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## **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR**

**September 15, 16, & 17, 1982  
Casper, Wyoming**

The Sixty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Wyoming Bar Association and the Forty-first Annual Meeting of the Integrated Bar of the State of Wyoming was called to order by President Howell C. McDaniel, Jr. at 9:00 A.M. on September 17, 1982, at the Ramada Inn, Casper, Wyoming. Mr. McDaniel announced that the minutes for the 1981 Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar were incorrect in that they did not show that he was elected president. Mr. James O. Wilson, Cheyenne, moved that the minutes be corrected to reflect that Howell C. McDaniel, Jr. was duly elected president of the Wyoming State Bar for the year 1981-1982. This motion was seconded by Mr. Paul Godfrey, Cheyenne. After discussion this motion carried.

It was then moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes of the 1981 Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar be dispensed with. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then called upon Mr. David A. Scott, Casper, for a report concerning the activities of the Wyoming State Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee. Mr. Scott announced that a seminar entitled, "Administrative Law And Practice" would be held in Laramie on October 22 and 23, 1982 under the auspices of the Wyoming State Bar and the University of Wyoming College of Law. Mr. Scott also stated that members of the Wyoming State Bar would receive detailed registration information for this program. Mr. Scott also announced that the Continuing Legal Education Committee has accrued a fund balance of \$10,386.00 over the ten years of its existence. It was then moved and seconded that the report of the Continuing Legal Education Committee be accepted. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then called upon Mr. Daniel E. White, Executive Director, to give a report on behalf of the Necrology Committee. Mr. White announced that the following members of the Wyoming State Bar had passed away since the 1981 Annual Meeting: Mr. Kyle Casselman, Mr. Jeffrey C. Fisher, Mr. Robert Bowman, Mr. Howard Corpening, Mr. L. N. Hagood, Judge J. F. "Barry" Mahoney, and Judge Thomas C. Bickel. In addition, Mr. White announced that Mr. David E. Hunt, who was made an honorary member of the Wyoming State Bar in 1966, had passed away in Australia. Mr. White also stated that detailed obituaries for each of these persons would appear in the *Land and Water Law Review*. Mr. McDaniel then asked all members in attendance at the meeting to stand for a few moments of silent prayer in memory of these deceased members of the Wyoming State Bar. It was then moved and seconded that the report of the Necrology Committee be accepted. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. Curtis L. Harden for a report on the activities of the Legal Aid Services Committee. Mr. Harden stated that the three legal services corporations in Wyoming are making efforts to identify those members of the private bar who are willing to provide legal services on a reduced fee or pro bono basis to low-income people who meet poverty eligibility guidelines. Mr. Harden stated that this program will be implemented in an effort to make up for the reduction in services necessitated by funding cuts in the national budget of Legal Services Corporation. Mr. Harden then proposed the following resolution.

Be it hereby resolved that the President of the Wyoming State Bar be directed to appoint a special committee to study: (1) the need for formal guidelines for private bar involvement in providing legal services to people at or below the poverty level; (2) the feasibility of seeking supplemental funding from state government, county governments, or other sources; and (3) the feasibility of using the computer of the Wyoming State Bar in the operation of a state-wide pro bono program. Be it further resolved that the special committee report to the 1983 Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar.

It was moved and seconded that the report of the Legal Aid Services Committee be accepted and that the resolution contained in said report be approved. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. George L. Simonton, Secretary-Treasurer, for a report concerning the financial condition of the Wyoming State Bar. Mr. Simonton stated that the Wyoming State Bar had revenues of \$161,000.00 during fiscal year 1981-

1982 and that expenses during that same period had amounted to \$117,000.00. Mr. Simonton also stated that the Wyoming State Bar currently has a cash reserve of approximately \$195,000.00 and that the Bar was therefore in good financial condition. Mr. Simonton also stated that a detailed report concerning the financial condition of the Wyoming State Bar would be printed in the *Land and Water Law Review*.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. Raymond B. Hunkins, Wheatland, for a report on the activities of the Grievance Committee. Mr. Hunkins reported that there were four formal disciplinary matters currently pending before the Grievance Committee. Mr. Hunkins stated that in three of these formal matters, the Grievance Committee had recommended disbarments and that in the other formal matter, the Grievance Committee had recommended a one year suspension. Mr. Hunkins further stated that in the period from January 1, 1982 to September 17, 1982, sixty grievances had been filed and considered by the Grievance Committee. Mr. Hunkins also announced that the Grievance Committee had compiled a statistical summary containing information regarding the types of legal matters which give rise to grievances as well as the types and frequency of allegations of misconduct which are made against the members of the Wyoming State Bar. Mr. Hunkins stated that the statistical summary would be published in the *Land and Water Law Review* along with the written report of the Grievance Committee. Mr. Hunkins also noted that the Grievance Committee is concerned about the fact that certain members of Wyoming's Judiciary are more inclined than others to dismiss cases for violations of procedural rules. The dismissals of such cases prompt disgruntled clients to seek redress before the Grievance Committee which, in turn, results in the imposition of discipline upon the attorneys involved. Mr. Hunkins further stated that the Grievance Committee feels that there should be more uniformity in the enforcement of procedural rules. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Grievance Committee be accepted and approved. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then informed the members of the Bar in attendance at the meeting that the matter of *Charles Von Goerken vs. Wyoming State Bar et al.*, United States District Court, District of Wyoming, had been dismissed by the Honorable Clarence Brimmer.

Mr. McDaniel also announced that the Wyoming State Bar Foundation had been advised by the Internal Revenue Service that it would be granted tax exempt status under section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. Richard Dumbrill for a report of the activities of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee. Mr. Dumbrill stated that the committee had had one meeting during the past year and had considered five matters. Mr. Dumbrill stated that in one instance the committee issued a cease and desist letter. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee be accepted and approved. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. Michael J. Sullivan, Chairman, Wyoming State Board of Law Examiners. Mr. Sullivan reported that the February, 1982 Bar Examination was administered to thirty-two applicants and that fourteen of those applicants were recommended for admission to the Wyoming State Bar. Mr. Sullivan stated that the July, 1982 Bar Examination was administered to eighty-two applicants and that sixty-two of those applicants were recommended for admission to the Wyoming State Bar. Mr. Sullivan reported that the Board of Law Examiners was in the process of reviewing the Wyoming Statutes and the Rules of the Wyoming Supreme Court pertaining to admission to the Wyoming State Bar, particularly with reference to the current six month residency requirement. The Board intends to propose some revisions in the statutes which will be submitted to the Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar, the general membership of the Wyoming State Bar and finally to the Wyoming Legislature for final approval. Mr. Sullivan also stated that Daniel E. White had been employed by the State of Wyoming on a part-time basis to serve as Executive Secretary to the Board. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Board of Law Examiners be accepted and approved. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then introduced the following presidents of state bar associations adjoining the State of Wyoming: Mr. Thomas Foye, South Dakota; Mr. David Wood, Colorado; Mr. O. Wood Moyle, III, Utah; and Mr. Robert M. Spire, Nebraska.

Mr. McDaniel also introduced Mr. Ernest J. Goppert, Sr. who received a fifty year award from the Wyoming State Bar in 1966 and has continued to attend meetings of the Wyoming State Bar through the present time. Members of the Bar in attendance at the meeting rose to their feet and applauded Mr. Goppert for his continuing participation in Bar affairs.

President McDaniel then recognized Mr. Leonard Mayer who is the Inheritance Tax Commissioner for the State of Wyoming. Mr. Mayer made remarks to the bar members concerning state and fed-

eral tax laws affecting the administration of decedents' estates as well as policies and procedures which he has established in his office.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Ms. Roberta Coates for a report on the activities of the Advisory Committee on Women in the Wyoming State Bar. Ms. Coates explained that her committee felt that members of the Wyoming State Bar were not generally aware of the procedures for the nomination and election of officers and the procedures for the appointment of committees. Ms. Coates reported that her committee had requested that a letter containing information concerning these procedures be sent to all members of the Wyoming State Bar along with advance convention registration information. Ms. Coates reported that Mr. McDaniel refused to permit this information to be included in the mailing. Ms. Coates reported that the committee feels that there are significant problems affecting women in the legal profession in the State of Wyoming and that the committee desired to be continued in existence to work on these problems. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Advisory Committee on Women in the Wyoming State Bar be accepted and approved. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then introduced Mr. Dale Gregory who is a marketing representative for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Wyoming. Mr. Gregory explained that Blue Cross Blue Shield is interested in offering a group health and accident policy to members of the Wyoming State Bar, their families, and their employees. Mr. Gregory explained in detail the various types of group coverage which are available from Blue Cross Blue Shield and then he asked all Bar members in attendance at the meeting to fill out a survey form. Mr. Gregory stated that the survey form would be used to determine whether or not it is feasible for Blue Cross Blue Shield to put the program into effect and also for the purpose of establishing a group rate.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. Hoke MacMillan for a report on the activities of the Ethics Committee. Mr. MacMillan suggested that the Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar grant to the Ethics Committee the power and authority to render advance ethical opinions. Mr. MacMillan then introduced two resolutions on behalf of the Ethics Committee which are reprinted as follows.

#### RESOLUTION OF WYOMING STATE BAR

WHEREAS, Rule 16, Uniform Rules for the District Courts of the State of Wyoming, states as follows:

“Following the rendition of a verdict by a petit jury, counsel in the case shall not thank the jury

for their verdict and shall not interview the jurors nor interrogate them as to how their decision was reached nor concerning any matter occurring during their deliberation." and

WHEREAS, DR 7-108 of Canon 4, Rule 20, Amended Rules Adopted by the Supreme Court Providing for the Organization and Government of the Bar Association of the Attorneys at Law of the State of Wyoming, states as follows:

**"Communication with or Investigation of Jurors.**

- (A) Before the trial of a case a lawyer connected therewith shall not communicate with or cause another to communicate with anyone he knows to be a member of the venire from which the jury will be selected for the trial of the case.
- (B) Before the trial of a case:
  - (1) A lawyer connected therewith shall not communicate with or cause another to communicate with any member of the jury;
  - (2) A lawyer who is not connected therewith shall not communicate with or cause another to communicate with a juror concerning the case.
- (C) DR 7-108 (A) and (B) do not prohibit a lawyer from communicating with veniremen or jurors in the course of official proceedings.
- (D) After discharge of the jury from further consideration of a case with which the lawyer was connected, the lawyer shall not ask questions of or make comments to a member of that jury that are calculated merely to harass or embarrass the juror or to influence his actions in future jury service.
- (E) A lawyer shall not conduct or cause, by financial support or otherwise, another to conduct a vexatious or harrasing investigation of either a venireman or a juror.
- (F) All restrictions imposed by DR 7-108 upon a lawyer also apply to communications with or investigations of members of a family of a venireman or a juror.
- (G) A lawyer shall reveal promptly to the court improper conduct by a venireman or a juror, or by another toward a venireman or a juror or a member of his family, of which the lawyer has knowledge." and

WHEREAS, the above-quoted references appear to be in conflict;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wyoming State Bar in convention duly assembled and with full compliance of its Rules of Procedure with respect thereto, that it be respectfully submitted and recommended to the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming that that honorable court adopt and promulgate a uniform Rule for the District Courts of the State of Wyoming, as annexed and attached hereto.

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 1982.

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Wyoming State Bar  
President

ATTEST:

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Secretary  
Wyoming State Bar

Rule 16, Uniform Rules for the District Courts for the State of Wyoming is hereby amended to read as follows:

An attorney who has tried one case may interview a juror after the rendition of a verdict by a petit jury, and after the juror has been discharged from the panel but counsel in the case shall not ask questions of or make comment to a member of that jury that are calculated merely to harass or embarrass the juror or to influence his actions in future jury service.

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President  
Wyoming State Bar

ATTEST:

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Secretary  
Wyoming State Bar

#### RESOLUTION OF WYOMING STATE BAR

WHEREAS, many members of the Wyoming State Bar are actively engaged in the practice of law in the State of Wyoming as sole practitioners, without partners nor associates nor fellow members of the same professional corporation; and

WHEREAS, it has been duly brought to the attention of the Wyoming State Bar that the death of such a practitioner, while engaged in the active practice of law, may well jeopardize the interests of the clients of that practitioner, and the estate of the deceased practitioner, and present problems in derogation of the administration of justice for courts and other interested parties; and



WHEREAS, no provisions presently appear in Wyoming law which address these problems or afford a workable solution with respect thereto:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wyoming State Bar in convention duly assembled and with full compliance of its Rules and Procedure with respect thereto, that it be respectfully submitted and recommended to the Supreme Court of the State of Wyoming that that honorable court duly adopt and promulgate that certain Amendment to DR 4-101 of Canon 4 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, as annexed and attached hereto.

Duly adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 1982.

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President  
Wyoming State Bar

ATTEST:

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Secretary  
Wyoming State Bar

DR 4-101 of Canon 4 of the Code of Professional Responsibility, as adopted by Rule 20 of the Amended Rules Adopted by the Supreme Court of Wyoming Providing for the Organization and Government of the Bar Association of the Attorneys at Law of the State of Wyoming is hereby amended by adding thereto Paragraph (E) as follows:

(E) In the event an attorney engaged in the practice of law in Wyoming becomes deceased without leaving surviving a partner or associate, or another attorney who is a member of the same professional corporation as the decedent, then the District Court of the Judicial District in which the deceased attorney's office was located, upon its own motion or the application of a personal representative, heir or client of the deceased attorney, may appoint any attorney admitted to practice in the State of Wyoming to review the files in the office of the deceased attorney, notify courts and opposing counsel as to any pending litigation in which the decedent was engaged at the time of his death of the fact of said death and request continuances until other counsel can be retained by the client, and notify clients of the deceased attorney of the fact of his death and transmit the clients' files to them, or in accordance with their instructions. The appointed attorney shall also take possession of any funds or other assets belonging to clients or beneficiaries or distributees, which funds or other assets were in the custody or control of the deceased attorney, and deliver over such funds or assets in accordance with orders entered by the appointing Court. The appointed attorney shall also, if so instructed by the Court or requested by the Personal Representative, prepare and submit to clients of the deceased attorney statements for services and expenses, and any amounts collected

shall become an asset of the deceased attorney's estate. The appointed attorney shall not, after performing his tasks, undertake any position adverse to any client of the deceased attorney whose file he has examined, as to the subject matter of that file. Reasonable compensation for the appointed attorney, and payment of all expenses, shall be determined by the appointing Court, and shall be allowed as fees for extraordinary services as rendered by a Personal Representative. Any attorney engaged in practice in Wyoming may request, in his Will, that the Court having jurisdiction over his estate appoint a named Wyoming attorney, who may be other than the executor named in said Will, to perform the foregoing tasks, which request shall be given due consideration by the Court.

Following the reading of the resolutions proposed by the Ethics Committee, Mr. Charles Kepler, Cody, moved that the resolutions be referred to the Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar for final decision. This motion was seconded and after further discussion, the motion was approved.

President McDaniel then introduced Mr. Dick Freck and Mrs. Kathy Petty who are representatives of KTWO-TV in Casper. Mr. Freck and Mrs. Petty made a presentation concerning the advantages of using institutional advertising to improve the image of the legal profession in the State of Wyoming. Mr. Freck and Mrs. Petty then showed three pilot television advertisements which had been designed exclusively for the Wyoming State Bar. Mr. Freck and Mrs. Petty then explained that the Wyoming State Bar could purchase varying amounts of time for the advertisements to be aired throughout the State of Wyoming. The proposal prompted a fair amount of debate. Some members of the Bar were totally opposed to purchasing television time to air the proposed public image advertisements. Some members of the Bar were generally in favor of institutional advertising, but they felt that the content of the advertisements should be designed such that they could not be construed as a solicitation of business for lawyers. Mr. David A. Scott, Casper, then moved that the Wyoming State Bar commence a public image TV advertising campaign along the lines proposed by KTWO-TV. Mr. Don Sherard then asked if the motion could be amended to state that the Wyoming State Bar would commence such a program if the content of the advertisements could be directed away from a solicitation of business for lawyers. Mr. Scott accepted the amendment to his motion. The motion was then seconded. Mr. McDaniel then asked for a voice vote upon the issue, after which there was a suggestion of a division in the Bar members in attendance. Mr. McDaniel then asked for a standing vote on the motion. Mr. McDaniel recognized that only thirty-two Bar members rose in support of the

motion and that that number was an obvious minority. Therefore, Mr. McDaniel declared the motion defeated.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. Richard E. Day, Casper, for a report on the Wyoming State Board of Continuing Legal Education. Mr. Day reported that twenty-two members of the Wyoming State Bar did not complete the 1981 CLE requirement within the time limits provided and that their names had been referred to the Wyoming Supreme Court with a recommendation that they be suspended from practice. Mr. Day reported that the Supreme Court had then granted extensions of time which enabled twenty of the lawyers on the list to cure their delinquencies. Mr. Day further explained that the two remaining delinquencies involved two Bar members who reside outside the State of Wyoming and who had not received notice of the delinquency proceedings in the Supreme Court. Mr. Day stated that the State Board of Continuing Legal Education would decide upon a course of action to be followed with respect to these delinquencies.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. Peter Maxfield, Dean of the University of Wyoming College of Law. Mr. Maxfield stated that the acquisitions budget for the Law Library at the University of Wyoming College of Law has been increased to the extent that it is competitive with law schools in the Rocky Mountain Region. Mr. Maxfield added that a portion of the acquisition budget had been used to purchase both the West Law and Lexis legal research systems and that computer research services were available to members of the Wyoming State Bar. Mr. Maxfield stated that the University of Wyoming College of Law and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation had sponsored a course entitled "Mining Law Short Course" which was held in June, 1982 and that the College of Law had also sponsored the Civil and Criminal Trial Advocacy Institutes which were held in July, 1982. Mr. Maxfield reported that the College of Law had graduated fifty-seven students in May, 1982; fifty-two of whom have secured employment in public and private positions and five of whom remain unemployed. Mr. Maxfield admitted that the placement rate for law school graduates was not as good this year as it had been in past years. In an effort to meet this problem, Mr. Maxfield announced that the College of Law was inaugurating a program to improve the job interviewing skills of third year law students. Mr. Maxfield stated that the College of Law admitted seventy-five students in September, 1982; fifty-five of whom are residents and twenty are nonresidents. There were 504 applications for the seventy-five seats available in the Fall, 1982 class. Mr. Maxfield stated that the mean LSAT for the Freshman students is 602 and the mean GPA is 3.31. Mr. Maxfield announced that the annual Frank J. Trelease banquet would be held on October 22, 1982

in connection with the Fall CLE program. It was moved and seconded that the report of the law school be accepted and approved. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. R. Stanley Lowe for a report on the activities of the Committee on Wyoming Courts and the Advisory Committee to cooperate with the American Bar Association. Mr. Lowe stated that one-third of Wyoming's counties now have county court systems. Mr. Lowe urged the Wyoming State Bar to continue its past support of county courts. Mr. Lowe introduced the following resolution which after discussion was approved.

- "BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wyoming State Bar
1. Reaffirms its support of the county court system;
  2. Reaffirms its endorsement of state financing of all county courts, both mandatory and optional; and
  3. Urges all non-mandatory counties which presently do not have county courts to evaluate objectively the desirability of establishing such courts and moving to do so with reasonable speed where deemed appropriate.'"

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. Charles Kepler, Cody, for a report on the activities of the Uniform Laws Commissioners. Mr. Kepler announced that Mr. Wade Brorby had been replaced by Mr. Richard Macy, Sundance. Mr. Kepler announced that four Uniform Acts would be submitted to the 1983 general session of the Wyoming Legislature for adoption: the Uniform Conservation Easement Act; Amendments to Article Nine of the Uniform Commercial Code; Amendments to Article Eight of the Uniform Commercial Code; and the Uniform Unclaimed Properties Act. It was moved and seconded that the report of the Uniform Laws Commissioners be accepted and approved. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. William T. Schwartz who is the Wyoming State Bar Delegate to the American Bar Association. Mr. Schwartz reported that the primary business of the House of Delegates at the 1982 Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association was the consideration of the proposed revisions to the model code of professional responsibility which had been proposed by the Kutak Commission. Mr. Schwartz stated that the House of Delegates had conducted extensive debate upon the proposed amendments but that progress was slow. Accordingly, the House of Delegates voted to defer action on the Kutak Commission Report until the February, 1983 mid-year meeting of the American Bar Association.

Ms. Linda S. Miller then moved that the Client-Security Fund Committee be directed to promulgate rules and regulations setting

forth claims procedures as well as guidelines for the approval of claims which are made against the fund. Ms. Miller further moved that the proposed changes be submitted to the entire membership of the Wyoming State Bar for comment and approval. This motion was seconded. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then recognized Mr. Henry Cummings, a member of the Missouri Bar attending the 1982 Wyoming State Bar convention.

Mr. McDaniel then declared the floor was open for nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Wyoming State Bar. Mr. David A. Scott rose to nominate Mr. K. W. Keldsen for the office of Vice-President. This nomination was seconded by Mr. Robert Seipt. Mr. Hoke MacMillan then placed in nomination for the office of Vice-President the name of Thomas S. Smith. This nomination was seconded by Mr. Michael J. Sullivan. There being no further nominations, Mr. McDaniel declared the nominations to be closed. Mr. McDaniel then appointed Ms. Ruth Clare Yonkee, Ms. Jo Sherman, and Mr. Richard Macy to act as tellers and clerks for the election of a new Vice-President. Written ballots were then distributed to each member of the Wyoming State Bar in attendance at the meeting.

During the time that the ballots were being marked and the results tabulated, it was moved and seconded that Mr. George L. Simonton be nominated for the office of Secretary-Treasurer; that nominations cease; and that the Executive Director-Secretary of the Wyoming State Bar be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Simonton. After discussion this motion carried.

It was then moved and seconded that Mr. Harry L. Harris be nominated for the office of President-Elect of the Wyoming State Bar; that nominations cease; and that the Executive Director-Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Harris. After discussion this motion carried.

It was then moved and seconded that Mr. William R. Jones be nominated for the office of President of the Wyoming State Bar; that nominations cease; and that the Executive Director-Secretary be directed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. William R. Jones. After discussion this motion carried.

Ms. Ruth Clare Yonkee, Ms. Jo Sherman, and Mr. Richard Macy reported to Mr. McDaniel that Mr. Thomas S. Smith had won the election for the office of Vice-President of the Wyoming State Bar.

It was then moved and seconded that the report of the election tellers be accepted and approved. After discussion this motion carried.

Mr. McDaniel then announced that his formal report as President of the Wyoming State Bar would appear in the *Land and Water Law Review*. Mr. McDaniel also expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ernest Wilkerson and the Center for Advanced Legal Training for their efforts in producing the Continuing Legal Education portions of the 1982 Annual Meeting.

It was then moved and seconded that the business meeting of the 1982 Annual Meeting of the Wyoming State Bar be adjourned. After discussion this motion carried.

### REPORT OF PRESIDENT

Members of the Wyoming State Bar:

Presiding as President of the Wyoming State Bar, in some respects, was not entirely an easy post to fill. However, I can guarantee that it has been extremely interesting and most rewarding. I have truly enjoyed being able to serve.

The officers and commissioners of the Bar have all been most cooperative and diligent in their contributions of their time to our organization. I sincerely appreciate their willingness and endeavors during the past year. I am aware that they did take time from their respective practices to assist in the numerous tasks which confronted us.

I must give my special thanks to Dan White, our Executive Director, for so ably attending to the many details in the operations of the Bar. His expertise, sincerity and diligence are unequalled. Without his continued aid and advice, I would have been at a total and complete loss.

Rather than bore you with a recitation as to the work and activities of the various committees, I call your attention to their reports included in the minutes of this meeting. I strongly urge that you carefully read these reports. They are well prepared and are very informative. Each committee did a fine job with their respective tasks.

I feel that I must mention the extremely good work accomplished by the Grievance Committee during the past year. It is my understanding that they have evaluated and processed approximately 130 files, and now there are only 8 files open. Don Chapin and the others

on his committee deserve a tremendous amount of credit and praise for this accomplishment.

It is my understanding that the Examiner within the organization group of the Internal Revenue Service has recommended an exempt status for the Wyoming State Bar Foundation.

The membership of our Bar has now grown to a total of 1290, of that number approximately 900 lawyers are practicing within the State of Wyoming.

During the past year the officers and commissioners have particularly addressed themselves toward the institution of a public relations program in an effort to better convince the public of our worth and willingness to help as professional people. The image of the legal practitioner must be improved in the eyes and thoughts of the people in our communities.

I am sorry that a plan offered by KTWO-TV was not adopted.

Before I close, I wish to thank the members of the Natrona County Bar Association and their wives, and in some instances their husbands, for their help and participation in this annual meeting and a special thanks to my partner, Dave Scott, for arranging such a good and timely C.L.E. program.

Looking ahead at our elective line brings me great satisfaction and confidence. I know that Bill Jones will be an outstanding leader, and I wish him and the officers and commissioners well. I pledge them my wholehearted assistance.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your President.

Respectfully yours,  
HOWELL C. McDANIEL, JR.

### FIFTY YEAR AWARD

Arthur Kline

ARTHUR KLINE is a native Wyomingite, having been born in Cheyenne in 1908. After graduating from the Cheyenne Schools, he attended the University of Wyoming, where he received his A.B. Degree in 1929 and his Law Degree in 1932.

For several months after his graduation, he practiced law in Cheyenne with his father, M. A. Kline, and then moved to Wheat-

land, where he took over the practice of Oscar Natwick, who had been appointed Land Commissioner by Governor Miller. He practiced law in Wheatland until January of 1939, when he was appointed Assistant Attorney General by Attorney General Ewing T. Kerr. He served as Deputy Secretary of State from January to April, 1943. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 and served until February, 1946, when he was discharged as a Lieutenant. He then returned to Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he engaged in the practice of law with his father, Marion A. Kline until 1953. He was City Attorney of Cheyenne from 1949 to 1950.

In 1953, he was appointed District Judge of the First Judicial District and was elected to a six-year term the fall of 1954. On June 22, 1956, he was appointed to the Federal Power Commission by President Eisenhower and served on the Commission until August, 1961, being Vice Chairman of the Commission the last two years.

In August, 1961, he returned to Cheyenne, where he entered the law practice as a member of the firm of Henderson, Godfrey & Kline. In October, 1965, he formed a partnership with James Tilker and continued in the practice of law under the firm name of Kline & Tilker until Tilker moved to Arizona in 1973. From September of 1973 to June of 1982, he was engaged in the practice of law with William A. Swainson under the firm name of Kline & Swainson. Since June, 1982, he has been "of counsel" with the firm of Lathrop & Uchner.

In July, 1939, he married Dorothy Grant of Wheatland. The couple has three children, Marian Jean Kline of Cheyenne, Charlotte Belton, now residing in Sheridan, Wyoming, and Duncan Kline now residing in Laramie, Wyoming, and three grandchildren.

He was President of the Laramie County Bar Association from 1949 to 1951, a member of the Cheyenne Lions Club, of which he was President in 1952, is a member of the American Legion Post No. 6, of which he was Commander in 1949, a Mason and a member of the Congregational Church and several civic organizations.