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# The Board of Governors Wants You to Know That—

Some months ago Mr. Bert C. Ross of Seattle, Governor for the first Congressional District, and Mr. Alan G. Paine of Spokane, Governor for the Fifth Congressional District, each announced that he would not seek or desire reelection when their terms expired this year.

These gentlemen were elected on the first Board of Governors after the adoption of the Integrated Bar Act in 1933.

While the regular term of office for a board member is three years, the State Act provided that the members of the first board to be elected should, by lot, determine which two of their number should hold office for one year and which two for two years, leaving only two to receive a full three-year term.

In this "lottery" Mr. Paine and Mr. Ross each drew a one-year term.

A year later they were reelected for a full term, which has now expired.

It is fitting at this time that public recognition be given for the very valuable and conscientious services which each of these Governors has rendered to the Bar of the State during the very important period for which they have been serving on your Board of Governors.

At the recent elections held by the lawyers in each of these Congressional districts Mr. Philip S. Brooke of Spokane was elected to succeed Mr. Paine and Mr. Joseph A. Barto of Seattle was elected to succeed Mr. Ross.

To receive an election by mail ballot vote of all the lawyers voting in their respective Congressional districts is a distinct mark of confidence from their local fellow lawyers, and the Board welcomes these new members who, under the statute, begin to function as members immediately after they are "elected and qualified."

## **Election of State Association Delegate to American Bar Association**

The newly adopted American Bar Association constitution provides as follows:

"Each state and local bar association delegate shall be chosen in such manner as such association shall determine. He shall serve for the term of two years and until his successor shall have been certified."

(Article V., Section 6)

In view of the language of the above provision your Board of Governors did not feel that it should assume the authority of either choosing a delegate for the Association, or even the authority of deciding "such manner as such association shall determine."

It was the conclusion of the Board that it would be more democratic and more in harmony with the above quoted provision to have the manner of choosing the delegate determined by the Asso-

ciation at its annual meeting to be held in Bellingham, August 12th, 13th and 14th.

This conclusion seemed desirable for the further reason that the American Bar Association convention date has been fixed quite late, namely, September 27th, at Kansas City. This enables the new delegate to be chosen in ample time.

We trust that the members of the Association will be giving this question some consideration so as to take appropriate action at the convention.

The following methods of selection have already been suggested:

- (1) Direct selection by the members at the State Convention.
- (2) Selection by the Board of Governors under some one of the following provisions.
  - (a) An unrestricted or unconditional choice by the Board.
  - (b) A choice by the Board from among a list of nominees furnished to it by the various local associations throughout the State.
  - (c) A selection from a list of nominees to be filed with the secretary of the State Association, based upon nominating petitions similar to nominating petitions for positions on the Board of Governors.
- (3) Provide that the State Association president shall be the State Association delegate.
- (4) A selection by a mail ballot by the entire membership of the Bar Association (probably to be preceded by some nominating machinery similar to that now in use for election to the Board of Governors.)

**Board Meetings**

Your Board did not have any regular meeting in the months of January or May. Consequently during the present administration there will have been held ten meetings of your Board of Governors.

In conformity with the previous administration practices the Board has attempted to hold its meetings in various parts of the State so as to increase the acquaintance of the Bar with the work which the Board is doing. Of the ten meetings which will have been held during the present administration, the following have been held at points other than the executive offices of the Association in Seattle.

Wenatchee .....	October
Tacoma .....	February
Aberdeen .....	April
Longview-Kelso .....	June

The next meeting of the Board will be held in the Association's offices at Seattle, July 10th. This meeting, supplemented by a short meeting to be held in conjunction with the Bellingham convention, will complete the work of the Board for this year.

**Reinstatements**

Recently the Board recommended to the Supreme Court the

adoption of a new provision in respect to hearings on reinstatement applications.

The Supreme Court adopted the recommendations of the Board and the following is now the rule applicable to such cases:

“Section 48. NOTICE OF HEARING—The Secretary of the Board shall fix a time and place for hearing and mail notice thereof ten days prior to the hearing to the applicant, to the complainant, and to the committeemen in the disciplinary proceedings *which preceded the disbarment or resignation of the petitioner, if any*, and to such other persons as may be ordered by the Board. *Notice of the hearing shall also be published at least once in the ‘Washington Law Review and State Bar Journal’ or such other periodical as the Board may direct. Such published notice shall contain a statement that a petition for reinstatement has been filed, the date and grounds for the disbarment or resignation and the time fixed for the hearing of the petition for reinstatement.*”

#### **United States Constitution Sesquicentennial Commission**

The above commission was established by the Act of Congress of August 23, 1935, and the purpose is to provide suitable celebration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States. The celebration is to begin September 17, 1937, and continue through to April 30, 1939.

The commission has requested the cooperation of national, state, county and city bar associations, as well as other legal organizations. To quote from a communication from the commission itself, their desire is for such aid as

“... will enable the commission to present a clearer picture of the history, scope and purpose of the Constitution to the people of America.”

Pursuant to a request from the commission for a selection of a committee to assist in this program, your Board of Governors at its last meeting appointed Mr. Carl J. Smith, of the Seattle Bar, as Chairman of such a statewide committee, giving him authority to name the personnel of his own committee.

Mr. Smith, as is well known, has for years taken a very active part in the annual “Constitution Week” program.

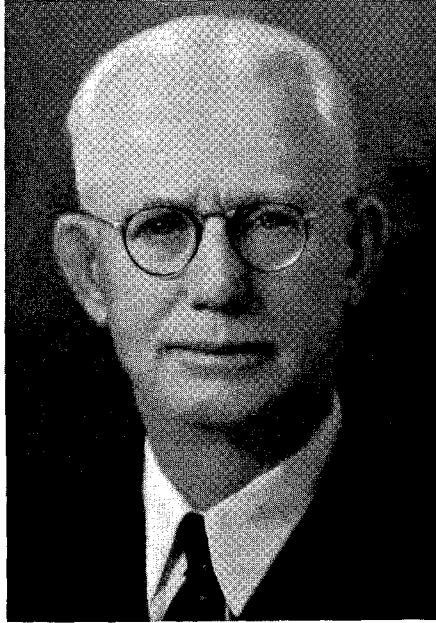
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Hotel reservations at the Bellingham and Leopold Hotels for the State Bar Association meeting may be made by writing the executive office of the Bar Association, 655 Dexter Horton Building, Seattle, or to either of such hotels direct. Rates at these hotels for the convention are announced as follows:

Bellingham Hotel—Room with double bed and bath, single occupancy, \$2.50, double occupancy, \$3.50

Corner room, double bed and bath, single occupancy, \$3.00, double occupancy, \$4.00.

Leopold Hotel—North Wing, all with bath, single occupancy, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. Double occupancy, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50. Room with twin beds, \$5.00.



**J. E. STEWART**

**President Washington State Bar Association**

At the annual meeting of the Washington State Bar Association, held at Bellingham on August 12, 13, 14, 1937, J. E. Stewart, of Aberdeen, was elected as president of the Association for the coming year.

Mr. Stewart has long been recognized as a leader of the profession in Southwestern Washington. He was born in McMinnville, Tennessee, on October 19, 1878. He received his elementary education in the public schools of Edgerton, Kansas, and his legal education at Stanford University. From 1913 to 1921 he held the office of prosecuting attorney of Grays Harbor County, and has been actively engaged in the general practice of law in Aberdeen since that time.

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JOSEPH A. BARTO

Mr. Barto, the newly elected member of the Board of Governors from the First Congressional District, was born in Seattle in 1888. He received his early education in the schools of that city and graduated from the University of Washington, with the degree of A. B. in 1911, and L. L. B. in 1913. From 1914 to 1918 he served as a deputy prosecuting attorney of King County. Since that time he has been continuously engaged in the private practice of law in Seattle, where he has for a number of years maintained his present association as a member of the firm of Lundin, Barto and Devin.

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