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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

The Executive Committee held a meeting at Bismarck May 3d and 4th to consider a number of matters. Among these are: (a) fixing the time of the annual meeting; (b) the advisability of arranging for a concentrated lecture course in connection with the annual meeting; (c) advisability of employing an Executive Secretary on a part or full time basis; and (d) adoption of a schedule of fees. I will report briefly on our action taken.

(a) The annual meeting will be held in Bismarck the week of August 25th. A definite date will be determined later and in time to appear in the next issue of Bar Briefs.

(b) It was the concensus that we should sponsor a concentrated lecture course on some phase of Federal Taxation, in addition to the sectional meetings that proved so popular. The concensus also was that a three day lecture course to be followed by two days for business meetings and sectional topics, would be too long. We will therefore try to concentrate it into three days. We will communicate with those who may give the lectures and hope to work out some satisfactory plan. It would be very helpful if the lawyers would advise whether three days should be the maximum or whether they would be willing to spend another day or a total of four days.

(c) The Committee decided upon employing an Executive Secretary on a part or full time basis. Applications are solicited in this issue and we hope to be able to make a suitable appointment in the near future.

(d) Pursuant to the direction of the members at the annual meeting in Valley City, the Committee approved a schedule of minimum fees that appears in this issue. Whatever increases were made, we feel are fully justified by the amount of work required, the increased overhead expenses, as well as the increased cost of living. We hope the schedule will meet with your approval and that it will be closely adhered to.

A number of other matters were discussed; among them, the sponsoring of a course in lawmaking to be given to new legislators as well as those who already served but desire to take the course. Many of the matters discussed will no doubt be referred to at the annual meeting. Please plan to attend our annual meeting. We would like to make it interesting and profitable to you and we can do so only by good attendance.

Sincerely yours,
H. A. MACKOFF, President.