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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
WYOMING STATE BAR

September 26-27, 1963

Laramie, Wyoming

The 48th annual meeting of the Wyoming State Bar was called to order by President George J. Millett at 9:45 A.M. in the Student Union Ballroom on the University of Wyoming campus, Laramie, Wyoming. The Very Reverend Otis Jackson, Saint Mathew's Cathedral, Laramie, Wyoming, gave the invocation, after which Eugene H. Benson, District Governor, Sertoma International, led the membership in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

President Millett introduced the Honorable William R. Steckel, Mayor of Laramie, Wyoming, who cordially welcomed the Wyoming State Bar and its members to Laramie for the 48th annual convention, extending the services and facilities of the City of Laramie to both the members and their wives.

Following Mayor Steckel's remarks, President Millett introduced R. R. Bostwick, Casper, Wyoming, Vice President of the Wyoming State Bar, who thanked Mayor Steckel and the residents of the City of Laramie on behalf of the entire membership of the Wyoming State Bar for the very warm welcome extended to the members and their wives by the Mayor.

John T. Dixon, Powell, Wyoming, was then called upon for the annual treasurer's report. Following the treasurer's report, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted and approved as read and spread at length in these minutes. President Millett then called upon Charles G. Kepler, Cody, Wyoming, Chairman of the Auditing Committee, who reported on behalf of that committee. At the conclusion of Mr. Kepler's report, it was duly moved, seconded and carried that the report be approved as read.

John T. Dixon was again called upon for the reading of the minutes of the 1962 annual meeting held at Worland, Wyoming, but upon motion duly seconded and carried, the reading of the minutes of the last annual meeting was dispensed with.

The meeting was then turned over to R. R. Bostwick who called upon President Millett for his annual report. Following President Millett's report, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted and approved as read, and that President Millett be commended for the very fine job he did on behalf of the Wyoming State Bar during the 1962-63 year.

Vice President Bostwick then turned the meeting back to President Millett, who called upon David N. Hitchcock, Laramie, Wyoming, moderator for the panel on Uniform Laws Adopted in Wyoming, following which

a panel discussion took place among panel members Joseph Geraud, George Rudolph, Frank Trelease, all of Laramie, and E. E. Lonabaugh of Sheridan, with Mr. Hitchcock acting as moderator.

After thanking the panel, President Millett called for Friday morning's attendance drawing which resulted in Max Osborn, Cheyenne, Wyoming, receiving *Jones On Evidence* donated by Bancroft-Whitney Company.

President Millett then called in Thomas Kidd, Chairman of the Necrology Committee, who reported on behalf of that committee.

Following the Necrology report, President Millett asked R. R. Bostwick to introduce the new members of the Wyoming State Bar in attendance at the 48th annual meeting who had been admitted to membership subsequent to the annual meeting in 1962. The following new members were present and were introduced by Mr. Bostwick:

Thomas A. Burley — Cheyenne, Wyoming
Vincent V. Picard — Laramie, Wyoming
Kent B. Hampton — Casper, Wyoming.

In making his introductions, Mr. Bostwick gave a brief biographical sketch of each of the new members, following which President Millett welcomed the new members into the Wyoming State Bar.

President Millett then called upon James A. Tilker, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, who reported on behalf of that committee, concluding his remarks by introducing Robert Smith, Executive Vice President of Kosta Brooks & Associates, Inc. Mr. Smith detailed the various phases and methods used by his company in preparing and presenting the program of the Public Relations Committee during the past year.

Following the report of the Public Relations Committee, President Millett recessed the meeting until 2:00 P.M. Thursday, September 26, 1963.

During the noon recess the members and their wives adjourned to the Elks Club for luncheon, presided over by President-Elect Jerry W. Housel, Cody, Wyoming. Following the luncheon, Dr. Royal L. Garff, Salt Lake City, Utah, delivered a humorous and very informative address entitled "Hold Your Clients Without A Rope."

President Millett reconvened the meeting at 3:00 P.M. at the Student Union Ballroom by introducing Keith Miller, Omaha, Nebraska, who spoke to the membership on "Tax Problems Of Farmers And Ranchers." At the conclusion of Mr. Miller's remarks, a general question and answer session followed.

Attendance drawing was then held with Leonard Lang, Casper, Wyoming, winning *Encyclopedia Of Trial Strategy And Tactics* donated by Prentice Hall, and Morris Massey, Casper, Wyoming, receiving a four-volume

set on the *Uniform Commercial Code* donated by West Publishing Company.

President Millett then called upon Edward E. Murane, Casper, Wyoming, American Bar Association delegate to the House of Delegates, who addressed the members on "The Mirror Of Public Opinion." After thanking Mr. Murane for his very excellent talk, President Millett recessed the meeting until 9:00 A.M., Friday, September 27, 1963.

Concluding the day's events, the members and their wives were entertained at a social hour and smorgasbord at the Connor Hotel, sponsored by the Wyoming Beer Wholesalers Association and the Albany County Bar Association.

President Millett reconvened the 48th annual meeting of the Wyoming State Bar in the Student Union Ballroom on the University campus at 9:15 A.M., Friday, September 27, 1963. The morning session began with Keith Miller, Omaha, Nebraska, again addressing the members on "Tax Problems in Probate Proceedings." At the conclusion of the question and answer session which followed Mr. Miller's remarks, President Millett extended his thanks personally and on behalf of the entire membership of the Wyoming State Bar to Mr. Miller for the time and effort expended by him on behalf of the Wyoming State Bar's 48th annual meeting.

The Friday morning attendance drawing was held next with Tom Fennell, Cheyenne, Wyoming, winning a one-year's subscription to *Shepard's Wyoming Citations* and Bobbie Baker, Casper, Wyoming, receiving three volumes of the Wyoming Reports donated by West Publishing Company.

Following the attendance drawing, President Millett introduced Ross D. Copenhaver, Powell, Wyoming, Chairman of the Committee on Uniform Jury Instructions who reported on behalf of that committee recommending that the instructions as previously mailed to the membership be adopted by the Wyoming State Bar and that the Bar recommend to the bench and members of the Bar that the Instructions are drafted be used whenever applicable during the ensuing year with the appropriate corrections being made during that period of time and final presentation to be made at the 49th annual meeting. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Copenhaver's report and recommendations be accepted and approved as read.

David N. Hitchcock, Chairman of the Legislation and Law Reform Committee, was next called upon by President Millett to report on behalf of that committee. At the conclusion of Mr. Hitchcock's report, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the report of the Legislation and Law Reform Committee be accepted and approved as read.

President Millett then called upon W. Hume Everett, Casper, Wyoming, Chairman of the Judicial Selection Committee who reported for that

committee recommending that the committee be continued for another year to continue the work begun by the present committee. At the conclusion of Mr. Everett's report, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the same be accepted and approved as read.

President Millett then read the report of the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law on behalf of E. Byron Hirst of Cheyenne, Wyoming, who was unable to be in attendance, and at the conclusion of this report, recessed the meeting until 2:00 o'clock P.M.

During the noon the lawyers again repaired to the Elks Club for luncheon, presided over by R. R. Bostwick, Vice President, Casper, Wyoming. During the luncheon, which was held in honor of the Federal, Supreme Court and District Judges, Vice President Bostwick introduced those justices and judges in attendance. Following the luncheon, the members were addressed by Edward L. Wright, Chairman, House of Delegates of the American Bar Association. The wives of the members were also entertained at a brunch held at the Diamond Horseshoe where they were entertained by a presentation of a review of "Camlot" by Molly Lee Beresford, Denver, Colorado.

President Millett reconvened the meeting in the Student Union Ballroom at 2:00 P.M. by holding the afternoon attendance drawing, which resulted in E. A. "Ted" Hunt, Sidney, Australia, winning *Handling Automobile Cases* and three volumes of *The Wyoming Reports* donated by West Publishing Company going to George Hopper, Denver, Colorado.

President Millett then introduced Harold S. Bloomenthal, Professor of Law, University of Wyoming, who addressed the group on "Proposed Administrative Procedures Reform," following which Edward E. Murane reported to the membership on the activities of the American Bar Association during the past year.

After thanking Professor Bloomenthal and Mr. Murane for their reports, President Millett introduced Frank J. Trelease, Dean of the Law School, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming, who gave his annual report on the activities of the College of Law during the past year. After thanking Dean Trelease for his report, President Millett called upon John F. Raper, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Chairman of the Committee on Defense of Indigent Persons Accused of Crime, who asked John O. Rames, Laramie, Wyoming, committee member, to assist him in giving the report. Following the report of Mr. Raper and Mr. Rames, President Millett called upon Richard V. Thomas, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Chairman of the Committee for Liaison with Internal Revenue Service, who reported for that committee recommending at the conclusion of his report that the committee be continued as a standing committee of the Wyoming State Bar. Following Mr. Thomas' report, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the reports of the Internal Revenue Committee and the

Committee on Defense of Indigent Persons Accused of Crime be accepted and approved as read.

President Millett then called upon Thomas Morgan, Gillette, Wyoming, Chairman of the Scholarship Fund Committee, who reported on behalf of that committee informing the membership that a scholarship for the 1963 year had been awarded to Robert Q. Bergstrom. Mr. Morgan concluded his report by introducing Mr. Bergstrom, who thanked the Wyoming State Bar for his scholarship award.

Frank C. Mockler, Lander, Wyoming, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, then reported on behalf of that committee. At the conclusion of Mr. Mockler's report, passage of the following resolutions was duly moved, seconded and carried:

WHEREAS, the members of the Wyoming State Bar are privileged to have enjoyed the hospitality and generosity of the Albany County Bar Association and the wives of the members thereof, the University of Wyoming, the Wyoming Beer Wholesalers Association, the Wyoming Retail Liquor Dealers Association, Bender-Moss Company, Matthew Bender Company, Prentice-Hall, Inc., West Publishing Company, and the City of Laramie during the 48th annual meeting of the Wyoming State Bar at Laramie, Wyoming, held on September 26-27, 1963, 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 27th day of September, 1963, 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 Albany County Bar Association and their wives, the University of Wyoming, the Wyoming Beer Wholesalers Association, the Wyoming Retail Liquor Dealers Association, Bender-Moss Company, Matthew Bender Company, Prentice-Hall, Inc., West Publishing Company, and the City of Laramie, 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.

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Bar has been fortunate in having the following outstanding men from outside the Wyoming State Bar speak to the members at their various meetings, to-wit: Dr. Royal L. Garff, Salt Lake City, Utah; Keith Miller, of Young, Holm, Miller and McEachen, Omaha, Nebraska; and the Honorable Edward L. Wright, Chairman, House of Delegates, American Bar Association, and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Bar is greatly appreciative of the fine work of these gentlemen which has contributed much to the successful conclusion of this 48th annual meeting;

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

WHEREAS, the Texas Bar prepared and copyright a series of newspaper advertisements designed to acquaint the public with the work of lawyers, and to improve the public concept of attorneys, and

WHEREAS, the Texas Bar has made copies of these advertisements available to the Wyoming Bar without cost, and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Bar is desirous of expressing its gratitude and appreciation to the Texas Bar for its generosity in so doing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming Bar hereby expresses its thanks for the valuable service rendered to it by the Texas Bar, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Texas Bar.

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from this earth the beloved wife of our esteemed colleague and District Judge, Judge Donald J. Harkins;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Wyoming State Bar, in convention assembled, take this means of expressing to our fellow member and friend our sincere sympathies and condolences in the death of his dear wife, Laura, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be entered upon these proceedings and that the Secretary-Treasurer of the Wyoming State Bar send a copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Donald J. Harkins.

Respectfully submitted,

After thanking Mr. Mockler and his committee, President Millett called upon George Guy who reported on behalf of the Bar Economics Committee, followed by Al Pence, Laramie, Wyoming, who reported on the activities of the American Bar Association during the past year as Wyoming Bar delegate to the American Bar Association.

The final committee report of the day was given by R. S. Lowe, Chairman, Minor Judicial System Committee. Following Mr. Lowe's report, the following Resolution was duly moved, seconded and carried:

WHEREAS, the Wyoming State Legislature in its 1963 session has adopted and approved the proposed amendment to the Wyoming constitution designated Senate Joint Resolution No. 6, and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of the Wyoming State Bar assembled at Laramie, Wyoming, on September 27, 1963, that said proposed Constitutional Amendment should be endorsed by the State Bar and appropriate steps taken to promote its passage by the people at the polls in November, 1964;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wyoming State Bar that our organization hereby goes on record in support of the Constitutional Amendment passed as Senate Joint Resolution No. 6 in the 1963 session of the Wyoming Legislature and that the officers of the Bar give appropriate public notice of this action; and that the officers and commissioners of the Bar take appropriate action in support of the campaign to promote the favorable action of the people upon said proposed Amendment, including the expenditure of reasonable funds from the Bar treasury, and that the special committee on Minor Courts be continued for another year with its membership appointed by the President of the Bar at no less than one member for each of the twenty-three counties of Wyoming, and said committee shall continue its studies relative to the new system to be proposed in substitution of the present system and report thereon at the next regular meeting of the Bar in 1964.

Election of officers was the next item on the agenda and John T. Dixon, Powell, Wyoming, was elected Secretary-Treasurer for the 1963-64 year. Elmer J. Scott, Worland, Wyoming, was elected Vice President for the 1963-64 year.

Following the election of the Secretary-Treasurer and Vice President, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for R. R. Bostwick, Casper, Wyoming, as President-Elect of the Wyoming State Bar.

By virtue of the rules governing conduct of the Wyoming State Bar, Jerry W. Housel, Cody, Wyoming, the 1962-63 President-Elect, became President without election.

President Millett then turned the presidency over to Jerry W. Housel, who, on behalf of the entire membership of the Wyoming State Bar, thanked President Millett for the very excellent job he had done during the past year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 5:00 P.M., September 27, 1963.

The members and their wives were entertained at a social hour in the Elks Club hosted by the Wyoming Retail Liquor Dealers Association, following which the annual banquet was held in the Crane-Hill Cafeteria on the University of Wyoming campus. During the banquet, President Millett presented fifty-year plaques to the Honorable T. C. Daniels who accepted the plaque on behalf of R. N. Ogden, Casper, Wyoming, who was unable to attend, and to Mr. and Mrs. John A. King, Laramie, Wyoming. Mrs. King, daughter of Morris E. Corthell, Laramie, Wyoming, accepted the plaque on behalf of her father who was unable to attend. Following the presentation of the fifty-year plaques, President Millett introduced E. A. "Ted" Hunt, Sydney, Australia, who presented a genuine Australian boomerang to the Wyoming State Bar. In responding to Mr. Hunt's very

generous gift, President Millett in turn presented him with a genuine ten-gallon Wyoming cowboy hat. Dancing at the Elks Club concluded the evening's entertainment.

Respectfully submitted,
John T. Dixon
Secretary-Treasurer