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

The meeting of the Officers and Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar was convened at 9:00 a.m. on September 22, 1984 at the Americana Snow King Resort in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Those present were Mr. Thomas S. Smith, President; Mr. James L. Hettinger, President-Elect; Mr. William S. Bon, Vice President; Mr. George L. Simonton, Secretary-Treasurer; and the following Commissioners: Mr. Eric Alden; Mr. Tracy Copenhaver; Mr. John Daly; Mr. Richard Davis; Mr. Kennard Nelson; Mr. Vincent Ross; and Mr. David Scott. Commissioners Mr. William Fix and Mr. Thomas Zollinger entered the room later in the meeting. Ms. Mary Elizabeth Senkewicz, Executive Director, was also in attendance.

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the previous Officers and Commissioners meeting be approved. Ms. Senkewicz stated that she would send copies of all Officers and Commissioners meetings for the past two years to all new members of the Board, with the exception of Mr. Davis, who stated he already had copies.

Ms. Senkewicz was asked if she kept time logs. She replied that she had never been instructed to do so, but agreed that it was a wonderful idea in that it would enlighten the Board members as to the composition of a typical working day in the life of the Executive Director.

The next item on the agenda was that of the budget for the fiscal year 1984-85. After much discussion, it was decided that the budget should be resubmitted at the next meeting of the Officers and Commissioners for approval. Ms. Senkewicz in particular was to explore the questions of whether the Grievance Committee funds and the CLE Committee funds should be restricted funds. Also, the Supervisory and bookkeeping fees paid to the employees of the Wyoming State Bar from the federal grant money should be reflected in the budget.

The next item on the agenda was that of excess Bar funds. Mr. Smith stated he would request Chief Justice Rooney to defer any action until the Bar had an approved budget. Mr. Bill Bon suggested that we could also write an expanded budget, which would include costs not reflected

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in the basic budget such as the cost of new rental space, the cost of bar counsel, IOLTA expenses, scholarships for the Western Trial Advocacy Institute, and potential contributions to legal aid.

The issue of conducting a judicial poll was brought up. Mr. Dave Scott moved, and Mr. Vince Ross seconded, that the Board authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,000.00 if the survey could be done before the time of the general election and in time to publish in the newspapers. After discussion, the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was that of committees. Mr. Smith stated that he wants to appoint a Commissioner to each Committee. Mr. Smith also stated that he would like to pare down the number of committees since many of them are nonfunctional.

Mr. Smith also stated that he would like the Board to meet approximately every 60 days. He stated he would like the meetings to be in different districts so as to not inconvenience unduly any particular Officer or Commissioner. Mr. Smith also asked the Officers and Commissioners to inform him if they knew of any individual who wants to serve on any particular committee.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, MARY ELIZABETH SENKEWICZ Executive Director