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

September 28, 1963

The regular annual meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Wyoming State Bar was held at the Holiday Inn, Laramie, Wyoming, on September 28, 1963. The meeting was called to order by President Jerry W. Housel at 10:00 A.M. Those in attendance were:

Jerry W. Housel – President
George J. Millett – Past President
R. R. Bostwick – President-Elect
Elmer J. Scott – Vice President
John T. Dixon – Secretary-Treasurer
M. R. Foe – Commissioner – First Judicial District
Harold Joffe – Commissioner – Fifth Judicial District
Thomas L. Whitley – Commissioner – Sixth Judicial District
W. J. Nichols – Commissioned – Seventh Judicial District.

Lee S. Nebeker, Commissioner of the Second Judicial District, David N. Burns, Commissioner of the Third Judicial District, and Burton S. Hill, Commissioner of the Fourth Judicial District, were absent.

President Housel introduced Hugh J. Bryan, Mutual of Omaha representative from Casper, Wyoming, who discussed health insurance with the group, asking that the Bar Association endorse the program and give Mutual of Omaha, through Mr. Bryan, authority to contact members of the Wyoming State Bar to discuss health insurance with the individual members. At the conclusion of Mr. Bryan's remarks, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Wyoming State Bar neither approve or disapprove the plan as offered by Mutual of Omaha but that Mr. Hugh J. Bryan, Mutual of Omaha representative, be given authorization in writing to contact the individual members of the Bar offering his company's plan with the understanding that the stand of the Wyoming State Bar concerning Mutual of Omaha's plan be disclosed to those members so contacted.

President-Elect Bostwick brought up the matter of the bi-annual legislative meeting in Cheyenne held the first few days after the convening of the legislature. Mr. Bostwick outlined the difficulties the Bar was experiencing in approving and recommending legislation for presentation to the legislature during its session, due to the poor attendance. Following a discussion concerning the problem, it was duly moved, seconded and carried that all bills of major proportion be submitted to the entire membership by either the legislative committee or through the office of the secretary-treasurer prior to the annual meeting preceding the next legislative session for study and further action by the Bar as a whole at the

annual meeting preceding the legislative session, and the President was instructed to notify the appropriate committees of this decision.

President Housel then called upon W. Hume Everett, Chairman of the Judicial Selection Committee, who explained his committee's proposed plans for the coming year and asked for a budget appropriation in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Prior to acting upon Mr. Everett's request, the officers and commissioners examined the treasurer's report submitted by the Secretary-Treasurer in conjunction with increased activities of the Bar, following which it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that President Housel appoint a Budget Committee to study the finances of the Wyoming State Bar prior to making any allocations of funds for committee expenses during the ensuing year. The following were appointed to the Budget Committee by President Housel:

Jerry W. Housel
Elmer J. Scott

R. R. Bostwick
John T. Dixon.

President Housel then called upon James A. Tilker, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Chairman of the Public Relations Committee, who reported on the proposed activities of his committee during the 1963-64 year. Mr. Tilker suggested continuing the T.V. series, "You And The Law," which had been scheduled for the fall months in Casper, Wyoming, and called upon Fred G. Loomis, Cheyenne, Wyoming, a member of the Public Relations Committee, who recommended the publication and distribution of pamphlets concerning public relations. Mr. Loomis estimated the cost of publishing the pamphlets selected by the committee to be approximately One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and Mr. Tilker informed the meeting that the cost of the T.V. series in Casper for which the Wyoming State Bar was already committed would be in the approximate amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). Mr. Tilker then requested an appropriation of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) for the purposes of carrying on the work of the Public Relations Committee as outlined by himself and Mr. Loomis. The request of Mr. Tilker was referred to the Budget Committee.

George Guy, Cheyenne, Wyoming, Chairman of the Bar Economics Committee, asked that the commissioners allocate enough money for the purchase of copies of the final survey on the Wyoming State Bar as compiled by the American Bar Association. Mr. Guy stated that he was unable to obtain quotation for the cost of publication, but would furnish the figure as soon as he had received same. Upon motion duly seconded and carried, Mr. Guy's request was referred to the Budget Committee.

President Housel then called upon Ross D. Copenhaver, Powell, Wyoming, Chairman of the Uniform Jury Instructions Committee, who informed the commissioners' that the preparation and mailing of the Uniform Jury Instructions as suggested by the committee, exceeded the allocation given to the committee for the 1962-63 year. Mr. Copenhaver suggested

that the additional sets which are on hand at the present time be sold to offset the additional unexpected expenditure. He recommended that the additional sets on hand be sold for the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00) and requested an appropriation of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for committee work during the ensuing year. At the conclusion of Mr. Copenhaver's remarks, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the extra sets of Uniform Jury Instructions be sold for the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00), and that Mr. Copenhaver's request for appropriation in the amount of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) be referred to the Budget Committee.

President Housel then called upon E. E. Lonabaugh, Chairman of the Student Aid Committee, formerly known as the Scholarship Fund Committee. Mr. Lonabaugh asked for a continuation of the program instituted during the 1962-63 year, and further recommended that the Wyoming State Bar give one additional scholarship during the 1963-64 year in the amount of Three Hundred Sixty-two Dollars (\$362.00). At the conclusion of his remarks, Mr. Lonabaugh requested the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for committee expenses for the purpose of soliciting individual members of the Wyoming State Bar, explaining that the money so obtained would be over and above the amount authorized by the Board of Commissioners and over and above the amount allocated by the Board on behalf of the Bar as a whole. It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Lonabaugh's request be referred to the Budget Committee for final decision.

President Millett informed the commissioners that he had received a rebate from the judicial conference held at Jackson Lake Lodge earlier this summer in the amount of Two Hundred Eighty-nine Dollars and 95/100 (\$289.95). It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that any excess not needed by the Albany County Bar for the payment of convention expenses be given to the Student Aid Committee.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the same was adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
John T. Dixon
Secretary-Treasurer