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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

September 7, 8, and 9, 1961 — Sheridan, Wyoming

The 46th annual convention of the Wyoming State Bar was called to order by President John P. Ilsley at 1:15 P.M., September 7th in the Kalif Temple, Sheridan, Wyoming. The invocation given by Harry E. Chapin, of the First Christian Church, Sheridan, Wyoming, following which the entire membership remained standing for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ilsley called upon Robert Connor, President of the Sheridan County Bar, who introduced the Honorable N. A. Nelson, Mayor of the City of Sheridan, Wyoming. Mayor Nelson welcomed the Wyoming State Bar members to Sheridan for the 1961 convention and extended the services and facilities of his City to both the members and their wives.

At the conclusion of Mayor Nelson's remarks, President Connor also welcomed the members of the Wyoming State Bar on behalf of the Sheridan, Johnson, and Campbell County Bar Associations and gave a brief outline of the social events to be held for the entertainment of the members and their wives during the three day session. President Connor also introduced Lt. John Sommerfield, Cheyenne, Wyoming. Lt. Sommerfield of the National Guard Headquarters in Cheyenne, was in attendance at the annual meeting and announced that he would be available to discuss any and all problems which might have arisen as a result of the recent alert of several National Guard Units within the State.

Mr. Connor then turned the meeting back to President Ilsley who called upon John T. Dixon, Powell, Wyoming, Secretary-Treasurer of the Wyoming State Bar, for the annual Treasurer's Report. At the conclusion of Mr. Dixon's report it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted and approved as read and spread in these minutes at length. President Ilsley then called for a reading of the minutes of the 1960 Annual Meeting held at Casper, Wyoming, but upon motion duly seconded and carried, it was moved that the reading of the minutes of the 1960 Annual Convention be dispensed with.

Following the reading of the Treasurers' Report, President Ilsley appointed the Resolution's Committee, whose members were as follows: Carl Lathrop, Chairman, Cheyenne, Wyoming; Austin Redle, Sheridan, Wyoming; Houston G. Williams, Casper, Wyoming; Thomas H. Morgan, Gillette, Wyoming; and Floyd Gorrell, Worland, Wyoming. Attendance drawing was then held with Louis J. O'Marr of Sheridan, Wyoming, receiving *Murphy's Will Clauses* donated by Mathew Bender and Company, Inc.

President Ilsley then turned the meeting over to George J. Millett, Vice President of the Wyoming State Bar from Laramie, Wyoming, who

called upon President Ilsley for his annual report. President Ilsley then reviewed the activities of the Wyoming State Bar for the 1960-61 year. At the conclusion of President Ilsley's remarks, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried by standing vote that the report be accepted and President Ilsley commended for the fine work he had done on behalf of the Wyoming State Bar during the 1960-61 year.

Vice President Millett turned the meeting back to President Ilsley who recessed same for a short coffee break. Following coffee break, President Ilsley again called the meeting to order and introduced Robert O'Connor, Tax Attorney for Prentice-Hall, Inc., New York, New York, who addressed the Bar on *How To Research A Tax Case* using visual aids. At the conclusion of Mr. O'Connor's remarks, a question and answer session followed after which President Ilsley thanked Mr. O'Connor for taking the time from his busy schedule to present his very fine talk.

A second attendance drawing was then held; with Robert Sievers of Pinedale, Wyoming, winning Sachman's *Law of Titles* donated by Mathew-Bender and Company, Inc.

President Ilsley then called upon Al Pence, Laramie, Wyoming, who introduced the newly elected President of the American Bar Association, John C. Satterfield of Yazoo City, Mississippi. President Satterfield addressed the membership on *Economics of the Practice of Law*.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, President Ilsley, after thanking President Satterfield for his highly interesting address, recessed the convention at 5:15 P.M. until 9:00 A.M., Friday, September 8, 1961.

In concluding the day's activities, Tuckers, Inc., Sheridan, Wyoming, entertained the members and their wives at a social hour held at the Sheridan Country Club.

President Ilsley re-convened the 46th annual meeting at 9:15 A.M. in the Kalif Temple, Sheridan, Wyoming, and as the first item of business, held an attendance drawing. Frank Mockler, Lander, Wyoming, was awarded *Federal Taxes* donated by Commerce Clearing House, Inc., and James O. Wilson, Cheyenne, Wyoming, received *Motions During Trial* by Spellman, donated by Prentice-Hall, Inc.

President Ilsley then introduced Rex J. Hanson, Salt Lake City, Utah, President of the Utah State Bar, who was in attendance throughout the 1961 annual meeting.

W. J. Wehrli, Casper, Wyoming, was then introduced by President Ilsley as moderator of the Water Law Panel. Mr. Wehrli in turn introduced the other members of the Panel: James A. Greenwood, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and E. J. Goppert of Cody, Wyoming. Each member of the Panel then discussed *Water Law In Wyoming*, after which a question and

answer period followed with the membership as a whole participating. President Ilsley, after thanking the members of the Panel for their very excellent presentation, recessed the meeting for a short coffee break. At the conclusion of the coffee break President Ilsley again called the meeting to order and an attendance drawing was held with John Harrington, Riverton, Wyoming, winning *Handling Federal Estate Taxes Including Gift Taxes* donated by Baker Vorhees and Company. A second drawing resulted in Glen Bundy, Casper, Wyoming, receiving *Motions During Trial* donated by Prentice-Hall, Inc.

President Ilsley next introduced Frank C. Conley, Regional Counsel Internal Revenue Service of Omaha, Nebraska, who discussed *How To Present A Tax Case In Court*. Following a short question and answer period, President Ilsley thanked Mr. Conley for the time and effort he expended on behalf of the Wyoming State Bar's 1961 annual meeting, and there being no further business to come before the convention, President Ilsley recessed the same until 2:00 P.M., Friday, September 8, 1961.

During the noon recess the members were entertained at a luncheon held in the Stagecoach Room in the Sheridan Inn with President-elect George P. Sawyer presiding. The luncheon honored the District, Federal District, and State Supreme Court Judges, and those Judges in attendance were introduced by President-elect Sawyer. Following the introduction of the Judges, the members once again had the pleasure of hearing John C. Satterfield, President, American Bar Association, who generally discussed the activities of the American Bar Association.

The wives of the members were delightfully entertained with a brunch at the Sheridan Country Club. At the conclusion of the brunch, a tour was conducted of the Bradford Brinton Memorial Museum located a short distance from Sheridan.

President Ilsley re-convened the convention at 2:00 P.M., Friday, September 8, 1961, in the Kalif Temple. Door prize drawings were held with *Clark On Receivers* donated by W. H. Clark and Company, going to Stan Lowe, Rawlins, Wyoming, and *Approved Appellate Briefs* by Appleman, donated by West Publishing Company, being won by Leonard McEwan of Sheridan, Wyoming.

President Ilsley introduced the Honorable Ewing T. Kerr, Moderator of the Panel on *Observations of Lawyers by Trial Judges*, and Judge Kerr in turn introduced the Honorable Allen A. Pearson, District Judge, First Judicial District, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and the Honorable J. O. Spangler, District Judge, Fifth Judicial District, Cody, Wyoming. The panel members gave their observations of lawyers during trials with Judge Kerr acting as moderator.

After thanking the three Judges for their educational and interesting presentation, President Ilsley introduced the new members of the Bar

who have been admitted to practice before the Courts of the State of Wyoming since the annual meeting in 1960. The following new members were introduced and were present:

Roy K. Stoddard, Laramie, Wyoming  
Floyd R. King, Thermopolis, Wyoming  
Robert M. Seipt, Riverton, Wyoming  
Steven Brodine, Casper, Wyoming.

After giving a brief biographical sketch of each of the lives of the new members, President Ilsely welcomed them to membership in the Wyoming State Bar.

Following a short coffee break, a drawing for door prizes was held with *Cowdery's Forms* donated by Bancroft Whitney Company going to James H. Brown of Yellowstone Park, Wyoming.

At the conclusion of the attendance drawing, President Ilsley introduced J. Grafton Love, M.D., Chief of the Section of Neurological Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, who addressed the members on *Protruded Intervertebral Discs and Other Causes of Intractable Pain in the Back and Extremities*, using visual aids.

After thanking Dr. Love for his very fine discussion, President Ilsley recessed the meeting until Saturday, September 9, 1961, at 9:00 A.M.

The members and their wives then repaired to Story, Wyoming, where the Northeastern Wyoming County Bar Associations hosted a very delightful social hour following which a chuckwagon smorgasboard was served to the members and their wives at Lodore Pavilion, Story, Wyoming. Dancing concluded the evening's entertainment.

President John P. Ilsley opened the meeting at 9:30 A.M., Saturday, September 9, 1961, in the Kalif Temple in Sheridan, Wyoming. Bill Dolezal of Basin, Wyoming, was the recipient of *Black's Law Dictionary* donated by West Publishing Company. Following the attendance drawing, President Ilsley called upon Ross D. Copenhaver of Powell, Wyoming, Chairman of the Committee on Uniform Jury Instructions, who in turn introduced Roy K. Stoddard, Committee member, who outlined the background concerning the use of Uniform Jury Instructions in the States of Illinois, Iowa and California. At the conclusion of Mr. Stoddard's remarks, Chairman Copenhaver then reported to the membership on the work done by the Uniform Jury Instructions Committee during the past year. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the report as given by Mr. Stoddard and Mr. Copenhaver, be accepted and approved and that the Committee be continued for another year.

President Ilsely then called upon Robert B. Bowman, Lovell, Wyoming, Chairman of the Necrology Committee, who reported on behalf of

that Committee. Following Mr. Bowman's report, the membership stood for a moment of prayer in memory of the following departed members:

Jack Lewis, Powell, Wyoming  
 C. A. Zaring, Basin, Wyoming.  
 D. P. B. Marshall, Sheridan, Wyoming  
 D. W. Ogilbee, Casper, Wyoming  
 Frank R. Scofield, Green River, Wyoming  
 C. R. Harkins, Basin, Wyoming.

It was duly moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted and approved as read and spread upon the minutes of the meeting.

President Isley then read the report of John F. Sullivan, Chairman, Legislative Committee, who was unable to be in attendance, and at the conclusion of that report, called upon James O. Wilson, Cheyenne, Chairman of the Judicial Selection Committee, to report for that Committee. At the conclusion of Mr. Wilson's report, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the reports of both the Legislative and Judicial Selection Committees be accepted and approved as read, and it was further moved, seconded and carried that the Judicial Selection Committee be continued for the following year.

President Isley then called upon C. A. Brimmer, Jr., Chairman of Wyoming Report Publication Committee, for the report of that Committee. Mr. Brimmer detailed the activities of the Wyoming Report Publication Committee and it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Report be accepted and approved as read.

President Isley then read a written report submitted by Maxwell E. Osborn, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Chairman of the Legal Education Committee, who was also unable to be in attendance, and then called upon Frank J. Trelease who gave a few comments on the work of the Legal Education Committee as a member of that group, and reported to the membership on progress of the University Law School at Laramie. In conclusion, Dean Trelease reported on behalf of the Rules Committee and urged the membership to seriously consider joining the States of Nebraska and Colorado in hiring a full time Legal Education Director.

After thanking Dean Trelease for his report, President Isley called upon Carl Lathrop of Cheyenne, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, who reported on behalf of that Committee. At the conclusion of the report, passage of the following resolutions was duly moved, seconded and carried:

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar are privileged to have enjoyed the hospitality of the Sheridan County Bar Association and the wives of the members thereof, the Northeastern Wyoming County Bar Associations and the wives of the members thereof, the City of Sheridan, the Kalif Shrine, Sheridan Country Club, Eagles Lodge, Sheridan

Inn, Tuckers, Inc., Bank of Commerce and the First National Bank of Sheridan, during the 46th annual meeting of the Wyoming State Bar at Sheridan, Wyoming, held on September 7-9, 1961, and

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar are desirous of expressing their appreciation, thanks, and gratitude to all who have made the meeting so successful and memorable;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wyoming State Bar in session duly assembled on the 9th day of September, 1961, does hereby extend and express the appreciation, thanks and gratitude of all of its members and their wives who have attended the said annual meeting, to the members of the Sheridan County Bar and Northeastern Wyoming County Bar Associations and their wives, the City of Sheridan, the Kalif Shrine, Sheridan Country Club, Eagles Lodge, Sheridan Inn, Tuckers Inc., Bank of Commerce and the First National Bank and to all others who have contributed to the friendly and courteous treatment that has been extended to the Bar and the members thereof in attendance at said meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Wyoming State Bar send copies of this Resolution to the parties herein named.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Bar has had the good fortune of having the following outstanding men from outside the Wyoming State Bar speak to the members at their various meetings, namely: Robert O'Connor, Attorney, New York City, New York; John C. Satterfield, President, American Bar Association, Yazoo City, Mississippi; Frank C. Conley, Regional Counsel, Internal Revenue Service, Omaha, Nebraska; J. Grafton Love, M.D., Chief of the Section of Neurological Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota; Rex J. Hanson, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Raymond Burr of Perry Mason fame, and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Bar is greatly appreciative to all of its members who have contributed to the successful conclusion of their 46th annual meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar extend its thanks and appreciation to the distinguished gentlemen above named and to each and all of its members in attendance for their contribution to and participation in this meeting.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Albany County Bar Association met in regular sessions in January of 1961, and

WHEREAS, at said meeting, the possibility and feasibility of a permanent scholarship fund to be established by the Wyoming State Bar Association for, and on behalf of the University of Wyoming College of Law students was duly considered, and

WHEREAS, it was the consensus of said Albany County Bar Association that a need for such a fund was indicated;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar Association appoint a committee to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a permanent scholarship fund for students at the University of Wyoming College of Law, said Committee to work under the direction of and to report to the President of the Wyoming State Bar.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl L. Lathrop, Chairman  
Houston G. Williams  
Floyd D. Gorrell  
Thomas Morgan  
Austin T. Redle

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was recessed at 11:20 A.M.

The members adjourned to the Stagecoach Room in the Sheridan Inn where they enjoyed a luncheon during which they were addressed by Rex J. Hanson, President of the Utah State Bar. President Hanson, during his remarks, extended a cordial invitation to the members of the Wyoming State Bar to attend the 1962 Regional American Bar Association meeting to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Honorable J. J. Hickey and William Henry Harrison, United States Senator and Congressman, respectively, were unable to be in attendance as previously planned, due to Congress' failure to adjourn as anticipated.

The wives of the members were also entertained at a luncheon held at the Maverick Supper Club.

President Ilsley re-convened the meeting at 1:45 P.M., and held an attendance drawing with John E. Stanfield of Laramie, Wyoming, winning a three-volume set of *The Model Business Corporation Act Annotated* donated by West Publishing Company.

Following the attendance drawing, Edward E. Murane, Casper, Wyoming, reported on the activities of the American Bar Association as a member of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association.

After thanking Mr. Murane for his remarks, President Ilsley called upon A. M. Pence of Laramie, Wyoming, the Wyoming State Bar Delegate to the American Bar Association, who reported to the membership in that capacity. In concluding his remarks, Mr. Pence also gave a short resume of the final passage of the Uniform Commercial Code by the 1961 Legislature and urged the State Bar to continue the existence of the Committee, which said motion was duly seconded and unanimously carried.

President Ilsley then introduced Harry S. Harnsberger, Jr., a newly admitted member to the Wyoming State Bar, who had just arrived at the convention.

President Ilsley then introduced Stan Lowe, Rawlins, Wyoming, who discussed the advisability of revising the minor Court Judicial system,



presenting the pros and cons of non-legally trained members sitting as Justices of the Peace. At the conclusion of his report, Mr. Lowe asked that a Committee be appointed to investigate this matter and report to the 1962 annual convention. The appointment of the requested Committee was then referred to President-elect George P. Sawyer, and the Board of Commissioners for consideration at their annual meeting.

President Ilsley then declared nominations for the office of Secretary-Treasurer opened, and it was regularly moved, second and carried from the floor that the rules be suspended and the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for the following named individuals:

George J. Millett—President-elect  
Jerry W. Housel—Vice President  
John T. Dixon—Secretary-Treasurer.

By virtue of the rules governing conduct of the Wyoming State Bar, George P. Sawyer, the 1960-61 President-elect, became President without election.

President John P. Ilsley then extended his grateful thanks and expressed his appreciation to the officers and commissioners and all the members of the Wyoming State Bar for the cooperation given to him during the past year. He then turned the gavel of the presidency over to George P. Sawyer, who, on behalf of the entire membership of the Wyoming State Bar, thanked President Ilsley for the fine job that he had done during the 1961-62 year. There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was recessed to 2:30 P.M., Saturday, September 9, 1961.

The final event of the 46th meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was the annual banquet held at the Eagles Lodge in Sheridan, Wyoming, at 7:30 P.M., Saturday, September 9, 1961. During the banquet President John P. Ilsley presented plaques to the following individuals, commemorating fifty years or more of active practice as a member of the Wyoming State Bar:

R. G. Diefenderfer  
John H. Casey.

In addition, C. P. Plummer, Charles E. Lane and Lewis H. Brown were awarded fifty-year plaques but were unable to be in attendance and receive same personally. Following the presentation of the plaques, the members and wives in attendance had the privilege of listening to Mr. Raymond Burr of Perry Mason fame, who talked to the assembly on *The Role of the Lawyer in these Modern Times*. After thanking Mr. Burr for his very apt and pointed remarks, Mr. Ilsley adjourned the 1961 annual meeting. Dancing at the Eagles Lodge concluded the evening's entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Secretary-Treasurer.  
John T. Dixon