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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

A regular meeting of the Officers and Bar Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar was held at the Ramada Snow King Inn, Jackson, Wyoming, on September 6, 1980.

The following Officers and Bar Commissioners were present: Carl L. Lathrop, President; Howell C. McDaniel, Jr., President-Elect; William R. Jones, Vice-President; George L. Simonton, Secretary-Treasurer; Leslie W. Hawkey, Jr., K. W. Keldsen, David B. Kennedy, Michael Mullikin, Dennis Lancaster, Leonard E. Lang and Daniel White, Executive Director-Secretary.

Upon motion duly made and approved, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

President Lathrop addressed the Bar Commissioners in regard to the Federal Trade Commission Questionnaire, which will be directed to the Wyoming State Bar, along with other bar associations in the United States. Mr. Lathrop mentioned that the Wyoming Supreme Court is the official body having regulatory authority over the activities of the Wyoming State Bar, and he expressed his opinion that the Bar might have to petition the Supreme Court for specific instructions to guide the Bar's response to the FTC Questionnaire. President Lathrop announced that a special meeting of the Officers and Bar Commissioners would be convened when it became necessary to formulate a specific course of action for dealing with the FTC Questionnaire.

The budget for the 1980-81 Bar fiscal year was presented to the Bar Commissioners. President Lathrop noted that the budget contains a specific appropriation of funds to pay for group health, accident, and term life insurance policies to cover the Executive Director and the staff assistant employed by the Bar on a full-time basis. After discussion, the budget was approved.

President Lathrop recommended that the Bar contribute \$50 to the Law School Enrichment Fund in memory of Mrs. Alfred M. Pence. After discussion, the recommendation was approved.

President Lathrop informed the Officers and Bar Commissioners that a need had developed for investigations of certain matters pending before the Grievance Committee. Mr. Lathrop explained that the need was greatest in those instances when a grievance is referred to the Attorney General for further prosecution. It was moved and seconded that the Grievance Committee be given the authority, subject to prior approval of the President of the Bar, to engage the services of private investigators on a case by case basis. After discussion, the motion carried.

President Lathrop asked the Officers and Bar Commissioners for their view on the continued retention of the following committees:

Public Relations Committee
Law Related Education Committee
Lawyer Referral Services Committee
Probate Revision Committee
Young Lawyers Committee

It was moved and seconded that these committees be dissolved. After discussion, the motion carried.

President Lathrop then recommended that a President's Advisory Committee and an Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee be created. It was moved and seconded that these committees be established, and, after discussion, the motion carried.

President Lathrop then announced his appointments to the various Bar committees, and the appointments were approved.

President Lathrop announced that the Western States Bar Conference will be held February 25 through February 28, 1981, at the Doubletree Inn in Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Lathrop also announced that the 1981 Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar will be held September 16 through September 18, 1981, at the Hitching Post Inn in Cheyenne, Wyoming. It was suggested that the format of the 1981 Annual Meeting be changed to encourage greater attendance of Bar members at the general business meeting. President Lathrop stated that he would explore the matter.

President Lathrop directed the Client Security Fund Committee to investigate the possibility of procuring insurance for client security, using the funds currently accumulated in the fund to pay premiums. President Lathrop also referred the Kutak Proposal for Revision of the Code of Professional Responsibility to the Ethics Committee for further study.

Daniel E. White, Executive Director of the Wyoming State Bar, informed the Officers and Bar Commissioners that the Developmental Disabilities Protection and Advocacy System, Inc., planned to pub-

lish approximately 1,000 copies of an educational rights manual for the developmentally disabled and had requested financial assistance from the Bar in this endeavor.

Mr. White stated that the Committee on Mental and Physical Disabilities had recommended that the Bar pay for all or a portion of the printing costs of the manual. It was moved and seconded that the Bar contribute \$500 toward the cost of publication and distribution of the manual throughout Wyoming. After discussion, the motion carried.

Daniel White further announced that the bar had received a request from Senator Malcolm Wallop for the Bar's input on the Environmental Venue bill, currently pending before the United States Congress. It was moved and seconded that the Bar endorse the passage of the bill. After discussion, the motion carried, and the Executive Director was asked to inform the members of Wyoming's congressional delegation of the endorsement.

Karen Maurer was appointed by President Lathrop to serve as the Bar's liason to the Child Abuse and Neglect Steering Committee, which is under the direction of Professor Daniel Morgan of the University of Wyoming College of Law.

President Lathrop announced that he had received a communication from Chief Justice Raper of the Wyoming Supreme Court requesting the Bar's opinion and comments on the proposed rule of the Wyoming Supreme Court which would allow television coverage of certain oral arguments before the Court. Mr. Lathrop referred the matter to the Officers and Bar Commissioners for further study. Mr. Lathrop also asked the Executive Director to obtain information on the proposed rule from the file which the Supreme Court has accumulated on the subject.

The final order of business was the adoption of the following resolution endorsing the establishment of a Trial Skills Institute at the University of Wyoming. After motion duly made and seconded, the resolution was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
George L. Simonton
Secretary-Treasurer

RESOLUTION

THIS RESOLUTION made, adpoted and approved by the Wyoming State Bar, State of Wyoming this 6th day of September 1980, at the annual meeting at Jackson, Wyoming.

WHEREAS considerable interest has been expressed in establishing a comprehensive Trial Skills Institute at The University of Wyoming commencing in the Spring of 1981, and consisting of a two-week, all-day intensive course in trial practice and trial skills and;

WHEREAS a committee to study the feasibility of establishing such a Trial Skills Institute and offering suggestions for assistance, course material and guidance, has been established, such committee consisting of the following persons:

Alfred M. Pence
 Carl Lathrop
 Hon. Joseph Maier, District Judge
 Justice Robert R. Rose, Jr.
 Gerry Spence
 Rebecca Noeker
 G. Joseph Cardine
 Dean Peter Maxfield, Advisory

WHEREAS, the above-named committee did meet at Laramie, Wyoming on August 22, 1980, and discussed and reviewed the Trial Institute concept, proposed course and method of presentation and recommended support of the concept of offering lawyers a practical, intensive course of study in trial work to improve their trial skills, and recommended support of this concept by the Wyoming State Bar, and

WHEREAS, The University of Wyoming Law School has offered its facilities and assistance in implementing the Trial Skills Institute;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

that the Wyoming State Bar of the State of Wyoming does wholeheartedly and enthusiastically support the establishment of a Trial Skills Institute to be held at The University of Wyoming Law School two weeks during each year; and to be structured primarily to develop trial skills and abilities in practicing lawyers in this area, and the Wyoming State Bar does offer its assistance and resources in implementing and developing this program.

The above Resolution was adopted by the Wyoming State Bar this 6th day of September 1980.

President
 Wyoming State Bar Association

Secretary
 Wyoming State Bar Association