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The Colorado Bar Association will hold its annual meeting on September 17 and 18, 1943, at the Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs, in accordance with a resolution adopted by the executive committee. President Edward L. Wood has appointed Benjamin E. Sweet of Denver as convention chairman.

Invitations have been sent to two prominent federal judges to be the principal speakers at the meeting and tentative acceptances have already been received.

While many details of the program remain to be worked out, Mr. Sweet has announced several of the featured highlights of this year's meeting. One will be a mock trial demonstrating some of the principal departures of the model code of evidence from the present rules. A subcommittee is now working out this trial.

The Saturday morning sessions will be devoted to section meetings. The water section, under the chairmanship of Malcolm Lindsey of Denver, will spend most of its meeting time to the second portion of the new irrigation code being prepared by this section. The first portion of the water code was recently enacted by the last legislature.

The section on probate, real estate, and trust law will consider further improvements in the trust and probate laws of the state, according to H. Lawrence Hinkley of Sterling, chairman of this section. A tentative proposal is before this group to urge the adoption by the legislature of certain uniform laws in respect to trusts and accounting, as modified by the section. In all probability the county judges association will meet with this group.

The district attorneys association is planning a worthwhile program for its Saturday morning session. Richard Simon of Englewood, its president, is working out details for this meeting.

Likewise the district judges association will probably hold its annual conference either on September 16 or during the convention if plans now being made by Judge John East of Colorado Springs, its chairman, materialize.

Two luncheon meetings will be held, and the convention will close with a banquet on Saturday evening.

Entertainment features are being arranged and will include swimming and golf at the Broadmoor and a cocktail party on Saturday afternoon. Special arrangements for the entertainment of the ladies are being made by the wives of the El Paso County lawyers.

State Association to Seek Higher Dues

Declaring that the present income of the association is insufficient to finance the activities of the state bar, the Board of Governors at its June meeting unanimously urged a change in the by-laws so that beginning July 1, 1945, dues would be \$5.00 per year. This change in the by-laws, if made by the annual convention in September, will have the effect of bringing the income in line with the expenditures and permit the continuance of the looseleaf service, DICTA and the free services rendered to Colorado lawyers in the armed forces.

At the present time twenty-six state bar associations are charging annual dues of \$5.00, while seventeen charge in excess of \$5.00. The six state associations charging less than \$5.00 are Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire and Oklahoma. Not one of these associations is giving to its members as much service as the Colorado bar does, and in addition, assessments and contributions are used to make up deficits.

The Colorado state medical association, on the other hand, is charging annual dues of \$36.25, and the state dental association dues are in excess of \$5.00 per year, hence the raise in state bar dues is not excessive and does not measure up to the average of other professional associations or to trade and union groups in this state.

In addition to the fact that the raise in dues was actually required to run the state association, the action of the Board of Governors was prompted by the fact that a small number of men, by means of sustaining memberships and contributions, are each year carrying a major share of the financial load of the association. It was thought that this burden should be equally distributed. In addition, the waiving of dues of the members in military service, to whom is sent the publications and services of the association without cost, has increased the per capita cost of