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COLORADO BAR REORGANIZED

By WILBUR F. DENIOUS

THE reorganization plan, which was freely discussed during the past year, was unanimously adopted by the Colorado Bar Association at its meeting last September, and is now in operation.

Under the new plan the local bar associations which elect to become affiliated with the Colorado Association are in fact the foundation of bar organization in this state. The members of each such local association automatically become members of the State Association, with the dues reduced from \$6.00 to \$3.00. All of the local associations except one have elected to affiliate. The membership of the State Association thus enlarged includes 75 per cent of the Colorado bar. The organization for the first time is truly representative and authorized to speak for the bar of this state.

In addition to the affiliation feature, the principal objectives of the new plan are (1) to make the state organization actually representative of the local associations, and (2) to give continuity to the work and efforts of the organization.

To accomplish the representative feature, each local association selects its own representative on the Board of Governors, in which is lodged the executive control of the organization, and if any local association has more than one hundred members it may select one such representative for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. From this board the president selects an executive committee of five members, which may act when the board is not in session.

Each local association also selects its representative on each of the standing committees. To prevent the committees from being unwieldy, the president may select five of the members as the active members and the remainder are associate members. Provision is made for four vice-presidents, and one must come from each Congressional District.

There are five on the nominating committee. The presi-

dent is an ex-officio member, and of the other four, one must come from each Congressional District.

To accomplish the feature of continuity, the terms of the members of the Board of Governors and of the standing committees are staggered so that half of the members are selected each year and the other half hold over. A president-elect is chosen each year. He immediately becomes an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors, and becomes president one year hence, thus giving him a whole year to become familiar with the work of the association and to formulate his own plans.

It is believed the new plan will work well. It may need revision from time to time, but this can easily be brought about.

Under the leadership of G. Dexter Blount, as president, the new administration is starting off vigorously and enthusiastically. The president and secretary have already made official visits to several local associations. They are handicapped by not having a journal, which would enable them to communicate frequently with the members and the local associations, but that will soon be remedied, and once the organization is under way it will render valuable services to the members and the public.

This will undoubtedly be one of the most active and successful years in the history of the Colorado Bar Association.

The officers and some of the committees of the association are as follows:

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