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Section on Irrigation Proposed by State Bar; Committee Created to Formulate Plan of Operation

A section of the Colorado Bar Association on Irrigation is now being organized according to an announcement made by William R. Kelly, President of the Association. The formation of sectional activity within the association is in accordance with the recommendations of the Executive Committee made in 1938.

In order to develop the frame work of the section, Malcolm Lindsey of Denver has been appointed chairman of a committee to draft by-laws and set up the machinery of organization. Other members of the committee are George M. Corlett, Monte Vista; John B. O'Rourke, Durango; Vena Pointer, Pueblo; Silmon Smith, Grand Junction; and S. R. Stephinon, Fort Morgan.

"Certainly no subject is of more interest in the way of public service in Colorado than the development of its water law," said President Kelly in his announcement. "The purpose of this section is to further the unity of the law as a science, to be to the interest of the profession in exchange of ideas in this field in which some originality of thought and application is always called for, and to perform the public obligation of service to the state. It will serve for an exchange of experiences in development of procedure and the protection of water rights, and I am sure it will be to the benefit of all those who participate. At the same time, it will serve as a means of getting more considered action in the way of recommendations by The Colorado Bar Association on matters of legislation and defense of water rights. As it is, such a committee has often well-developed its problems within the committee, but when it came to ask for action of the whole bar association, it met with those who had not given a considered vote on what was being done, and often the recommendation failed because it had not had sufficient preparation.

"It is intended the section will meet, not only through its committee, but through the members of the section. These meetings can be in the interim, as well as at the time of the annual convention of The Colorado Bar Association. I think it well that, in the interim, such recommendations as are desired in the way of legislation should be formulated and first presented to the Board of Governors, so that there will be that much preparation for action, asking approval at annual membership meetings of The Colorado Bar Association.

"The value of sections is not only in getting together the most interested members as a group to exchange practical experiences on matters of substantive law and practice. It is also to interest enough other members so that standard policies may be adopted by the association and eventually prevail through legislation or otherwise. Sections get to-

gether in a better way than mere committees groups who are united in interest and have a desire for action. They are a better means of settlement of differences of opinion within the section by men who know the subject and have an individual interest in the action proposed. Thereby, policies can be determined in a way more likely to serve their intended purpose than can committee recommendations, not endorsed and usually not studied by a great majority of the association members."

The Board of Governors has indicated that it will formulate other sections within the association if a sufficient interest of members is shown.

Treasurer's Letter to President Reveals State Bar Faces Deficiency Unless Members Pay Dues

William R. Kelly, President,
The Colorado Bar Association,
Greeley, Colorado.

February 15, 1940

Dear Mr. Kelly:

The following is a revised report showing the status of the various affiliated associations as respects the payment of dues to the State Association as of the date of this letter.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Number of Members</i>	<i>Number Whose 1940 Dues Are Paid</i>
Denver Bar Ass'n.....	569	418
Boulder County Bar.....	34	31
El Paso County Bar.....	53	53
First Jud. Dist. Bar.....	15	15
Fremont County Bar.....	15	13
Larimer County Bar.....	25	24
Mesa County Bar.....	23	13
Midwestern Bar.....	24	24
Ninth Jud. Dist. Bar.....	16	16
Otero County Bar.....	12	7
Pueblo County Bar.....	43	24
San Luis Valley Bar.....	23	22
Southern Colo. Bar.....	20	15
Southeastern Colo. Bar.....	16	14
Southwestern Colo. Bar.....	22	15
13th Jud. Dist. Bar.....	42	32
Weld County Bar.....	39	39
General	8	4
Non-Resident	4	3
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Our present financial status is as follows:

The balance on hand is \$575.00. It is estimated that the ordinary expenses for the balance of the year will amount to \$1,100.00, consisting of \$600.00 for the annual report, and \$100.00 per month for the five remaining months of the fiscal year, including February, which means that we shall have to collect an additional \$525.00 in order to break even.

You will remember that when the Board of Governors met in December, it was suggested that we might be confronted with the alternative of raising the dues of the State Association or limiting its activities. Judging from the article in the January number of Dicta regarding dues paid in other states, and the present condition of our finances, it seems to me that our dues should be increased.

The next fiscal year begins July 1, 1940, and, if the dues for next year are to be raised, action to that end should be taken well in advance of that date if possible, so that the treasurers of the affiliated associations may be informed in apt time.

If it is felt that the dues should not be increased, then something should be done to increase our membership, or to stimulate the payment of dues (particularly in Denver), or to obtain funds from other sources, if the program of the reorganized association is to be carried out.

It should not be inferred from the above that the expenses of the Association are greater than they have been in past years. Our total expenses for this fiscal year will approximate \$3,000.00 as contrasted with an average of something like \$3,350.00 for the three preceding years. You will also remember that I previously called attention to the fact that we expended during the last fiscal year approximately \$400.00 of funds properly allocated to the current year. This fact is also to be taken into consideration as accounting for a major portion of our deficiency for this year.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD C. KING, *Treasurer.*

A special meeting of the Denver Bar Association is investigating the possibility of extending an invitation to the American Bar Association to meet in Denver during 1941. A formal decision on the matter will be presented to the association for action as soon as Sam K. Smith, executive Vice-President of the Tourist & Convention Bureau, is able to supply the committee with pertinent data.

Members of the Committee are: Mason Lewis, Chairman; G. Dexter Blount, Wilbur F. Denious, Stanley Wallbank, Hugh D. Henry, Frank Fetzer, and S. Arthur Henry, *ex-officio.*