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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
WYOMING STATE BAR

September 11, 12, and 13, 1958  
Jackson Lake Lodge

The 1958 annual meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was called to order by President Thomas O. Miller at 9:30 a.m., September 11, 1958, in the Explorer's Room at Jackson Lake Lodge. The invocation was given by President Miller in the absence of Reverend E. C. Dickin of Jackson, Wyoming, who was unable to attend because of illness.

President Miller called upon Raymond C. Lilley, who gave an address of welcome on behalf of the Jackson Lake Lodge, and a brief outline of the company's operation in Jackson Hole.

It was duly moved and seconded and carried that the reading of the Minutes of the 1957 Annual Convention held at Rawlins, Wyoming, August 29, 30, and 31, 1957 be dispensed with, and that said minutes, as published in the Wyoming Law Journal be approved.

The Honorable Ewing T. Kerr, Federal District Judge, was then called upon to introduce the Honorable Ross L. Malone, President of the American Bar Association, who presented his first address since becoming President of the American Bar Association. President Malone gave a very constructive, practical, and interesting talk entitled "Lawyers in the Sputnik Era."

President Miller, after thanking President Malone for his address, called upon President-Elect James O. Wilson who introduced the following new members of the Wyoming State Bar: William Grant, Robert Hufsmith, John D. Flitner, and Robert Gish.

Drawing for books was then held with W. J. Wehrli of Casper receiving "Planning and Trying Cases," by Fricke, and donated by West Publishing Company. Chester Jones of Newcastle received "Handling Accident Cases," by Averbach, and donated by Bender-Moss Company.

President Miller then introduced the Honorable Harry Harnsberger and Glenn Parker, Justices of the Wyoming Supreme Court, and the Honorable Allen A. Pearson, Judge of the First Judicial District, the Honorable Vernon G. Bentley, Judge of the Second Judicial District, the Honorable Glenn A. Stanton, Judge of the Second Judicial District, the Honorable G. A. Layman, Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, the Honorable J. O. Spangler, Judge of the Fifth Judicial District, the Honorable Rodney M. Guthrie, Judge of the Sixth Judicial District, the Honorable T. C. Daniels, Judge of the Seventh Judicial District, and the Honorable Franklin B. Sheldon, Judge of the Seventh Judicial District.

President Miller next announced the appointment of the Resolution

Committee, headed by John P. Ilsley, Chairman; Jerry Housel, Richard Tobin, John B. Sullivan, and Stanely Hathaway, Committee Members.

Treasurer's Report was then read, and it was regularly moved and seconded that the report as read be accepted, and the Treasurer be commended for the excellent financial state of the Wyoming State Bar Association.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was recessed at 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

During the noon hour, the membership attended a luncheon in the dining room of the Lodge and were addressed by the Honorable Frank A. Barrett, United States Senator from Wyoming, and Honorable Keith Thomson, United States Representative from Wyoming.

The wives of the members attended a separate luncheon presided over by Mrs. Thomas O. Miller and were entertained by a demonstration in painting given by Conrad O. Schwiering, noted Jackson painter.

Vice President Charles M. Crowell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m., September 11, 1958, in the Explorer's Room at Jackson Lake Lodge, and introduced President Thomas O. Miller, who gave the President's Report to the membership.

The attendance drawing resulted in door prizes given to Jerry Housel, who received "McCormick on Evidence," donated by West Publishing Company, and James G. McClintock who received a one year's subscription to either "Shepard's Pacific" or "Wyoming Citations" at his own choice, given by Shepard's Citations.

President Miller then introduced Joseph Geraud, Paul Carrington, Dean R. R. Hamilton, E. George Rudolph, John O. Rames, and Frank J. Trelease, members of the Faculty of the University of Wyoming Law School, and commended the said faculty for their attendance which was one hundred per cent.

President Miller next called upon the Honorable Harry S. Harnsberger, Justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court, who substituted for Bryon Hirst, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and reported on the activities of the Compilation Commission and the Compiled Statutes of 1957.

Justice Harnsberger was followed by W. O. Lewis, President of the Michie Company, the publishers selected to publish the Compiled Statutes of 1957. Mr. Lewis explained to the membership the methods the Michie Company were using to edit and publish the Wyoming Compiled Statutes, 1957.

President Miller then introduced the Honorable William Gaunt, President of the Colorado State Bar, and also introduced the following new members of the Wyoming State Bar: Morris R. Massey, Daniel P. Svilar, and Alan K. Simpson.

President Miller then introduced the Honorable Glenn Parker, Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming, who discussed the proposed Constitutional Amendment for four Supreme Court Justices. It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the Wyoming State Bar go on record as approving the amendment, and that each member in attendance urge and encourage his local bar association to support the amendment.

President Miller then turned the meeting over to Under Sheriff E. J. OMeara, of Casper, who gave a very interesting discussion and demonstration on the uses and effects of the Keeler Polygraph.

There being no further business to come before the convention, the meeting was recessed at 4:45 p.m. until 9:30 the following morning.

The meeting was called to order by President Thomas O. Miller at 9:30 a.m., September 12, 1958, in the Explorer's Room at Jackson Lake Lodge.

The attendance drawing resulted in the following door prizes: "Planning and Trying Cases," donated by West Publishing Company, was won by William F. Swanton of Casper; "McCormick on Evidence," donated by West Publishing Company, was won by E. N. Moody of Jackson.

President Miller introduced the Honorable Milward L. Simpson, Governor of the State of Wyoming, and Charles E. Hamilton, James Hayes, and Thomas O. Miller, Jr., all students of the Law School of the University of Wyoming.

President Miller than read the Ten Commandments for lawyers, and following this introduced the Honorable Harry S. Harnsberger, Justice of the Wyoming Supreme Court; Honorable Franklin B. Sheldon, Judge of the Seventh Judicial District; and the Honorable J. O. Spangler, Judge of the Fifth Judicial District; and Mr. Ernest Goppert, Carlton A. Lathrop, and W. J. Wehrli, who held a panel discussion on Rules of the District Courts of Wyoming relating to pre-trial conference.

Following the panel discussion, President Miller introduced John W. Cragun, who addressed the membership on "Who is the Judge — Agency or Court?" Mr. Cragun's talk concerned administrative law and was very well given and received by the membership.

A. M. Pence reported on the Uniform Commercial Code suggesting that the President appoint a committee for further study of the Code, comprised of at least two members who are counsels for bank, and one law school professor, who teaches commercial law. It was regularly moved, seconded, and carried that the Wyoming State Bar endorse the Uniform Commercial Code as recommended by Mr. Pence, and that the President appoint a committee as suggested.

President Miller thanked Mr. Pence for the time and effort that he expended in preparing the Code report.

There being no further business, the meeting was recessed at 11:55 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by President Miller at 1:30 p.m., September 12, 1958, in the Explorer's Room at Jackson Lake Lodge.

President Miller read a telegram from George Guy expressing Mr. Guy's regrets of being unable to attend the convention, and a telegram from Vincent A. Ross, of the Legislative and Law Reform Committee, informing the convention that he would be unable to report for his committee due to illness.

The attendance drawing resulted in Walter C. Urbigkit receiving "Pomeroy on Equity Jurisprudence," donated by Bancroft-Whitney Publishing Company.

The panel on Pre-trial Conference then took over for a question and answer session.

After the question and answer session, it was duly moved, seconded, and carried that the President be authorized to appoint a committee to meet with the District Judges on the proposed uniform court rules concerning pre-trial conferences.

President Miller then thanked the panel for the time and effort they had expended and read the letter from Donald L. Molen, Colorado Executive Secretary, stating that he was unable to attend the meeting due to the press of business.

President Miller next introduced Dean R. R. Hamilton, who discussed the possibility of publishing Judge T. Blake Kennedy's memos. President Miller asked Dean Hamilton to make further study concerning the possibility of publishing Judge T. Blake Kennedy's memos, and Dean Hamilton also reported as Chairman of the Legal Education and Admission to the Bar Committee.

The meeting was recessed for five minutes and called to order at 3:45 p.m. when Colonel Lewis F. Shull, with the assistance of Sgt. Lewis, presented a film entitled, "Army Research and Development." Following the film, Lt. Colonel O. E. Dunlap detailed the United States Government's progress in missile warfare.

President Miller then called upon Supreme Court Justice Glenn Parker, who asked that a Permanent Rules Committee be appointed, composed of seven members, two to be chosen by the Wyoming State Bar, two to be chosen by the District Judges, and three to be appointed by the Supreme Court, and announced that Frank J. Trelease was one of the appointees made by the Supreme Court. It was duly moved, seconded,

and carried that the Wyoming State Bar elect two members of the Permanent Rules Committee at the time of the election of officers.

President Miller then called on Richard R. Bostwick, who reported for the Mineral Law Committee. It was recommended that the Committee continue to function for further study, and it was duly moved, seconded, and carried that this recommendation be approved.

There being no further business to be brought before the meeting, it was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

The meeting was called to order on Saturday morning, September 13, 1958, at 9:30 a.m., in the Explorer's Room at the Jackson Lake Lodge, and the attendance drawing resulted in Melvin M. Fillerup of Cody receiving "Merrill on Notice," donated by West Publishing Company.

E. George Rudolph then reported for the Corporation Law Committee and suggested that the committee carry on its work and be allowed sufficient money for nominal expenses. It was regularly moved and seconded that Mr. Rudolph's report be accepted

R. Dwight Wallace then reported for the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, and asked that the committee be continued and allowed its expenses. It was duly moved and seconded that Mr. Wallace's report be accepted, and that all committees of the Wyoming State Bar be allowed such expenses as authorized by the Board of Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar.

Frank J. Trelease then reported for the Rules Revision Committee. It was duly moved, seconded, and carried that the officers and commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar, appoint the two members for positions on the Permanent Rules Committee. It was further moved, seconded, and carried that all members of the Permanent Rules Committee, except the judicial members, be allowed expenses.

A. G. McClintock then gave the report of the Committee to Cooperate with the American Bar Institute. A. M. Pence was nominated as the American Bar Association delegate from Wyoming for a two year term, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot for Mr. Pence.

Robert B. Laughlin then reported for the Advisory Committee to Cooperate with the American Bar Association, and it was duly moved, seconded, and carried, that the report be accepted.

David Hitchcock, a member of the Legislation and Law Reform Committee reported on that committee's work. After general discussion concerning legislation and law reform, it was duly moved, seconded, and carried that the officers and commissioners be directed to establish an office in Cheyenne during the period of time the Legislature will be in

session, said office to be staffed by members of the Bar, and the expenses of the undertaking to be paid by the Wyoming State Bar.

John P. Ilsley, member of the Public Relations Committee, then reported on behalf of that committee, and it was duly moved, seconded, and carried that the report be accepted.

Harry Thompson, Necrology Committee member, reported for that committee, and it was duly moved, seconded, and carried that the report be accepted.

President Miller next called upon John P. Ilsley, Chairman of the Resolution Committee, for his report, and the following Resolution was read:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar have enjoyed the splendid service and facilities that were made available for the meeting at the Grand Teton Lodge Company on the 11, 12, and 13 of September, 1958, and desire to express appreciation and thanks to all.

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 Jackson Lake Lodge Company and members of the Teton County Bar 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 we express our gratitude to Mrs. Tom Miller for arranging a splendid luncheon and the 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 parties therein named.

It was duly moved, seconded, and carried that the Resolution be accepted and approved as read.

President Miller extended thanks on behalf of the entire membership to the Jackson Bar for their help and assistance in arranging the convention.

Election of officers then followed, Charles M. Crowell was named President-Elect; John P. Ilsley, Vice President; John T. Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 11:45 a.m., Saturday, September 13, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,  
John T. Dixon,  
Secretary-Treasurer