

# Wyoming State Bar Officers & Commissioners Meeting

August 14 – 15, 2015

Hampton Inn & Suites

Buffalo, Wyoming

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- In Attendance:** Bradley D. Bonner, President; Devon O’Connell, President-Elect; John A. Masterson, Vice President; Weston T. Graham, Treasurer; Melinda S. McCorkle, First Judicial District Commissioner; Dawnessa A. Snyder, Second Judicial District Commissioner; Monica J. Vozakis, Third Judicial District Commissioner; Nicholas T. Haderlie, Fourth Judicial District Commissioner; Bobbi D. Overfield, Fifth Judicial District Commissioner (via teleconference Saturday only); James L. Edwards, Sixth Judicial District Commissioner (in person Friday/via teleconference Saturday); J. Kenneth Barbe, Seventh Judicial District Commissioner; Nate Hibben, Eighth Judicial District Commissioner (via teleconference); Erika M. Nash, Ninth Judicial District Commissioner (via teleconference); Blake A. Klinkner, President, Young Lawyers Section (Saturday only); Sharon Wilkinson, Executive Director; Cathy Duncil, Admissions Director; Mark Gifford, Bar Counsel; and Jack Speight, Wyoming Lawyer Assistance Program (WyLAP) Director
- Absent:** Patrick W. Korell; Immediate Past President; Bobbi D. Overfield, Fifth Judicial District Commissioner (Friday only); Blake A. Klinkner, President, Young Lawyers Section (Friday only)
- Guests:** Candice Cochran and John Ordiway from the Wyoming Professional Assistance Program (WPAP); Joe Teig, Chair of the Bar Counsel Review & Oversight Committee (via teleconference); Craig Newman, Bar Counsel Review & Oversight Committee; and Angie Dorsch, Executive Director of Equal Justice Wyoming
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President Brad Bonner called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2015.

## Approval of Agenda

Executive Director Sharon Wilkinson mentioned a new section of the agenda which will feature “Regulatory Updates.” She reminded the Board that this came as a result of a discussion at Strategic Planning about this Board wanting to be more informed about the goings-on of the regulatory or Court-appointed boards/committees. She mentioned that this will now be a standard section on each Board meeting agenda.

Executive Director Wilkinson asked for two additional items to be included on the agenda. Those two items were:

1. ALPS Attorney Match
2. Board’s Appointment of Legal Aid of Wyoming, Inc. Board of Directors.

Commissioner Snyder made a motion to approve the agenda with the additional items. Commissioner Vozakis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Snyder made a motion to approve the April 17 – 18, 2015, meeting minutes. Vice President Masterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Graham brought the Board's attention to the Budget vs. Actual Statement in the notebooks. After discussion about a few financial items, Vice President Masterson asked Graham if he has any concerns about the budget. Treasurer Graham shared that he continues to be concerned about the claims paid out through the Clients' Security Fund (CSF).

Commissioner Snyder made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Vozakis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Regulatory Updates**

#### **Admissions**

Cathy Duncil, Admissions Director, gave an update on the new admission rules that went into effect July 1, 2015. Executive Director Wilkinson mentioned that the Board of Law Examiners (BLE) will grade exams next week in Rock Springs. In addition to the grading session, the BLE will have a hearing for an applicant for which the Character & Fitness Committee could not recommend admission. Wilkinson also mentioned that the Bar's goal is to have the July bar exam results out by the first week of September, which will be the earliest results have ever been released.

#### **Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (CLE)**

President-Elect O'Connell, who also serves as the Vice Chair of the Board of CLE, shared that the new CLE rules went into effect on July 1, 2015. She feels they are much improved and are very helpful to lawyers by requiring earlier notice of their CLE compliance. O'Connell shared that a member of the Bar brought to the Board's attention that the CLE calculations were being done incorrectly. As a result, the Bar has spent considerable time fixing the way the CLE system calculates, and everything is working properly now.

#### **Attorney Discipline**

Mark Gifford, Bar Counsel, distributed an updated disciplinary activity case status report. Gifford mentioned that last year was the first year the Office of Bar Counsel reached 200 complaints. This year, the Office of Bar Counsel is on track for 120. Gifford's hope is that his efforts to provide more resources to lawyers to help them avoid trouble will help these numbers stay down.

Gifford mentioned that there are four cases currently in formal disciplinary charge and headed toward a hearing. He mentioned that four is an unusually high number.

Gifford reminded the Board that the Disciplinary Code has been repealed and the new Rules of Disciplinary Procedure went into effect July 1, 2015. He feels that the new

rules provide greater due process to lawyers and are more specific about what the process requires. He also mentioned that the Peer Review Panel is now called the Bar Counsel Review & Oversight Committee.

Gifford shared that the Ethics Hotline calls are increasing drastically. He used to receive three to four calls per day; however, this week he received 11 calls in one day. These calls are always lengthy and unique; however, Gifford shared that he is proud to offer this hotline and it continues to be his favorite part of the job.

Treasurer Graham inquired as to whether or not it makes sense to have a “special bar counsel” in place to help field some of the calls. Gifford shared his concern about that idea by mentioning that the only people in a position to take these calls are Professor John Burman, who is retired, and himself. He shared that a few others that would be qualified to take the calls would be Joe Teig, Chair of the Bar Counsel Review & Oversight Committee (ROC), and Craig Newman (member of the ROC), who have a combined number of 20+ years having both served on the Board of Professional Responsibility and the ROC (formerly the Peer Review Panel). President-Elect O’Connell wondered if the use of special bar counsel has increased due to advice Gifford has given on the Ethics Hotline. Gifford shared that there has only been one case so far in which he had a conflict due to an Ethics Hotline call.

Craig Newman shared that this topic has been discussed with the Wyoming Supreme Court and it felt that the Ethics Hotline was very worthwhile and felt strongly about continuing it despite the potential conflicts.

President Bonner asked Craig Newman how he felt about the new Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Newman mentioned that the Board of Professional Responsibility and the Review & Oversight Committee had a retreat since the new rules took effect. The new rules provide some additional resources that the ROC never had before. Mark Gifford and Craig Newman discussed some of the differences between the Disciplinary Code and the Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Commissioner Haderlie mentioned the “anonymous” e-mails that had been circulated amongst the membership that are critical of Bar Counsel and the disciplinary process. He inquired as to what Commissioners’ responses should be when questioned about this. Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she simply tells members that the author is currently going through the disciplinary process and that it is confidential.

### **Clients’ Security Fund (CSF)**

Mark Gifford distributed a graph to the Board indicating the number of CSF claims paid dating back to 2004 in addition to the CSF account balance to fund the claims. Gifford shared with the Board that an immediate suspension was issued last week for a Riverton attorney; this has already given rise to some increased financial need for the CSF. Gifford has identified a potential total of \$150,000 from this suspension; \$45,000 of that could possibly be paid in the upcoming fiscal year. Gifford has given the ROC a heads-up about this. Only \$5,000 is being proposed for CSF for the next fiscal year. As a result of this, Gifford recommended that the ROC increase that line item to \$50,000.

Gifford reminded the Board about an attorney, Scott Powers, who had been disbarred in late 2014. The Wyoming State Bar has paid CSF claims totaling approximately \$22,000 to Powers' clients. Although Powers signed a promissory note to reimburse the Bar for these claims, he has not paid anything. As a result Gifford filed a motion for order to show cause with the Court. The Court denied the motion stating, "This Court finds that it should not exercise its power of contempt when the Wyoming State Bar can sue to enforce the promissory note executed by the Respondent."

After much discussion and an explanation of how the CSF process works, Commissioner Edwards made a motion to have Bar Counsel institute legal action against Scott Powers and to allow Bar Counsel the discretion to work out whatever agreements he feels are appropriate. Commissioner Snyder seconded the motion. The motion carried. President-Elect O'Connell and Commissioner McCorkle abstained from the vote.

### **Proposed Budget for 2015 – 2016**

Treasurer Weston Graham directed the Board to the proposed budget as well as a resource sheet to explain what each budget category is. Graham discussed the income projections. Some board members had questions about the disciplinary recovery costs. Mark Gifford addressed those questions. Graham then directed the Board to the projected expenses in the proposed budget.

Joe Teig, Chair of the Bar Counsel Review & Oversight Committee, joined the meeting via teleconference to present the proposed budget for the Office of Bar Counsel. Chairman Teig shared that the ROC worked closely with the staff to establish this proposed budget. He mentioned that he continues to be concerned about the special bar counsel expenses; however, he shared that the ROC is very reluctant to engage special bar counsel unless it is absolutely necessary. The Rules of Disciplinary Procedure are very specific about when special bar counsel can be used. Chairman Teig shared that there is concern about Bar Counsel taking the Ethics Hotline calls and potentially being the subject of a complaint. That would require the hiring of special bar counsel; however, that has only happened once.

Mark Gifford proposed to the ROC that it adjust the projected amount for CSF claims from \$5,000 to \$50,000 based on a recent immediate suspension. Chairman Teig shared that he and the ROC will have some further discussion about the CSF and present a recommendation.

Treasurer Graham continued through each budget category.

In regard to the budget request from the Children & Family Law Section, some Board members voiced concern about the section's goal to lobby on certain issues. Mark Gifford, Bar Counsel, emphasized that we would have to tell the section members they cannot lobby for or against any issue on behalf of the Bar.

After much discussion about the section's budget proposals, Treasurer Graham made a motion to give \$2,000 to the Children & Family Law Section and direct the members of that section to not lobby. Treasurer Graham further moved to give \$3,000 to the Young Lawyers Section and the requested \$1,500 to the Energy & Natural Resources Section. There was much discussion

about perhaps giving each section the same amount. Treasurer Graham amended the motion to reflect the following:

- Children & Family Law Section = \$2,000
- Young Lawyers Section = \$4,000
- Energy & Natural Resources Section = \$1,500

The motion carried. Commissioner Haderlie abstained from voting on the proposed budget for the Energy & Natural Resources Section.

Treasurer Graham reminded the Board that it expressed an interest in using some financial reserves going into the new fiscal year. As a result of this, the bottom line of the proposed budget is in the red. After much discussion and concern shared by some Board members about this, Treasurer Graham recommended changing the proposed amount for line item 5104 (Website) to \$100,000. Mark Gifford will also follow up with the ROC regarding the budgeted amount for the claims paid from the Clients' Security Fund.

### **Equal Justice Wyoming Proposal**

Angie Dorsch, Executive Director of Equal Justice Wyoming, joined the Board meeting. She mentioned its work with the Wyoming Access to Justice Commission. One goal is to expand civil legal aid in the state. Dorsch discussed the different options for funding civil legal aid. There are currently 12 states that are using pro hac vice fees to promote and fund civil legal aid. She distributed a chart depicting this. Dorsch proposed to the Board that the Bar increase the current pro hac vice fee (\$300) and contribute the additional revenue to Equal Justice Wyoming. She mentioned that this would not result in a hit to the Bar's revenue at all. She also clarified that the funds would go directly to civil legal aid and not to internal functions.

After much discussion about any negative impacts to this proposal, Commissioner McCorkle made a motion to increase the pro hac vice fee to \$500. Commissioner Vozakis seconded the motion. \$300 would be allocated to the Wyoming State Bar and the remaining \$200 would be contributed to Equal Justice Wyoming. The motion carried unanimously.

It was agreed that this fee increase would take effect September 1, 2015.

### **IOLTA**

Angie Dorsch, Executive Director of Equal Justice Wyoming, reported that Cheyenne attorney Tom Long is assisting with transitioning the IOLTA program from the Wyoming State Bar Foundation to the Equal Justice Wyoming Foundation. There was discussion about how the Bar is going to notify the membership about this decision. Executive Director Wilkinson will schedule a teleconference with Angie Dorsch; Tenille Castle, President of the Wyoming State Bar Foundation Board; Erika Nash, member of the Wyoming State Bar Foundation Board; and the Executive Committee of the Wyoming State Bar.

### **Wyoming Professional Assistance Program (WPAP)**

Candice Cochran, Executive Director of WPAP, and John Ordiway, WPAP Clinician, joined the meeting. Ms. Cochran showed a brief PowerPoint presentation spelling out the tools WPAP uses for professionals and providing an overview of costs associated with the program. She

also shared a video testimonial from a Wyoming State Bar member who was willing to sacrifice his anonymity so that he could speak about the effectiveness of WPAP.

Treasurer Graham inquired as to some of the costs associated with the program. Commissioner Haderlie shared his concerns about the cost of the program being a significant factor in getting lawyers involved in the program. As a result, he wondered what the Bar would have to pay WPAP so that lawyer participants did not have to pay any out-of-pocket expenses. Cochran shared that she plans on sharing the other states' numbers with her board to see if it would be open to that kind of funding option. She reiterated that WPAP is very flexible if a participant cannot afford the participant fee. Although the participant fee is \$160 per month, she is willing to drop that down to \$25 month. Eliminating the participant fee is something she is very interested in. John Ordiway shared that WPAP starts out at the heaviest level of monitoring, which obviously increases the cost. By the time a participant is at the end of his/her recovery, costs decrease as a result of less frequent monitoring. Cathy Duncil inquired as to why all participants did not simply pay the \$25 participant fee. Cochran shared that some have no trouble paying the full fee, and that in turn helps cover the costs for WPAP; however, 27% of WPAP's participants are at the \$25 payment level.

Executive Director Wilkinson reminded the Board that the Wyoming Lawyer Assistance Program Foundation is up and running and that Board has had some discussions about possibly being able to provide some grant money to Wyoming lawyers who cannot afford some of these costs and even the costs associated with treatment. She shared that the members of the WyLAP Board are Rhonda Woodard, President; Kim Cannon, Vice President; Bill Schwartz, Secretary; Judge Cranfill, Treasurer; Paul Hickey, Assistant Treasurer; Joe Hallock and Hon. Marilyn Kite.

Treasurer Graham inquired as to what a voluntary monitoring agreement looks like. Candice Cochran clarified voluntary vs. involuntary. The individual indicates whether he/she is "known" or "not known" to his/her licensing agency. There is a clause in the monitoring agreement saying that Bar Counsel can be notified if there is something of concern. President-Elect O'Connell inquired if there was a way for a lawyer to come to WPAP, fall off the wagon and not be reported to Bar Counsel. Cochran shared that it used to be that way, but it is not anymore. The WPAP Board, which includes lawyers, felt that having no consequences in the past was not an effective way to monitor an individual.

Mark Gifford mentioned that not every lapse is reported to him. There are levels of lapses that are all spelled out in the monitoring agreement to which each participant agrees and signs. He clarified that even if he does get a report about a monitored individual coming out of compliance, that does not always result in discipline.

There was discussion about the communication between WPAP and Bar Counsel. Cochran shared that she has checked with WPAP'S counsel, Amanda Esch, on this issue. What WPAP cannot disclose is if/when WPAP has had prior communication with a participant. Commissioner Haderlie wondered why anyone would voluntarily participate in this program if there would be a possible loss of livelihood because Bar Counsel will find out about it. Cochran shared that the language set out in the current monitoring agreement was this Board's decision. President Bonner shared that most of the comments are grounded in the fear that the system designed to hopefully help you is also the system connected to the "police."

Commissioner Edwards shared his frustration that nobody is talking about the effects that this has on the client. He feels that we keep talking about ourselves and are not concerned about the clients.

After much discussion, Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she will get the monitoring agreement and include this as an item of discussion for the November 2015 Board meeting. She recommended consideration of two different monitoring agreements – one for voluntary participants and one for those compelled by the disciplinary system.

President Bonner adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2015.

President Bonner called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2015.

### **Regulatory Updates (continued)**

#### **Resolution of Fee Disputes**

Mark Gifford, Bar Counsel, directed the Board to a chart showing the current status of fee disputes. Since this chart was put together, the Office of Bar Counsel has received two new disputes. Shannon Howshar, Gifford's assistant, handles all staffing aspects of fee disputes. Gifford shared that the Review & Oversight Committee has requested some money to provide training to the Resolution of Fee Disputes Committee. This committee has never been offered any training, and he feels strongly about the need for it. After much discussion about fee disputes, Gifford shared that he hopes to rewrite the rules governing this program in the future.

#### **Unauthorized Practice of Law (UPL)**

Mark Gifford referred the Board to a status report in the meeting notebooks regarding the current UPL claims. He also walked the Board through the process he and his assistant follow when they receive a UPL complaint.

#### **Regulatory Expenses/Revenues**

Executive Director Wilkinson directed the Board's attention to the report she and the staff prepared to show the costs associated with administering the regulatory programs of the Bar. She asked for approval on this report so that she can share it with the Wyoming Supreme Court.

After much discussion about the report, Commissioner Snyder made a motion to approve the report being submitted to the Wyoming Supreme Court. President-Elect O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Annual License Fee Statement**

Executive Director Wilkinson brought the Board's attention to the current license fee statement and asked for direction in regard to item #4 – Wyoming State Bar Foundation suggested contribution of \$50, as well as item #5 – Equal Justice Contribution.

Executive Director Wilkinson also shared a request she had on behalf of the WyLAP Foundation Board. That Board wishes to include a line item on the license fee statement titled

“Lawyers Helping Lawyers.” The money contributed would go directly to the WyLAP Foundation.

Commissioner Haderlie made a motion to make #4 a contribution to the WyLAP Foundation and #5 a suggested donation to the Equal Justice Wyoming Foundation. President-Elect O’Connell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Approval of Strategic Plan**

Executive Director Wilkinson reminded the Board that in order to begin working on the Strategic Plan, the Board first needed to discuss and approve the plan.

Commissioner Snyder made a motion to approve the Strategic Plan. President-Elect O’Connell seconded the motion. Dawnessa shared that she has already received some positive feedback when she has shared some aspects of the Strategic Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

### **MyCase Member Benefit Proposal**

Executive Director Wilkinson walked the Board through the main points of a proposal for the Wyoming State Bar to offer MyCase, a web-based legal practice management software, as a member benefit. She also showed a short YouTube video about the service.

After much discussion about the proposal and several Board members voicing their concerns about “endorsing” these companies, Treasurer Graham made a motion to adopt MyCase as a member benefit to the Wyoming State Bar members. Hearing no second of the motion, the motion failed.

### **Updated Insurance Policy**

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that since ALPS stopped providing D&O coverage as well as liability insurance for our pro bono attorneys, we had to seek an alternative. She had reached out to other bars and did not have much luck finding viable options. She directed the Board to a proposal received from Cheyenne-based USI and mentioned that she, Mark Gifford and Cathy Duncil had done extensive work to not only determine if the Bar had the necessary coverage, but also to determine if the Bar had coverage it did not need. Mark Gifford went into more detail about the specific proposal.

Commissioner McCorkle made a motion to approve the proposed insurance plan. Commissioner Vozakis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **2015 – 2016 Board Meeting Schedule**

Executive Director Wilkinson walked the board through the proposed board meeting schedule. Dates were chosen for each meeting. She will update the schedule and distribute it to the Board.

### **ABA Partnership with Wyoming State Bar**

Executive Director Wilkinson directed the Board to a proposal she received from a law student in New York. After discussion about the content of the proposal, Blake Klinkner, President of the Young Lawyers Section, offered to be the point person for this initiative if the Board was interested in pursuing this. President Bonner suggested having him follow up on this.

### **President's Report**

President Bonner mentioned that he is working hard with Executive Director Wilkinson and the staff to get things in place for the Annual Meeting. He reported that instead of a typical keynote speaker at this year's Annual Banquet, he has decided to have five "Ted-Talk" style discussions centered around marriage equality. He gave a brief synopsis on all five of the speakers. President Bonner provided some other updates about Annual Meeting planning. He also gave Commissioner Nash recognition for helping with the sponsorship efforts.

### **President-Elect's Report**

President-Elect O'Connell reported that she and Executive Director Wilkinson attended the ALPS Bar Leader's Retreat in Missoula, Montana, in July. This is hosted every other year, and ALPS pays all costs. O'Connell and Wilkinson discussed some of the programs, topics and concerns that were brought to light at this retreat.

### **Vice President's Report**

Vice President Masterson did not have anything to report.

### **Executive Director's Report**

#### **Modest Means Program**

Executive Director Wilkinson shared the Modest Means Program flier as well as a proposed letter to the membership. She mentioned that work is underway with Cheyenne Technology to design the sign-up system for members interested in participating in the program.

#### **Legal Services Programs & Providers Brochures**

Executive Director Wilkinson mentioned that she sits on the Access to Justice Commission. There are sub-committees of that commission, and she serves on the Communications Working Group. One of the goals of that working group was to provide the public information about available legal services programs and providers. As a result of content supplied by Equal Justice Wyoming, Executive Director Wilkinson has designed a brochure that will be available at all Court Clerk's counters and county libraries.

#### **Elections**

Executive Director Wilkinson gave an update on the elections currently being conducted. She reported that typically the Bar sees a 30% participation rate in elections; however, participation is at 40%. She encouraged all commissioners to encourage their constituents' participation.

#### **Commissioners' Judicial District Meetings**

Executive Director Wilkinson reminded the commissioners that they are required by the Bylaws of the Wyoming State Bar to host an annual judicial district meeting. These must be held prior to September 11, 2015, the date of the Annual Business Meeting.

#### **Annual Meeting Lodging & Board Meeting**

Executive Director Wilkinson reminded the Board that she has already made lodging arrangements for all Board members at Snow King Resort for the Annual Meeting. She

will contact Board members to tailor their reservations according to their schedules. She also reminded the Board members that they are on their own for conference registration.

### **Wyoming Law Review**

Executive Director Wilkinson shared an e-mail that she had received from Klint Alexander, Dean of the UW College of Law. She reminded the Board that it made a decision in June 2014 to no longer fund the full \$26,000 for the Wyoming Law Review. Instead, the Board decided to develop an opt-in system for members and pay per subscription per member at the rate of \$5.00 per issue (February and August). Dean Alexander's request mentioned that the Law School was not able to cover the cost of printing for this year's issues. As a result, he is requesting that the Wyoming State Bar submit additional resources to cover the costs for this year only. Cathy Duncil shared that the difference would be \$5,230.00 in addition to the \$1,270.00 which was remitted on January 15, 2015, (which is reflective of \$5.00 per issue for 254 subscribers for the February issue) and \$1,345.00 which was remitted on July 15, 2015, (which is reflective of \$5.00 per issue for 269 subscribers for the August issue).

Commissioner Snyder made a motion to approve expending the money requested (\$5,230) by Dean Alexander. Commissioner Haderlie seconded the motion. Vice President Masterson recommended underscoring that this is just a one-year commitment. The motion carried unanimously.

This results in the Wyoming State Bar paying \$15.00 per issue per subscriber for the 2015 issues of the Wyoming Law Review.

### **ALPS Attorney Match**

Executive Director Wilkinson distributed information about the ALPS Attorney Match program and briefly discussed the benefits of the program. The Board gave Executive Director Wilkinson the green light to implement this program in Wyoming.

### **Legal Aid of Wyoming, Inc. Board of Directors**

Executive Director Wilkinson shared that she had been approached by Ray Macchia, Executive Director of Legal Aid of Wyoming, Inc., about the Board of Officers & Commissioners being responsible for appointing members to serve on the Legal Aid of Wyoming's Board of Directors. Having worked for the Bar for over 13 years, Executive Director Wilkinson does not recall the Bar ever being involved in this. As a result of her looking further into the matter, she learned that Legal Aid of Wyoming has been out of compliance with its bylaws for quite some time. This seems to be an attempt to get into compliance. Executive Director Wilkinson has gathered the bylaws but also the Legal Services Corporation regulations that govern Legal Aid of Wyoming. She shared that she has distributed a call for expressions of interest to the membership. The deadline for those is September 4, 2015. Following that date, she will share all expressions of interest with the Board of Officers & Commissioners and asked that the Board reserve some time at its September 11, 2015, meeting to fill the four attorney vacancies. Executive Director Wilkinson also clarified that she was originally told that this Board would also appoint the non-attorney members to the Board. In her review of

the Bylaws, she learned that the Legal Aid of Wyoming Board of Directors makes those appointments.

### **Young Lawyers Section President's Report**

Blake Klinkner, President of the Young Lawyers Section, reported that the Young Lawyers Section has reserved the rooftop at The Lift, a Jackson restaurant, for Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, for a networking event during Annual Meeting. The following day, the section will hold its annual meeting.

President Klinkner also reported that the Young Lawyers Section will be hosting its annual tailgate party prior to the University of Wyoming Cowboy football game on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged all Board members to attend.

President Klinkner reported that he is now the America Bar Association Young Lawyers Division District representative from Wyoming/Colorado. If there is ever an emergency, he is responsible for the disaster relief with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). He will serve in this position for the next two years. FEMA has contracted with the ABA to handle state-specific disaster relief; the ABA in turn assigned it to its Young Lawyers Division.

President-Elect O'Connell made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Snyder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

President Bonner adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2015.

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Minutes Submitted by:

Sharon Wilkinson  
Executive Director