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THE FIFTH National Conference of Law Reviews met on Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4, 1959, with the Western Reserve Law Review serving as host. The Conference attracted some 95 Editors, Faculty Advisors and Delegates representing 37 law reviews from coast-to-coast.

At the General Session on Friday morning, following opening remarks by the Conference Chairman, Lyman Treadway, Dean Edgar I. King of the Western Reserve University School of Law set the tone for the Conference in his keynote address, in which he challenged the law reviews of the country to further their efforts, both individually and jointly, in striving for constant improvement of our legal processes. The Conference members then proceeded to participate in forum discussions dealing with selection and organization of staffs. In the afternoon there followed further forum discussions concerning major articles, book reviews, and student notes and comments.

The Conference was highlighted by dinner Friday evening, at which time Justice Stanley Reed addressed the Conference on "Observations on the Effect of Constitutional Interpretation on American Life."

On Saturday morning the Conference discussions took up such matters as circulation, advertising and finances.

As a result of the enthusiasm generated among the various delegates, the Conference, in its final session adopted a number of resolutions which are certain to become milestones in the history of the Conference. It was overwhelmingly conceded by those present that the Conference was of sufficient benefit to warrant annual meetings, instead of biennuel as formerly held. The University of Colorado was selected to serve as host for the Sixth National Conference in 1960, with the expectation that many of the western schools would thereby find it more practical to attend. Also, the length of the Conference was increased to a minimum of two days and a committee was appointed to draft a Constitution formalizing the Conference procedures.

From the enthusiastic response and participation of the member law reviews, it is felt that the Conference was eminently successful in bringing law reviews together to discuss common problems. For that reason the Western Reserve Law Review thoroughly enjoyed its role as host and extends an open invitation for a return engagement any time into the indefinite future.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE
FIFTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF LAW REVIEWS

1. Be it resolved, First, that a National Conference of Law Reviews be held annually, at a time and place to be determined by the member law review delegates at the prior National Conference.

Second, that the delegates to the National Conference select a member law review, which shall act as host for the succeeding National Conference.

Third, that the duties of the host law review shall be:

- a. To appoint one of its student members to the position of Chairman of the National Conference of Law Reviews to preside at the succeeding National Conference.
- b. To keep records concerning the National Conference, including a financial record of all receipts and disbursements; copies of all communications from the host law review to the members of the Conference pertaining to the affairs of the National Conference; minutes of the general meetings of the National Conference; and submit a procedural and administrative report of the Conference.
- c. To maintain said records and, upon adjournment of the National Conference, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, to transmit them to the succeeding host law review.
- d. To remit forthwith to the succeeding host law review any excess of receipts over disbursements, to be applied by the succeeding host law review against expenditures incurred for the next National Conference.
- e. To appoint one of its student members to the position of Secretary of the National Conference of Law Reviews, who shall record the minutes of the general meetings of the National Conference.
- f. To provide recorders who shall attend the meetings of the discussion groups at the National Conference and record the proceedings of the same.
- g. To distribute among the schools who have attended the National Conference a digest of the proceedings thereof as soon as practicable after the conclusion of the Conference.

Be it further resolved, that all resolutions adopted at this and subsequent Conferences be published as a matter of record in the host school's law review as soon as possible following the Conference.

2. Be it resolved that the Committee on Permanent Organization recommend to the Fifth National Conference of Law Reviews that a Committee be appointed to draft a formal Constitution for presentation at the Sixth National Conference of Law Reviews.

For purposes of geographical convenience, a sub-committee comprised of representatives of New York University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Howard University shall be appointed to prepare and draft a Constitution in accordance with the substantive principles established by the Committee on Permanent Organization.

3. Be it resolved that the Resolutions passed by the Fifth National Conference of Law Reviews be adopted as Temporary Rules of Operation until such time as a Constitution be adopted.
4. Be it resolved that in order to qualify to present a bid to serve as host for the National Conference of Law Reviews, the law review submitting the bid shall have a junior member of the review in attendance at the National Conference at which the bid is submitted.
5. Be it resolved that the duration of the National Conference be left to the discretion of the Host Law Review, but that the Conference be increased to a minimum of two full days.
6. Be it resolved that the National Conference of Law Reviews be held between March 15 and April 15, the final choice of date to be left to the discretion of the Host Law Review.
7. Be it resolved that it be the duty of the Committee on Permanent Organization to appoint a Program Sub-committee from its members for the purpose of making program suggestions to the Host Law Review selected for the next National Conference. This Sub-committee shall meet with the next Host Law Review during the prior National Conference, and shall act in an advisory capacity during the ensuing year.
8. Be it resolved that the Fifth National Conference of Law Reviews, in assembly, express its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the exemplary hospitality and assistance given to the Conference by the host school, Western Reserve University School of Law, and for the sacrifice of time and services so freely given by Lyman Treadway and all the members of his staff who have made the conferees' stay in Cleveland a profitable and memorable experience.