for the District of Wyoming, to introduce the Honorable Irving R. Kaufman, Judge, United States District Court, Southern District of New York, who gave a very excellent address upon the subject, "The Federal Rules: Control of the Human Equation Through Pre-Trial."

The mid-afternoon attendance drawing was had, resulting in door prize awards as follows: *The Forgotten 9th Amendment* to R. Lauren Moran of Riverton. *Justice Musmanno Dissents* to Judge T. C. Daniels of Casper.

It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that every Clerk of Court in the State of Wyoming be furnished a copy of the new rules as printed in the special edition of the Wyoming Law Journal.

The hour of 4:30 P.M. having arrived and there being no further business to come before the meeting at this time, the President called a recess until 9:30 A.M. the following morning.

The members, their ladies and guests were entertained at a smorgasbord and reception at the Adams Restaurant beginning at 6:30 P.M., Thursday evening.

President Steadman called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M., Friday, August 30, 1957, at the High School Auditorium. The attendance drawings resulted in door prizes to Richard I. Leedy, *Cowdery's Forms*, 3 Volumes, and *Fricke on Planning and Trying Cases*; L. A. Crofts, *The Lawyer from Antiquity to Modern Times*; Lee S. Nebeker, *Cowdery's Forms*, 3 Volumes; and Walter Urbigkit, *Prossor on Torts*.

President Steadman turned the meeting over to William J. Wehrli, Chairman of the Rules Advisory Committee, who conducted a panel discussion on the new rules with members of the committee, Thomas O. Miller of Cheyenne and Lusk; William H. Brown, Jr., of Casper; John F. Raper, Jr., of Cheyenne; E. J. Goppert of Cody; Carleton A. Lathrop of Cheyenne and Professor Frank J. Trelease of the University of Wyoming at Laramie, on the panel.

At 11:45 A.M., a recess was called until 2:00 P.M. that afternoon.

During the noon hour the members, their ladies and guests were entertained at a very delightful luncheon at the parochial school in Rawlins, with Vice-President James O. Wilson presiding and the Honorable Milward L. Simpson, Governor of the State of Wyoming, was the principal speaker. The Honorable Harold R. Medina, Judge, United States Circuit

Court of Appeals, Second Circuit of New York, also favored the luncheon with a few remarks.

President Steadman called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M., August 30, 1957, at the High School Auditorium in Rawlins, and without further ado introduced the Honorable Harold R. Medina, Judge, United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Judge Medina favored the membership, their ladies and guests with a personal experience address entitled, "A Look at America," which was the most outstanding and moving address that it has ever been our pleasure to hear.

At the conclusion of the address, President Steadman thanked Judge Medina and, without full praise because of his inability to respond to such a wonderful address, recessed the meeting for fifteen minutes at 2:15 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M. and after the attendance drawing, President Steadman turned the meeting over to Mr. Wehrli to continue the panel discussion on the New Rules of Civil Procedure.

Frank J. Trelease of Laramie suggested that for years we had been passing what has been known as the "Annual Resolution" concerning the adoption of the new rules by the Supreme Court and that at this meeting instead of this "Annual Resolution" there should be a Resolution extending the thanks of the Bar to the Supreme Court for the New Rules of Civil Procedure.

President Steadman announced that the next order of business was the election of officers, which resulted in the following being elected: President-Elect James O. Wilson of Cheyenne; Vice-President Charles M. Crowell of Casper; Secretary-Treasurer John T. Dixon of Powell.

Following the election of officers the President recessed the meeting at 5:30 P.M. until 9:30 the following morning.

At 6:30 P.M., Friday, August 30, 1957, the members, their ladies and guests were entertained at a banquet and reception at the Sinclair Hotel, Sinclair, Wyoming, with President Oliver W. Steadman presiding. The host of the banquet was the Sinclair Oil and Gas Company represented by Vice-President T. H. Hammett. The toastmaster was the Honorable Milward L. Simpson, Governor of Wonderful Wyoming, and the group was favored with remarks by the Honorable Harold R. Medina, Judge, United States Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, and the Honorable Irving R. Kaufman, Judge, United States District Circuit, Southern District, New York.

President Steadman called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M., Saturday, August 31, 1957, at the High School Auditorium, Rawlins, Wyoming. The attendance drawing resulted in door prizes as follows: *Shepard's Citation* for one year for either the Wyoming reports or the Pacific Reporter System

to Walter Urbigkit of Cheyenne; *Pomery's Equity Jurisprudence* to Rodney Guthrie of Newcastle. A pen and pencil set from Talberts Office Equipment Company in Casper to Walter Scott of Laramie.

President Steadman then introduced Stephen E. Blewett of California, consulting physicist and chemist, who conducted a course on analyses of automobile accidents, fire and explosion, including a sound motion picture of a complete composite case; diagrams; methods of presenting scientific information in court, and discussion of actual court cases.

At the conclusion of Mr. Blewett's presentation, President Steadman called upon Charles M. Crowell of Casper, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee for his report, who recommended the passage of the following Resolutions, the passage of each of which in turn was regularly moved, seconded and carried.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for some years, last passed, the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming has had under consideration the adoption of revised rules for civil procedure in the State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, both the present and former membership of said Court has devoted its time and ability in full measure to the promulgation of such rules; and

WHEREAS, such revised rules of civil procedure have been adopted and approved by the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming to become effective December 1, 1957;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar, at its meeting assembled in Rawlins, Wyoming, on August 31, 1957, extend their sincere appreciation and commendation to Chief Justice Fred H. Blume and Associate Justices Harry S. Harnsberger and Glenn H. Parker of the Wyoming Supreme Court for the formulation and adoption of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure and the consequent furthering of the administration of justice in the State of Wyoming.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the hereinafter mentioned members of the Wyoming State Bar have served on the Rules Advisory Committee since 1947, and;

WHEREAS, these individuals have unselfishly devoted their time and effort in the formulation of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, which were adopted by the Wyoming Supreme Court on July 2, 1957, and;

WHEREAS, the committee has made an excellent presentation and explanation of said rules to the Wyoming State Bar at their 1957 meeting at Rawlins, Wyoming, which has been of untold benefit to the members of the Wyoming State Bar;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar at its meeting assembled at Rawlins, Wyoming, on August 31, 1957, extend their sincere appreciation and untold gratitude to the Rules Advisory Committee members as follows:

W. J. Wehrli, Chairman	Frank J. Trelease
A. G. McClintock	W. H. Brown, Jr.
James Munro	Carleton A. Lathrop
R. Dwight Wallace	John F. Raper, Jr.
E. G. Goppert	Edward E. Murane
Thomas O. Miller	

who have contributed their time and effort so graciously and unselfishly to the task of formulating the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure and their adoption by the Wyoming Supreme Court. The Wyoming State Bar recognizes the personal sacrifice and the work contributed by each member of the Rules Advisory Committee in accomplishing the difficult task assigned them, and their efforts will be recognized as one of the outstanding events in the history of the Wyoming State Bar.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar have enjoyed splendid hospitality at the Rawlins meeting on the 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st of August, 1957, and desire to express appreciation and thanks to all who made the meeting so successful and pleasurable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar, in session duly assembled on said dates, does hereby extend and express its grateful thanks and appreciation to the members of the Carbon County Bar Association, School District No. 3 for the use of its auditorium, Adams Restaurant and Flame Room, City of Rawlins, Rawlins Chamber of Commerce, St. Joseph's Parochial School, Rawlins Woman's Club and to all others who may have contributed to the friendly and courteous treatment that has been extended to the Bar and the members thereof in attendance at said meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our especial thanks are hereby extended to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Hickey and Mr. and Mrs. James A. Chapman for their lavish hospitality at the cocktail party given at the Flame Room on the evening of Thursday, August 29, 1957, at which they were hosts and hostesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we also express our especial appreciation and gratitude to the ladies of the Carbon County Bar Association who, through their entertainment committee, provided such splendid and hospitable entertainment for the visiting ladies.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Wyoming State Bar send copies of this Resolution to the persons therein named.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar have enjoyed the lavish hospitality of the Sinclair Oil Corporation at the cocktail party and banquet given at the Sinclair Hotel, Sinclair, Wyoming, on Friday evening, August 30, 1957, at which time and place the Sinclair Oil Corporation was the host; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar are desirous of expressing their appreciation, thanks and gratitude to the Sinclair Oil Corporation, its officers and personnel for this memorable occasion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar, in session duly assembled on the 31st day of August, 1957, does hereby extend and express the appreciation, thanks and gratitude of all its members and their wives to the Sinclair Oil Corporation, its officers and personnel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Wyoming State Bar send a copy of this resolution to the Sinclair Oil Corporation.

President Steadman recognized the new President Thomas O. Miller, who spoke on the subject of the Uniform Traffic Ticket Project of the American Bar Association and recommended that the Wyoming State Bar and its members give full cooperation to this project.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was regularly adjourned at 11:15 A.M., Saturday, August 31, 1957.

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