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## Montana Bar Association Activities

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**MONTANA BAR ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES\***

The 65th annual meeting of the Montana Bar Association held in Great Falls was a big success. The program was interesting for all the members of the Bar, and the members of the Cascade County Bar Association and their wives were excellent hosts.

A recommendation made in the president's report by President H. Cleveland Hall, and approved by the convention, resulted in a change in the by-laws of the association. Because of the previous provisions of the by-laws, the officers of the association frequently changed completely each year, and therefore there could be little possibility of a continuity of effort from year to year. The by-laws, as amended, provide for the election each year of a president, a president-nominee and a secretary-treasurer. The Executive Committee now consists of three regular members serving three-year terms, the term of one member expiring each year, plus the president, president-nominee and the secretary-treasurer, who are ex-officio members of the committee. The president-nominee acts as a vice president of the association and, as the title suggests, will be nominated for the office of president. Other nominations may be made from the floor of the convention. The changes assure the association of an Executive Committee whereon changes will be gradual and a continuous program may be carried out.

The present members of the Executive Committee are Hon. W. W. Lessley, Kendrick Smith and John H. Weaver, together with Fred Moulton, President; Wesley W. Wertz, President-nominee and John C. Sheehy, Secretary-Treasurer, who are ex-officio members. Miss Katherine Orchard of the staff of the Montana Supreme Court is presently serving as Executive Secretary.

The present Executive Committee is working on the development of a program which will mean more continuing legal education will be supplied for association members both at annual meetings, and likewise at other institute meetings. It is the desire of the association that it merit the support of all the lawyers in the state of Montana, and actually accomplish something for them in their profession, and enable the members of the Bar to better serve their clients and the public generally.

Among special committees appointed and in action at the present time is one headed by A. F. Lamey of Billings, chairman, for cooperation with the State Board of Equalization in working

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out problems of lawyers as related to problems of the Board, with the hope of ironing out some of the difficulties which confront both the Bar and the Board with reference to tax problems. The committee has been very active, has met with the Board on several occasions, and the possibility seems very good that the committee can achieve some real results.

Another special committee, headed by Henry Loble of Helena, is one for the cooperation of the Bar with the Montana Judges Association. One of the purposes of this committee is to assist the Judges Association in working out a proper bill, and assist in the passage of the same, the purpose being to make the office of the judiciary more attractive within the State of Montana. Since the salary of judges has not kept pace with living costs it will, in the absence of necessary legislation, be difficult to replace judges with men of the high caliber which has always typified the judiciary of Montana.

The state convention has been set for July 22nd to July 24th; the city is Billings. The Executive Committee and various other bar committees are making plans to assure a fine convention worthy of merit as the home state convention of W. J. Jameson, president of the American Bar Association. President Jameson has brought a great deal of honor to the bar of his home state by his election to the presidency and by his splendid service in that capacity, and it is hoped that the 1954 convention will have the greatest attendance ever had at one of our annual meetings.

We will look forward to seeing you at Billings July 22nd to July 24th.

FRED MOULTON  
Sincerely yours,  
President