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# League of Women Voters of Texas

1841 Bingle Rd., Houston, Texas 77055

## MINUTES

### State Board Meeting

Continental Hotel, 101 Main St., Houston, Texas  
January 16, 17 and 18, 1968

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1968

The morning was given over to committee meetings.

The state Board meeting was called to order at 1:10 P. M. The following members were present:

Mrs. D. A. Ballard  
Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe  
Mrs. Robert E. Casperson  
Mrs. F. L. Duckworth  
Mrs. Robert Hausman  
Mrs. William E. Joor  
Mrs. James G. Lancaster  
Mrs. Herbert C. Martin  
Mrs. Wilson Nolle

Mrs. Francis B. May  
Mrs. Ralph McKinlay  
Mrs. E. S. Prashner  
Mrs. Darol K. Ramey  
Mrs. Abe Rosenzweig  
Mrs. H. G. Taylor  
Mrs. Darvin Winick

Mrs. S. E. Ziegler was absent because of the illness of her mother. Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, chairman of the State and National Bylaws Committee and of the 50th Anniversary Committee and chairman of the LWV of Texas Education Fund, and Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, field service staff specialist, were present. Mrs. Joor presided.

Mrs. Brown asked to alter the order on the agenda of the several items upon which she was to report. Permission was granted, and she spoke first about Education Fund business.

### GUIDE FOR JURORS:

Mrs. Brown reported that the LWV of Texas Education Fund will go ahead immediately with printing 50,000 GUIDES FOR JURORS, at Fund expense, and will then try for financing of an additional printing by a foundation. The initial printing will be ready for distribution at the state League Convention, it is expected. A newsletter from the Fund will come out about March 15, to go on duplicate president's mailing.

### Distinguished Citizen's Award:

The Trustees of the Education Fund, Mrs. Brown said, recommend that the state League consider, when the occasion warrants, the presentation of a distinguished citizen's award at the League's state convention. The Trustees suggest that the first distinguished citizen's award be made to Judge W. St. John Garwood, for his contribution in the past to the League of Women Voters of Texas, the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund, and the citizens of Texas, that the award be either a plaque or a framed citation, and that the presentation be made to Judge Garwood in San Antonio as a highlight of the state Convention next March. Judge

Garwood was not present at the Trustees meeting, Mrs. Brown mentioned. The Trustees would like the state Board to word the inscription, and the Fund and the League would share equally the expense of the award. A plaque, which would be more expensive than the citation, would cost about \$50, and to this would be added the expense of Judge and Mrs. Garwood attending the presentation. In response to a question, Mrs. Brown suggested for the inscription: "For outstanding service and contributions to the League of Women Voters of Texas, the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund, and the citizens of Texas."

#### Fiftieth Anniversary of the LWV of Texas:

Mrs. Brown recommended that the LWV of Texas have its own 50th anniversary celebration on October 19, 1969, with, perhaps, some sort of statewide meeting in San Antonio (where the state League was formed). The celebration might feature an outside speaker and a dinner honoring past presidents of the LWV of Texas. It was noted that October 19, 1969, is a Sunday, which might be an advantage. This would lead up to the national League celebration in 1970. In answer to a question as to what the state Board would be expected to do regarding the celebration, Mrs. Brown replied that the 50th Anniversary Committee would do most of the work and that planning would be done by the committee and the Board with a very little help from the San Antonio League. As soon as the committee is formed--Mrs. Brown would like to have four or five members appointed--planning will begin.

#### HISTORY OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS:

Mrs. Brown asked that Board members, who received the history in late November, write to her as soon as possible their comments about it. She added that the history might be used to kick off the 50th anniversary celebration at the 1969 Presidents' Council, or it might be introduced later.

#### State Bylaws - Amendments Recommended by the Committee:

Mrs. Brown reported that the State and National Bylaws Committee is recommending extensive revision of the state Bylaws. (The present Bylaws were adopted June 19, 1947; amended in 1956, 1958 and 1960; revised March 27, 1962; and amended in 1966.)

The committee recommended the following changes in our state Bylaws to make them conform to the standard Bylaws for state Leagues and, with regard to Art. III, to reflect the views sent in by state Board members last year. CHANGES FROM PRESENT BYLAWS ARE UNDERLINED THROUGHOUT THIS AND THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE MINUTES.

#### ARTICLE I Name

Sec. 1. Name. The name of this corporation shall be the League of Women Voters of Texas. This state League is an integral part of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

#### ARTICLE II Purpose and Policy

Sec. 2. Policy. The League may take action on state governmental measures and policies in the public interest in conformity with

the Principles of the League of Women Voters of the United States. It shall not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

ARTICLE III Membership

Sec. 1. Eligibility. Any person who subscribes to the purpose and policy of the League shall be eligible for membership.

Sec. 2. How Composed. The League of Women Voters of Texas shall be composed of members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are enrolled in recognized local Leagues within the state, and of members-at-large of the League of Women Voters of the United States residing within Texas.

Sec. 3. Types of Membership.

- a) Voting members shall be those women citizens of voting age who are enrolled in recognized local Leagues or members-at-large serving on the state Board.
- b) Associate members shall be all other members who are enrolled in recognized local Leagues.
- c) Members-at-large shall be members who reside outside the area of and are not enrolled in a recognized local League. They shall pay annual dues of \$10.00.

Mrs. Brown pointed out that members in provisional Leagues are members-at-large, as are individuals not associated with any group.

Mrs. Ramey moved that the Board recommend to the state Convention the changes recommended by the committee in Articles I, II, and III. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED.

No changes were proposed in the present Article VI, Officers, except to change the number to Article IV as in the standard Bylaws.

The committee recommended the following changes in Article V in order to be consistent with the changes in Article I, Name, and Article III, Membership.

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

Sec. 2. Qualifications. No person shall be elected or appointed or shall continue to serve as an officer or director of this corporation unless she is a voting member enrolled in a local League of Women Voters in the state of Texas or a member-at-large of the state League who is a woman citizen of voting age.

Mrs. Winick moved that the changes proposed by the committee in Article V be recommended to the Convention. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Brown pointed out that in the proposed Bylaws Article VI would be the Local Leagues article and would replace Article IV of the present Bylaws. The committee recommended the following wording for Article VI.

## ARTICLE VI Recognition of Local and Provisional Leagues.

## Sec. 1. Local Leagues.

- a) Local Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of the United States.
- b) The Board of Directors shall recommend to the national Board that the national Board recognize as a local League any group of members of the League of Women Voters of the United States in any community within the state, provided the group meets recognition standards for local Leagues as adopted by the national Convention.
- c) In the event of recurring failure of a local League to meet recognition standards, the Board of Directors shall recommend to the national Board that the national Board withdraw recognition from the local League. All funds held by a local League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Sec. 2. Provisional Leagues.

- a) Provisional Leagues are those Leagues which have been so recognized by the League of Women Voters of Texas.
- b) The Board of Directors has responsibility for the establishment of new Leagues. For this purpose, the Board may organize a group of women in a community in which no local League exists and shall recognize the group as a provisional League when it meets the recognition standards for provisional Leagues adopted by the national Convention.
- c) The Board of Directors shall withdraw recognition from a provisional League for recurring failure to meet the standards for recognizing a provisional League or for failure to progress toward recognition as a local League. All funds held by a provisional League from which recognition has been withdrawn shall be paid to the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Mrs. Brown asked for deletion of the word "so" at the end of the first line of Sec. 2 (a) as it is not necessary. She also commented that the proposed Article VI spells out more clearly than our present Bylaws the powers and duties of the state Board with regard to recognition and promotion of new Leagues. Mrs. Ballard moved that the proposed Article VI of the Bylaws be recommended to the Convention. Seconded. CARRIED.

The committee recommended that Article VII, Financial Administration, remain the same as in the present Bylaws except that a new section, Sec. 4, be added with the following wording:

## ARTICLE VII Financial Administration

Sec. 4. Distribution of Funds on Dissolution. In the event of a dissolution for any cause of the League of Women Voters of Texas, all moneys and securities which may at the time be owned by or under the absolute control of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be

paid to the League of Women Voters of the United States. All other property of whatsoever nature, whether real, personal, or mixed which may at the time be owned by or under the control of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be disposed of by any officer or employee of the corporation having possession of same to such person, organization, or corporation, for such public, charitable or educational uses and purposes as may be designated by the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Texas.

Mrs. Braunagel explained that the national Board organizes the state League and the national Board would dissolve us, under Sec. 4, as we do the local Leagues. Discussion of adding to the first sentence of Sec. 4 the phrase, "in accordance with the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States," culminated in a motion by Mrs. Nolle. She moved that the proposed Sec. 4 be amended by inserting "in accordance with the Bylaws of the League of Women Voters of the United States" after "Texas" in the second line of the section. Seconded. Motion LOST, with 2 in favor and 8 against. Mrs. Martin moved that the Board recommend to the Convention the new Section 4 of Article VII as proposed by the committee. Mrs. Winick seconded. CARRIED.

The committee recommended that the first sentence of Sec. 3 of Article VIII be changed as follows:

#### ARTICLE VIII Convention

Sec. 3. Qualifications of Delegates and Voting. Each delegate shall be a voting member in the state of Texas.

Mrs. Brown explained that the requirement in the present Bylaws that a delegate can only be enrolled in a recognized local League is inconsistent with the recommended changes in the Bylaws regarding members-at-large. Mrs. Ballard moved that the Board recommend to the Convention the change proposed by the committee in the first sentence of Sec. 3 of Article VIII. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED.

Without formal vote the Board agreed to recommend to the Convention the re-numbering of Articles IX through XI of the present Bylaws so that the articles are as follows:

ARTICLE IX Council (No change proposed in wording of article)

ARTICLE X Nominations and Elections (No change proposed in wording of article)

ARTICLE XI Program (No changes are proposed in wording of article, but the sections need to be re-numbered and the first 3 titled, to reflect amendments voted by the 1966 Convention in Sec. 2 and Sec. 3 (a).

Sec. 1. Principles.

Sec. 2. Program.

Sec. 3. Convention Action.

Sec. 4. Member Action.

Sec. 5. Local League Action.

The committee recommended that Article XIV be rewritten as follows:

ARTICLE XIV Amendments

Sec. 1. Amendments. These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any Convention, using the following procedures:

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- a) Proposals for change shall be submitted by any local League Board to the Board of Directors at least four months prior to the Convention.
  - b) All such proposals together with the recommendations of the Board shall be sent to the presidents of the local Leagues at least prior to the Convention.
  - c) The presidents of the local Leagues shall notify the members of their respective Leagues of the proposed amendments. Failure of a local League president to give such notice or failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate amendments to the Bylaws.
  - d) Voting delegates to the Convention shall adopt by a two-thirds vote amendments recommended by the Board of Directors.
  - e) Voting delegates to the Convention shall vote on amendments that have been submitted for consideration to but not recommended by the Board of Directors, provided that the Convention shall order consideration by a majority vote and shall adopt the amendments by a two-thirds vote.

Mrs. Brown explained that in wording and arrangement the proposed article conforms to the standard Bylaws for state Leagues and the remainder of our own Bylaws, and that sections d) and e), which are absent from the standard Bylaws, are included because they spell out the procedure we have been using in the adoption of Bylaws. Mrs. McKinlay moved that the Board recommend to the Convention adoption of Article XIV as proposed by the committee. Mrs. Nolle seconded. CARRIED.

State Bylaws - Recommendations Submitted by Local Leagues:

Mrs. Brown reported that local Leagues have proposed five amendments to the present Bylaws. The committee recommends none of them. Two amendments, which are related, are as follows:

ARTICLE V Board of Directors

Sec. 1. (Second sentence) The elected Directors shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve from June 1st following their election until the May 31st following the next regular Convention.

ARTICLE VI Officers

Sec. 1. (Second sentence) They, excepting the Treasurer, shall hold office from June 1st following their election until May 31st following the next regular Convention. The Treasurer shall assume office April 1st so that her term will be concurrent with the

beginning of the fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Texas. She shall hold office until April 1st following the next regular Convention.

These amendments were submitted by the following Leagues: Bay Area, Richardson, San Antonio, San Marcos, Tarrant County, Wichita Falls. They were supported by the LWV's of El Paso and Waco but no formal proposals were sent by these Leagues.

Mrs. Ramey moved that the Board not recommend to the Convention the amendments to Articles V and VI. Mrs. Nolle seconded. CARRIED.

The same Leagues which submitted and supported the amendments to Articles V and VI also proposed amending Article VIII as follows:

#### ARTICLE VIII Convention

Sec. 1. Place, Date, Call and Notification. A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held during the odd-numbered years. (The rest of the section and the article would remain the same as at present.)

The League of Women Voters of Dallas proposed rewriting Article VIII, Sec. 1, as follows (brackets indicate deletions):

#### ARTICLE VIII Convention

Sec. 1. Place, Date, Call and Notification. A Convention of the League of Women Voters of Texas shall be held biennially in odd-numbered years at a time and place determined by the Board of Directors. [The time and place of the Convention shall be determined by the Board of Directors.] The President shall send a first call for the Convention to the presidents of the local Leagues at least four months prior to the opening [date] of the Convention [fixed in said call]. Thereafter the Board of Directors may advance or postpone the opening date of the Convention by not more than two weeks [from the date fixed in the first call]. A final call for the Convention shall be sent by the President to the presidents of the local Leagues at least two months before the Convention.

Discussion centered on the proposed change of Convention to odd-numbered years. This is a change which has been proposed to the Board many times by various Leagues and has been voted down at several state Conventions. In 1964 it was recommended by the Board. In the discussion Mrs. Joor mentioned that it would be a disadvantage to change officers at a different time from other state Leagues, and Mrs. Ballard felt that the change in convention years would reduce the attendance from Texas at national Convention. Speaking in favor of the change Mrs. Brownscombe mentioned the heavy load of Program making local Leagues have when both state and national Program suggestions must be made at the same time, as is the case now with state and national conventions occurring the same year. Mrs. Casperson pointed out that the Board would need to re-evaluate the proposed change of Convention if the legislature goes on annual sessions.

Mrs. Prashner moved that the Board not recommend to the Convention adoption of either of the proposed Bylaws changes regarding the date of Convention. Mrs. Casperson seconded. CARRIED, with two dissents.

An amendment to Article VIII, Sec. 4, has been proposed by the LWV of Dallas, as follows:

ARTICLE VIII Convention

Sec. 4. Representation. The members of the League of Women Voters of the United States who are organized into recognized local Leagues in the State of Texas shall be entitled to one delegate for the first 20 voting members and one delegate for every 20 additional voting members or major fraction thereof belonging to said local League on January 1st of said year provided that no local League may have more than 20 delegates accredited to the Convention. The record in the state office of paid up voting members on January 1st of the year in which the Convention is held shall determine the official membership count for this purpose.

It was pointed out that this change would remove the ceiling on the number of delegates from the largest Leagues and would also reduce the number of delegates from big, middle size, and small Leagues; thus the potential influence of the largest Leagues on the Convention would be increased in two ways. It was also pointed out that the increase in influence would be only potential, since under the present Bylaws the largest Leagues had their full quota of delegates only when the Convention was in their cities. Implicit in the amendment is the question of how much influence any one of the several size-groupings of Leagues should have in relation to the whole membership of the League in Texas. Mrs. Ramey moved that the Board not recommend to the Convention adoption of the proposed amendment to Sec. 4 of Article VIII. Mrs. Casperson seconded. CARRIED, with one dissent.

Mrs. Ramey then moved that Sec. 4, Article VIII, be amended to read that no local League may have more than 30 delegates accredited to the Convention. Mrs. Nolle seconded. This would raise the present ceiling on delegates from 20 to 30. Mrs. May said that this amendment should be considered before we vote and we have not had sufficient notice to consider it. Mrs. Brown concurred. The motion was LOST, with 4 votes in favor and 8 against.

Committee Meetings:

The Board recessed at 2:55 P. M. for committee meetings during the rest of the afternoon and in the evening.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1968

The Board meeting reconvened at 9:00 A. M. with only Mrs. Rosenzweig and Mrs. Ziegler absent. Mrs. Braunagel, Mrs. Thomas Colwell, executive secretary, and Mrs. Byrl Ruland, secretary, were also present. Mrs. Joor presided.

Letter From Professor McSwain:

Mrs. Joor referred to the letter from Professor Angus McSwain, Dean of the School of Law, Baylor University, which she had quoted in her pre-Board report. Dean McSwain had requested "advice and counsel from the League of Women Voters of Texas on the policy decisions which must be made" in connection with writing the remainder of a new Family Code for the state of Texas, for submission to the 1969 Legislature. The marital property rights portion of the Code, which is a project of the Family Law section of the Texas State Bar Association, was enacted into law by the 1967 Legislature. The subjects remaining to be covered in the Code are: marriage, divorce, annulment, adoption, termination of parental rights, custody, support, and juvenile law.

In discussing Dean McSwain's request it was pointed out that although there had been no state Program item touching on any of these topics since the Family Courts item (last carried on state Program for 1960-62) many local Leagues have studied some of these subjects in connection with their local Program items. Mrs. Nolle moved that the state Board check over local League Program items and send to Dean McSwain a list of local Leagues which have worked on any of the subjects he mentioned. A cover letter from Mrs. Joor would also go to Dean McSwain, and letters would go to the local Leagues on the list introducing him and the project. Mrs. Casperson seconded. CARRIED.

Minutes:

Mrs. Brownscombe reported that the heavy load of work connected with her chairmanship of the Area Conference Committee had made it impossible to prepare full minutes of the Board meeting of September 12, 13 and 14, 1967, but that she had prepared partial minutes, which include all of the decisions of the Board, and had distributed them to the Board members yesterday. She said that if Board members wanted them, partial minutes of the present meeting could be sent out next week. Board members responded that it was the discussion in the minutes which was particularly useful to them and that they would prefer to have the full minutes as soon as possible (which Mrs. Brownscombe estimated would be in about three weeks, if all went well) instead of having partial minutes and then the full minutes. Mrs. Brownscombe said that as soon as she had completed the minutes of the present meeting she would prepare full minutes of the September Board meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Taylor referred the Board to her report for the nine months of April 1 through December 31, 1967, and gave the figures for income and expenses during the period January 1 to January 15, 1968, to be added to the nine months report. As of January 15 the local Leagues have paid approximately 9/10 of their pledges, with \$3,152.00 still to be paid. Payment of the state pledge to National has been completed. Through January 15, income from the sale of state publications is about 30% greater than was budgeted for the year and the expenditures on the publications have been somewhat less than budgeted, even though two-thirds of the expenses for office supplies are now being included in publications expense.

Mrs. Taylor said that approximately \$175.00 of the over-expenditure in Program research and development (\$180.87 as of January 15) comes from the State Program Committee meeting in Austin in December to formulate a proposed Program for 1968-70. Illustrative of the difficulty of deciding, sometimes, just where an expenditure should be shown, was Mrs. Taylor's comment that the \$84.00 expense of art work for the Legislature item kits should go under the cost of publications, not in Program research and development. Mrs. Taylor answered questions from Board members as to where various items of expenditure would be put in the financial statements. Mrs. May commented that as Budget Committee chairman she needed to know the distribution of the expenditures in order to explain and defend various items in the 1968-69 budget to the Convention.

A question regarding bills turned in next year for expenses incurred this year was answered by Mrs. Ramey, former treasurer, who said that Mrs. Brown, immediate past president, had told her that expenses incurred up through March 31 would come out of the present budget. Mrs. Joor mentioned that the post-Convention Board meeting expense might come out of next year's budget, for although it came in March it would be the beginning of next year's League work.

Mrs. Taylor said that we should try to live within our budget and she asked Board members to estimate how much more each is going to spend before the end of the fiscal year. Mrs. Hausman said there would be the expense of the awards for the winners in the membership campaign, and she asked where it would come from since it had not been listed in the budget. Mrs. Taylor replied that any expense of a committee which is not listed for that committee in the budget goes under Board of Directors. Mrs. Casperson mentioned that Mrs. May and Mrs. Lancaster would be going later this month to the Brazos County Provisional League to conduct a workshop on election laws, and she asked if the expense of this would be charged to field service, which is \$600.00 over-expended. Mrs. Brownscombe said that she had bills of around \$75.00 to turn in for Area Conference Committee expenses and of about \$20.00 for Xeroxing and mailing Board meeting minutes. Mrs. Taylor reminded the Board that in several items less would be spent than had been budgeted, which would, hopefully, make up for the deficit in other accounts.

Mrs. Joor said that the treasurer's report would be filed for audit.

#### Convention:

Mrs. Hausman invited Board members, as many as five, to stay at her home during the Board meeting and Convention in San Antonio and said she lives within five minutes of El Tropicano, the Convention motel. The Board thanked her for her invitation.

Mrs. Ramey's report on the Convention dealt primarily with the following topics: the speakers and the banquet, finances, Little Meetings, deadlines, and the awards. There will be a progress report to the state Board as soon as Mrs. Ramey receives the reports of the San Antonio Convention committee, requested for January 15.

Speakers and the banquet. There will be two speakers at the banquet on the evening of Wednesday, March 27. They are: Mrs. Margaret Price,

national vice-chairman of the Democratic party, and Mrs. C. Wayland Brooks, national assistant chairman of the Republican party. These women hold the next-to-the-top positions in the national structure of the parties and are particularly appropriate speakers for this election year. The committee recommended that the two speakers sit with the state president, who will act as moderator of the banquet session. The committee wants Mrs. Price and Mrs. Brooks to speak on such subjects as "vision and experience in politics", "professional and lay women in politics", how they coordinate their family lives with their party work, their experiences in politics, etc. It is suggested that each speaker have a few minutes in the beginning to speak on some of these or similar subjects, with questions prepared ahead of time by the committee to assist the speakers, followed by questions from the floor. The committee believes that an informal situation will be most productive of information from the speakers and its recommendation of procedures is designed to maintain that format.

Guests and seating at the banquet. The committee recommended that Governor and Mrs. Connally, the Democratic national committeewoman for Texas, and the Republican national committeewoman for Texas be asked to be guests at the dinner. The committee recommended that the state League not pay for dinners for the press at the banquet. Local Leagues will be encouraged to invite and pay for their local press and media people as their guests at the banquet. Table assignments at the banquet will be done under a system of numbering which will facilitate mixing of the various delegations. State Board members will be included in the numbering. Seated at the head table will be the president, the two guest speakers, the voters' service chairman (who will introduce the speakers), any other guests, and the Convention chairman.

Awards. The Board considered Mrs. Brown's proposal, on behalf of the Trustees of the Education Fund, that a distinguished citizen's award be presented to Judge W. St. John Garwood for his services to the League, the Education Fund, and the citizens of Texas. It was mentioned that Judge Garwood has served on a wide variety of citizens' committees, has assisted the League in some Program objectives (for example, with material for the Judicial Selection and Tenure item of a few years ago), has suggested League members to be appointed to commissions, etc., and was an associate justice of the Texas Supreme Court for 10-12 years. Discussion of when, during the Convention, the award might be given was followed by a motion by Mrs. Ballard that we proceed with the award to Judge Garwood in the Convention at the time of the report from the Education Fund at the final Convention session. Mrs. May seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Ramey will see that the inscription for the Garwood award is done and will consult with Mrs. Joor and Mrs. Brown. Recognition of Leagues which participated in the statewide finance drive and awards in the membership campaign will be given at the banquet, Wednesday, March 27.

Little Meetings, Tuesday, March 26: These meetings, from 4:00 to 5:15 P. M., will be on the general subject of "How to Influence Your Community", and the main topics covered will be speakers' bureau, voters service, and influencing legislation. Five rooms are available for the meetings. Leaders will be: Mmes. Winick, Ballard, McKinlay, Lancaster, and Prashner. Resource people will be: Mmes. Ziegler, Rosenzweig, Duckworth, Hausman, and Brownscombe. There will be new material, in kit form, for the speakers' bureaus and voters service portions of the

meetings. Discussion questions for the meetings will be mailed to the Board before March 1.

Caucuses. The committee recommended that as soon as possible a memo be sent to the local Leagues to tell them that five rooms will be available for caucusing and at what times, and that assignment of the rooms will be made on a first come-first served basis.

Agenda Changes. Mrs. Ramey announced changes as follows in the Convention agenda approved at the September 1967 state Board meeting:

Monday, March 25, 9:00 P. M. State Board and Convention parliamentarian will be in the hospitality room to greet delegates.

Tuesday, March 26, 4:00-5:15 P. M. Coffee will be available in the Little Meetings rooms on a pay-as-you-drink basis.

Tuesday, March 26, 9:30 P. M. Add: Meeting of Ad Hoc Committee on a Permanent State Office; meeting of Ad Hoc Committee on Financing the League.

Wednesday, March 27, 10:25-10:40 A. M. There will be no coffee at this recess.

Wednesday, March 27, 4:30-5:30 P. M. Mrs. Casperson will be in charge of the Field Service Little Meetings. Delete the words "brainstorming session."

Wednesday, March 27, 9:30 P. M. Attendance will be optional at the Field Service Little Meetings.

Finances. Mrs. Ramey reported that the LWV of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, makes money on selling League rings, pins, and charms at Convention. A brochure from that League was circulated among Board members. The committee recommended that 25 assorted pins and charms be ordered on consignment and that they be available for order and sale at the Convention. The committee also recommended that the cost of Convention meals not be padded, as has been done in the past to defray the estimated expense of unclaimed meal reservations. The committee believes it to be unfair to pad the cost for all delegates because some default. As soon as Mrs. Ramey hears from El Tropicano regarding the date by which meal reservations must be canceled, she will send a special memo to the local Leagues explaining that they must be financially responsible for reservations made but not canceled in time. The cost of unclaimed meal reservations will thus be borne by the delegates making them instead of by all the delegates. WORKBOOK--PART I will carry the notice that room reservations are to be made directly to El Tropicano and that a \$15.00 deposit must accompany each room reservation, to be applied to the room rate, or returned if the reservation is canceled no later than seven days previous to the Convention.

The cost of Convention to each delegate will be \$27.00, plus the cost of room and of meals other than Convention meals. The \$27.00 is made up of the following: registration fee, \$12.50; boatripe, dinner, Hemisfair tour, \$5.25; historic tour and lunch, \$2.00; banquet, \$5.25; travel equalization, \$2.00. At the pre-banquet reception Wednesday evening for the state Board and the speakers the chit system will be used, with each

person paying for herself, except that the League will pay for the drinks for the speakers.

Based on an attendance of 165 paying delegates (there were 159 such delegates in 1966 at Fort Worth), registration fees will total \$2062.50. This is enough to pay the expense of Judge and Mrs. Garwood, the Convention expense of the state Board, and the Convention expense and travel expense of the Nominating Committee chairman, the State and National By-laws Committee chairman, and the two ad hoc committee chairmen. It will also pay one-half of the travel expense of the state Board and the nominees to the state Board, the other half to be charged to Board meeting expense. Pre-Convention and post-Convention Board meeting expenses are estimated to be about \$1,100.00.

Deadlines. Mrs. Ramey said that the deadline for non-workbook material for the Convention is February 9. This includes: voters service kit on party precinct participation, speakers' bureau kit, any material for the field service Little Meetings, and Little Meetings discussion outlines. The deadline for material for WORKBOOK - PART II is still February 15, and the deadline for Convention speeches which are to be reproduced for distribution at the Convention is March 1. The Board adopted no general policy on distribution of speeches, but agreed, instead, that it would be for each Board member to decide whether her speech should be reproduced for distribution.

#### Presidents' Council:

Mrs. Joor announced that the next Presidents' Council will be held on March 25 and 26, 1969, at the Hotel Commodore Perry in Austin.

#### National Program:

Mrs. Nolle reported that the committee had discussed both the crisis in the cities and foreign policy and that no consensus had emerged. It does not seem probable that there will be a Time for Action before the next Board meeting, and the committee knows of nothing which needs Board approval now. Mrs. Nolle cannot be present for the whole of the Convention, and she asked to be notified of the times when it would be most important for her to attend.

#### Voters Service:

Mrs. Prashner reported that the Party Precinct Participation Focus kit is in the state office ready to be mimeographed. It is 14 pages, plus a cover of heavier paper. The committee recommended that a donkey and an elephant be pictured on the cover and that the title might be "You Are Invited to Join A Party." The Board agreed that the decision as to the cover should be worked out by Mrs. Prashner and Mrs. Colwell. The kit contains: goals of this focus, focus techniques for local Leagues, list of National and State publications of special relevance, sample speech for use in encouraging party precinct participation, spot announcements, sample material for local VOTERS, information on the selection of Texas delegates to the Democratic National Convention and to the Republican National Convention, and VOTERS KEY TO 1968. The price of the kit will be 50¢, and 200 copies will be mimeographed.

The committee recommended that at the Convention one kit be given to each local League president and that after the Convention three kits be mailed to each local League publications chairman. The Board liked this method of distribution but felt that the postage expense made it unfeasible. It was agreed that the four kits for each League would be put in an envelope and handed out at Convention to local League presidents. No cover letter is needed. The kits will be discussed in the voters service portion of the March 26 Little Meetings.

Congressional Candidates Questionnaire. The following three questions for Congressional candidates have been formulated by the national Board: (1) What changes in federal policies would you advocate to solve the problems of the cities? (2) What changes in federal policies would you advocate to solve the problem of Vietnam? (3) How do you propose to meet the demands of the federal budget? These questions may be revised after suggestions have been received from the state Leagues. The use of National's questions, in their final form, is mandatory for local Leagues publishing VOTERS GUIDES that include Congressional candidates.

We are permitted to propose a fourth question for Texas Congressional candidates if we wish. The committee recommended a fourth question, to read: Since pollution is increasing faster than effective control, how can the federal government be stimulated to act on the problem? The Board agreed to add a fourth question. After several revisions of the question had been suggested, Mrs. Duckworth moved that the wording be: What solution do you propose to the problems of air and water pollution? Mrs. Winick seconded. Mrs. Casperson moved to amend the motion to include "land" before "air". Mrs. Nolle seconded. Mrs. Nolle moved to replace "solution" with "what action on the federal level". Mrs. Casperson seconded. Mrs. Braunagel said that Mrs. Casperson's amendment should be voted on before Mrs. Nolle's was considered. Mrs. Casperson's amendment CARRIED. Mrs. Nolle then withdrew her motion to amend, and Mrs. Casperson, who had seconded it, concurred. Mrs. Martin then moved to substitute for the main motion (Mrs. Duckworth's, as amended) the wording: What solution do you propose for the national problems of land, air, and water pollution? Seconded. CARRIED.

State League VOTERS GUIDE for the Primary Election. In agreement with the committee's recommendation, Mrs. Winick moved that the state League publish a VOTERS GUIDE for the May primary election. Seconded. CARRIED.

The committee recommended that candidates for governor and lieutenant governor be asked the question: What two or three programs do you feel would most improve Texas government? Why? The committee recommended that candidates for all other statewide offices be asked the question: What are your major goals for this office? The Board agreed that the question for candidates for governor and lieutenant governor would be as recommended by the committee, except that "do you feel" would be deleted. The Board agreed with the committee's recommendation of the question for candidates for all other statewide offices. The Board also agreed that the maximum number of words candidates would be permitted in their answers would be determined by Mrs. Prashner after the final number of candidates is announced. (The committee had recommended a maximum of 300 words for candidates for governor and lieutenant governor and of 100 words for the other candidates.)

Mrs. Prashner asked if election and precinct convention information should be included in the VOTERS GUIDE since local Leagues have said they wanted smaller GUIDES. The Board agreed that such information should be put in if there is room for it. The price of the GUIDE will be set by the state office.

At noon Mrs. McKinlay left the meeting until after lunch and Mrs. Nolle left to return to Austin.

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Local League VOTER/GUIDES for the Primary Election. The publishing of VOTERS GUIDES on Congressional and legislative candidates, as well as candidates for local offices, is done by the local Leagues, and the questions for legislative candidates are formulated by the state Board. The committee recommended that this year the local Leagues be allowed to include, if they wish, one question of their own choosing in the questionnaire for legislative candidates in their district. Mrs. Casperson moved that the Board give permission to the local Leagues to add a question of their own, if they so desire, to the questions for candidates for the legislature and that any question to be added be sent to the voters service chairman of the state League for approval. Mrs. May seconded. CARRIED.

The committee recommended that there be two mandatory questions for candidates for the legislature and that they be: (1) Since a study of the Texas Constitution is now under way, what system of revision do you favor? (2) What specific changes would you recommend to increase the effectiveness of the legislature in meeting Texas problems? Several revisions in wording and subject matter were suggested, and the Board agreed to substitute for the committee's recommendations the following questions: (1) What proposals for solving the revenue problems of Texas would you support? (2) What do you recommend to increase the effectiveness of the Texas legislature?

S) Mrs. Prashner said that the February mailing to local League presidents and voters service chairmen would contain the order form for the state League VOTERS GUIDE, the questionnaire for Congressional candidates, the questionnaire for legislative candidates, and a cover memo which would include guidelines on the use of the questionnaires in local League VOTER GUIDES.

Voter Registration Report for Convention WORKBOOK - PART II. The committee recommended that this report be left out of the Convention workbook, since it would present an inaccurate picture because many local Leagues have not replied to the request to report the number of voters they have registered. The committee recommended that the report be sent to the state office. Mrs. Ramey mentioned that the replies of the Leagues to the finance questionnaire sent out by Mrs. Rosenzweig showed that last year local Leagues registered 47,000 voters. The Board agreed that there be no voter registration report in the Convention workbook.

Voter Registration Report for This Year. Mrs. Prashner moved that the state League not send out a voter registration report form this year. Seconded. CARRIED, with 3 dissents.

VOTERS KEY TO 1968 in Spanish. After considerable discussion the Board agreed to do nothing more about publishing a Spanish version of the

## VOTERS KEY FOR 1968.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:30 P. M. and reconvened at 1:40 P.M., at which time Mrs. McKinlay rejoined the meeting.

Public Relations:

Mrs. Ramey reported that preparation of the speakers' bureau kit is well under way. There will be a separate kit for each of the four subjects: "Texas Constitutional Revision", "The Role of Political Parties", "Choosing the President", and "You and Your National Government". Each kit will contain "Hints for Public Speaking", a speech on the subject of the kit, a major resource piece on that subject, and a press release. A set of the four different kits, under the general title "Have Speech, Will Travel", will be priced at \$3.00. For individual kits the prices are as follows: "Texas Constitutional Revision", 50¢; "The Role of Political Parties", 85¢; "Choosing the President", \$1.05; "You and Your National Government", 75¢. Fifty of each kit will be published, plus copies for the state Board and National. The committee recommended that at Convention one set of kits be given to each local League president. The Board agreed with this recommendation. The Board also agreed that the kits be introduced at the Little Meetings on Tuesday, March 26, and that they be for sale both at the Little Meetings and in the publications room.

Mrs. Ramey reported that press releases about the Convention will be sent to the local Leagues by March 1, and that releases will be available at the Convention to go with pictures taken there.

The editor of the Houston Post, Mrs. Ramey said, was favorably impressed by the Facts & Issues on the legislature. He thinks that a series on the F & I's would be timely near the legislative session, and he wants a reporter to write the series which would be subject to our approval and would go out under the League name.

Mrs. Ramey said she had not sent the Facts & Issues to the 15 state organizations, as authorized at the September 1967 Board meeting, as she thinks it more important to send them to selected participants at the Texas Assembly of last October at A. and M. (See the Texas Legislature section of these minutes.)

Mrs. Ramey reported that since other state Leagues make money on the sale of calendars, pins, charms, etc., to Leagues all over the country, she had explored the possibility of our obtaining for sale plastic envelope folders of about 11" x 15" size and carrying some form of LWV identification. These would cost us up to 60¢ a folder, depending upon the number ordered initially and the size of the maintenance orders. At the 60¢ cost, selling the folders at \$1.00 apiece would make us a profit of \$400.00 per thousand before deducting expenses of publicity, etc. If the Board approves this project a flyer and order form could be sent to the other state Leagues. It would be possible, Mrs. Ramey said, for the folders to be available at Convention if the Board would delegate to the committee the power to choose the League identification design to be used on the folder. During discussion of the project it was suggested that the price of plain plastic envelope folders in the stores be ascertained and that National be contacted to find out if any other League has a project like Mrs. Ramey has proposed. It was agreed

that Mrs. Ramey should obtain a sample of the folder to show the Board.

Proposed State Program for 1968-70:

Each Board member had had for study ahead of the Board meeting a comprehensive and well organized 30-page Program Making Report which included: (1) general summary and analysis of local League first-round recommendations; (2) Program recommendations by subject areas, which listed the number and names of Leagues recommending items in each of the 15 areas; (3) committee report and recommendations for proposed Program; (4) one or two page explanation of each of the five recommended items, including reasons for selection of the item, scope and outlook for work, possibilities for legislative and community action, and resources for study. The last half of the report was a detailed listing, for each of the 15 subject areas, of the presentation by each local League of its item in the area. Done alphabetically by Leagues within each subject area, the listing showed also the number of members of each League who took part in the Program-recommending meetings.

Mrs. Martin reported that 32 of the 37 local Leagues had mailed their Program recommendations by the November 1, 1967, deadline and that there had been no late reports. Beaumont, Edinburg, Harlingen, San Angelo and Tyler were the five Leagues not responding. The percentage of local Leagues participating in Program making has increased considerably in the last six years, going from 63% to 85%. A total of 940 members were reported by the local Leagues as taking part in choosing Program this time. This is slightly less than 25% of the total state membership. Denton and Wichita Falls gave no figures for members participating. Participation in the individual Leagues ranged from 12% of the membership (Dickinson) to 80% (Longview), with five Leagues having approximately 50% participation (Abilene, Amarillo, Irving, Lubbock, Richardson); six Leagues having approximately 40% participation (Austin, Bay Area, La Marque, Pasadena, Tarrant County, Victoria); eight Leagues having approximately 30% participation (Baytown, Corsicana, El Paso, Midland, Odessa, San Antonio, San Marcos, Texas City); two Leagues having approximately 25% participation (Brownsville and Dallas); and the remaining seven Leagues having 15% to 20% participation (Corpus Christi, Freeport and Lake Jackson, Galveston, Houston, South Jefferson County, Waco). Such over-all low figures point up the need to further emphasize the importance of Program making.

WORKBOOK - PART I will contain: (1) the proposed Program, with explanations, as adopted by the Board from the first-round recommendations; (2) the non-recommended items, with the Board's reasons for not recommending them; (3) suggested outline for discussing non-recommended items at Convention; (4) explanation of second-round Program making; (5) explanation of the single list. That last is needed, Mrs. Martin said, because some first-round reports showed incomplete understanding of the single list Program structure. The proposed Convention rules, which will be in WORKBOOK - PART II, call for presentation of each recommended item to be limited to three minutes and questions on each item to be limited to two minutes. It is also proposed that the same time limits apply when delegates present for consideration non-recommended items.

The committee recommended that "any" be inserted before "candidate" in the last sentence of the preamble to the proposed state Program.

Since only three local Leagues (Baytown, La Marque, and South Jefferson County) mentioned returning to the current agenda-continuing responsibilities type of Program structure, the committee does not expect to bring the matter to the Convention.

The committee recommended five items for Program 1968-1970, one more than is on the current state Program. Mrs. Martin emphasized that the committee had not been carried away in recommending an additional item, but had, in fact, exercised considerable restraint. There was overwhelming support from the local Leagues for continuing the four present items and also much mention of a desire to have at least one new study item each biennium. Actually the five, Mrs. Martin said, will be no more than those now on the Program because our present voter registration and election laws item is really two items which the committee recommends reducing to one.

The proposed Program for 1968-70 follows, listed in descending order as to amount of work anticipated.

- I. THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE: Evaluation of the organization and functioning of the Executive.
- II. TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION: Support of measures to promote revision of the Texas Constitution.
- III. GOVERNING METROPOLITAN TEXAS: Structure and Planning.
- IV. THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE: Continued evaluation with support of measures making it responsive to modern needs of Texas.
- V. ELECTION LAWS: Support of improved procedures for the registration of voters in Texas.

Mrs. Martin then called on each Board member assigned to an item for a brief explanation of it.

I. THE TEXAS EXECUTIVE. Mrs. May said that now is just the right time to finish our study of the three branches of state government. The proposed item would be a continuation of our legislature study in that the Governor is very tied in with the program of the legislature. The item also meshes with the constitution and with planning. Many political scientists think that administration is more important than legislation. Mrs. May mentioned that the committee hesitated to recommend the item because it was the expressed preference of only seven local Leagues. It was, however, implied by 28 Leagues in their suggestions for Program. Among the resources for study of the item listed in the explanation in the Program Making Report was the Griffenhagen Report of 1933. Mrs. May offered to get copies made of that report, which is not generally available.

II. TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION. Mrs. McKinlay said that with 29 local Leagues wanting this item, this is a mandate and it cannot be ignored. Leagues would like a re-examination of revision methods and a review of our constitutional convention position. The study could lead to modification of our present consensus position. If our review can

be done during 1968, we will then be ready to campaign intensively for our TCR positions in the 1969 Legislature, assuming that the legislature acts on the recommendations of the Constitutional Revision Commission whose report is to be ready by December 1968. Answering a question, Mrs. McKinlay said that one or two unit meetings should be sufficient for the study and coming to consensus.

III. GOVERNING METROPOLITAN TEXAS. Mrs. Lancaster called this item a re-wording of our present State-Local Relations item. It would afford a more thorough look at comprehensive planning, what it can offer and what would apply to Texas. The first year would deal with the structure of government, not the problems themselves. A facts-and-issues type of publication could be printed. The second year would be action in the 1969 Legislature, continuing the efforts we made in the 1967 Legislature.

IV. THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE. Mrs. Duckworth explained that this item will need a continuing updating of material during the study. She commented that the Leagues do not seem to feel much competence in their covering of the material so far. It was suggested that this could be because of the Leagues not having been able to schedule sufficient time for the study of the very informative Facts & Issues. Mrs. Casperson pointed out that the wording of this item could be changed at the pre-Convention Board meeting if it is warranted by consensus from the Leagues. The deadline for consensus is February 15.

V. ELECTION LAWS. Mrs. Lancaster said that this item continues the wording of the present item as far as voter registration is concerned, but drops the part of the present item which deals with the conducting of elections. Texas still needs a better voter registration system, but most of our positions on the conducting of elections which were retained at the 1966 state Convention have been enacted.

The concern of the Board seemed to be mostly about the workload the five items would entail for the local Leagues, not about the desirability of any of the items as items. Several Board members expressed the opinion that almost any Program item needs two unit meetings during the year of study and at least one unit meeting, for review and brush-up, during the year of legislative action. It was also mentioned that Leagues seldom have more than 15 unit meetings per year, and that there is national and local Program to cover, as well as state.

Mrs. Martin asked that the Board defer taking action on the proposed Program until the state Program chairmen have given their reports. The Board agreed, and Mrs. Martin called for the reports, with Mrs. Duckworth's coming first.

The Texas Legislature:

Mrs. Duckworth showed the form she is using for tabulating the answers of the local Leagues to the discussion questions they used in studying the Facts & Issues on the legislature. She will continue with this method of tabulating the returns that come in by the deadline date of February 15. Nine Leagues have reported on F & I #1, AIDS TO THE LEGISLATURE, eight on F & I #2, THE INFLUENCE OF THE GOVERNOR, and two on F & I #3, THE FRAMEWORK AND THE FUNCTIONING. The tabulations show consensus to be emerging on (1) legislators need more clerical help, (2)

they need more help for research, and (3) the legislature should take the responsibility of providing increased aids for itself.

Board members debated at length the validity of establishing consensus from answers to questions sent out as discussion questions, not as consensus questions. Mrs. Duckworth said that, in general, the Leagues appeared to be confused by this approach, and that only the most sophisticated Leagues took advantage of the directive that accompanied the questions to rephrase, add to, or delete questions not of interest to the particular League. She added that perhaps some Leagues are still waiting for the consensus questions to arrive! The discussion question approach was used because there was much feeling that consensus questions, apparently inevitably, tend to lead the thinking and responses of the Leagues by the topics of the questions and their phrasing. By using questions for discussion and emphasizing that local Leagues prepare their own if they wished, it was thought that the reports of the discussion would show consensus, if there was any, coming up from the Leagues themselves (the "grass roots") without the direction by the state Board that was considered to be unavoidable if consensus questions were supplied by State.

In view of the seeming failure of the Leagues to understand the "grass roots" method of consensus, the committee discussed how valid as consensus are the reports from the Leagues. The committee recommended that these be treated as "emerging consensus", not necessarily final, that at Convention we announce that we have emerging consensus on certain items, and that we then ask the Leagues to verify if these positions are their consensus. Verification at Convention was questioned, unless there would be time, as seems improbable, for Leagues to consider, before coming to Convention, what is their true consensus. Considerable support was given to the point of view that the emerging consensus should not be considered to be true consensus unless it is verified after thoughtful consideration by the Leagues.

Mrs. Braunagel was asked by Mrs. Martin to give the Board her thoughts regarding emerging consensus. Mrs. Braunagel said that the big trouble is misinterpretation of the word "emerging", that so long as the reports are coming in there is emerging consensus, but that after the final report has been received the consensus quits being emerging and becomes consensus.

Mrs. Casperson said that at the State Boards Conference at St. Louis last September, Mrs. Montgomery, of the national Board, asked if we distinguished between discussion questions and consensus questions in our new approach to consensus on the legislature.

Mrs. Taylor left the meeting at 3:30 P. M. because of the illness of her son. Mrs. Joor left the meeting at 4:00 P. M. because she was ill. Mrs. Casperson presided for the rest of the session.

Continuing her report, Mrs. Duckworth said that the committee recommended sending the four Facts & Issues on the legislature, with a cover letter from Mrs. Joor, to a selected list of 35 of the men who had attended the Texas Assembly at Texas A & M University last October. This would give an opening to local Leagues to follow up with these men in finance or public relations. The cost would be about \$15.00. Mrs. Prashner moved

that Mrs. Duckworth send the Facts & Issues to 35, or 40, or as many as she sees fit, of the men who attended the Texas Assembly. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED. The expense of this will be charged to public relations. Mrs. Duckworth will send a copy of the cover letter to local Leagues in the towns where these men live.

The committee recommended that we re-order 1,000 copies of Facts & Issues #1, in order to bring the supply up to that of the other three Facts & Issues. Mrs. Prashner moved that ~~the~~ 1,000 copies of Facts & Issues #1 be re-ordered. Mrs. Ballard seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Duckworth said that she will prepare a report of the National Legislative Council meeting in San Antonio last fall and a report of the Texas Assembly, with a copy of the discussion questions used, to send to the local Leagues. She will also send the Assembly's own report, if one is prepared.

Mrs. James Harvey, chairman of the legislature item for the Austin LWV, wants permission from the state Board to interview some lobbyists and state officials, Mrs. Duckworth reported. The committee recommended that the Board have more information from Mrs. Harvey before considering permission. The Board agreed that Mrs. Duckworth's reply to Mrs. Harvey would tell her to whom we are sending the Facts & Issues and ask her whom, in addition, she wants to interview.

#### Proposed State Program for 1968-70 (continued)

Immediately following Mrs. Duckworth's report, the Board resumed discussion of the Program proposed for 1968-70. Mrs. Prashner moved that the Board recommend as state Program for 1968-70 the five items proposed by the Program Committee [see page 18 of these minutes], and that the Board recommend the insertion of "any" before "candidate" in the last sentence of the Program preamble. Mrs. Lancaster seconded.

There was much discussion of the workload entailed by the proposed Program and whether it would be too much to handle if the League's high standards of study and consensus were to be maintained. It was suggested that the workload be reduced by not having a full-fledged study of the Executive, continuing with the legislature as the primary study item with some further material on the governor, and maintaining the Texas constitutional item as it is now with, probably, some more informational material. Another suggestion was to limit the study of the Executive to just the mechanics of the governor's department.

Mrs. Ramey moved to amend Mrs. Prashner's motion to delete everything pertaining to the proposed Program, so that the motion would deal only with the change in the Program preamble. Mrs. McKinlay seconded. The amendment CARRIED. The motion as amended, to add the word "any" before "candidate" in the last sentence of the Program preamble, CARRIED. Mrs. Martin moved that the Board recommend as state Program for 1968-70 the five items proposed by the Program Committee. Mrs. McKinlay seconded. CARRIED, with 9 votes for and 2 votes against. After this vote presentation of state Program reports was resumed.

#### Texas Constitutional Revision:

Mrs. McKinlay displayed a chart that showed the strengths and the weak-

nesses of our League positions and principles regarding the Texas Constitution, measured against the model state constitution of the National Municipal League. The committee recommended that this comparison chart be included in WORKBOOK - PART I in connection with the proposed Program article on TCR. The Texas Constitutional Revision Commission, of which Mrs. May is a member, will have an open meeting in Austin on January 30 which Mrs. McKinlay will attend. The committee discussed the need for a TCR principle concerning provision of adequate funds for publication of the recommendations of the Commission. Mrs. McKinlay will prepare and circulate the rough draft of a TCR flyer which could be quickly finished and printed if the need arises for a new public information tool, for example, with regard to the recommendations which the Commission will be making.

#### State-Local Relations:

Mrs. Lancaster said that she had attended the Regional Planning and Development Workshop in Austin last September and the National Municipal League Conference in Milwaukee last November, and that her reports of these had been sent to the local Leagues. She had corresponded with four local Leagues (Amarillo, Galveston, Midland, and South Jefferson County) who wanted permission to look into their areas' councils of governments. She gave permission, but with the qualification that each League should cooperate with other Leagues in the area represented in the council of governments. Only a very few of our Leagues are in areas which do not have either councils of governments or regional planning commissions.

#### Letters of Congratulation:

Mrs. Casperson spoke of the appointment of Mrs. Stuart, national League president, to the Board of the National Municipal League. She mentioned also the formation of the Alaska state League. The Board unanimously approved sending a letter of congratulation to Mrs. Stuart and another letter of congratulation to Alaska for becoming a state League.

#### Voter Registration and Election Laws:

The committee recommended that for WORKBOOK - PART I the presentation of the proposed Program item on election laws be added to, using the following material to conclude the presentation:

To make our positions clearer and more readable, we recommend that this item read as follows:

V. ELECTION LAWS: Support of improved procedures for the registration of voters in Texas.

#### Criteria:

##### Good Administrative Methods

- (1) Statewide uniformity
- (2) Total election coverage
- (3) Economical administration
- (4) Clearly defined administrative responsibility
- (5) Qualified administration staff
- (6) Adequate record facilities

Adequate Safeguards Against Fraud

- (1) Personal registration
- (2) Issuance of registration card
- (3) Corrected and updated registration lists
- (4) Signature identification at the polls

Voter Convenience

- (1) Re-registration by voting
- (2) Registration year-round
- (3) No fee as a prerequisite for registration
- (4) Liberalization of residence requirements
- (5) Retention of all or part of franchise until new residence is established after moving
- (6) No requirement for registration of active members of the Armed Forces
- (7) No declaration of party affiliation at time of registration

Three things have been done:

- (1) The word "Permanent" has been deleted;
- (2) The positions have been regrouped under three headings, two of which were positions;
- (3) The position "registration year-round" has been added, since the word "permanent" has been dropped.

Mrs. Lancaster moved that the consensus positions be regrouped as the committee proposed and that they be added to the presentation of the recommended Program item on election laws. Seconded. CARRIED.

Electronic voting machines. Last November Secretary of State Hill approved five different electronic voting systems for use in Texas elections. Local Leagues have asked if the League has a position on electronic voting systems, and Mrs. Lancaster has replied that we do not. In the post-Board report Mrs. Lancaster will make it clear that we have no position on such systems, and she would like to suggest that it would probably be unwise for a local League to support the system of any specific company, in view of the approval of five different systems by the secretary of state. The Board agreed that she should give directions to the local Leagues against supporting any one brand of voting machine.

Legislative Report:

Mrs. May reported on material she receives as a part of the League's subscription to the sustaining service of the Texas Legislative Service. She gets news clippings, articles and pictures on candidates, Texas Assembly program and report, rules and regulations of state commissions, and a copy of the original plans of the state capitol building! She will receive attorney general and state Supreme Court decisions. The sustaining service will cover all of the special sessions of the legislature, thus making it unnecessary for the League to subscribe to the special session service, at a cost of \$100.00.

Mrs. May reported receiving a letter from Mrs. Parks Campbell, president of the Tarrant County LWV, which said that the League will not support the state constitutional amendment pertaining only to El Paso

and Tarrant counties.

The committee recommended that in the future the state legislative chairman prepare a brief report form for local Leagues to fill out, after the session is over, about their interviews on our Program items with legislators.

The Board recessed at 5:35 P. M. for dinner and reconvened at 8:00 P. M.

#### Publications and Local Program:

Mrs. Winick gave the report on publications and local Program. The committee recommended that the publications designated by Mrs. Ziegler be ordered for the state Convention. Mrs. Ramey will make the best arrangement she can for a publications and local League exhibits room at Convention, but the facilities in some respects fall short of what the committee would like. Mrs. Ramey will send a memo to the local Leagues asking them to reply by February 15 if they wish to have space for exhibits and/or sale of their publications.

The committee recommended that "Double Check for Local Program Chairmen", with 1967-68 data, be mimeographed and given out at Convention to the local League presidents and Program vice-presidents. This is a 9-page compilation of the local Program and local publications of the Texas Leagues. Mrs. Martin moved that the Board accept the committee's recommendation to publish "Double Check for Local Program Chairmen", using different color paper than last year, that copies be available at Convention in the publications room, and that two copies be included in each local League president's Convention folder. Mrs. Winick seconded. CARRIED. It was agreed that 125 copies of "Double Check" would be published.

Mrs. Winick showed the Board Mrs. Ziegler's statistical report on the cost, number printed, free distribution, sales, and income, for each of the following publications of the state League: BLUEPRINT FOR PLANNING; STATE PROGRAM FLIPCHART 1966-68; HOW TO WRITE; YOU BELONG; URBAN CHALLENGE; VOTERS KEY TO 1968; VOTERS GUIDE, 1967; AIDS FOR THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE; THE INFLUENCE OF THE GOVERNOR; THE FRAMEWORK AND THE FUNCTIONING; and THE INFLUENCE OF THE LOBBY. Figures on gross profit were given for some publications and, for the last four, the number of Leagues which had not yet ordered the publication.

The Board agreed that no post-Board report was needed for either publications or local Program.

#### Area Conferences of November 1967:

Mrs. Brownscombe referred Board members to the pre-Board report on the area conferences, which assessed the strengths and weaknesses of the conferences, included suggestions, information and ideas from the conferences of particular interest to the Board, and made recommendations for achieving more successful conferences in the future.

There was no doubt that the conferences were good ones--delegates' evaluations, the "feel" of the conferences evident to the leadership, and Board members' comments alike, all attested to that. The big problem was lack of attendance. Why? Delegates' evaluations supplied some

answers, committee members were aware of others, but for 8 to 10 of the Leagues who had no one at the conferences, the committee could only speculate as to the answers. The committee therefore recommended that a letter, drafted by Mrs. Brownscombe for their consideration, be sent to those 8 or 10 Leagues, in an effort to find out why they did not attend and to obtain their suggestions for changes regarding area conferences which would encourage their attendance. In discussing the recommendation Board members tried to estimate the reaction of local Leagues to the request. It was suggested that any attempt to find out why they had not attended would put them on the defensive. Another suggestion was that the Leagues would probably not respond with replies that would really help the committee, but would tend, instead, to give superficial answers. The value to future area conferences of serious, thoughtful replies to the request was recognized. Mrs. Hausman moved that the letter recommended by the committee be sent to the Leagues which did not attend the area conferences. Mrs. Brownscombe seconded. The motion LOST, with 11 for and 9 against.

The committee recommended that a time schedule--of broad blocks of time when various area conference jobs should be done--be prepared by the president, the three vice-presidents, and the outgoing area conference chairman as a help to the next area conference committee. The committee also recommended that guidelines, flexible and reflecting the knowledge gained in the 1967 conferences, be prepared, as a help to the next area conference committee, by the president, the three vice-presidents, and the outgoing area conference chairman. The Board was of the opinion that formal action was not necessary for implementing these recommendations.

The Board recessed at 9:15 P. M.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1968

The Board reconvened at 9:15 A. M., with Mmes. Ballard, Brownscombe, Casperson, Duckworth, Hausman, Lancaster, Martin, May, McKinlay, Prashner, Ramey, Rosenzweig, Taylor, and Winick present. Mmes. Joor, Nolle, and Ziegler were absent. Mmes. Braunagel, Colwell, and Ruland were present. Mrs. Casperson presided.

#### Election Night Reporting:

Mrs. Casperson reported that at a meeting attended by Mrs. Joor, Mrs. Ramey, and Mrs. Winick, with Mr. Thompson, the ABC network representative, several changes from the 1966 reporting had been worked out. The state coordinator will have more authority and less paperwork. So many non-League areas had been included in the 1966 coverage that it was difficult to get them covered, but there would be less difficulty with the areas we would cover this year. There would be 80 key persons this year instead of the 65 of last time, and they will be in League areas. We will get a bonus of about \$500 which will give us about \$1,500 to \$1,600 this year. There will be telephones directly to people in the state instead of just the one phone to the state coordinator as was the case last time. Mr. Thompson mentioned that his secretary had gathered evaluations of the 1966 reporting and amusing things that had happened, and that they had been published and dedicated to the League. We do not know whether the reporting this year will include the primary elections. Mr. Thompson said they will be covered if they are going to be

"exciting", for example, if Governor Connally were running against Senator Yarborough.

Mrs. May commented that the money from election night reporting would go into the Reserve Fund.

Mrs. Winick moved that we do election night reporting this year for ABC. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED.

Ruth Hughes (Mrs. Eugene H.) has told Mrs. Joor that she will be state coordinator again this year if she is in Houston, Mrs. Casperson said. The Board approved the appointment. Because Mrs. Hughes' acceptance of the position had to be conditional, the Board also approved Mrs. Carl Herman, Jr. or Mrs. T. A. Pollard, both of Houston, for state coordinator if Mrs. Hughes cannot serve.

#### Policy Sheet for Local Leagues:

Pursuant to a directive of the state Board at its September 1967 meeting, Mrs. Taylor and her committee prepared a policy sheet for local Leagues revised with regard to nonpartisanship. Revision was considered desirable because of the somewhat relaxed nonpartisanship policy in the current STATE BOARD HANDBOOK and because many local Leagues did not seem to know of the relaxation.

Mrs. Taylor referred Board members to the revised policy sheet sent out in the pre-Board mailing, and it was the basis for the ensuing discussion. The Board agreed that the sheet should be titled "A Guide for Local League Policy."

The committee recommended adding the word "any" before "candidate" in the opening sentence of the section on nonpartisanship, which would then accord with the change in the state Bylaws that will be recommended to the Convention by the Board.

It was agreed to delete the word "that" in the middle of the third line of the section on nonpartisanship and to underline or put in all capitals "it is the responsibility of the local Leagues to evaluate cases as they come up", which begins at the end of the sixth line of the section. The words "State Handbook" should be changed to "State Board Handbook", at the end of the first paragraph of the Guide and the beginning of the second paragraph on nonpartisanship.

The Board agreed that three periods were to be added after "vacuum" in the third line of the second paragraph on nonpartisanship and that the quotation in the second paragraph should have quotation marks after the word "case" to indicate that that is the end of the quotation.

In discussing the final sentence of the second paragraph on nonpartisanship, Mrs. May pointed out that only the press and people who have voted in the party primary can go to the precinct convention of that party; that all others are illegally present and can be fined for being there. Mrs. Duckworth said that the local Leagues know what is in the STATE BOARD HANDBOOK and that the policy sheets that have been sent in reflect the judgment of the local Leagues as to what would be considered partisan in their communities. Several substitutes were suggested for the last sentence of the second paragraph on nonpartisanship. The substitute

agreed to by the Board was: "Individual members may, in fact should, participate fully in the activities of their chosen party. It is the responsibility of the local League Board to encourage this."

There was discussion of including in the section on nonpartisanship a statement concerning nonpartisanship of off-Board chairmen. Mrs. Taylor moved that we do not add any statement about nonpartisanship of off-Board chairmen. Seconded. CARRIED, with 8 in favor and 4 against.

Mrs. May called attention to section 5 of the Guide, "Service on Board or Committees." She said that the type of committee or commission should be spelled out and that those other than governmental or public should not be included.

According to the motion adopted at the September Board meeting the revised policy guide is to be presented to the local Leagues prior to or at the state Convention.

#### Field Service:

Mrs. Casperson asked Board members to make the following changes in the quarterly field service reports, pre-Board January 1968: Page 1 - show that the Abilene and Amarillo reports are on page 9 and the Austin report on page 10; Page 7 - show that the San Marcos report is on page 14 and that Mrs. O. Paul Clark, Jr., is the consultant instead of Mrs. Wilson Nolle.

Consultant's Handbook. There are no more of these in the state office. Updating of the handbook proceeds slowly, but Mrs. Braunagel hopes to work on it more now and, at the least, to prepare the pages most needing revision.

Field Service Little Meetings at Convention. An interest-arousing page about these meetings is ready for WORKBOOK - PART I. The meetings will take place from 4:30 to 5:30 P. M. on Wednesday, March 27. Group I, Leagues with a membership of 60 or less, will have Mrs. Braunagel as leader, Mrs. Winick as co-leader, and Mrs. Duckworth as recorder. For Group II, Leagues with a membership of 60-175, Mrs. Ballard will be leader, Mrs. Rosenzweig, co-leader, and Mrs. Brownscombe, recorder. For Group III Leagues, with a membership of over 175, Mrs. Casperson will be leader, Mrs. Taylor, co-leader, and Mrs. Lancaster, recorder. Since Mrs. Ziegler's status is not known she will be considered an alternate. Four or five topics--several of them provocatively or cryptically worded--will be listed in the workbook (a different set for each group) as possible subjects for discussion. Mrs. Casperson will write to selected local League presidents in each group to ask if the proposed subjects will meet their needs and if they have additional suggestions for topics.

Gulf Coast Regional League. This League will hold its second annual convention tomorrow (January 19) and Mrs. Casperson and Mrs. Braunagel plan to attend. All of the state Board members in the area have been invited to the convention. Mrs. Roy Engelke, of Dickinson, president of the regional League, will be asked to send in a report of the business conducted at the convention, and Mrs. Ballard will prepare an evaluation of how the League is progressing, for WORKBOOK - PART II. Mrs.

Ballard is also working on the quarterly report for this League and will include in it the January 19 convention.

Forms to Local Leagues. By the end of February, the state office will send to each local League president a form requesting the names and addresses of the president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and publications chairman, together with the adopted local Program for 1968-69. The forms are to be returned to the state office immediately after the League's annual meeting.

Form for Requesting Board Training. This form will be in each local president's folder at Convention.

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Mrs. Casperson said that Mrs. Joor's visit of January 11 to the Valley was very timely and should be helpful to those Leagues (Brownsville, Edinburg, and Harlingen). For now the Field Service Committee recommends that a monthly letter be sent from the consultant to each of the Valley League presidents. For later the committee recommends that there be an area workshop on leadership, incorporated into a focus on Program. Dorothy Brown (Mrs. Maurice H.) suggested that money for this might come from the Hogg Foundation in Austin. Mrs. Duckworth said that she may be in the Valley soon and will talk with the League presidents, checking first with Mrs. Casperson to see if there is anything in particular she should say or do.

Mrs. Casperson reported on the January 15 combined meeting of the Freeport and Lake Jackson Leagues with regard to becoming an area League. About 40 were present, with the attendance divided about equally between the two Leagues. Antagonistic feelings were not apparent openly, which, Mrs. Casperson noted, was progress. Twenty-four voted in favor of applying for area League status, four voted against, and a considerable number abstained. Eleven have committed themselves for Board service, and three more will possibly do so. The following committees are meeting tomorrow, January 19--Nominating, Budget, Bylaws, and Proposed Local Program. If the Board is favorable to forming the area League, Mrs. Winick will help the Budget Committee and Mrs. Ballard the Bylaws Committee.

At this point Mrs. Casperson asked Mrs. Martin to preside.

Mrs. Casperson moved that the state Board give permission to Lake Jackson and Freeport to form an area League. Mrs. Duckworth seconded. The League might be named "Brazoria County" or, possibly, named for the school districts in the area. Motion CARRIED. Mrs. Casperson moved that the two Leagues be given permission to change their Bylaws, with Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Winick acting as consultants on the Bylaws. The Freeport and Lake Jackson presidents have requested this. Motion seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Casperson explained that the two Leagues must answer nine questions to National (see "Guidelines for Changing the Community Basis of Organization of a Local League", revised June 1967) regarding the change of their status and that a cover letter must go to National from the state Board. Mrs. Braunagel has written to the Freeport and Lake Jackson Leagues about these questions. Time is short between now and the annual meetings of these Leagues. Because of that Mrs. Casperson suggested a different procedure than the usual one of going through the field service vice-president. She requested that the information for National and the answers to the nine questions go to Mrs. Winick and Mrs. Ballard, with copies to Mrs. Braunagel, that Mrs. Braunagel prepare the cover letter from the state Board to the national Board, and that the state Board give approval now. The Board gave its approval.

At this time Mrs. Casperson resumed presiding over the Board meeting.

Mrs. Casperson continued the field service report....Mrs. Lancaster and Mrs. May are conducting a workshop on voter registration and election laws for the Brazos County Provisional League on January 24....At the time of the change in presidents of the San Antonio League, Mrs. Joor wrote to the outgoing president and Mrs. Casperson to the incoming president. Mrs. Macdonald, their field service consultant, also wrote to both women....Mrs. Casperson commented on the astonishing membership poll of the Odessa League regarding disbanding. The poll was allowed to die. She mentioned that the area conference at Odessa last November was very good and had interesting repercussions--new members thought they had joined the best organization there is and old members were astounded at what they had not previously known about the League. To give the Odessa League more information about voter qualifications (a subject in which they need help) copies will be sent them of Mrs. May's and Mrs. Lancaster's material for the Brazos County workshop.

#### Finance:

The committee recommended revamping of the statewide finance campaign flyer, "It Makes a Difference", which, because of the tremendous workload at the state office, was not attractively produced. The color of the paper will be changed, and, after Board discussion, it was agreed to change the order in which the quotations from the four men appear. A cover memo will be sent to local League presidents with the revised flyer.

The committee recommended that an evaluation report form go to the Leagues participating in the statewide finance drive with the following questions asked: (1) Would you like to have this campaign as an annual event? (2) What part of the kit was particularly helpful? What part could be omitted? What part could be improved? (3) Give your League's evaluation of its participation in the statewide drive. For example: Did more of your members take part? Was community response more favorable? Do you feel that your goal was raised more easily? Comments. The deadline for return of the reports is March 1 and they would go directly to Mrs. Rosenzweig.

As a "gimmick", the committee wants to send by air mail to the president of each League participating in the statewide drive, to reach them

by February 10, a "play money" bill with the following message on it: "Let this be the start of many more real dollar bills coming your way. Sincere wishes for a truly successful Finance Drive."

Mrs. Rosenzweig will give a short statement at Convention concerning the statewide drive and would like to ask the president of each participating League to stand.

#### Membership:

Mrs. Hausman reported on the trends shown by the "Progress Charts on Membership" which went to the local Leagues last September. The deadline for the first report was November 1, 1967, and 22 of the 38 Leagues reported. Of these 22, 14 showed a drop in membership from March 31, 1967, the beginning date of the membership contest. The deadline for the second reports was January 1, 1968, and so far 17 Leagues have reported. All of these are gaining in members, but there still is a drop in membership from the March 31, 1967, figure. In the discussion, initiated by Mrs. Hausman, of what might be done, it was suggested that the small number of January 1 returns may be because Leagues are not used to sending membership figures at that time, and that the number of returns for March 1, the final deadline for the contest, will be much larger.

Mrs. Hausman asked for a decision on whether the final figures for the membership contest would be taken from the March 1 progress charts or from the state office files. Mrs. Prashner moved that the membership contest winners have to comply with the rules of the contest and will be taken from the March 1 figures on the blue membership progress charts. Mrs. Winick seconded. CARRIED.

There was commendation for Mrs. Hausman's plan of putting in the post-Board report a strong, positive reminder that the March 1 figures are what count for the contest and that all Leagues, whether or not they have sent in the previous reports, have this final chance to participate.

Mrs. Hausman said that the contest award will be an "LWV Woman" statuette, not the oil well statuette originally planned for.

The committee recommended that Brazos County be given a special award for a provisional League, since it should, for contest purposes, be differentiated from the local Leagues and is likely to be a winner. The Board decided that Brazos County should, instead, be given honorable mention and their per cent of membership increase announced.

In the post-Board report Mrs. Hausman will ask the local Leagues to bring in to Convention, or send to her before then, their ideas as to what made their membership drives successful. These will be put in the Convention newspaper. In the post-Board report the Leagues will also be asked to be ready to evaluate, at Convention, the usefulness of the state and national material for membership drives.

In last November's TEXAS VOTER there were errors in percentages in the article on the membership drive. The February VOTER will carry corrections.

VOTER:

Mrs. Ballard said that the February VOTER will include/ Convention news, the proposed state Program for 1968-70, the proposed budget, and the report of the Nominating Committee, with biographical sketches of the nominees. The proposed Bylaws changes will not be in the VOTER, but will be in WORKBOOK - PART I. Mrs. Ballard thought there would be space for small pictures of the 12 nominees if the Board wants them, or perhaps it would be preferable to have larger pictures just of the nominees for officers. Mrs. Ballard moved that we use pictures of the nominated officers and directors in the February VOTER. Mrs. Winick seconded. CARRIED.

Education Fund:

Mrs. Casperson asked for suggestions for nominees for Trustees of the Education Fund. Mrs. E. C. Fritz and Dr. Eugene H. Hughes were suggested for re-election, and Mrs. Casperson was suggested. There are five positions to be filled. Board members were asked to send further suggestions to Mrs. Joor.

Announcements:

Mrs. Joor, Mrs. Casperson reported, wants Mrs. Prashner, as voters service chairman, to be moderator at the Convention banquet. Mrs. Prashner consented.

Mrs. Joor wants us all, Mrs. Casperson said, to please send on to the proper person the Board reports from other state Leagues and to send to her ideas gleaned from them for use in our Board reports.

Gulf Coast Regional League:

To the question, can the regional League send delegates to the state Convention, the answer was that they are represented at the Convention by their local Leagues.

Ad Hoc Committee on a Permanent State Office:

Mrs. Ramey reported that Mrs. Roberts, committee chairman, had asked whether the Board wanted the committee to make recommendations to the Convention or give a pro and con presentation. Mrs. Brownscombe referred to the minutes of the 1967 Presidents' Council (page 10, under "Other Business") which set forth the procedure the committee is to follow. Mrs. Ramey will telephone Mrs. Roberts and quote the minutes to her.

Deadlines:

WORKBOOK - PART I - before leaving the Board meeting  
 VOTER - January 27  
 Post-Board reports - January 29  
 Non-workbook material related to Convention - February 9  
 WORKBOOK - PART II - February 15 (Publications report - February 29)  
 Local League annual reports to state office - February 15  
 Annual reports of state Board members to state office - March 1  
 Speeches to be distributed at Convention - March 1

Deadlines, continued:

Pre-Board reports - the Board asked for an extension of the February 29 deadline, and state office is to let us know the date of the new deadline.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth F. Brownscombe*

Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe  
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Mrs. Ramey moved that we give permission to the Victoria LWV to invite House Speaker Ben Barnes to attend their meeting on October 26, provided that he has not announced his candidacy for a specific public office by the time they issue the invitation. Mrs. Martin seconded. LOST, with 5 "yes" and 7 "no".

Public Relations:

Mrs. Rosenzweig moved that we accept the content of the Speaker's Kit now. Mrs. Winick seconded. CARRIED.

The Board approved sending the Voters Key and the Voters Guide, when it comes out, to the newspapers and the legislators in non-League areas.

The Board approved sending the Voters Key and each Facts & Issues on the legislature to no more than 15 organizations, as complimentary copies to pave the way in public relations.

The Board agreed to Mrs. Ramey's request to talk to the newspaper people here regarding the wire services carrying a series of articles on the legislature, using the Facts & Issues as material.

Publications:

The Board approved sending a complimentary copy of several of our publications, on a selective basis, to other state Leagues. A cover letter would go with them.

Presidents' Council 1969:

Mrs. Prashner moved that we see if the Commodore Perry Hotel in Austin can accommodate us for Presidents' Council March 25 and 26, 1969. Seconded. CARRIED.

Field Service:

The Board agreed that Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Taylor are to go tomorrow, September 14, to the special called Board meeting of the La Marque League.

National Program Recommendations:

Mrs. Duckworth moved that we recommend to the national Board dropping from national Program the items regarding loyalty-security, treaty making, and limitation on tax rates. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED, with one dissent.

The Board approved separating the present world trade and UN item into two items, one dealing with world trade and development, the other with the UN.

Mrs. Duckworth moved that we recommend to the national Board dropping from national Program the item "Evaluation of U. S. relations with the People's Republic of China." Mrs. Martin seconded. LOST, with 4 "yes" and 11 "no".

Mrs. Nolle moved that we recommend continuation of the China item as presently worded, and that the scope of the item include trade relations, the two Chinas, multi-lateral nuclear weapons control, UN membership, and cultural exchange. Mrs. Joor seconded. CARRIED, with 2 dissents.

Mrs. May moved that we recommend retention of the foreign trade item as it is presently worded but add that we would like to study, in addition to what has been studied before, population problems, with a view to coming to consensus. Mrs. Prashner seconded. CARRIED, with one dissent.

Mrs. Prashner moved that we recommend keeping the UN item as it is. Mrs. Hausman seconded. CARRIED.

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Legislative:

Mrs. Nolle moved that we ask the Lubbock LWV not to invite Lieutenant Governor Smith to their proposed legislative review and forecast program, since he is an announced candidate. Seconded. CARRIED, with two dissents.

Mrs. Ramey moved that we give permission to the Victoria LWV to invite House Speaker Ben Barnes to attend their meeting on October 26, provided that he has not announced his candidacy for a specific public office by the time they issue the invitation. Mrs. Martin seconded. LOST, with 5 "yes" and 7 "no".

Public Relations:

Mrs. Rosenzweig moved that we accept the content of the Speaker's Kit now. Mrs. Winick seconded. CARRIED.

The Board approved sending the Voters Key and the Voters Guide, when it comes out, to the newspapers and the legislators in non-League areas.

The Board approved sending the Voters Key and each Facts & Issues on the legislature to no more than 15 organizations, as complimentary copies to pave the way in public relations.

The Board agreed to Mrs. Ramey's request to talk to the newspaper people here regarding the wire services carrying a series of articles on the legislature, using the Facts & Issues as material.

Publications:

The Board approved sending a complimentary copy of several of our publications, on a selective basis, to other state Leagues. A cover letter would go with them.

Presidents' Council 1969:

Mrs. Prashner moved that we see if the Commodore Perry Hotel in Austin can accommodate us for Presidents' Council March 25 and 26, 1969. Seconded. CARRIED.

Field Service:

The Board agreed that Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Taylor are to go tomorrow, September 14, to the special called Board meeting of the La Marque League.

National Program Recommendations:

Mrs. Duckworth moved that we recommend to the national Board dropping from national Program the items regarding loyalty-security, treaty making, and limitation on tax rates. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED, with one dissent.

The Board approved separating the present world trade and UN item into two items, one dealing with world trade and development, the other with the UN.

Mrs. Duckworth moved that we recommend to the national Board dropping from national Program the item "Evaluation of U. S. relations with the People's Republic of China." Mrs. Martin seconded. LOST, with 4 "yes" and 11 "no".

Mrs. Nolle moved that we recommend continuation of the China item as presently worded, and that the scope of the item include trade relations, the two Chinas, multi-lateral nuclear weapons control, UN membership, and cultural exchange. Mrs. Joor seconded. CARRIED, with 2 dissents.

Mrs. May moved that we recommend retention of the foreign trade item as it is presently worded but add that we would like to study, in addition to what has been studied before, population problems, with a view to coming to consensus. Mrs. Prashner seconded. CARRIED, with one dissent.

Mrs. Prashner moved that we recommend keeping the UN item as it is. Mrs. Hausman seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. May moved that we recommended adding housing to the Development of Human Resources item as it is now. Mrs. Hausman seconded. LOST, with 5 "yes" and 10 "no".

Mrs. Nolle moved that we recommend retaining the Development of Human Resources item as it is now. Seconded. CARRIED.

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Mrs. Prashner moved that we recommend keeping the water item in its present form. Mrs. Lancaster seconded. CARRIED.

State Convention 1968:

Mrs. Winick moved that Mrs. Ramey and Mrs. Joor have permission to engage the speaker for the Convention if any of those agreed to by the Board cannot come. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED.

Membership:

The Board approved awarding two prizes in the membership campaign-- the first prize to be a miniature oil derrick and the second prize to be five gallons of gasoline.

Voters Service:

The Board approved Mrs. Prashner trying to find someone to finish translating the Voters Key into Spanish and then having 1000 or more printed. Also approved was sending a copy of the Key to the El Paso League for them to do their own translation.

The Board agreed that the Voters Guide for the 1968 primary elections is to contain some precinct information from the Voters Key.

The Board agreed that our reply to the letter from the Committee for Better Voter Participation, Franklin Spears, Chairman, should decline the invitation for Mrs. Joor to become a member of the Committee, because of the difference between some of their objectives and ours.

Policy Guide for Local Leagues:

Mrs. Duckworth moved that a discussion of the new, considerably broadened nonpartisanship policy be held at the state Convention and that at the discussion the state Board define partisan activity. Seconded. LOST.

Mrs. Ramey moved that we revise the guidelines for local League policy sheets, the revision to be presented to the Leagues prior or at the state Convention, and that the guidelines include an explanation of the relaxed nonpartisanship policy. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED.

Golden Anniversary of the League:

The Board agreed to the formation of a four or five member ad hoc committee for the Texas celebration of the 50th anniversary of the League of Women Voters.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe,  
Secretary

Dear Board Members:

Attached are the minutes of Presidents' Council, which I did ahead of the Board meeting minutes because they have to be approved at the June Board meeting. The pre and post Council Board meeting minutes will be ready about the end of June--after we return from the trip north and I can catch a couple of deep breaths.

I put my work on the Facts & Issues for the legislature item committee ahead of the minutes, and that's why they're late--I figured the F & I was for the local Leagues and should take precedence over what is for the Board. Also, this has been a period of much business in connection with my family--and that takes precedence even over the League!

I'll be thinking of you all June 6 - 8 and hoping that you have a very good Board meeting -

*Elizabeth B.*

Mrs. Joor thanked the members of the Austin League who have done a great deal for this Council, and she mentioned especially Mrs. Robert Greenwood, chairman of publications, Mrs. Daniel Morgan, chairman of public relations including TV and the press conference, and Mrs. Robert Connelly, Council manager. "Receiving our thanks and appreciation, also," Mrs. Joor said, "are Mrs. Clyde Walter of Amarillo, who did the delegation signs on the tables and manned the tape recorder, Mrs. Stuart, our national president, and Mrs. Stuart Long, Austin councilwoman."

Mrs. Joor announced that with the permission of the Council the state Board will approve the minutes of the Council at the June Board meeting. Permission was granted.

Mrs. McMillan (Austin) rose to express the thanks of the delegates to the state Board for making this Council a tremendous success, and Mrs. Joor replied on behalf of the state Board with thanks to the delegates, the observers, and the Austin League workers for all they have done to make the Council successful.

The Council adjourned at 3:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth F. Brownscombe*

Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, Secretary,  
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## MINUTES

Tenth Biennial Presidents' Council  
Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas  
April 5 and 6, 1967

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1967

The Tenth Biennial Presidents' Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas convened at 12:15 P. M. April 5, 1967, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas. Mrs. William E. Joor II, state president, presided. Mrs. Joor introduced as the guest of the Council Mrs. Robert J. Stuart, president of the League of Women Voters of the U. S.

Mrs. Calvin McMillan, president of the Austin League, welcomed the Council and gave a special welcome to Mrs. Stuart. She then introduced Mrs. Stuart Long, member of the Austin city council, who greeted the delegates and welcomed them to the city.

### Organization of Council:

Mrs. Joor appointed Mrs. M. S. Braunagel Council parliamentarian. Mrs. Joor announced that Mrs. Robert Ianell, Mrs. Harold Lawrence, Mrs. Bruce Hallock, and Mrs. William Burnett would serve as tellers. Mrs. Joor introduced Mrs. Robert Connelly as the Council manager.

Mrs. Brownscombe, secretary, moved that the Council agenda set forth in Council Workbook II be adopted. Seconded. CARRIED.

### President's Report:

Mrs. Joor spoke on the subject "Growing Pains in Finance." Pointing out that although financing the League is a problem that is always with us and is a perennial subject of discussion, nevertheless, leadership changes, and with each new president, each new finance chairman, each new Board, the problem must be considered anew and dealt with anew. With many new presidents now in office the time seems right for us to take a fresh and realistic look at our state finance.

State and national League finance is based on local League finance, since virtually all the money of the state League comes direct from the local Leagues and virtually all the money of the national League comes from the local Leagues through the state League. Every Program item, every public relations portfolio, all voters service activities, lead inexorably to the success or failure of finance. If a League is strong in every area, finance will be strong also. Finance is the basic foundation, the support of the League. With it the League GOES, without it we STOP.

Noting that the state League budget is in a very delicate condition of health, Mrs. Joor pointed out the limitations this imposes on service to local Leagues and then spoke of various additional services local Leagues have recommended--more issues of the VOTER, more field service, and Program seminars, for example--services which could be provided if the state League had adequate funds.

Mrs. Joor concluded her report by saying that achieving adequate financing takes drive and imagination. "It means replacing the resentment felt at the large bite state

and national services take out of every local League budget with a realization that the services you want and need cost money and are increasing in cost every day. It means replacing excuses for a poor finance drive with a frank appraisal of the reason for it. It means, in the end, dedication to the ideals and goals of the League of Women Voters."

Introductions, Minutes, Treasurer's Report, Roll Call of Leagues:

Mrs. Joor introduced the members of the state Board--Mrs. Robert E. Casperson (Amarillo), Mrs. Herbert C. Martin (Amarillo) and Mrs. Darvin M. Winick (Dickinson), vice-presidents; Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe (Dallas) secretary; Mrs. H. G. Taylor (Houston) treasurer; Mrs. D. A. Ballard (Lake Jackson), Mrs. F. L. Duckworth (Victoria), Mrs. Robert Hausman (San Antonio), Mrs. James G. Lancaster (Austin), Mrs. Francis B. May (Austin), Mrs. Wilson Nolle (Austin), Mrs. E. S. Prashner (San Antonio), Mrs. Darol K. Ramey (Houston), Mrs. Abe Rosenzweig (Baytown), and Mrs. S. E. Ziegler (Dallas). Also introduced were the members of the nominating committee--Mrs. Irving Pettis (Waco), chairman, Mrs. O. P. Clark, Jr., (San Antonio), and Mrs. F. A. Curtis, Jr. (Fort Worth)--Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, field service staff specialist, and Mrs. Thomas Colwell and Mrs. Byrl Ruland, secretaries in the state office.

Mrs. Brownscombe announced that the minutes of the Ninth Biennial Presidents' Council, held in Austin in March, 1965, were approved by the state Board at its June 1965 meeting and are on file in the state office.

Mrs. Taylor referred delegates to the treasurer's report in Council Workbook II for the period April 1, 1966, through March 9, 1967. She gave the March 31st figures for the various categories of income and expenditure, which showed, for the 1966-67 period, income of \$2,414.47 more than had been budgeted and expenditures of \$847.97 over the budget. Mrs. Joor said that with the approval of the Council the treasurer's report would be filed for audit.

Mrs. Brownscombe called the roll of local Leagues. Representatives were present from 35 Leagues and one provisional League. Two local Leagues, Beaumont and San Angelo, did not have delegates. Mrs. Joor welcomed especially the Bay Area and El Paso Leagues, which had recently graduated from their provisional period, and the newly-organized Brazos County Provisional League, which had sent five delegates and observers to the Council.

Budget Session:

In the absence of Mrs. C. M. Linehan, Budget Committee chairman, Mrs. Martin, as acting chairman, introduced the off-Board members of the committee, Mrs. Joseph Selman (Tyler) and Mrs. Leroy J. Olson (Galveston). Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Rosenzweig are the state Board members on the committee.

Mrs. Martin reviewed the proposed budget for 1967-68 as published in Council Workbook I. She mentioned that National had written us suggesting a proposed pledge of \$12,800 instead of the \$13,000 in our proposed budget. Mrs. Martin pointed out that the budget includes a \$250 repayment to the Reserve Fund to restore half of the amount withdrawn from the reserves last year. In answer to a question from Mrs. Donald Berthelsen (Houston president) Mrs. Martin said that there is presently \$4,500 in the Reserve Fund.

The roll of the Leagues was called and each president announced her League's pledge and the time at which it would be paid. With Beaumont included at this year's pledge, the total of pledges was \$30,720.00, a decrease of \$3,865.00 from the figure for local and provisional League support in the proposed budget.

Several delegates suggested ways of increasing state League income. Mrs. Frank

Rourk (Waco), Mrs. Lea Boothe (Edinburg president), and Mrs. John C. Roberts (Fort Worth) said that the state League should increase the price of its publications. Mrs. Roberts asked how much a 25% increase would bring in. Mrs. Martin replied that it would be about \$1000 for the year. Mrs. Roberts then suggested making a profit of 25% or more on publications. Mrs. Stuart, national president, commented that it is legitimate to include applicable expenses in the cost of a publication and set the price accordingly, but that the purpose should not be to make a profit. She said that National's complicated pricing formula enables them to include in the price the amount of staff salary allocated to publications and a part of operating expenses. She suggested that the state League consider including in the price base for publications some of the expenses other than office supplies which are a part of the cost of publications.

Mrs. Fred Bourland (Lubbock) suggested increasing the sale of publications by having associate members who would be on just a publications mailing list. Mrs. Stuart said that National's experience has led them not to seek associate members but to try to get such people to be contributors instead. As contributors they would receive some publications from the local League.

Mrs. Hiram Friedsam (Denton) suggested that the individual Leagues pay the expenses of the field service consultants who do their Board training. Mrs. Harry S. Leach (Texas City president) felt that this would make it hard on the small Leagues who need Board training but would hesitate to ask for it under these circumstances. Mrs. Roberts (Fort Worth) suggested that Leagues willing to pay for their field service add that amount instead to their state pledge.

Mrs. J. E.R. Sheeler (Midland president) suggested the formation of an ad hoc committee on finance to look into ways in which Leagues could raise more money.

Mrs. Joor appointed a budget adjustment committee composed of local League presidents Mrs. Robert N. Lee (Abilene), Mrs. Harry S. Leach (Texas City), and Mrs. Laurence Perrine (Dallas), plus the budget committee (Mmes. Martin, Taylor, Rosenzweig, Selman, and Olson). Their report will be given at the final business session of the Council.

#### Presidents' Workshop and Swapshops:

At 1:25 P. M. Mrs. Joor announced that the Council would separate into a workshop for the local League presidents (in the Travis Room) and swapshops in various sections of the mezzanine for the remaining delegates and observers, with coffee served in both locations. (There would be a separate swapshop for each of the following topics: national Program, state Program, local Program and publications, VOTER, membership, finance, public relations, and voters service. The presidents in their workshop would hear from Mrs. M. S. Braunagel on the role of vice-presidents, advance planning, and the calendar, and from a panel of former local League presidents--Mrs. Olson of Galveston, Mrs. Clark of San Antonio, and Mrs. Selman of Tyler--and Mrs. Braunagel. The panel would discuss: what I wish I had known as a new local League president, what a Local League might hope would come from the state Board, and what the state Board might hope would come from the local Leagues. A question and discussion period would follow each section of the program.)

#### Program Session:

At 3:00 P. M. the Council re-assembled in the Crystal Ballroom, with Mrs. Casperson, first vice-president, presiding.

Addressing the Council, Mrs. Casperson told the delegates that a major purpose of their being here was to give direction to the state Board for the development of the current Program items during the next year. To assist the delegates the chairman of national and state Program items, she said, would review for the Council the status of their items and

possibilities for future work on them. Mrs. Casperson mentioned that copies of the presentations would be given out at the door as delegates left for the Little Meetings.

#### National Program.

Mrs. Nolle, national Program chairman, emphasized in her talk those national Program items which have state applications, where state agencies have major policy and administrative responsibilities.

In Development of Human Resources the relationship of national, state and local governments is pervasive and complex, Mrs. Nolle said. Various local Leagues have studied in their communities some of the programs encompassed in this item. We wish now "to begin to assess not only achievements within the immediate goals of the specific programs," Mrs. Nolle said, "but also the extent to which they are affecting the larger problems of poverty." To help local Leagues with this evaluation the state League proposes to supply current information on the situation in Texas with regard to equality in opportunities for education and employment, plus a summary survey of the programs to reduce inequality of opportunity which the state administers. Mrs. Nolle said that the League has planned no action in the legislature under the DHR item. There are bills in the legislature related to this item, however--a bill to prohibit discrimination by state and local governmental agencies, a bill to establish a civil rights division in state government, and a minimum wage bill.

Times for Action. Mrs. Nolle pointed out the importance of answering Times for Action and, if the desired response cannot be made, explaining why. It is valuable to the state and national Leagues in their contacts with legislators and congressmen to know that these people have been hearing from Leagues and League members. Answering a Time for Action is a most valuable lesson-by-doing on the road to active and effective citizenship, Mrs. Nolle said.

In the field of Water Resources we have obtained permission from National to support Senate Bill 204 in the legislature--the Texas Water Quality Act of 1967--and Mrs. Nolle said that League members could discuss this bill with their legislators and take action in their communities to support this bill. Originally the Texas Water Plan was to be presented to the current session of the legislature, but the report is now scheduled for later this year. Mrs. Nolle noted that the League has no position on the water plan, but that information on it and on a few "water bills" will be provided to keep the Leagues in Texas up to date.

In speaking of the Continuing Responsibility, "Support of apportionment of both houses of state legislatures substantially on population," Mrs. Nolle said that the possibility of obtaining a reversal in the legislature of last session's resolution to overturn the "one-man, one-vote" decision was slight at best, and that the reaction to the Supreme Court decision requiring further redistricting of the Texas House of Representatives "makes this even more an unrealistic goal for this year."

State Program - The Texas Legislature. Mrs. Duckworth, legislature item chairman, said that our study of the Texas legislature, inaugurated at Convention last year, was now at mid-point, with phase I accomplished--studying the legislature as it is and observing it at work. Phase II is planned to be evaluation, in which we will examine the results of the session, criticisms of the legislature and suggestions for improvement, and comparisons with legislatures of other states. Mrs. Duckworth outlined the plan to present the phase II material in four Facts & Issues, dealing with structure, procedures, outside influences on legislation, and aids for the legislator, and accompanied by a Leader's Guide containing discussion helps and consensus questions. Mrs. Duckworth asked the delegates to consider this plan and make their suggestions and wishes known in the Little Meetings, in conversations with state Board members, or at the Program discussion and direction session of the Council tomorrow.

State Program - State-Local Relations. Mrs. Lancaster, chairman of this item, reviewed state-local relations under the two headings: Around the Country and Here in Texas. Done in the format of a radio on-the-spot news broadcast from station LWV of T, Mrs. Lancaster spoke particularly of the metropolitan area bills in the legislature which embody the recommendations of the Texas Research League study and which the League of Women Voters supports in principle. Mrs. Lancaster ended her presentation thus: "Here at the Crystal Ballroom in the Hotel Driskill in downtown Austin, delegates to the 1967 Presidents' Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas are deciding what tactics to use to support bills which will give more flexibility to local governments to solve their problems and, at the same time, provide for more efficient cooperation with the state government and coordination at the state level in working with local governments. They will be deciding if they need more information and study in such areas as councils of governments, interlocal cooperation, optional forms of county government, or state-local financing. Members will be examining their own state-local relations within their organization to see how 38 local Leagues can work at local levels in these areas under a state consensus."

State Program - Texas Constitutional Revision. Mrs. Winick, chairman of this item, began her presentation with questions--"Is anybody listening? Did you listen? Did your League respond to the Time for Action? Did you flood your legislators with letters stating our support for the governor's call for constitutional revision through a constitutional convention? Did you talk to your husband and your neighbors and friends to enlist their support? Did they listen?" In reviewing League activity during the year, Mrs. Winick mentioned particularly the role of local League representatives at the 1966 party precinct conventions in obtaining a plank in both party platforms endorsing general revision of the constitution. She spoke also of statewide distribution through the Leagues of more than 50,000 copies of TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW, the second printing of which had been done by the LWV of Texas Education Fund under a grant from the Sears, Roebuck Foundation. Mrs. Winick concluded her presentation by reminding the Council that Texas constitutional revision is an action item and that we must work hard to dispel public apathy and to stimulate public awareness of the need for constitutional revision through an elected convention.

State Program - Voter Registration and Election Laws. Mrs. Lancaster, chairman of this item, reviewed the League's work on these closely related subjects during the last few years. She referred delegates to Council Workbook II for a comparison of the major provisions of the permanent registration bill, supported by the League, and the annual registration bill which is also in the legislature. Mrs. Lancaster concluded her talk by asking what further information or tools Leagues would like to have in preparation for Program choosing this fall. Subjects she mentioned were: electronic voting systems, the question of paying for primaries, and the qualifications for voting in bond elections.

Mrs. Casperson summarized the Program presentations and then introduced Mrs. May, legislative chairman.

Legislative Report and Briefing. Mrs. May entitled her legislative report and briefing, "The Eyes of Texas Are on the 60th Legislature." Her talk was built upon her legislative report in Council Workbook II. There is a stepped-up pace in the legislature, she noted, but the activity is still in committees. Each house has passed and sent some significant measures to the other, but very few such measures have been passed by both houses. The eyes of Texas are also on the lobbies (of which we are one)--the Texas Hot Mix Association, the AFL-CIO, the Texas Manufacturers' Association, the Texas State Teachers' Association--but they all have more money than we have! We do, however, have our legislative successes, Mrs. May pointed out. Although in a given session we are on the losing side on most of our proposals, we are rather ahead of the legislature in the search for solutions to governmental problems, and it takes time for an educational effort to be effective. Can we do better? Mrs. May asked. She suggested that we can--by making the legislative program a continuous activity in each League. We also need to get acquainted

with our legislators and maintain that acquaintance, she said.

After giving the most recent information on the status of the bills the League supports, Mrs. May spoke about the breakfast with the legislators tomorrow morning. She is particularly interested in our getting new information from our legislators--what they are thinking about League measures, what they predict for them, what they think we should do to influence legislators to our side. She cautioned that on non-League measures we are to express no opinion, but just smile and look interested. Mrs. May mentioned several questions and comments we are likely to have from the legislators. For example, aren't the Texas Research League proposals metro? They are not feasible because of county officials' opposition....The constitutional convention couldn't work because it is too big. If the legislature is denied a voice on revision how can you expect the legislature to approve the constitution thus arrived at?....The water quality proposal doesn't go far enough.

#### Education Fund:

Mrs. Joor introduced Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, chairman of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund, who reported on the work of the Fund during its first year just concluded, and spoke of the Fund's future usefulness to the League and the citizens of Texas if it can be adequately financed. As a way of providing the Fund with a nest egg that will guarantee its continuance, Mrs. Brown said, the state Board has given the Fund permission to solicit contributions from every League member in Texas. A letter explaining the Fund's plight will shortly go out to League members. In it the Fund will be asking for a contribution of at least \$1.00 per member on a one-time-only basis.

#### Attendance Report:

Mrs. Joor received from Mrs. Connelly the attendance report, as follows: 68 delegates, 73 observers, 25 state Board and guests, 14 Austin League workers--total 180.

#### Announcements:

Before the Council adjourned at 4:30 P. M. to attend the Little Meetings on Program, Mrs. Joor explained that the delegates and observers at those meetings would remain in the assigned room for the entire session and the resource committees would visit each room. She announced also that there would be a caucus on a permanent state office following tonight's dinner meeting.

#### Dinner Meeting:

Following a reception for Mrs. Stuart in the Jim Hogg suite, the Council reconvened at 7:30 P. M. in the Crystal Ballroom for the dinner meeting. Mrs. Joor presided. Mrs. Stuart was the speaker.

Mrs. Stuart's topic, "The Time Is Now", was with particular reference to state government and the reforms being carried through in many states, often with the League leading the way. Mrs. Stuart spoke of the process of achieving reforms as: "The first stage, as all of you know, is study. Then comes the decision on what we really want to accomplish. This is followed by creating a climate of opinion in which change can take place. And then comes legislative action, taking action ourselves and getting others to join us."

She complimented the League of Women Voters of Texas for proceeding so well with constitutional revision and said that it seemed to her that all of our efforts were beginning to pay off. She asked, "What more is needed?" Her answer was six-fold: "First of all it seems to me that on any so-called structure of government issue such as constitutional revision we have to look beyond structure of government and see what changes in

structure can mean in terms of solutions of problems that are more directly connected with people--education, welfare, recreation, and even making some inroads on the problem of crime. Second, we have to have personal commitment....Third, I think we can take the advice of Congressman Henry Reuss of Wisconsin to our last national Convention, to get a commitment from each legislator on each issue on which we have a stand....Fourth, I think we should consider following up and publicizing promises that are made and not kept....Fifth, in our attempt to achieve legislative aims we should find individuals and groups and work with them....Sixth,...we must not underestimate the value of controversy on an issue of this sort....I hope you can also develop a fine sense of impatience. There are so many things to be done in this world you don't want to work on constitutional reform forever."

The meeting ended at 9:30 P. M. Many delegates went on to the caucus on a permanent state office, held in the Maximilian Room.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1967.

State legislators breakfasted with League members in the Crystal Ballroom from 7:30 to 9:00 A. M. After the legislators had left, Mrs. Martin presided at "Capitol Scoops", in which the conversations with legislators were reported upon by a delegate from each League. At 10:25 A. M. Council members boarded chartered buses for a trip to the Capitol to visit the Senate and House in session. After lunch "on your own" the group re-assembled in the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill for the final business session of the Council.

#### Final Business Session:

Mrs. Joor called the final business session of the Council to order at 1:30 P. M. After she expressed our thanks to Mrs. Stuart the Council gave Mrs. Stuart a rising vote of appreciation. Mrs. Joor announced the appointment of the following tellers: Mrs. William Burnett, Mrs. John Carlson, Mrs. Paul Rinehart, and Mrs. Garth Jones. Mrs. Connelly gave the final credentials report as: 68 delegates, 73 observers, 22 state Board and guest, 17 Austin League workers--total in attendance, 180.

#### Program Discussion and Direction:

Mrs. Casperson presided during this session. "This is the time," Mrs. Casperson said, "in which we ask you for your discussion and direction on what you would like to see done on the four state Program items during the coming year, and the suggestions you would like to make regarding national Program. You have talked about this in the Swapshops and the Little Meetings, but this is the official recording of what you want. If good points were made in those meetings please bring them back to us on the floor here this afternoon so that we can all hear them. What tools do you need? How did you like the material put out this year?....What would you like to say, first, in connection with our legislature item?"

The Texas Legislature. Mrs. Calvin McMillan (Austin president) asked that the Facts & Issues be out not later than the end of September. In reply, Mrs. Duckworth said that the first Facts & Issues will come out in late May or in June, with the other two--Structures and Procedures will be combined--coming out in August, with a Leader's Guide for all three.

Responding to Mrs. Duckworth's request for suggestions as to areas in which to try for consensus regarding the legislature, Mrs. James B. Harvey (chairman of the item for Dallas) said that interest and understanding is widespread in that League and they are ready for a wide variety of consensus questions. She suggested specifically consensus on staff, annual sessions, full-time paid staff for committees, up-to-date records, conference committees, and lobby registration laws with some of the loopholes closed. Mrs. Irwin

Sexton (San Antonio president) listed the lobby and annual sessions as the most vital areas for consensus. Mrs. Paul E. Chapman (Dickinson president) reported that committee and sub-committee hearings were areas of greatest interest in that League. Mrs. Duane Jordan (first vice-president, Lubbock) suggested office facilities for legislators as a vital area for consensus. Mrs. Ray Duke (Victoria president) reported that the Victoria League favored looking into the possibility of legislators having to file their bills 30 to 60 days before the session starts.

#### Texas Constitutional Revision.

Mrs. Parks Campbell (Fort Worth president) introduced to the Council a petition for constitutional revision which the Fort Worth Jaycees have already adopted and the state officers and directors of the Jaycees have adopted and endorsed. At the state convention in Fort Worth of the Junior Chamber of Commerce on April 19th approval of this petition is considered to be almost automatic. Mrs. Campbell read the preamble to the petition which contains a statement that would be objectionable to the League. She said that she understands that the Jaycees would be agreeable to leaving that statement out of the petition to be presented to their state convention. The Fort Worth Jaycees have requested the League's help in circulating the petitions, which would be given to the legislature to support the bill for revision of the constitution by convention.

Discussion centered on the advantages and disadvantages of working with the Jaycees, the possibility of bringing in other groups, the possibility of doing our own petition, and the value of the petition in view of the lack of time for either the Jaycees or ourselves to organize a statewide campaign. Delegates from Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Richardson, San Marcos, Waco, and Tyler participated in the discussion. Mrs. Casperson asked for a show of hands to see if the Council would like to go ahead with this petition, using a wording that is acceptable to the League, and in cooperation with the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The majority favored this, with a wording for the petition which the state Board approves. Mrs. Casperson then asked the delegates to alert League members at home about this as soon as they return from Council and to expect further word from the state Board very soon. Mrs. Casperson thanked the Fort Worth League for bringing the petition to the attention of the Council.

Mrs. McMillan (Austin) reported that senior high school classes in Austin have undertaken revision of the Texas constitution by holding a Model Constitutional Convention for which League members are consultants, and she suggested that other League cities consider doing this, under League auspices. Mrs. Casperson asked what other Leagues thought of promoting model constitutional conventions in their towns. She explained that such a convention was a demonstration of what a constitutional convention is and how it works, and she asked if the Leagues would like the state Board to provide the basic plans for setting up a model convention. Mrs. Berthelsen (Houston) felt that such a convention would be valuable only if the bill passes the legislature; Mrs. Duke (Victoria) felt a model convention would be valuable to keep interest alive even if the bill does not pass, and that next fall would be the right time to have the conventions. Mrs. Harvey (Dallas) expressed interest in a study which would include the mechanics of a constitutional convention, with information on how they have been done in other states, what staff is needed, etc.

Mrs. Harvey spoke in favor of reaching some specific support positions under the constitutional revision item. Mrs. Winick (state Board chairman for the item) said that she had not found in the history of the item anything specific on why the League wants revision by a convention. She asked if the Leagues would want to look at other methods of revision—a commission, for example—and if they would want to broaden our consensus a bit.

There was brisk discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of making recommendations for specific changes in the constitution. Mrs. Casperson mentioned that Mrs. George Boller (former state president and former state constitutional revision chairman, from Galveston) was particularly qualified to advise the Council, but as she was an observer, not a delegate, the permission of the Council would be needed for her to speak. Permission was granted unanimously. Mrs. Boller agreed that our not attempting to say exactly what details we want in the constitution is in our favor when dealing with the legislature. She also pointed out the practical disadvantages of trying to spell out details since we are not in a position to judge just what we would want in a constitution. She commented that if we wait until we have accumulated all the positions on what we would want revised it would take forever. "We do want a basic constitution, not a statutory one," she said, "and we are not satisfied to take out only the overlapping provisions and the dead wood."

State-Local Relations. Mrs. Casperson asked if the Leagues would like any further study in, say, councils of governments or state-local finance, for example. Would they like to continue to keep this item reasonably quiet, or would they like to do more this year, she asked. Mrs. Sexton (San Antonio) spoke for further consensus on regional planning, and Mrs. McMillan (Austin) favored reviewing the material that we already have. Mrs. Lancaster (state chairman for the item) said that the state Board will continue to keep tab on the various metropolitan areas and the functioning of the state as it plays its role and will issue reports to the local Leagues from time to time, especially as additional studies and legislation are suggested. The material should be helpful to Leagues wanting to study regional councils of governments. The material in Council Workbook II shows that 32 Leagues are in COGs already formed or forming.

Voter Registration and Election Laws. Mrs. Casperson asked if the Council wished to add a No. 18, reregistration by voting, to our list of criteria for a permanent registration system. Mrs. Irwin Brand (El Paso president) moved that we add an item 18, reregistration by voting. Seconded. CARRIED without dissent.

Mrs. Casperson concluded the discussion of state Program by reminding the Council that the new first-round deadline for state Program suggestions for 1968-70 is November 1st. Materials and "lively issues" will be sent to the Leagues well ahead of the deadline.

#### National Program:

Mrs. Casperson asked for directions on national Program for next year and said that they would greatly help our delegates to national Presidents' Council.

Foreign Policy - China. Mrs. W. C. Frederick (Houston 2nd vice-president) proposed suggesting to National that next year we go toward consensus on the entrance of China into the United Nations. Mrs. Jordan (Lubbock) commented that the two-China solution to UN membership seemed to be ruled out, as Dr. Ralph Bunche had said in his speech at Texas Tech that Security Council approval was necessary in order to admit a country into the UN. Mrs. Roberts (Fort Worth) felt that we should only keep abreast of the rapidly changing situation in China next year and take no consensus. Mrs. Fred Bourland (Lubbock 3rd vice-president) said that we should be interested in taking a general position on what direction our relations with Red China should take, but not a specific position such as a stand on admitting China to the UN....Mrs. Casperson announced after a show of hands that about 17 Leagues have been invited to the conference on China next June at Oklahoma City and that 12 are planning to go.

Development of Human Resources. Mrs. Harvey (Dallas) commended the national League for the flexibility of this item which makes it good local Program as well as national. Mrs. Berthelsen (Houston) said that the consensus questions from National were very hard to understand, that it would be helpful to have them simpler and easier to grasp.

Water Resources. Mrs. Bourland (Lubbock) suggested that there be more land and water use seminars like the one held in Austin about a year ago. She asked if Leagues would like to promote these with the help of the Education Fund. In answer to a question as to why the state League had chosen Senator Cole's bill for support and not Representative Braun's, Mrs. Nolle replied that it was because the Board thought that the Leagues would not want to do the extra work of supporting both in view of the large amount of legislative work on other items which is needed. Mrs. Nolle asked if the delegates would like to support Representative Braun's bills also, or ask National if we can support them. Mrs. William De Pierri (Baytown, 2nd vice-president) moved that the state Board look into the question of supporting both Representative Braun's bills (HB 56 through 69) and Senator Cole's bill. Seconded. Mrs. Jordan (Lubbock) spoke in favor of the motion. Motion CARRIED.

Single List for Program. Mrs. Nolle asked if the Council wished to give any direction regarding use of the single list for national Program. Mrs. Campbell (Fort Worth) and Mrs. Frank Hall (San Antonio, 2nd vice-president) responded, with the former favoring the single list at every League level and the latter proposing that CA's and CR's be kept only at the national level.

Adoption of State Budget:

Mrs. Martin reported that the Budget Adjustment Committee (Mmes. Olson, Selman, Lee, Leach, Perrine, Taylor, and Rosenzweig) recommended a revised budget of \$37,468.75 for 1967-68. This amount was arrived at (1) by reducing expenditures for general administration and national services (as National had proposed) and omitting the allocation to the Reserve Fund, and (2) by putting income from local Leagues at the amount they had pledged, by increasing income from publications, and by including in income the balance left from the 1966-67 operating account and the interest on the reserve fund.

Mrs. Martin moved that the proposed budget as revised be adopted. Seconded. CARRIED.

Other Business:

Mrs. Roberts (Fort Worth) moved that an ad <sup>h</sup>oc committee be appointed to investigate the operation, functions, and cost of establishing a permanent state League office; that this committee submit their findings to local Leagues for membership consideration; and that time be allocated at the 1968 Convention to determine <sup>if</sup> the local Leagues' wish to work toward establishing a permanent state office. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Joor said that the ad hoc committee will be appointed.

Announcements:

Mrs. Joor asked that the delegates turn in their completed evaluation sheets of the Council as they leave after adjournment.

Mrs. Joor announced that the resignation of Mrs. T. A. Pollard, first vice-president, has been accepted and that the Board has been reorganized to meet this situation, as follows: Mrs. Robert E. Casperson, 1st vice-president (field service); Mrs. Herbert C. Martin, 2nd vice-president (Program coordinator); and Mrs. Darvin M. Winick, 3rd vice-president (public relations). A new chairman for the Texas constitutional revision item will be appointed.

The flowers worn by the San Antonio delegates and observers, Mrs. Joor said, "are trying to tell you that you are all invited to the state Convention next year on March 25, 26 and 27, in San Antonio."

# League of Women Voters of Texas

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## MINUTES

State Board Meeting  
Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas  
January 17, 18 and 19, 1967

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1967

The Program Committee (Mmes. Casperson, Lancaster, May, Nolle, Winick) met this morning, with Mrs. Joor and Mrs. Martin also present.

The state Board meeting was called to order at 1:00 P. M. The following members were present:

Mrs. D. A. Ballard  
Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe  
Mrs. Robert E. Casperson  
Mrs. Robert Hausman  
Mrs. William E. Joor, II  
Mrs. James G. Lancaster  
Mrs. Herbert C. Martin

Mrs. Francis B. May  
Mrs. Wilson Nolle  
Mrs. T. A. Pollard  
Mrs. E. S. Prashner  
Mrs. Abe Rosenzweig  
Mrs. Darvin M. Winick  
Mrs. S. E. Ziegler

Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, field service staff specialist, was present. Mrs. Darol K. Ramey and Mrs. H. G. Taylor joined the meeting later. Mrs. Joor presided.

### Presidents' Council, April 5 and 6, 1967:

Mrs. Winick reviewed the timed Council agenda, section by section, and gave explanations and details for the guidance of the Board. After discussion of types of hospitality which the Board might tender to early-arriving delegates to the Council, Mrs. Casperson moved that the hospitality room, with coffee served, be opened in the Jim Hogg Room, Tuesday, April 4, from 8:00 to 10:00 P. M., with the state Board serving as hostess and the expense classified as part of Council expense. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Ziegler requested a separate room, which can be locked, for the publications display. (Mrs. Winick later told the Board that publications would be in the Civic Room, which would be available the afternoon of the 4th.)

Mrs. Joor appointed Mrs. Braunagel parliamentarian for the Council, and Mrs. Braunagel accepted.

Some blocks of time on the agenda were subdivided so as to allow five minutes for announcements and another five minutes for passage between meeting rooms or to buses. It was agreed to include in the Program Session on the afternoon of April 5 a five-minute report from the LWV of Texas Education Fund and a 28-minute legislative report. The Little Meetings were allotted the hour between 4:40 and 5:40 P. M. Mrs. Casperson moved that the Little Meetings for Council be on Program, state and national. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Casperson said that probably two of the meetings would be on state Program and one on national. She will notify those who are to be resource people and will give final instructions at the pre-Council Board meeting.

The feeling of the Board was that the Conversation Corners should be held primarily on the mezzanine, with a few separate rooms utilized if needed. (This reversed the decision of the September 1966 Board meeting.) Signs are to be used to identify each "Corner", and Local Program and Publications will share a corner.

The April 5 dinner meeting at which Mrs. Stuart, national LWV president, will speak, will be preceded by a reception at which delegates, observers, and the state Board will meet Mrs. Stuart.

The time slots for the afternoon of April 6 were rearranged so that Program discussion and direction will precede adoption of the state budget.

The Board recessed at 2:50 P. M. for committee meetings, both before and after dinner.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1967

The Board reconvened at 8:30 A. M. with all members present except Mrs. Nolle. Mrs. Braunagel was also present. Mrs. Joor presided.

Mrs. Joor passed to the various Board members affected the annual report forms from National. She noted that this year there was no form for a publications report. The deadline for local Leagues to send their reports to the state office is March 1; the deadline for state Board members to have their reports in the office is March 20, which, Mrs. Joor pointed out, means they must be mailed on the 18th. A separate questionnaire from National will be sent to all Board members by the state office; answers are to be in the office by March 20.

#### Board Resignation:

Mrs. Winick moved that the Board accept Mrs. Wackerbarth's resignation with regret. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Joor called for nominations to succeed Mrs. Wackerbarth. Mrs. Casperson said that a very special kind of person was needed to continue with this state Program item of the Legislature, and that the already announced plans for the item (upon which local Leagues had based their scheduling of meetings) required the appointment of a new chairman as quickly as possible if the Program material on which the Leagues depend were to reach them in time. Ten names were suggested, and Mrs. Joor will proceed with securing a successor for Mrs. Wackerbarth from among this group. Mrs. Wackerbarth will still serve on the Legislature Committee, although she will live in California much of the time during the months ahead.

#### President's Report:

Mrs. Joor called attention to the memo, "State Board and State Office Mechanics", which Board members had received at yesterday's session. The second sentence of the memo (under section I) should be corrected to read: "President in office Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays if necessary". Additions to information under I of the memo were: (1) calls to the office should be made after 10:30 A. M.; (2) the public relations chairman leaves the office at 2:00 P. M.; and (3) the first vice-president stays at the office until 6:00 P. M. and sometimes later.

Mrs. Joor reported that she had received an invitation to attend a luncheon in San Antonio, on January 25, to acquaint women leaders with the accomplishments of women in the state and to explore ideas for presenting such information at the HemisFair, to be held in San Antonio in 1968. The Board agreed that Mrs. Joor should attend the luncheon and become a charter member of the women's commission. Decision was deferred on the question of the state League having an exhibit at the HemisFair or participating in an achievements-of-women booth, as the Board felt that we did not now have enough information on these matters. Mrs. Joor reported that the Austin LWV has been approached about participating in the Women's Pavilion at the HemisFair.

Mrs. Joor announced that the LWVUS Education Fund is sponsoring a conference on China, to be held in Oklahoma City June 13 and 14, with attendance from Leagues in Oklahoma,

Missouri, Kansas, and adjacent parts of Texas and Arkansas. The expenses which Leagues customarily pay for their delegates will be paid by the Fund. State Board delegates will be selected at the April Board meeting.

Discussion of procuring a postage meter for the state office brought out that a hand-operated model can be leased for \$37.50 plus rent of \$7.00 per month and that an automatic model can be bought for \$265.00 (no rental involved). Mrs. Ramey commented that a meter does not cut mailing operations time in half (as the sales literature claims) because there is still much hand work to do. She also said that a new typewriter for the office is essential. The Board agreed to defer decision on a postage meter until after April 1 and suggested that in the meantime people who have used meters be consulted regarding their experience with them.

Minutes of September 27-30, 1966, State Board Meeting:

Corrections in these minutes were made as follows:

Page 4 - second paragraph. In line 4 insert "some" before "other state Leagues".

Page 5 - line 2 under the heading THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1966. Insert "and Mrs. Byrl Ruland" after "executive secretary".

Page 7 - first paragraph under Finance. In the third line from the end of the paragraph delete the "s" from the name of Mr. Arent.

Page 10 - second paragraph. In third from last line insert "by" before "the state Board".

Page 14 - last line on page. At end of first sentence add "except Mrs. Rosenzweig".

Page 16 - after first paragraph. Add the following as the final paragraph under Publications: "Publications content will not be changed without reasonable consultation with appropriate chairman. President has final authority after consulting with proper chairman whenever possible."

Mrs. Joor declared the minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

As an addition to the treasurer's report for the period April 1 through December 15, 1966, Mrs. Taylor gave figures for expenditures through December 31, 1966. She then called the Board's attention to the expenditures which have gone over the budgeted amounts and the income which is above the budget figure. Mrs. Taylor asked Board members to estimate the amounts by which their expenditures would be over or under the budget figures by the end of the year, March 31. The following accounts are expected to be added by the end of the year to the accounts already over-expended: Office Maintenance, \$278.00; Field Service, \$200.00; and the VOTER, \$100.00. Mrs. Ballard explained that there have to be five issues of the VOTER per year in order to keep our second class mailing permit. It was felt that the large over-expenditure for office supplies (\$732.00 as of December 31, 1966) could legitimately be taken care of by charging a portion of the office supplies expense to state publications. Board members suggested that parts of other expenditures (for example, salaries, postage, and slip-sheeting attachment for the mimeograph machine) should also be charged to publications. Mrs. Taylor will prepare for the next Board meeting a list of expenses which should be charged to publications and the proportion of these expenses that should be so charged. It was pointed out that National charges salaries, for example, to several categories of expense, including publications.

Several Board members reported that they expected their expenditures to be less than the amounts budgeted. Mrs. Taylor summed up the budget picture regarding expenditures by saying that by the end of the year we could expect over-expenditures totaling \$1,003.85 (not including the over-expenditure in office supplies). The \$1,003.85 is composed of: Budget Committee, \$29.19; delegates to national Convention, \$259.24; capital expenditures, \$81.29; national publications \$21.13; suspense account, \$35.00; office maintenance, \$278.00; field service, \$200.00; and the VOTER, \$100.00. Subtracting from \$1,003.85 the \$146.62 which will not be expended in various budget accounts leaves an expected net over-expenditure of \$857.23 (excluding the office supplies over-expenditure) for the year ending March 31. It will be explained to the auditor that \$259.24 of this is an expense of last year.

Regarding income, Mrs. Taylor said that \$135.00 more was received for election night reporting than was budgeted. Income and expenditures in connection with the TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW books are not in the budget, but the <sup>income</sup> (\$700.15) from them is \$228.26 more than the expenses (\$471.89). The income (\$8,343.70) from state publications is \$2,063.50 more than the expense (\$6,280.20). It was pointed out that no part of office supplies, salaries, and other expenses which could be considered applicable to these publications, has been charged against them. Mrs. Ramey reminded the Board that any surplus above budgeted income must be deposited in the Reserve Fund and that the Board has to vote to withdraw the surplus from the Fund in order to use it for expenses.

Mrs. Joor announced that the treasurer's report would be filed for audit.

Mrs. Nolle joined the meeting at 10:25 A. M. during discussion of the treasurer's report.

#### Education Fund Report:

Mrs. Joor announced that the report on the Education Fund would be deferred.

#### Program Vice-President's Report:

Mrs. Casperson reported that Mrs. Stuart's speech at the National Municipal League Conference last November is published in the January issue of the National Civic Review. The NML regional meeting in Texas will be held at Texas A & M University, October 25-28, instead of this spring as had been previously announced. This is a desirable change, as the spring date would have come during the current session of the legislature. Mrs. Casperson has sent to Mrs. Winick her report on the proceedings of the NML Conference dealing with preparing for constitutional revision. Mrs. Casperson's report on the conference will go to the state office about the end of January.

The work calendar for local Leagues for 1967-68 will go out on time and will be more detailed, as it was prior to this year. Local Leagues seem to prefer the more detailed calendar. It is especially helpful to local League presidents in setting Board meeting agenda.

Mrs. Casperson mentioned also that the forms for reporting 1967-68 local League Board members should omit the former listing of State CR chairman, as state Program is now single list.

#### Election Laws and Voter Registration:

Mrs. Lancaster said that the committee recommends to the Board addition of a No. 18, reregistration by voting, to the criteria for a permanent registration system. The committee felt that this position is implicit in our consensus on voter registration, but that it should now be spelled out as a separate criterion. Mrs. Lancaster moved that the state Board recommend that a No. 18, reregistration by voting, be added, for clarification, to the

criteria for a permanent registration system. Seconded. CARRIED. The League will support a permanent registration bill in the legislature, and Mrs. May will tell more about this in her legislative report.

Mrs. Lancaster explained that the report of the Election Laws Study Committee (created by the 1965 legislature) recommends enactment of most of the safeguards advocated by the League but only a few of our positions that would make voting more convenient. This situation is being called to the attention of local Leagues through Workbook Part I for Presidents' Council. Mrs. Lancaster moved that the League work for voter convenience in the areas of a longer period for registration; more places, open longer hours, for registering; and the use of adequately trained volunteers for registration deputies. Seconded. CARRIED. Included in the post-Board report will be Mrs. Lancaster's statement to the Election Laws Study Committee at the public hearing on last December 16.

#### The Governor's Address to the Legislature:

The Board recessed at 11:00 A. M. to hear Governor John Connally's address to the legislature on TV. He touched some thirty major subjects, including four that are on League Program—constitutional revision, election laws revision, water pollution control, and state-local relations. Governor Connally gave first place to constitutional revision, saying "No other project approaches the importance of constitutional revision. This is not a partisan matter. The present constitution withholds necessary and needed powers to our state and local governments to meet the needs of the people." He recommended that the legislature (1) submit to the voters in a November election a call for a constitutional convention, and (2) authorize machinery for establishment of a technical staff for the convention. The governor proposed that the 25-member staff be named by himself and judicial and legislative leaders. He recommended that the convention be composed of three elected delegates from each legislative district, chosen by the place system of balloting.

In other areas of League Program the governor recommended adoption of the report of the Election Laws Study Committee and the seven recommendations of the Texas Research League regarding metropolitan areas. He also recommended reorganization and additional financing of the Texas Water Pollution Control Board, creation of a Houston-Galveston Bay Water Quality Authority, the appropriation of \$4,000,000 for planning regional and municipal waste treatment facilities, an emergency appropriation of \$625,000 to provide orderly completion of the Texas Water Plan, and enactment of an administrative water rights adjudication act to further progress already made in water conservation.

Of interest in developing the League's Program item on the legislature is the governor's recommendation for a constitutional amendment to establish annual legislative sessions, with salary increases for legislators accompanying the annual sessions proposal.

The Board resumed its meeting at 11:30 A. M.

#### Election Laws and Voter Registration (continued):

Mrs. Lancaster reviewed the possibilities for League action with regard to the suit brought by the AFL-CIO to prevent canvassing of the vote on constitutional amendment #7 (which was listed on last November's ballot as only abolishing the poll tax but actually established annual registration also). The suit is being appealed to a higher court after a decision for the plaintiff in a state district court. The League can file a brief as a friend of the court in the name of the League of Women Voters of Texas, or we can refrain from doing anything of a legal nature, or we can do a public relations job only, with the purpose of explaining what permanent voter registration is. Filing a brief would require the services of a lawyer, for which we would probably have to pay, although we might find a friend of the League who would do it gratis. In filing a brief the League would have two motives: (1) to do what we can to keep annual registration out of the constitution,

and (2) to show our concern over misrepresentation on the ballot, most recently exemplified in amendment #7.

In the ensuing discussion it was brought out that we could not have filed a friend of the court brief while the case was in the district court, that filing has to wait until the case has been appealed. Much consideration was given to the effect on the public relations of the local Leagues in their communities if we were to file in what the public would consider to be support of the AFL-CIO. Actually, and legally, our brief would be in support of the district judge's decision, not of the organization bringing the suit, but it was agreed that this was a fine point (though valid) which we could hardly hope to make generally understood. The effect on our legislative program of filing a brief was also discussed, and several viewpoints were expressed. Another question considered was whether, if we do not file a brief, League members will feel that we are shying away from taking real action, from doing as much as possible in opposition to annual registration and support of permanent registration. Mrs. Lancaster moved that we file a brief as a friend of the court in behalf of the appellee in this suit. Mrs. Ramey seconded. The motion was LOST, with five votes for and eight against.

The Board strongly approved doing a public relations job to explain what permanent voter registration is and to correct false impressions about it. It was felt that the suit over amendment #7 has put permanent registration in the news, and that our explanations of the system can be particularly effective at this time. Articles in the February TEXAS VOTER and in the post-Board report will explain the Board's action on the amendment #7 suit and introduce our educational effort regarding a permanent voter registration system.

Mrs. Winick was excused to consult with Mrs. Robert Connelly of the Austin LWV, local arrangements chairman for Presidents' Council. Mrs. May was also excused. Both rejoined the meeting after lunch.

#### State-Local Relations:

Mrs. Lancaster reported that the committee had considered the two levels of action possible under this item: (1) specific action that can be taken at the state level, and (2) what local Leagues can do, under this item, at the local level. It is expected that action at the state level would be mostly on the proposals of the Texas Research League regarding local government in the metropolitan areas of the state. These proposals are expected to be presented to the legislature in the form of four acts and two constitutional amendments: (1) Texas Local Government Agency Act; (2) Metropolitan Planning and Cooperation Act; (3) Incentives for Interlocal Cooperation; (4) County Land Use Protection Act; (5) Constitutional Amendment - the Urban County; and (6) Constitutional Amendment - Optional County Plans of Government. Mrs. Lancaster explained that these proposals are flexible, as are the LWV's positions on state-local relations. Since the September Board meeting there has been a great deal of correspondence among committee members as to which of the TRL proposals we could support under our state-local relations positions. Mrs. Lancaster moved the acceptance of the committee's recommendation, which is that the LWV of Texas act on those recommendations of the Texas Research League which give (1) permissive power to metropolitan areas for more flexibility to solve their problems, and (2) more coordination at the state level. Mrs. Hausman seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Lancaster said that this authorizes the League to support legislation which: (1) permits metropolitan regions to form Councils of Government; (2) permits local governmental units to contract with each other; (3) gives urban counties the right to choose among optional forms of government, form an Urban County, and enact, for areas outside incorporated municipalities, subdivision ordinances, building codes and land use planning regulations.

In considering what Leagues can do at the local level under the state-local relations item, the main discussion was on the proposition that before a League (or all the Leagues) in an area can take action on a matter of area-wide concern they must all have shared the

study information and concurred in the consensus. An example given was that the Leagues in the 7-county area affected cannot support Houston's Regional Planning Commission without having put a study of it on each League's local Program. The Leagues could meet and decide how to handle the study so as to avoid duplication, but each League would need to study the full report, not just the part it had prepared. The Leagues could take action on the regional planning commission only in accordance with consensus positions to which they all agreed. A different point of view was that some Leagues might not participate in the study and consensus because of already having, for example, as much local Program as they could handle. Could not the Leagues which had come to consensus still take action, in their own names? Mrs. Lancaster pointed out the interest of the state League in consensus and action under the state-local relations item. A motion which attempted to embody Board thinking was made and seconded, but the Board gave permission to rewrite the motion at lunch.

There was discussion also of procedures which Leagues should observe in doing a county survey or the survey of a city-county department if there is more than one League in the county. It was felt that the League proposing the survey should consult the other Leagues in the county, and if it adopts the item it should furnish all the resource material to the other Leagues. As in the Board discussion of regional Program items, there were, again, different opinions as to whether all the Leagues would need to concur in the consensus in order for action to be taken.

The Board recessed at 12:45 P. M. for lunch and resumed its session at 1:45 P. M.

Mrs. Lancaster moved that: (1) in order for a local League to support a particular plan in its area for a regional council, council of governments, an optional form of county government, or interlocal cooperation of local governments, this plan must be studied locally, in cooperation with other Leagues involved (consult state Board chairman and see LOCAL LEAGUE HANDBOOK, page 22, section 3, for implementation); (2) the state Board must be informed of the consensus of a local League or Leagues in these areas and must approve any proposed action. Mrs. Hausman seconded. CARRIED. At the request of the committee, Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Pollard agreed to write (if possible, for the post-Board report) guidelines for local Leagues to aid them in working on regional problems under the state-local relations Program item. The committee requested, too, that provision be made for delegates to Presidents' Council to suggest what tools, if any, will be needed during 1967-68 on state-local relations.

#### Texas Constitutional Revision:

Mrs. Winick reported that the committee recommended sending, during the Board meeting, (1) a telegram of praise to Governor Connally for his support of constitutional revision and (2) a press release from Mrs. Joor about the telegram and the League's position on constitutional revision. The committee also recommended that a Time for Action on TCR go out to the local Leagues very soon, and that a brochure to prepare voters for a constitutional convention election be done by the state Board and distributed by the local Leagues to the people who received TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW. Mrs. Winick said that the series of press releases planned for at the September Board meeting had not been prepared. The committee recommended that the customary statewide library project during the Texas Historical Period (March 2 - April 21) not be done this year, but that if local Leagues wished to go ahead with such a project with their local libraries TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW would be material for it.

During the discussion of the committee's recommendations several additional suggestions for publications were made, especially material for the Leagues. After a meeting to consider these suggestions the committee recommended, and the Board agreed to, additional material, as follows: the Time for Action and the accompanying page of background information to be done by Mrs. May; a full-page article in the February TEXAS VOTER on a

constitutional convention, to be written by Mrs. Winick; a fact sheet, and a flyer to come out later, both to be done by Mrs. Ramey and Mrs. Winick and both to be on constitutional conventions. Mrs. Lancaster pointed out that we should alert the Leagues to be looking for good delegates to run for the constitutional convention. Mrs. May said that there would probably be separate elections, one to decide on having a constitutional convention and the other to elect delegates. There ought to be some League members running for positions as delegates. Governor Connally, Mrs. May added, expects to receive recommendations of people to be delegates.

#### National Program:

Mrs. Nolle reported that National's new CURRENT REVIEW OF HUMAN RESOURCES and/or CURRENT REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY will be sent to senators Tower and Yarborough and to congressmen Wright Patman, John Dowdy, Richard White, and Abraham Kazen, in whose districts there are no local Leagues. THE CHINA PUZZLE may also be sent. Mrs. Nolle will send her order to the state office with a cover letter to go out with the pamphlets.

Development of Human Resources. Very few local Leagues appear to be doing much on this item. To promote reports from the Leagues, Mrs. Nolle said, the committee wants to send them reproductions of material from the LWV of Illinois, "Questions and Answers on Action Under the Development of Human Resources Consensus". This material will serve as a reminder to the Leagues to evaluate DHR programs in their own communities and as a guide to action. The committee recommended also sending a checklist covering what local Leagues should know about their communities and what they should include in their reports. The committee wants this material to be sent out as soon as possible.

Water Resources. The Water Pollution Control Board will be reorganized, probably in the way our consensus recommends. If Mrs. Nolle, Mrs. Joor, and Mrs. May feel that the reorganization proposal is in accord with our consensus position, they will ask the national Board for permission to support the measure. We should keep abreast of happenings with regard to the Houston-Galveston Bay Water Quality Authority proposed by the governor, not to support it, but to see what pattern it may set for other areas. The post-Board report will mention that if Leagues within the proposed Houston-Galveston Bay Authority area wish to study the Authority they should tell the state office so that plans to coordinate research can be made. On water rights adjudication legislation we have no consensus, but the committee recommends sending information about it to the local Leagues because of its implications for state water planning in Texas.

#### Legislative Report:

Mrs. May gave each Board member the "Representation Before the Legislature Registration Form", which each is to fill out, have notarized, and send to the Chief Clerk, House of Representatives, Capitol Station, Austin, 78711, during the time prescribed in the last paragraph of the form.

Mrs. May had available for the Board copies of the book upon which she has been working, CATALOG OF STATE SERVICES TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, published by the Office of the Governor, Planning Agency Council for Texas. This 200-page book will be sent to all legislators, cities, and counties.

Legislative Interviews. Nineteen Leagues (including El Paso provisional, which was not supposed to interview) have submitted, in whole or in part, their two legislative report forms, the Opinion Report and the Biography Report. These Leagues interviewed 57 representatives and 15 senators. (There are 102 representatives and 27 senators from districts in which there are Leagues, and a total membership in the House of 150 and in the Senate of 31.) Fifty-two representatives favor constitutional revision and twelve support permanent registration.

Mrs. May has made an appointment for Mrs. Joor and herself to see House Speaker Ben Barnes on January 20. The lieutenant-governor is not available this week. Mrs. May will contact representatives Travis Peeler and James W. Stroud about sponsoring the LWV permanent registration bill of the last session. (Representative Stroud is going to handle such a bill anyway.)

Bexar County (San Antonio) Home Rule. Mrs. May reported that in October of last year she had talked to the San Antonio LWV and the legislative candidates about the state League's action program. In November the San Antonio League held a meeting (paid for by former county commissioner Sam Jorrie) with their legislators to discuss the Bexar County Home Rule bill. The League sponsored a second meeting at which a lawyer explained the "how" and "why" of home rule. Five representatives (out of a county delegation of 10) are formally committed to the bill, which will be sponsored in the House by representatives Lombardino and Dramberger. Both Bexar County senators will sponsor the bill in the Senate.

Texas Legislative Service. The committee recommended that a subscription to the between-sessions legislative service (present cost \$200.00) be put in the 1968-69 state League budget. The service includes a regular clipping service (news items reproduced) and various publications. We presently subscribe to the regular service, which covers the time the legislature is in session. The committee realized that it is too late to put the between-sessions service in the 1967-68 budget, so recommended its inclusion in 1968-69.

Legislative Round-up, etc. Legislative Round-ups will be forthcoming during the session, as usual, but the committee recommended experimenting at least once with a little different format and content, to resemble more closely a legislative newsletter.

The committee again considered a chart which would show the progress through the legislature of bills in which the League is interested. The committee recommended having mimeographed copies of such a chart for Presidents' Council. At Council each delegate will fill in on her chart the last-minute information on the bills which Mrs. May will give in her legislative report. The committee will attempt to see the Texas Municipal League's extra-large cardboard chart on their legislative interests. If it seems useful and feasible the committee may prepare a similar chart for Mrs. May's talk at the Council.

Focus on State Government. This national League campaign will be handled primarily by Mrs. Ramey, public relations chairman, with Mrs. May cooperating in every way, including supplying information.

Capitol Committee. Following Board discussion of a capitol committee (which included comments that such a committee had been very useful when the League's state office was in Austin) the Board decided that Mrs. May should ask the Austin League's legislature committee to help take notes at key meetings of the legislature.

Time for Action. The Board decided that a TFA should go out right away to local Leagues asking them to contact their legislators immediately to urge their support of constitutional revision in this session. The TFA will go to presidents, Program vice-presidents, legislative chairmen, and Texas constitutional revision chairmen. Mrs. May will write the letter to legislators from non-League areas urging them to support revision. Mrs. Hausman asked if members-at-large can be sent Times for Action. The Board decided that they would not be sent this one. Mrs. Braunagel added that the Board will need to decide for each Time for Action whether it is to go to members-at-large.

The Board recessed at 3:55 P. M. and reconvened at 4:05 P. M.

Local Program:

Mrs. Ziegler reported that the committee has prepared a tool for local Program

chairmen which includes a catalog of the publications of the local Leagues in Texas and a listing of their local Programs for 1966-67. This is similar to a publication of the LWV of Massachusetts and is designed to encourage local Program chairmen to write to other Leagues for copies of their publications and plans. The committee recommended that this tool, which will be mimeographed, have an appropriate and eye-catching cover page. The committee also recommended that this new publication be introduced by putting a copy in the kit each local League president receives for Presidents' Council, and that right after Council it be sent out on duplicate presidents' mailing and to local Program chairmen.

Mrs. Ziegler's material for Workbook Part I for the Council will include a paragraph on the work of the local Program committee and a list of helpful references from the national and state publications catalogs and the HOW TO...handbook of the LWV of Indiana.

The publications display at Council will include a grouping of all of the above publications and local Program publications of Texas Leagues. The committee recommended that local Leagues not sell their publications at Council.

The committee recommended that field service people emphasize local Program and how to do it to those Leagues which are doing very little in this area. The committee felt that a good active local Program can be the key for solving problems of membership, finance, etc. From field service reports and local VOTERS the committee listed as follows the Leagues which are doing little or nothing on local Program: Beaumont, Corsicana, Edinburg, Freeport, Harlingen, Lake Jackson, San Angelo, South Jefferson County, and Wichita Falls. Board discussion indicated approval of de-emphasizing state and national Program if that were necessary to make local Program vital and effective in these Leagues.

Mrs. Martin moved that Mrs. Ziegler's report be accepted. Seconded. CARRIED.

#### Area Conferences of November 10, 1966:

The five conferences dealt with involving the member in unit groups, local Program, finance, and voters service, and the conference material was prepared with the "ordinary" member in mind.

Mrs. Ballard reported that the total attendance was 161 from local Leagues, plus the state Board. Six Leagues (Beaumont, Edinburg, Longview, San Angelo, San Marcos, and South Jefferson County) did not attend. They have been sent the conference material. The cost was less than anticipated, with a present surplus of \$110.69 out of total receipts of \$425.00. The \$2.50 registration fee had been set as a figure which would avoid a deficit (as had occurred from the last area conferences) but would make little, if any, profit. The committee recommended that state conferences be handled so as to make a small profit. It was felt that this was necessary in order to insure against a deficit. Mrs. Martin commented that if the Leagues do not want that high a registration fee then there must be an item in the state League budget for conferences.

The vast majority of the delegates said on their evaluation sheets that they were glad to have the opportunity of exchanging ideas with members of other Leagues. Delegates were overwhelmingly in favor of having another one-day conference next year. Those attending the conference of big city Leagues were also glad for the opportunity to exchange ideas, but said that they wanted a conference with more Program content.

The committee will compile the ideas from the conferences and send this to the local Leagues.

Mrs. Ballard requested that area conference material that was not used be returned to the state office.

The committee recommended that future area conferences be planned farther ahead than this one was. Even with the conference coming about six weeks after the Board meeting at which the final plans were adopted, there still was not time for the material to be gotten out when it should have been.

In discussing future area conferences, Mrs. Joor mentioned the State Day of the California LWV, in which the state Board reported on finance, membership, Program, etc. Mrs. Nolle commented that we need an off-Board committee to investigate various ways, other than area conferences, of having the local Leagues get together. Mrs. Ballard said that an off-Board person could organize an area conference - or a convention - or a presidents' council.

#### Membership:

Mrs. Hausman reported that the committee felt that the Dallas League's membership questionnaire and resulting evaluation report would be useful for discussion in the membership Conversation Corner at Presidents' Council. Questions from these reports would also be incorporated into a checklist to be given to each field service consultant for handing to the membership chairmen in the Leagues she visits. The committee plans to provide field service consultants with a tool to help membership chairmen explain to their local Boards the total Board responsibility towards membership. The committee felt that IBM membership interest cards could be prepared by the state office for sale to local Leagues. Whether this idea would be interesting to the Leagues could be ascertained at Council.

The forthcoming supplement to "Hints From Helen" will contain several suggestions for keeping members and preventing "drops". The buddy system, a membership participation chairman on the local League Board, and calling on "drops" will all be explained.

A sheet suggesting uses for the YOU BELONG TO THE LWV flyer, with an order blank, will be sent out with the post-Board report. Each of the six local Leagues not attending the area conferences will receive, also, a copy of the flyer, which was introduced at the conferences.

If there is room in the next TEXAS VOTER, the committee would like space in which to explain membership at large and to list these members, and the services they receive from the state League. The article would include a coupon for sending in names and addresses of prospective members-at-large. The committee's alternative plan for the VOTER is a short poem, "You Belong", which will promote both the new flyer and membership in the League.

The post-Board report will include a reminder that each local League treasurer, in conjunction with the membership chairman, should send each month a list of new members and "drops" to the national office, with a copy for the state office. The role of this monthly report in the servicing and consequent retaining of new members, will be stressed. Two Leagues have not yet returned their reports of membership as of November 1, 1966. As soon as these come in a report will be sent to each Board member, showing for each League the November 1, 1965, and November 1, 1966, membership and the increase or decrease for the year.

Mrs. Hausman reported that she had written individual letters to the five members-at-large inviting them to attend the area conferences. Nobody replied, and no one came.

The committee asked for Board approval of working out a statewide membership drive, to begin in April with the membership chairmen and culminate in October with, for example, a membership week proclaimed by the governor and the use by local Leagues at that time of endorsements of the League from mayors and other prominent community members. Publicity,

radio and TV time could be arranged on a statewide basis. Mrs. Hausman said that the Oregon LWV has had a statewide membership drive, the results of which will be sent to her as soon as they are correlated.

Since the Finance Committee also has plans for a statewide drive, the Board asked Mrs. Rosenzweig to give her report, so that the two drives could be discussed together.

#### Finance:

Mrs. Rosenzweig said that her committee wished for Board approval of an annual statewide finance drive to be held in February, beginning with February, 1968. Twenty eight of the 37 local Leagues now have their drives in February, and the committee felt that with the cooperation of Mrs. Ramey, public relations chairman, the Leagues could draw inspiration and ideas from each other and from State, with the result of more successful drives. Mrs. Ramey and Mrs. Rosenzweig have prepared a list of 16 benefits and PR possibilities which Board members were invited to read. Drives would continue to be local League drives, with three changes proposed: (1) all Leagues "kick off" at the same time; (2) all Leagues who wish conduct their drives at the same time; and (3) all Leagues report back within the same period. The committee felt that the knowledge that many Leagues (hopefully, 28) were doing the same thing at approximately the same time would be a great morale builder. There would be no coercion of the nine Leagues who do not hold their drives in February, but the committee believed that enough benefits would result from the proposed plan so that sooner or later the other Leagues would join it. If the Board approves the plan, the committee will start laying the groundwork at Presidents' Council in the Conversation Corner on finance.

After considerable discussion the Board agreed that both the membership and finance committees should proceed with their plans, with the understanding that Membership should plan for a sustained push and Finance for a short, heavily concentrated drive. The plans presented in the report of each committee was approved.

Mrs. Rosenzweig continued her report. The committee would like to explore other ways of raising money (in addition to annual finance drives). Some suggestions are: benefit performance of a motion picture pertinent to some phase of League Program if possible; book reviews; and a concerted effort for the sale of League publications, such as a publications fair.

The committee would like space in the February TEXAS VOTER to commend the Richardson and Texas City Leagues for excellent finance "blurbs" in their VOTERS.

#### Voters Service:

Mrs. Prashner said that the post-Board report will remind the Leagues of the new national publication, IS POLITICS YOUR JOB?, and the SWAP SHOP of September 1966, which contains ideas for "off year" voters service activities.

A letter from the Fort Worth LWV had criticized the content of the November 1966 VOTERS GUIDE. Mrs. Prashner had replied that there would not have been occasion for criticism if the League had had more money to spend on the GUIDE.

The San Antonio League had had an unforeseen problem with the newspaper printing a condensation of their GUIDE and the state GUIDE, and they wished to know how to handle this if it comes up again. The committee recommended that when state GUIDES are published, a letter go out reminding local Leagues that the material must be printed exactly as in the GUIDE and all candidates for each office treated equally. Mrs. Ramey pointed out that if the newspaper will not abide by these rules, the League could get contributors to pay for the unabridged printing in the paper.

The Board approved a voter registration report form, similar to the former poll tax report form, to go with the post-Board mailing. Attention will be called to it in the post-Board report. The completed reports will be of special value to the Election Laws and Voter Registration Committee as well as the Voters Service Committee.

If the Board approves, more definite plans for a Voters Key type of publication for 1968 will be presented to the post-Council Board meeting. The feeling of the committee was that more information should be included in this than had been in Voters Keys of the past, and the Dallas League's SPEAK FOR YOURSELF and a publication of the Tennessee LWV were given as examples. Mrs. Nolle moved that the Voters Service Committee be given the authority to begin planning for a Voters Key type of publication. Mrs. Ballard seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Prashner said she would welcome Board members' ideas for the publication.

The Fort Worth League has requested permission to be a sponsor of Michigan's Governor George Romney for a talk about his state's revision of its constitution. The Board agreed to give permission and to point out, also, pitfalls which may be present in the situation. Mrs. Joor will write the letter to Fort Worth.

#### Publications:

In speaking of the Publications Report for September 1966 to January 1967 (which was received by all Board members) Mrs. Ziegler mentioned that the membership, duplicate presidents mailings, and standing orders of each League were now being shown on the report. These data help us to evaluate the publications situation in the various Leagues.

The committee recommended that each new publication, ordinarily, have a cover letter to encourage its use, and that the letter be written by the Board member who oversees the publication. Since the absence of a cover letter for the new PUBLICATIONS CATALOG may have contributed to fewer orders of it than of last year's, Mrs. Ziegler has prepared a cover letter to go out with the post-Board mailing, telling the uses of the catalog.

Mrs. Ziegler will send to the state office a list of state and national publications which are to be exhibited and sold at Presidents' Council. For the Conversation Corners at Council Mrs. Ziegler is asking the chairmen involved to bring the material they will need.

The Board approved the committee's recommendation of sending to the members-at-large THE CHINA PUZZLE. These will be ordered by the state office and sent to Mrs. Hausman, who will mail them with a cover letter she will prepare.

The Board recessed at 6:15 P. M. for dinner and for meetings of some committees afterwards.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1967

The Board meeting reconvened at 8:40 A. M. with all members, and Mrs. Braunagel, present. Mrs. Joor presided.

#### Presidents' Council:

Mrs. Prashner gave an itemized list of estimated Council expenses. With 160 delegates attending, the registration fee would need to be \$9.00. Mrs. Prashner moved that there be a \$9.00 registration fee for the 1967 Presidents' Council. Seconded. CARRIED.

On the question of whether the workbooks for Council should be mimeographed on both sides of the pages, the Board decided that any report of more than one page should be thus mimeographed, except that neither the legislative report nor the agenda should be

done on both sides. The budget should not be done on both sides either, unless on opposing pages. Each report should begin on the front side of the page.

Announcements:

Mrs. Joor announced that the 1968 State Convention Committee would be Mrs. Nolle, Mrs. Rosenzweig, and Mrs. Ramey, chairman, and that Mrs. Prashner would be Mrs. Lancaster's assistant on election laws and voter registration.

Referring to the INVENTORY OF WORK ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION of June 1966, Mrs. Joor said that the ten copies ordered after the September Board meeting had not been received. It will be re-ordered for the three Board members who still want it and for Dr. J. William Davis, of Texas Technological College in Lubbock.

Public Relations:

The committee's report, presented by Mrs. Ramey, covered the four subjects which follow.

Semi-annual Report. The committee recommended that there be a semi-annual public relations report from the local Leagues, which would get them to evaluate their own activities and would give the state Board a more complete picture than do the present reports. The deadlines for return of the completed reports by the Leagues would be March 1st and September 1st, which would permit their reproduction and circulation among all Board members before the June and January (or, hopefully, the March and September) Board meetings. These reports would take the place of the present ones and would benefit all state Board activities, Mrs. Ramey stressed. A cover letter would go with the report. The completed reports should furnish the basic data which are necessary for the Leagues, and the state Board, to evaluate their PR performance.

The report would cover public relations within the community, between the local League Board and the state Board, and between the local League Board and the member. Concerning public relations within the community, questions would be asked under each of the following divisions: relationship between the local League and governmental bodies; relationship between the League and news media; speakers' bureau; and relationship between the League and other organizations. With regard to public relations between the local League Board and the member, the questions would concern efforts made and techniques used to include the members in all aspects of League life. Public relations between the local League Board and the state Board would be a "what do you want the state Board to do" set of questions, broken down into specific areas, such as Program, finance, etc.

Mrs. Ramey moved that the state Board accept the proposal of the Public Relations Committee for the semi-annual public relations evaluation report from the local Leagues, with deadlines to the Leagues of March 1st and September 1st. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED. The first report, Mrs. Ramey said, will have a deadline of September 1st for return of the completed reports. The report will be introduced and discussed at Presidents' Council, where the forms, including the cover letter, will be given out at the public relations Conversation Corner. Field service consultants will be invaluable in promoting local League attention to the report, Mrs. Ramey said.

Texas Constitutional Revision. The committee felt that the League should prepare two types of material (one for League areas and the other for non-League areas) which would be ready to be printed or mimeographed as soon as the legislature passes the bill providing for a constitutional convention. For League areas there would be a general public relations memo suggesting PR approaches for reaching the public. There would be a flyer, which would be done in Spanish also, and a series of newspaper articles for the Leagues to use. In non-League areas the plan would be to secure from the presidents of

other organizations permission to supply them with articles on con-con for their member publications. Articles and a fact sheet would be distributed to newspapers also, and the flyers would be supplied free to organizations for distribution. The Public Relations Committee, in consultation with the Texas Constitutional Revision Committee, would prepare the articles, flyer and fact sheet from existing League materials, including the forthcoming February TEXAS VOTER, and would begin work right away, to have the material ready for publishing as soon as the need arises. The Board agreed to the committee's plan, with the amendment that the memo suggesting ways of reaching the public should be deferred until the legislature acts, and the further amendment that the 1965 FACTS OF LIFE folder on constitutional revision would be sent to the local Leagues, as an immediate source of background information.

Mrs. Nolle suggested that Mrs. Joor contact Mrs. Brown, chairman of the Education Fund, to discuss holding a seminar on constitutional revision for Texas.

"Give and Take". Mrs. Ramey said that an issue will go out as soon as possible after the post-Board report. The new semi-annual report form will contain a section for ideas for "Give and Take".

Presidents' Council. The Board approved the committee's proposal to investigate the possibility of having a professional photographer at the legislative breakfast to take pictures of the delegates and their legislators, with each local League paying for its pictures. The Board agreed that a representative of each wire service (AP and UP) and a representative of the Stuart Long Service be invited as special guests of the League for the dinner with Mrs. Stuart. It was decided that the three services should themselves choose their representatives, and that the Public Relations Committee could make the decision as to whether more than three would be invited. The committee felt that from the public relations viewpoint it would be advisable for Mrs. Stuart to meet leading officials (Governor Connally, Lieutenant Governor Smith, and Speaker of the House Ben Barnes) and that the opportunity to do so was favorable.

#### Presidents' Council:

The discussion begun in considering the report of the Public Relations Committee was continued with regard to other aspects of Council. Suggestions made for the topic of Mrs. Stuart's speech were: focus on state government; a speech similar to that she gave at the National Municipal League Conference; the role the League should be taking in the move toward a constitutional convention; a speech to inspire local Leagues to more active participation in their communities; the League's role in educating the citizen. Board opinion was unfavorable to a talk on a Program item, e. g., water pollution control, or a speech primarily concerned with what the League is doing.

Mrs. Hausman wishes to introduce the membership drive at Council by setting a goal of increase in membership for each local League to reach. The Board agreed that the goal should be 10% overall increase in new members. Mrs. Hausman requested two minutes at the general session, just before the Council goes into Conversation Corners, for the purpose of introducing the membership drive. The Board agreed that the drive should be introduced in the Conversation Corners, not at the general session. A preliminary announcement can be in the VOTER and in the post-Board report.

It was decided that the Capitol Scoops, which immediately follow the legislative breakfast, would be done by Mrs. Casperson, since Mrs. May would be busy talking to legislators. Mrs. Martin will preside at the session.

Mrs. Winick announced that a tape recorder has been found for the Council and that Mrs. Connelly, local arrangements chairman, would rent the machine.

At the Council Mrs. Joor will announce that, in accordance with the pledge suggested by National, our contribution to National for 1967-68 will be \$300.00 less than our budget calls for.

Mrs. Braunagel mentioned that the local Leagues will want copies of Mrs. Stuart's speech and the Program presentations, and that these can be done after or during Council.

Field Service:

The Board gave approval for Mrs. Pollard to send to National the request of the Fort Worth LWV to become an area League. The applications for local League status by the El Paso and Bay Area provisional Leagues had been available during the Board meeting for members to study. Mrs. Braunagel moved that the state Board recommend to the national Board that local League status be granted to El Paso. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Pollard moved that the state Board recommend to the national Board that local League status be granted to Bay Area. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Pollard will let Board members know as soon as these Leagues are recognized by National, so that each can send them a note of welcome. Mrs. Ramey commented that it would be fine if the local Leagues, also, would welcome these new Leagues. Mrs. Joor will send telegrams of congratulation to the El Paso and Bay Area annual meetings.

The committee recommended that a field service consultant visit El Paso at the time of their annual meeting (March 17) and stay on to do training of the new Board. It was also recommended that Mrs. Ballard give the Freeport League intensive care for the rest of this year by attending Board and other meetings as much as possible. Mrs. Pollard said that Grand Prairie will become a unit of the Dallas LWV. Mrs. Ziegler reported that the Brazos County prospective League will have its organization meeting on February 7th or 13th and that she will notify Mrs. Joor and Mrs. Pollard as soon as she knows the date, so that a letter of welcome can be sent for that meeting. Mrs. Pollard asked, also, that each Board member write a letter of welcome (to her counterpart, if the information is available) and offer the help of her portfolio to Brazos County after they have had their organization meeting....After discussion of the situation, the Board agreed that Mrs. Irving Pettis, consultant for the Corsicana League, would be asked to go to them now....Mrs. Pollard announced that Mrs. Braunagel would make two more visits to Wichita Falls, one of them before February 1st.

Mrs. Pollard opened discussion of the grave situation of the San Angelo LWV by reading the section on disbanding from the STATE BOARD HANDBOOK. She reviewed the record of field service visits--spotty--and noted that after a visit in 1965 the League added five new members. The committee recommended, on the basis of the lack of assistance which has been given San Angelo, that Mrs. Braunagel go there to see what can be done, and that if nothing can be done she disband the League. The committee also recommended that Mrs. Maurice Brown be asked to go with Mrs. Braunagel. The committee emphasized that it wants the San Angelo League to be rehabilitated if possible and that it hopes that Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Brown can do this. If the League does continue, the committee would want Mrs. Brown to make two more visits, the first one in March to inspire the League to send delegates to Presidents' Council. Mrs. Pollard moved that Mrs. Braunagel go to San Angelo and that Mrs. Brown be asked also to go, that they evaluate the situation and proceed accordingly (this would include disbanding if necessary). Mrs. Ballard seconded. It was stressed again in the discussion that Field Service would like San Angelo to be revived. Mrs. Ziegler spoke for putting San Angelo on reorganization. The motion was CARRIED.

The committee recommended that more off-Board field service personnel be trained.

The Board approved Mrs. Pollard's plan to send out about March 1st the forms on which the 1967-68 Boards of the local Leagues are to be listed, plus the forms for names and

addresses of each local League president, treasurer, and publications chairman, with the request that these be filled out and returned to the state office right after the League's annual meeting.

Education Fund:

Mrs. Brownscombe reported that the second printing of TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW is underway, with 18 local Leagues having sent in large-quantity orders totaling 35,250. The Fund will keep 250 of the books, and 14,500 will be shipped to the state office. The Fund requests that all Board members use their best efforts to see that the books sent to the Leagues are distributed, that they do not end up in someone's closet. Mrs. Brownscombe emphasized that the Fund welcomes suggestions for projects, that it wants to have three projects always going--one being planned, one in full swing, and one being finished up. The Board commended the Trustees and asked Mrs. Joor to send to the chairman a letter of congratulation on the Fund's progress.

Election Night Reporting:

Mrs. Casperson moved that a letter go from Mrs. Joor commending Mrs. Eugene Hughes for the excellent job she did on election night reporting. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded.  
CARRIED.

The Board recessed at 11:30 A. M. and reconvened at 11:45 A. M.

VOTER:

Mrs. Ballard reported that the committee recommends that deadlines for the VOTER be early enough so that it will be in the hands of recipients well before the end of the month that it is dated. The deadline will be the 10th of the month preceding the date of the VOTER. The April 10th deadline for this year, however, will be changed to a later date because of Council.

The committee recommended the following content for the February VOTER: page 1 - Presidents' Council agenda, picture and write-up of Mrs. Stuart; page 2 - finance "bouquets", introduction of membership drive, proposed budget for 1967-68 and explanation; page 3 - Texas constitutional revision; page 4 - voter registration, Board changes, field service developments (El Paso, Bay Area, and Brazos County) and statement of ownership.

By a show of hands, four of the Board favored and five opposed having circles printed at the left edge of the first page of the VOTER to facilitate punching holes for ring binders.

1968 State Convention:

Mrs. Hausman asked for a final decision on the convention date. Earlier in the Board meeting there was discussion of changing to the dates of April 9, 10 and 11 in order to take advantage of the opening of the HemisFair. Mrs. Hausman pointed out that those dates fall during Holy Week. The Board reaffirmed its earlier choice of dates, i. e., March 26, 27 and 28, 1968, or if arrangements for that time could not be made, March 19, 20 and 21 (see June 1966 minutes, page 13). Mrs. Ramey will send the San Antonio League a note regarding the convention date and the appointment of the convention committee of the state Board, and will ask San Antonio to appoint their convention committee.

Deadlines:

Mrs. Joor announced the following deadlines: post-Board report - in state office

by January 25; Presidents' Council Workbook Part I - postmark of January 27; Workbook Part II - postmark of March 3 for all except Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. May, and Mrs. Taylor, whose reports are to be postmarked March 15; questionnaire from National and annual reports - in state office by March 20. Mrs. Braunagel read the list she had kept of what each Board member was to do and when. This was a great assistance to the Board.

Mrs. Joor announced that the pre-Council Board meeting would begin at 2:00 P. M., Monday, April 3, and the post-Council Board meeting would last until noon, Saturday, April 8. The Council will be held on April 5 and 6.

The Board meeting adjourned at 1:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth F. Brownscombe*

Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe,  
Secretary

that such a session is often called a "budget building day" and that there are many advantages in bringing in local Leagues to help make the budget. Participating in the session yesterday were the following presidents: Mrs. Frank Jobe (Pasadena), Mrs. Don Wynnemer (Baytown), Mrs. Leroy J. Olson (Galveston), Mrs. Harry Leach (Texas City), Mrs. Karl Kamrath (Houston), and Mrs. Paul E. Chapman (Dickinson). Also present were: Dr. Mary McCaskey (Corpus Christi), Mrs. Bob Cooper (San Marcos), and Mrs. R. M. Purvis (Baytown), who are, respectively, finance chairman, first vice-president, and treasurer of their Leagues.

Mrs. Linehan presented two budgets--the ideal and the restricted. The ideal budget of \$42,256.80 is almost 15% higher than this year's budget of \$37,055.00. For the two budgets to be completely comparable, however, an in-and-out item of \$2000 for Convention should be included in next year's budget as it had been for Council in this year's, and if this were done the ideal budget would be about 21% greater than this year's. To meet the ideal budget local League support would have to be increased 29% over this year's figure (\$38,476 instead of \$29,855). The ideal budget contained large increases in postage and supplies, secretarial help, and the president's account, smaller increases in, for example, the TEXAS VOTER, Board of Directors, and Program, and included also a budget planning session to which the invited local League representatives would have their expenses paid. The committee felt that the value of this budget--"the budget we ought to have"--lay in its getting us out of the old familiar pattern and starting us toward "thinking big".

The restricted budget (\$41,301.80) eliminated the expenses-paid feature (\$925) of the budget planning session and the increase in the president's account (\$850) and in several others. Mrs. Linehan asked for Board discussion of various possible further reductions. It was agreed that the \$13,000 pledge to National (\$75 more than this year) could not be cut nor the \$500 for state and national legislative action since most of that is for a subscription to "Legislative Service" and it looks as if there will be much legislative action on constitutional revision. It was felt that the \$700 each for postage and supplies could be cut since that is almost twice the amount in this year's budget. And the withdrawal from the reserve fund could be replaced in two years at \$250 per year instead of in one year. There was no agreement in regard to cutting secretarial expense, any of the items under field service, or attendance at non-League meetings. There was considerable feeling that paying the expenses of local League representatives invited to the budget planning session would be an excellent investment in fostering understanding of the budget and obtaining greatly increased local League pledges.

The Board recessed at 3:30 P. M. for group conferences with Mmes. Law and Morgan and meetings of committees, both before and after dinner.

The Board reconvened at 9:15 P. M. for discussion of the budget which had been revised during the period of recess.

Mrs. Linehan reported that the revised budget prepared by the committee totals \$38,627, and that local League support necessary to meet the budget is \$34,577. When adjusted to be comparable to this year's budget (by including the in-and-out amount of \$2000), next year's budget is increased almost 10% over this year's. To meet next year's budget local League pledges must be increased almost 16% (\$4720). About 25% of this increase is because there will be no income from election night reporting next year (\$900 in this year's budget) and because interest on the reserve fund (\$225 in this year's budget) cannot next year be included in operating income.

In explaining the budget, Mrs. Linehan said that it allows for a state Board of 18 members and that in order to keep within the amount allocated for the Board, the Budget Committee recommends that consideration be given to holding Board meetings in a location

(for example, Waco) which is more centrally located than is Houston. The committee recommends holding next year's budget planning session with local League representatives in Dallas and the September Board meeting there also. The supplies and postage item is reduced to \$700, which the committee considers sufficient for such expenditures which are not included in publications and Board of Directors costs. Other items reduced in the budget are: attendance at non-League meetings, capital expenditures, the TEXAS VOTER, field service to new Leagues, and repayment to the reserve fund. During the ensuing discussion the Board seemed in agreement that the duties of the field service staff specialist should be clearly defined, so that both she and the Board would know what she is expected to do.

In discussing the income side of the budget, Mrs. Linehan said that the Budget Committee recommends that local Leagues raise their dues. Mrs. Ramey suggested that Leagues be asked to pledge at a flat rate of \$9 per member (which is the cost of the service each League member receives, as determined by dividing the state budget by the number of League members in the state). Mrs. Ramey said that on this basis League pledges would amount to about \$35,000. Mrs. Morgan was asked to comment, and she said that the main reason a flat rate does not work is that it does not take into account the age and resources of the local League. She added that state Leagues have learned that a flat rate is not acceptable to local Leagues. Some state Leagues have worked out a formula that takes other factors into account, a sort of "economic index". The Pennsylvania League still uses this method, she said, but most other states have abandoned it.

Mrs. Nolle moved that we accept the revised budget of \$38,627. Mrs. Hausman seconded. Mrs. Ramey moved to amend the motion by substituting \$41,100 for \$38,627. Mrs. Ziegler seconded. Mrs. Ziegler called for the question, and her motion CARRIED. The motion to amend the original motion was LOST. The original motion, by Mrs. Nolle, CARRIED, with 8 in favor and 3 opposed. Mrs. Ballard moved that the Budget Committee do what is necessary to make the local League pledges meet the budget. Mrs. Pollard seconded. With 3 in favor and 10 opposed, the motion was LOST. The Board then went over the list of suggested local League pledges, revising upward the pledges of 33 Leagues and making no change in the pledges of 4 Leagues. The total thus arrived at was \$34,685. Mrs. Ramey moved that we approve suggested local League pledges of \$34,685 as part of the already accepted budget. Mrs. Nolle seconded. CARRIED.

The Board recessed at 11:30 P. M.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1966

After a morning of group conferences with Mrs. Law and Mrs. Morgan and meetings of several committees, the Board reconvened at 2:30 P. M. for general Board training conducted by Mrs. Law and Mrs. Morgan.

The national Board members emphasized that they wanted the session to be an exchange between national and state Board members of questions and answers and ideas for the future. Where are we trending? What explorations should be undertaken now? What do we want to tell National?

The exchange of ideas between national and state Boards will be furthered in a STATE BOARD SWAP SHOP (a pilot project), the first issue of which will come out soon. One of the early issues will be on how to set up a state office. Mrs. Morgan expressed the hope that through the SWAP SHOP can be tested a fund of new ideas derived from what Boards are talking about and thinking about in 1966.

Mrs. Morgan emphasized that a Board can be what its members want, and that we should visualize the kind of state Board that each of us will want to be a part of--where there is pleasure in working together, cohesiveness, and a faithful and imaginative carrying

out of the four responsibilities of a state Board as listed on page 1 of the STATE BOARD HANDBOOK.

To sum up the discussion of the nonpartisanship policy set forth in the new STATE BOARD HANDBOOK, Mrs. Morgan said that our comments indicate to her that we are "skittish" about the new policy. She suggested that we should, therefore, go slowly in applying it.

Mrs. Law introduced a discussion of Program flexibility by sketching the varied situations among Leagues. Three different kinds of Program structure are in use--National's modified single list, the traditional current agenda and continuing responsibilities, and the single list of Texas and other state Leagues. New Jersey, after three or four years' experience with the single list is considering returning to CA's and CR's.... Mrs. Law inquired about our state Board committee structure and asked what we felt to be its advantages and disadvantages. She said that some state Leagues have a combination of on-Board and off-Board committee members and some have only the chairman on-Board and the rest off-Board. The latter pattern occurs in the smaller states, and the committees meet about three times a year and have their expenses paid....Referring to the guidelines for local and state action under the national Program item Development of Human Resources (pages 8-10, NATIONAL BOARD REPORT, MAY 1966) Mrs. Law asked if that sort of thing should be done for state Program?

Mrs. Morgan said that she and Mrs. Law bore two special messages--the first, Program flexibility, and the second, membership. Nationally, the League needs 3628 new members to achieve the 150,000-member goal. The national Board hopes that (1) all state VOTERS this year will be focused on membership; (2) emphasis in Program publications will be focused on the member to insure her continued interest in the League; (3) Program conferences will be planned for "ordinary" members as well as leaders; and (4) National will be sent an analysis of the reasons for growth or lack of it.

"Member satisfaction" was suggested as the watchword for the year. Fort Worth has a membership participation chairman on the Board; other Leagues have similar people who attempt to fit the member to the job. Mrs. Ballard suggested that National send a report, through the new SWAP SHOP, on how membership recruitment ideas are working out. Mrs. Morgan spoke of state-Board-directed "League Days" in the New England area, where members pay to hear top flight speakers on League Program items, and said that the New Hampshire and Vermont Leagues could give us more information. She said also that National is requesting money from a donor to hold an institute on Red China in two locations, Oklahoma and an eastern state.

In introducing the subject of communication, Mrs. Law said that the group conferences showed that we all have as a primary concern working out better techniques of communicating--one committee with another, among Board members, between the state office and the Board, and between the Board and local Leagues. She judged that we probably have less communication than do other state Leagues. There seems good rapport between field service personnel and local Leagues. Would a new portfolio--speaker's bureau--with the chairman on the state Board help communication between the Board as a whole and the local Leagues? Would a State Office Committee to work out procedures, deadlines, and a master plan be helpful, with implementing done, perhaps, by Houston or other nearby Board people? There was general agreement that the vice-presidents are to work on the matter of communication between the state office and the Board. As a first step, Mrs. Pollard started around the table a paper on which Board members would put down what information they would like in the president's "State Office Story".

A brainstorming session on political effectiveness, led by Mrs. Morgan, concluded our Board training.

At the end, the Board expressed its thanks to Mrs. Law and Mrs. Morgan in a standing ovation.

The Board meeting recessed at 5:30 P. M.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1966

The Board reconvened at 9:00 A. M. with all members present. Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, field service staff specialist, and Mrs. Thomas Colwell, executive secretary, were also present. Mrs. Joor presided.

Announcements:

Mrs. Joor said that ten copies of INVENTORY OF WORK ON CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION will be ordered for Board members. She announced two additions to this morning's agenda --choosing a delegate to the National Municipal League Conference in Boston and reports by Mrs. May and Mrs. Lancaster of their presentation of League state Program positions to the state platform committees of the Democratic and Republican parties.

Minutes of June 21-23, 1966, State Board meeting:

There was one correction of these minutes--on page 11 delete the last sentence of the second paragraph under Local Program.

Mrs. Joor declared the minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Ramey reported that on September 15th our bank balance was \$4098.88....Lake Jackson is unable to meet its pledge of \$500 and will pay \$150 instead, but this is partly offset by Fort Worth having restored the cut of \$50 made in its pledge. It was explained that Lake Jackson had spent more in the community than they had anticipated and had also had a poor finance campaign. Answering a question, Mrs. Joor said that Lake Jackson will be expected to make up their pledge, that once a League makes a pledge it is expected to live up to it. The Board felt that the matter of a defaulted pledge should be handled by consultation with the individual League affected and not in a general report as had been suggested.

Mrs. Joor said the treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

National Municipal League Conference:

This conference, to which we have sent delegates for several years, will be held in Boston, November 13-16, and will cost about \$300 per delegate. Topics the Board discussed included: the value of the conference, one delegate vs. two delegates, and can we afford the expense. Mrs. Gasperson said that these conferences are of inestimable value to the Program people and that they are of long range as well as immediate value. She emphasized that the conferences consider matters which are not widely recognized problems in Texas at the time, and that this enables the League to be beforehand in the choice and development of state Program. Mrs. May mentioned that because Mrs. Murphree (former Program vice-president) attended an NML conference, we are now ahead with our regional and state planning Program item. Mrs. Wackerbarth said that this year's conference, on state legislatures, will be valuable to our legislature Program item, especially in the field of comparisons between state legislatures. Up to date information will be given at the conference which will not be otherwise available until some considerably later time. Mrs. Prashner suggested that it would be more helpful to state Program to send several people to conferences nearer home than one or two people to Boston.

In discussing one vs. two delegates, the viewpoint that there is more than double value from sending two contrasted with the point of view that in various ways, particularly through picking up mimeographed speeches, one person can, in effect, do pretty much the work of two.

Mrs. Ramey pointed out that if we send two delegates only \$42.56 will be left in the Program Research and Development item of the budget.

The Board agreed to postpone decision about sending delegates to the National Municipal League Conference until the end of the Board meeting.

#### Statements to Platform Committees of the Republican and Democratic Parties:

Statements of League Program positions were presented at platform committee sessions of both parties before their state conventions. Mrs. Lancaster reported that she spoke to the group of five Republicans who were doing the groundwork for the full committee of their party. She gave copies of her statement to the newsmen who attended the meeting. She was asked questions, of a general type, for about fifteen minutes. She felt that her statements influenced the content of the Republican platform, which supports constitutional revision, regional planning commissions, local governmental cooperation, and revision of election laws, calls for aggressive action against water pollution, and does not include support of annual voter registration. Mrs. May reported that the meeting of the Democratic platform committee opened with the reading of the platform, of 62 planks, which had been drawn up by a delegate from each district and several delegates at large, the center of activity having been the Governor's office. Some amendments were proposed but voted down, and the platform was adopted unanimously. Then the chairman asked for suggestions from outside groups, and Mrs. May spoke for five minutes and was applauded, but no questions were asked her. She and Mrs. Nolle had distributed copies of the statement, and they received three commendations on it. Two paragraphs about their presentation were in the Austin paper (the platform committee met in Austin)... Mrs. Joor said that she had requested 60 copies of each party platform.

Mrs. Casperson thanked the state office for duplicating the statements on very short notice. Mrs. Joor expressed the gratitude of the Board to the members who had prepared the statements and attended the meetings. Such appearances are a part of the political effectiveness which we discussed in the general Board training session.

#### Area Conferences:

Mrs. Ballard reported on area conference matters which particularly concern the Board. An attendance of 200 to 250 is expected, with a registration fee of \$2.50, and each League making its own arrangements for lunch. Since the fee has to cover all state League expenses in connection with the conferences, Board members have been assigned with economy of travel in mind and are expected to employ the cheapest of feasible transportation. Essential overnight expenses will also be paid. Assignments to the five conferences are as follows: Austin--May (leader), Lancaster (co-leader), Joor; Bay Area--Pollard (leader), Rosenzweig, Taylor; Corpus Christi--Ballard (leader), Prashner, Nolle; Denton--Ziegler (leader), Braunagel, Brownscombe; and Midland--Martin (leader), Casperson, Linehan. The leader directs the meeting and keeps it moving; the others help the delegates to achieve good participation. Conference materials will be mailed to us October 20th, and the less extensive material for the delegates will go out in early November. The four sections of material will be: Program Study and Action; Discussion Meetings; Finance; and Voters Service.

As the finale to each conference the committee wishes to provide a membership "take home" pamphlet which would be free to each participant, with a certain number free to each League, and Leagues urged to order more. The pamphlet, "You Belong to the League

of Women Voters", which is recommended by the Membership Committee, would be essentially the same as one prepared by the LWV of Topeka, Kansas, which was passed around for Board inspection. Differing opinions were expressed--that the pamphlet was too elementary, that Leagues with their own flyers would not buy it, that a "low" level approach should be tried since a "high" level approach has not worked. (The pamphlet will cost \$210 for 5000 copies, or 4.2¢ per copy.) Discussion indicated that the Board wanted more opportunity to consider the pamphlet but at the same time wished to give the committee approval for proceeding with other matters in the manner outlined in the report.

Mrs. Joor asked if acceptance of the Area Conference Committee report would bind us to carry out all of its provisions. Mrs. Braunagel said "yes" and read pertinent excerpts from pp. 222-223 of Robert's Rules of Order. Mrs. Wackerbarth moved that the Board approve the general plan presented by Mrs. Ballard. Mrs. Casperson seconded. CARRIED. It was understood that the pamphlet would be discussed again in connection with the Membership Committee report on Friday morning.

The Board recessed at 11:00 A. M. and reconvened at 11:15 A. M.

#### Education Fund Report:

Mrs. Brownscombe reported that the September 21st meeting of the Trustees voted that a request for tax exemption, on the basis of the first project proposed by the Fund, be filed with the Internal Revenue Service as soon as possible, that the first project be a second printing, of 20,000 copies, of TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW, and that application for financing be made to the Sears-Roebuck Foundation as soon as tax exemption is granted.

In view of the backlog of orders for about 10,000 copies and the continuing interest in constitutional revision to be expected from Governor Connally's speech to the Democratic state convention, Mrs. Winick moved that the Board ask the Trustees of the Education Fund to consider printing 50,000 copies of TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW. Mrs. Ballard seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Brownscombe is to notify the Fund of the Board's action. She mentioned that the minutes of the September 21st Trustees meeting would be sent to the state office. Several Board members expressed thanks to the Education Fund, and Mrs. Joor expressed gratification that the Fund is under way.

#### Finance:

Mrs. Rosenzweig reported that the committee had prepared answers to the two questions local Leagues will undoubtedly ask state Board members regarding the 1967-68 budget. Question: Why were the suggested pledges raised? Answers: (1) Local Leagues are asking for more and better service; (2) the state Board feels that the local Leagues should come closer to the community potential. Question: How will the local Leagues raise the money? Answers: (1) By increasing dues (National recommends \$10); (2) by every member working on the finance drive; (3) by getting new contributors; (4) by having a short, snappy drive; and (5) by calling on all prospects....A complete finance history will be forthcoming....The area conference finance tool, "Lengthen Local League Life With Lots of Money", has been approved by the Area Conference Committee....Two articles are requested in the November VOTER: one to be a pep talk for a finance solicitor, the other designed to help sell a raise in dues to the member....Mrs. Morgan had mentioned, Mrs. Rosenzweig said, that the taped speech Mr. Arents gave at the national Convention was an invaluable finance tool. The tape costs \$5. Mrs. Rosenzweig moved that we buy this tape. Mrs. May seconded. CARRIED.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:30 P. M. and reconvened at 1:30 P. M.

Presidents' Council, April 5 and 6, 1967:

be Mrs. Winick opened consideration of the proposed timed agenda for the Council by asking the various committees having to do with the Council to send her their plans. The Publications Committee plans, for example, should include provision for staffing the publications booth. Mrs. Winick noted that Mrs. Taylor should be substituted for Mrs. Ramey throughout the agenda and that the parliamentarian should be added to those present on the platform during all general sessions. At the opening session the newly-elected Austin League president will be on the platform and will introduce the mayor of Austin.

Conversation Corners. The Board felt that the Conversation Corners should be held in rooms, rather than in parts of the mezzanine. There will be three rooms for state Program (with Election Laws and Legislative using the same room), one room each for national Program, local Program, and Finance, and the room for Membership will be used with Public Relations. Mrs. Winick will have the rooms set up, but the plan for each Conversation Corner is the responsibility of the chairman concerned and her committee. There should be no set speeches, questions and discussion should be encouraged, and the chairman will have to "play it by ear" as the meeting proceeds. Mrs. Winick will conduct the TCR Conversation Corner, instead of being in the Presidents' Workshop which is at the same time.

Mrs. Casperson said that there will be correspondence following this Board meeting regarding Council presentations, Little Meeting assignments, workbook reports, etc. The deadline for Workbook Part I reports is the state Board meeting, January 17, 18 and 19, 1967, but as much material as possible should be sent to the state office before then. The state office will decide on the color and the type of binding of the workbook. Mrs. Winick will select from the free material which has already come to the state office (on Austin, state government, etc.) the material to put in the Council kits. Mrs. Ramey will supervise public relations and will correspond with the two Austin League members who are handling publicity, regarding local newspaper coverage, arrangements for interviewing national LWV president Mrs. Stuart, etc.

Little Meetings. Mrs. Casperson and the Program committees will work out what state and national Program items will be covered in the meetings. Suggestions for national Program were: Red China, Development of Human Resources, and Water. The Board agreed that there should be three, instead of two, groups for these meetings (each in a separate room). Each group will have a discussion leader, a resource person, and a recorder. Mrs. Wackerbarth moved that the discussion leader and the recorder stay with the group, that the resource person move from group to group, and that Program decide who will be resource person in each group. Mrs. Ziegler seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Joor asked if we want to invite non-League senators to the legislative breakfast; we cannot afford to invite non-League representatives also. Mrs. Nolle moved that we invite non-League state senators to the legislative breakfast. Mrs. Prashner seconded. CARRIED. The speaker of the house and the lieutenant-governor will be invited by Mrs. Joor and will sit at the head table. Members of the press are not to attend the breakfast.

Texas Legislature:

Mrs. Wackerbarth reported that the Leader's Guide is ready for mimeographing by the state office. A kit of about 50 pages of resource material will accompany the Guide. About 25 pages are newspaper clippings and reprints from books which will be reproduced; the other 25 pages are ready for mimeographing in the state office. The kit presents a well balanced picture of the mechanics of legislation; what is necessary to get a bill passed; the shortcomings, difficulties, and achievements of the legislature; and what various students of the legislature say about it. An outstanding article, "The Texas

"Legislature From Within", by Dick Cherry, is included in the kit. The publisher has given us permission to reproduce up to 300 copies of this article. The committee recommended that 400 Leader's Guides and 200 kits be produced.

The committee requested articles in the November and February VOTERs, the former to explain the several types of bills and resolutions and their designations, the latter to describe the various types of committees. This information will be helpful to League members as they read about the legislature during the 1967 session and watch it at Presidents' Council.

For phase II of the study of the legislature the committee recommended publishing four FACTS AND ISSUES with subject matter as follows: (1) aids to the legislators; (2) outside influences on legislation; (3) structure and function of the legislature, including material on annual sessions; and (4) procedures. Each would contain comparisons with other states. The first would be ready for printing in January, or earlier; the rest as soon afterwards as seems advisable in view of changed situations which may be brought about by the 1967 Legislature. A Leader's Guide will accompany the FACTS AND ISSUES.

The committee recommended a consensus deadline of December 15, 1967, and asked for ideas from the Board on what we might work toward for consensus. If a constitutional amendment on annual sessions should be placed on the November 1967 ballot, the committee recommends trying for consensus on that one issue early in the fall, so that we can work for or against the amendment, depending on our consensus.

Upon being notified that Mr. Prince, of The Houston Post, had arrived, Mrs. Joor announced that discussion of the Legislature Committee's report would be postponed until later this afternoon.

#### Election Laws and Voter Registration, Texas Constitutional Revision, State-Local Relations:

Mrs. Joor welcomed Mr. Prince and explained that he was interested in the League's position on constitutional revision, election laws, and state-local relations. Mrs. Winick and Mrs. Lancaster gave their committees' reports on these items, and several other Board members joined in answering Mr. Prince's questions at the end of each report. From this information Mr. Prince prepared 10 column inches of article which was published in The Houston Post, September 30th.

Election Laws and Voter Registration. Mrs. Lancaster reported that her committee had prepared materials to fight constitutional amendment #7 (repealing the poll tax and authorizing annual registration) and support constitutional amendment #8 (liberalizing residence requirements for voting), and that these kits had gone out to local Leagues in August. Our views on permanent registration are becoming better understood and drawing more support, and if amendment #7 is defeated in the November 8th election, the committee feels that time will be on our side in getting a permanent system. A one-page press release on each amendment will go out shortly before the election (after Board discussion and asking Mr. Prince's opinion, the date was set at around November 1st). These releases will go out through the wire services and the Capitol correspondents in Austin, and local Leagues will be notified to ask their newspapers to pick them up on wire service. Mr. Prince was particularly interested in all that we are doing about amendment #7. Mrs. Lancaster said that it is being left up to the local Leagues how much of a campaign to put on and what tactics to use. Speakers' bureaus are being pretty active on this topic, and there will be a TV program by the Dallas and Fort Worth Leagues. The League has had permanent registration on its Program for a long time and has built up a backlog of understanding about it among many people.

The committee will prepare a statement for the public hearings of the Election Laws Study Committee (State Senator Tom Creighton, chairman) which will be held after the November election, but the contents of the statement will depend on whether amendments #7 and #8 are adopted or rejected on November 8th. Also to be prepared are questions for the legislators for Mrs. May to send to the local Leagues.

Texas Constitutional Revision. Mrs. Winick reported that all of the copies (13,500) of TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW have been distributed from the state office and that there are orders for 8,500 on file. She noted that the state conventions of both the Democratic and Republican parties had endorsed general revision of the Texas Constitution, and that League representatives had urged revision in appearances at the platform committees of both parties. Governor Connally's speech calling for a constitutional convention has given the long-awaited push for all-out League activity for revision. The committee has many plans for making this the action item which the 1966 League state Convention wanted. For example, a citizens' education series of three or four articles will be prepared right away and will be submitted to newspapers across the state through local Leagues and, in non-League areas, the state Board. These articles are intended for the person who has little or no information on such subjects and will be about topics such as what a constitutional convention is and how other states have prepared for a convention.

Plans are being made, Mrs. Winick reported, for contacting other statewide organizations and friends of constitutional revision, to coordinate support for constitutional revision by a convention of the people. Mr. Prince asked several questions about this and was told that the League has a list of about 75 organizations which it would be useful to contact, and that the procedure will be to present TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW to each of them and then contact them again, probably after the Governor has made his plans known. (That Mr. Prince considered this plan especially newsworthy is shown by his using it for the lead paragraph in his article.)

In Board discussion of the committee's report, it was asked if the research done several years ago by the Citizens' Advisory Committee meets our standards for the research we consider basic to the success of a constitutional convention. Mrs. May answered that possibly we should determine what is adequate research. And, she suggested, between now and January we might think of how we would like to have the research done and by what group--in previous legislatures we have proposed a constitutional commission to do this research.

At Mrs. Joor's suggestion, the post-Board report will invite discussion by local Leagues of having League-sponsored seminars next year in several cities, on constitutional revision, with big name speakers.

State-Local Relations. Mrs. Lancaster reported that our limited consensus will make it difficult to decide what we can support of the Texas Research League's proposals for coping with the problems of urbanization. At the same time, the committee feels that local Leagues will not be satisfied to just be kept informed about these and other proposals dealing with state-local relations. An article in the November VOTER will analyze the TRL proposals, show what can be acted on with our present consensus, and point up what cannot be acted on. This will give the Leagues the opportunity to think about these matters before Presidents' Council. Mrs. May suggested that the Board might consider whether the TRL's proposals are so important that we should ask local Leagues if they want to do additional consensus. Additional consensus would have to come before Council, as bills will be introduced in this legislature based on the TRL proposals.

The committee also discussed treating State-Local Relations as National does the Development of Human Resources item, that is, the state Board developing guidelines for local Leagues' action on the item. The committee felt that this would require further consensus and carefully-considered ground rules. Mrs. May's guidelines for the San

Antonio League's working on county home rule show how a local League can work at the state level.

Concluding her report, Mrs. Lancaster announced that the second printing of BLUEPRINT FOR PLANNING is now in the state office.

The meeting recessed at 4:15 P. M. and reconvened at 4:25 P. M. Mr. Prince left during this interval.

Texas Legislature (continued):

Mrs. Wackerbarth concluded her report by saying that the committee wanted authorization for the four FACTS AND ISSUES and the Leader's Guide to accompany them. Mrs. Winick moved that we accept Mrs. Wackerbarth's report. Seconded. CARRIED. The type of mailing that would be made to the Leagues was discussed. Mrs. Casperson moved that we send the kits, complete, on duplicate president's mailing. Mrs. Ziegler seconded. The motion was LOST, with 5 in favor and 7 against. Mrs. Ballard moved that we send two complete kits to the president of each local League, that we charge for only one, and that we tell the Leagues they can order additional kits or parts of the kits. Mrs. Taylor seconded. CARRIED. (Note: part of this action was rescinded the next day.) The Board agreed that the Leader's Guide would go out on duplicate president's mailing and that the Leader's Guide and the kit should go out at the same time as a complete Program packet and should have top priority at the state office.

National Program:

Mrs. Nolle reported that the committee has many items to put in the post-Board report, among them a reminder (giving examples) of how national League Program publications can be used by various chairmen on a local League Board. Also, material remaining from last spring's Water and Land Use Seminar will be listed and Leagues advised that they may order it on a first-come, first-served basis. Leagues will also be reminded that by next spring they will need to give some direction to National as to further emphasis and study on Red China. The Texas Front, monthly newsletter of the Texas Office of Economic Opportunity, will be enclosed with the post-Board report, and Leagues reminded that, by request, they will be put on the mailing list.

Response to Times for Action will be discussed at the area conferences.

The committee recommended that: (1) the state office purchase 50 VITAL ISSUES; (2) with the post-Board report a separate letter go to local Leagues asking for their experiences with Development of Human Resources, to be used in the "Give and Take" sheet; (3) we purchase 50 copies (@ 50¢) of the Texas Research League's publication "Water Quality Management in Texas" (called by Mrs. Nolle "about the best publication on water pollution in Texas"), to be sent to local Leagues and the state Board with the post-Board report; and (4) we buy two copies of National's CURRENT REVIEW #3 (on water pollution) and give them to Jean Williams and Stuart Long, of Austin. Mrs. Nolle reported that the Fort Worth League had asked if the state Board has plans to ask the legislature to rescind the resolution to call a constitutional convention in Congress. The committee recommends that we do not initiate a resolution to rescind, as this would not help in our total Program. If the Board agrees, Mrs. Nolle will so write Fort Worth and Mrs. Wackerbarth will explain personally to them.

Mrs. Prashner moved that we accept the report of the National Program Committee. Mrs. Wackerbarth seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. May moved that the Texas Research League publication, "Water Quality Management in Texas", be given free to the local Leagues. Mrs. Ramey seconded. CARRIED.

Announcements:

Mrs. Joor reported receiving a letter from Mrs. Sam Faris, president of the Dallas LWV, saying that the Dallas League has bought the tapes from the national Convention and will rent them at \$1 per tape per week. Mrs. Lancaster moved that a notice of this be put in the swap sheet, "Give and Take". Mrs. Ballard seconded. CARRIED.

The Board meeting recessed at 5:50 P. M. for dinner and reconvened at 7:30 P. M.

Legislative Report:

Mrs. May reported that the committee had approved the guidelines on the Bexar County home rule constitutional amendment, and, if the Board approves, these will be sent to Board members of the San Antonio League and to state Board members, around the first week in October. These guidelines are considered so important by your Secretary, both for present and for future Boards, that they are included in these Minutes, as follows. (It was understood that editorial changes may be made before final publication.)

LOCAL LEAGUE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL PROGRAM REQUIRING STATE LEGISLATIVE ACTION--  
BEXAR COUNTY HOME RULE

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Please consult the LOCAL LEAGUE HANDBOOK at pages 20-21 for general information about local League implementation of local Program requiring state legislative action. See also the new STATE LEAGUE HANDBOOK at page 48.

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1. A local League may take action on state legislation which is so worded that it affects only the community in which the League is located, or, that applies throughout the state but is permissive in intent. That is, a city or county or special district may choose whether it wishes to take advantage of the legislation.
2. A local League must obtain permission from the state Board before embarking on state choosing level action. As a matter of fact, clearing with the state Board before a Current Agenda item that might lead to action at the state level may save some later grief.
3. The state Board's decision will be based on an evaluation of whether the proposal affects only one community or whether it is permissive. The state Board will also want to be sure the proposal is not in conflict with a state League position and that it will not jeopardize state League legislative work.
4. Local League effort to carry out local Program coming under a state League item as well, requires state Board supervision and a state Board advisor who will meet with the local League committee.
5. Support from the other local Leagues in the state should not be expected.
6. The local League concerned may work only with its own legislators and those serving on the committee to which the bill is assigned. However, state Board permission must be granted prior to working with committee members not from the local League's district.
7. The state Board shall be kept informed at all times, and the final draft of the bill must have state Board approval.

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At its March 25, 1966, meeting, the state Board approved the draft of the Bexar County Home Rule Amendment prepared by the San Antonio League and gave permission to take action in support of the proposed amendment. However, the Board decided that should a conflict develop during the next legislative session between the home rule amendment and the state-local relations state item, a re-evaluation of the whole matter would have to be made. The Board urged that close contact be kept between the San Antonio League and Mrs. Francis B. May, state legislative chairman and San Antonio county home rule consultant, during the session.

In the post-Board report, local Leagues will be alerted to prepare for interviewing legislators and Congressmen after November 8th. The forms, their accompanying instructions, and interview assignments will be sent out as soon as possible after the election. The deadline for return of the completed forms will be around December 10th. State Board chairmen of all state Program items except the legislature have been asked to submit questions on their items for the interview form. The committee recommended that the next "Give and Take" include information on how various local Leagues handle their interviews.

Local Leagues will be requested to write letters of congratulation to the state legislators elected from their districts. Similar letters to legislators elected from non-League areas should go from the state office over Mrs. Joor's signature (Mrs. May will write the letters).

The committee recommended that among the problems worked on at the area conferences be a "time for action" on Program and that "Lobby by Letter" folders (of which there are about 300 in the state office) be given out at the conferences.

The committee has under consideration a chart which would show the progress through the Legislature of bills in which the League is interested. One of the uses of such a chart would be its reproduction by local Leagues in their VOTERS.

Mrs. Wackerbarth moved that the Board accept the report of the Legislative Committee. Mrs. Prashner seconded. CARRIED.

#### State League Bylaws:

Mrs. Joor urged Board members to give most careful consideration to Mrs. Brown's memo in the pre-Board mailing and to send Mrs. Brown our suggestions. Mrs. Joor emphasized that this is a state Board responsibility.

#### Status of Legislative Chairman:

After discussing whether Mrs. May should be a "floating" member or an ex officio member of Program committees, the Board agreed that Mrs. May shall be an ex officio member of all committees which have consensus positions.

#### Local Program:

Mrs. Ziegler reported that she has received questions from two local Program chairmen (Amarillo and El Paso) and has answered them...To get local Leagues thinking of next year's local Program, a mimeographed reprint of "Lively Issues on Local Program" (from the November 1965 TEXAS VOTER) will be sent on duplicate president's mailing and also to local League VOTER editors to reproduce in their VOTERS if they wish. A mimeo-

graphed copy of an article on "The Local Program Exploratory Committee" (from a 1965 post-Board report) will be sent on DPM and also to local Program chairmen with the post-Board report. An article on adoption and wording of local Program may be ready for a November mailing or for submitting to the Area Conference Committee for use in the conferences. Other material for the area conferences will be sent to that committee shortly.

#### Field Service:

Mrs. Pollard gave the schedule which will complete the visits to local Leagues-- Austin, October 3; San Angelo, November 7; El Paso, October 1 (visit by Mrs. Linehan); and Wichita Falls, very soon (visit by Mrs. Braunagel, who will encourage them to attend the area conference in Denton). Mrs. Rosenzweig will visit La Marque, Texas City, and Lake Jackson, which have requested help on finance. Pasadena had asked to become an area League. The committee has asked them to make their request again, but they have not done so.

Mrs. Pollard reported that a request had been received from Lancaster for a local League and that Grand Prairie had asked to wait until fall, so the committee recommends sending Mrs. Braunagel very soon, with the Dallas and the Irving League presidents being asked to accompany her....Acting upon the report of the committee, Mrs. Ballard moved that permission be granted to explore the possibility of new Leagues in the Bryan-College Station area, Georgetown, and Hillsboro. Mrs. Ramey seconded. CARRIED. It was emphasized that this is being done on the basis of requests from people in these areas and that the work will be completely preliminary.

At Mrs. Pollard's request the Board gave permission for her to ask Mrs. Colin Macdonald, of Dallas, to prepare a report on defunct local Leagues in Texas. The committee has prepared a list of questions they would like her to answer for each League. Mrs. Pollard felt that a summary of Mrs. Macdonald's report would be very useful to the Board.

The committee recommended strict interpretation of National's requirements for provisional Leagues to apply for local League status. Specific recommendations were that: (1) the actual local government survey a provisional League is giving its members be attached to the League's application; (2) the application include detailed plans for the League's meetings for the rest of the year, including a local Program making meeting; and (3) the proposed bylaws be attached to the application. Discussion centered on whether to institute this strict interpretation at the present time, with El Paso hoping to make application for local League status right away and Bay Area very soon and with both Leagues having done their work under a less strict interpretation, especially with regard to their local government survey. After two motions which were not completed, Mrs. Ramey moved that we not accept the guidelines as proposed by the Field Service Committee at this time. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Pollard outlined tentative plans for the Presidents' Workshop at the Presidents' Council. They include: (1) asking Mrs. Stuart to speak at the workshop if she wishes; (2) having a panel of three local League presidents and three state Board members on the subjects "What a local League might hope would come from the state Board" and "What a state Board might hope would come from the local Leagues"; and (3) question and answer period.

The Board recessed at 9:30 P. M.

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1966

The Board meeting reconvened at 9:00 A. M. with all members present. Mrs. Braunagel

and Mrs. Colwell were also present. Mrs. Joor presided.

Mrs. Joor announced that Mrs. Ramey will be 1968 state Convention chairman and that her committee will be appointed later.

#### Public Relations:

Following a brief summary by Mrs. Martin of the summer's work of the four PR committees, the committee chairmen gave detailed reports.

Mrs. Ramey, newly appointed Public Relations Committee chairman, reported three recommendations from her committee: (1) that a PR tool for local Leagues be prepared which would be similar to "Public Relations--What's the Idea", written in 1951 by Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith of the state Board; (2) that VOTERS GUIDES be sent to the newspapers, and they be permitted to reprint them, provided they use them unchanged and give credit to the League; and (3) that a publicity handbook (offered free by the Sperry and Hutchinson Company) be ordered for all the local Leagues and, also, for state Board members. The need for a new PR tool was questioned, and it was suggested that the same purpose would be served by reminding Leagues to review the PR pages in the LOCAL LEAGUE HANDBOOK. The Board agreed to send the VOTERS GUIDES to the newspapers with a cover letter from Mrs. Prashner which would authorize reprinting of the whole GUIDE or all of the amendments section of the GUIDE only or all of the candidates section only. The Board gave permission to order the publicity handbooks from Sperry and Hutchinson.

Mrs. Ramey reported (for information only, not for action at this time) several ideas which the committee would like the Board to be thinking about: (1) "League Days", similar to those of the Vermont, New Hampshire, and California Leagues, of which Mrs. Morgan had told us; (2) how we might carry the community along with the League during our study of the legislature; and (3) revamping of League finance drives, with a state-wide drive, planned by the state Board, with all Leagues mailing their finance letters on the same day and starting their drives on the same day (local Leagues would still conduct their drives, write their own letters and get their own local PR).

Mrs. Martin moved that the Board accept the report with deletion of the proposed PR tool. Seconded. CARRIED.

#### Publications:

Much of Mrs. Ziegler's report and Board discussion of it dealt with means of increasing sales of publications. Reducing prices does not seem to increase sales. The committee asked each Board member to mention publications in her field in the post-Board report. Mrs. Ziegler and Mrs. Lancaster will both "push" BLUEPRINT FOR PLANNING in their reports, and Mrs. Ziegler will prepare a letter (in consultation with Mrs. Ramey) for the state office to send to the Councils of Government and Regional Planning Commissions in Texas (Mrs. May will send the list to Mrs. Ziegler) regarding BLUEPRINT. The committee's recommendation that 5¢ be charged local Leagues for extra VOTERS with Program content was rejected because information (which the committee had not had) showed that this would be likely to jeopardize our second class mailing permit. Mrs. Nolle moved that the VOTER continue to be furnished free. Seconded. CARRIED.

The Board agreed with the committee's recommendation that members-at-large be sent BLUEPRINT FOR PLANNING, TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW, NATIONAL and STATE publications catalogs and the proposed catalog of local publications, 25 VOTERS GUIDES for the November election, and the state Program flip chart. The Board added that other state Program material should be sent as it comes out.

The committee's recommendation that printing not continue to be centralized in Houston was discussed at length, pro and con. Mrs. Pollard moved that this recommendation be deleted from the committee's report. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Casperson moved that the report be accepted as amended. Seconded. CARRIED.

#### Membership and Units:

The committee, Mrs. Hausman reported, recommended "You Belong to the League of Women Voters" (see Area Conference section of these Minutes) as the "membership take-home" flyer for the conferences. Mrs. Martin moved that we reproduce 5,000 copies of the League of Women Voters of Topeka membership flyer ("You Belong...") and that the details be left to the committee. Mrs. Lancaster seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Nolle moved that the committee set the price as closely as possible to what it costs us. Mrs. Wackerbarth seconded. CARRIED. The Board agreed, also, that the Membership Committee could have as part of the "take home" kit from the conferences a 6-page tool on "You--the Member", "You--the Discussion Leader", and "You--the Recorder".

The committee recommended that Membership be the main committee to deal with members-at-large. Mrs. Wackerbarth moved that the Board accept this recommendation. Seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Ramey noted that we have five members-at-large (one membership expires in October 1966 and the other four in 1967). The Board approved Mrs. Hausman's plan to invite to the area conferences all the recent drops from members-at-large. The committee hopes that future dues for members-at-large will be set at \$10, with a corresponding increase in service to them.

#### Voters Service:

Because many of the questions that have been raised about Texas' new registration law are unresolved, the committee will not put out an information sheet on the law to send to local Leagues. The post-Board report will urge that Leagues use their get-out-the-vote techniques to register voters through January, and that they think of projects for expanded voters service during next year--the so-called quiet voters service year. El Paso League was granted permission to print the November 8th VOTERS GUIDE in Spanish...Almost 167,000 VOTERS GUIDES have been ordered of the 170,000 printed, and Mrs. Joor commented that we will probably make a profit of about \$800.

#### VOTER:

Mrs. Ballard reported that the committee discussed use of the President's Column as the editorial voice of the LWV of Texas (Mrs. Morgan had said that the President's Column in the national VOTER is of this sort). Topics suggested by the committee and the Board for the column in the November VOTER were: finance, dues increase or budget, membership, Texas constitutional revision.

The committee recommended checking to see if South Coast Printing Company (who are doing all state League printing) is unionized, as it would be wise to use the "bug" as a public relations device on certain types of material.

The committee recommended following the advice of the local League representatives at the Budget Committee meeting who urged more Program content in the VOTER. The committee feels, however, that the VOTER must also be used to get to every member information on other topics which are of statewide League importance. The way in which to provide appreciably more Program content is to have more issues of the VOTER.

With regard to the 10¢ charge to local Leagues for each returned VOTER, the committee recommended that statistics on this (including itemizing by months the number of VOTERS

returned) be kept at least until April 1, 1967, so that we can know the size of the problem. Mrs. Ballard moved that we do not charge for returned VOTERS while we are compiling these statistics. Mrs. Brownscombe seconded. The motion was LOST. Mrs. Martin moved that we continue to charge for returned VOTERS until Presidents' Council in 1967 and that the practice be re-evaluated by the Board and the membership at Council. Mrs. Ballard seconded. CARRIED.

The committee recommended that the printer be approached regarding making the gray background of the VOTER masthead blue, but that the VOTER continue to be printed in black.

#### National Municipal League Conference:

Resuming Thursday's discussion of the NML conference, Mrs. Ramey moved that we do not send any delegates to the National Municipal League Conference because we are over-extended financially. Mrs. Ballard seconded. Mrs. Joor commented that if we make \$800 on the VOTERS GUIDES we will not exceed our overall budget. Mrs. Wackerbarth said that the conference will be one of the best sources of information for the legislature Program item, and Mrs. May pointed out the value of the many intangibles one gets only through actually being at the conference. The motion was LOST. Mrs. Ziegler moved that we send two delegates to the National Municipal League conference. Seconded. Motion was LOST. Mrs. Pollard moved that we send one delegate to the National Municipal League conference. Mrs. Nolle seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Ziegler moved that Mrs. Casperson be the delegate. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. May moved that Mrs. Lancaster be named as the alternate to Mrs. Casperson. Mrs. Pollard seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Casperson expressed her appreciation for the Board's confidence in her and said she will try to make her coverage of the conference as nearly as possible to that of two delegates, by making contact ahead of time about obtaining speeches, etc.

#### Legislature:

Mrs. Wackerbarth moved to reconsider the portion of Thursday's motion which authorized re-ordering of separate sections of the kit on the legislature. Mrs. Brownscombe seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Wackerbarth then moved that local Leagues be permitted to re-order complete kits only. Mrs. Lancaster seconded. CARRIED.

#### Texas Constitutional Revision:

The Board approved the recommendation of the TCR committee that Mrs. Casperson talk with Dr. J. William Davis, of Texas Technological College, about constitutional revision, to clarify our position regarding commission or convention.

#### History of LWV of Texas:

Mrs. Brownscombe announced that Mrs. Maurice Brown has completed the first chapter of a history of the LWV of Texas, putting into it the information she often felt the need of when she was president.

#### Deadlines:

Mrs. Joor announced the following deadlines: post-Board report - October 7; Workbook, Part I (for Presidents' Council) - January 1967 Board meeting; Workbook, Part II - February 15, 1967. Board members having assignments for Part I will be notified. Mrs. Joor suggested the 1965 Workbook as an example of what to write.

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Elizabeth F. Brownscombe*  
 Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe, Secretary

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# League of Women Voters of Texas

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## MINUTES

### State Board Meeting

Continental Hotel, 101 Main St., Houston, Texas

June 21, 22 and 23, 1966

Tuesday, June 21, 1966

The state Board meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. The following members were present:

Mrs. D. A. Ballard	Mrs. T. A. Pollard
Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe	Mrs. E. S. Prashner
Mrs. Robert E. Casperson	Mrs. Darol K. Ramey
Mrs. Robert Hausman	Mrs. Abe Rosenzweig
Mrs. William E. Joor, II	Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth
Mrs. James G. Lancaster	Mrs. Darwin M. Winick
Mrs. Herbert C. Martin	Mrs. S. E. Ziegler
Mrs. Francis B. May	

Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, field service staff specialist, was present.

Mrs. Joor presided.

#### Board Organization:

Mrs. Joor announced that the Local Program Committee and the Publications Committee (Mrs. Ziegler is chairman of both) would come under the third vice-president, Mrs. Martin. (Previously Local Program has been under the second vice-president and Publications under the third.) The two committees will meet together during the committee meetings session.

Mrs. Joor also announced the assignment of Mrs. Ramey to the Voters Service Committee in place of Mrs. Ziegler, who was on more than the usual number of committees.

Board members were asked to correct their state Board organization charts to include these two changes.

#### Area Conference Committee:

Since Area Conference Committee members would be attending other committee sessions all afternoon, Mrs. Joor requested that this committee (the three vice-presidents) meet with her in the suite over dinner this evening.

#### September Board Meeting:

Mrs. Joor announced that the September Board meeting would be a five-day session and would include Board training by someone from the national League Board or staff.

#### Conferences With Board Members:

Mrs. Joor asked that each of the new Board members (Mmes. Hausman, Lancaster, Rosenzweig and Wackerbarth) come to her room at an assigned time for an individual conference.

Mrs. Joor also gave the times at which she would be free this afternoon and evening and invited any Board member to consult with her at any of those times.

Board Members' Expenses:

Mrs. Ramey announced that she would be in her room this evening, beginning at 7:30, to write checks to Board members for their expenses.

Billing Local Leagues for Returned VOTERS:

Mrs. Joor spoke of the problem of TEXAS VOTERS returned by the post office because of incorrect addresses. The post office charges 10¢ for each VOTER returned. Mrs. Joor said that local Leagues having members whose VOTERS were returned were billed for these returns of the May VOTER. Several Leagues have paid the bills.

President's Report in Preparation for Committee Meetings:

Mrs. Joor reported informally on problems and challenges to the League in Texas. The national Convention, she said, emphasized growth for the League in all aspects--finance, Program, membership, voters service, publications distribution, etc. And growth should be our concern in Texas. We have gained only three Leagues in Texas during the last few years, and in membership we have not gained much. Mrs. Harold E. Murphree, Jr. (former vice-president of the LWV of Texas and now a member of the Indiana state League Board) has suggested a more aggressive policy by our state Board and that more direction be given by the Board to the local Leagues, in order to promote League growth. Mrs. Joor asked that all committees in their meetings consider Mrs. Murphree's ideas and those of others for increasing League growth. In addition, specific committees were asked to consider the following:

Publications: Should all of the printing for the LWV of Texas be done in Houston? Is the map of Texas being used on too many of our publications, so that its attention-getting value is being lessened? Should there be price reductions on publications which are in too-great supply? (Although an inventory of publications in the new state office has not yet been taken, it is evident that there is an over supply of some publications, Texas Prospects for Education and Employment, for example.) Mrs. Ziegler requested a list of those publications which are in over supply. Mrs. Pollard agreed to send Mrs. Ziegler as soon as possible an inventory of publications in the state office. It was suggested that once this count is completed a running inventory can be kept with little effort, thus making it possible to determine at any time what publications are on hand.)

Texas Constitutional Revision: What can be done to increase the distribution of Texas Constitutional Review by local Leagues?

Texas VOTER: Should the masthead of the VOTER be changed? (Mrs. Ballard mentioned that the complete cost of the May issue of the VOTER was \$195.37).

Voters Service: Should the VOTERS GUIDES be printed in Houston instead of in San Antonio, where Mrs. Prashner, Voters Service chairman, lives and has had them printed previously?

Membership: How can unit groups be helped? How can the number of members-at-large be increased? (It was mentioned that the material such members should receive is listed in the State Board Handbook and on the policy guide of the LWV of Texas.)

Legislative: Who should testify at legislative hearings, the legislative chairman or the chairman of the Program item which is the subject of the hearing? (It was

pointed out that the legislative chairman should be a "floating" member of all state Program committees.)

Finance: Should the committee suggest to local Leagues that they raise their dues?

State-Local Relations: What action is permitted local Leagues under the support positions of this Program item? Must state Board approval of specific actions be obtained? (A newspaper account quotes a Houston LWV representative as urging the Houston City Council to cooperate with other governments in the area in deciding whether to proceed with the formation of the proposed Houston Regional Planning Commission. Was it permissible to make such a statement in view of the support position on planning and without consulting the state Board?)

Mrs. Joor asked Board members not to attend, unless they were especially invited, meetings of committees of which they are not members.

The Board recessed at 2:00 p. m. for committee meetings during the rest of the afternoon and in the evening.

Wednesday, June 22, 1966

The Board reconvened at 9:00 a. m. Mrs. Joor presided. Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, field service staff specialist, was present. Mrs. Thomas Colwell (Joyce) and Mrs. Byrl Ruland (Margaret), secretaries in the state office, were also present and were introduced to the Board.

Resignation:

Mrs. Joor reported that Mrs. Spencer Nitchie, public relations chairman, had resigned from the state Board for health reasons. Mrs. Casperson moved that the resignation of Mrs. Nitchie be accepted with regret. Mrs. Ramey seconded. CARRIED.

Filing System:

Mrs. Pollard requested that before tomorrow (in preparation for the discussion of the Policy Guide) each Board member read pages 20 and 21 in the new State Board Handbook which Board members had just received.

Minutes of Pre-Convention Board Meeting, March 21, 1966:

Corrections in these minutes were made as follows:

Page 2 - Second Round Program Making. Change the second sentence to read: "The exact wording of the State-Local Relations item will be mimeographed and given to the delegates."

Page 2. At the bottom of the page add a new paragraph as follows: "Mrs. May and Mrs. Casperson were excused to prepare a new consensus statement on State-Local Relations for Convention delegates."

Mrs. Joor declared the minutes approved as corrected.

Minutes of Tenth Biennial Convention, March 22-24, 1966:

There were no corrections of these minutes, and the president declared them approved.

Minutes of Post-Convention Board Meeting, March 24 and 25, 1966:

Corrections in these minutes were made as follows:

Page 1 - first paragraph. Delete Mrs. Braunagel's name from the list of Board members. Insert as the second paragraph, "Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, field service staff specialist, was present."

Page 3 - Field Service. In the third line, insert "Ramey" between "Pollard" and "Winick". Change the second sentence of the second paragraph to read: "The name of Mrs. Jack Wackerbarth as a visitor will also be sent in to National if she can go."

Page 8 - first sentence following the consultant list. After this sentence insert: "This session will be used as a field service training session."

Page 9 - Texas Constitutional Review. At the end of the first sentence of the second paragraph, replace the abbreviation "DPM" with "duplicate president's mailing".

Page 11 - first line. Change "with" to "within".

Page 18 - next-to-last paragraph. In the second line, after "vice-presidents" insert "under the chairmanship of Mrs. Martin".

Mrs. Joor declared the minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report:

Mrs. Ramey gave the treasurer's report for the period April 1, 1966, through June 13, 1966. This was an interim report for the information of the Board; the regular quarterly report, covering April, May and June, will go out in July with the post-Board report. Mrs. Ramey mentioned that the \$255.37 spent for the TEXAS VOTER included not only the May issue but also the non-recurring expenses of: \$50 deposit with the post office and \$15 re-entry fee for transferring our mailing permit to Houston.

The Board discussed the problem areas shown on the treasurer's report--last year's expenses paid out of this year's income, over-expenditure for national Convention and for VOTERS GUIDES for the primary election, and over-expenditure for office supplies and the TEXAS VOTER. Since Convention, local Leagues have decreased their pledges approximately \$200. Also, last year's state Board having withdrawn \$500 from the Reserve Fund, this year's state Board must set up a system for repayment to the Fund. (It was agreed that since during the 1966-68 biennium interest on the Reserve Fund will amount to approximately \$570, the \$500 due the Fund will come from the interest.)

There was considerable discussion of the over-expenditures. The Board agreed that the number of VOTERS GUIDES printed hereafter would be on the basis of firm orders only (the over-expenditure had resulted from misunderstanding a verbal order as to the number of Guides the Dallas League wanted). It was the feeling of the Board, too, that more money should be allocated for national Convention and that it should be kept in mind that expenses would remain about the same, because of travel equalization, no matter where the Convention was held. The Board felt also that the president should have discretionary power over some expenses, but that the Board should make the decisions whenever possible.

The treasurer reported that office maintenance is running very close to the budget and averaging \$125 per month. If this continues, there will be \$16 left under this budget item at the end of the fiscal year. Although most of the office supplies needed for

the year have been purchased, the \$234.46 remaining unexpended must take care of any additional office supplies and postage for the next 9½ months.

The treasurer introduced a discussion of possible economies by saying that we have to cut expenses by about \$1100 or find additional income of that amount to balance the budget. Mrs. Wackerbarth commented that there might be additional income of \$50 from the Fort Worth League, which would restore the cut made in their pledge. Mrs. Ramey pointed out that cuts cannot be made in national services, salaries, and social security, which together comprise a little over 50% of the budget. She felt that expenditures for Board meetings, 1967 Presidents' Council, and state publications would be the most feasible to cut. She said that the present Board meeting would cost about \$600 and that the September Board meeting, being longer and including the Budget Committee, will run about one-fourth higher, or \$750. If the January Board meeting again costs \$600, \$1150 would be left in the account for the pre and post-Council Board meetings. This amount should be more than enough, since travel expense for the two Board meetings will be the same as it is for one meeting at other times during the year. Mrs. Brownscombe mentioned that with state publications the balance between expenses and sales determines whether they will be a gain or a loss financially. She said that the League usually makes money on VOTERS GUIDES and usually loses money on other printed publications the year they are printed because all of the expense is chargeable to that year but the income from sales will extend over other years. Mrs. Ballard suggested that after all decisions on cuts in expenditures and on finance have been made, the Board look carefully at what those have done to the budget.

#### Budget and Finance:

Mrs. Rosenzweig reminded the Board of the report by Mrs. Linehan (chairman of the Budget Committee) in which she asked that a personal letter go to each local League president inviting her, or a representative, to attend the first day of the Budget Committee meeting next September. The Board agreed that this should be done, with the president, finance or budget committee chairman of each local League being invited to attend this meeting at their own expense. The Finance Committee will send the letters, and Mrs. Rosenzweig will notify Mrs. Linehan of the Board's decision. Mrs. Joseph Selman (Tyler) has accepted appointment to the Budget Committee; Mrs. Leroy J. Olson (Galveston) has not yet replied as to accepting appointment.

#### Program - General Report:

Mrs. Casperson reported that all Program chairmen are proceeding on schedule and had fine committee meetings and that the Program department now has a complete schedule for the Program year of what, precisely, should be done at what time (this is a chart to go by and is something Program has not had before). Mrs. Casperson spoke of the value of having a Program calendar for the next year ready at Presidents' Council and at Convention, even though each--the pre-Convention calendar especially--would have to be incomplete.

#### The Texas Legislature:

Mrs. Wackerbarth reported that the committee recommends that in addition to the "Leader's Guide" already agreed upon (to be mailed in September), there be a two-page article of "every member" material on the legislature in the September TEXAS VOTER, and that a resource kit of materials not readily available to the local Leagues be furnished at or near cost. Mrs. Casperson said that 400 extra VOTERS were published when "every member" material on JUDICIAL SELECTION & TENURE was presented in the July and September 1964 VOTERS, and she suggested the same number of extra copies for the September 1966 VOTER. The June post-Board report will alert local Leagues about the article in the

September VOTER and the kit. Mrs. Wackerbarth said, too, that the committee would probably want an article in the May 1967 VOTER in preparation for consensus.

An off-Board committee has been formed, Mrs. Wackerbarth reported, with Mrs. George Boller of Galveston (former state League president) and Mrs. Jack Carter of Fort Worth as members. Mrs. E. A. Rendall (former long-time state Board member) has declined appointment to the committee. Mrs. Wackerbarth announced also that Mrs. May is serving on the Board committee for the item.

#### Election Laws, Voter Registration:

Mrs. Lancaster reported that the committee has prepared a letter to the chairman, Senator Tom Creighton, of the Election Laws Study Committee of the legislature in reply to a form letter from him to groups and individuals interested in election laws revision. The letter would be signed by Mrs. Joor, and the statement it makes is general in nature, with League positions presented in general terms and a commonsense appeal made for laws to encourage voter participation. The letter also says that the League would like to appear at the public hearings. Enclosed with the letter to Senator Creighton would be a tabulation of voter registration provisions in all of the states (reproduced from The Book of the States 1966-67). The letter and tabulation will go to all members of the Election Laws Study Committee. To be mailed to local Leagues August 1, 1966, on duplicate presidents' mailing will be a copy of the letter and the tabulation in a kit of material on constitutional amendments #7 (which the League opposes) and #8 (which the League supports). Included in the kit will be a copy of the main part of each amendment--#7 which abolishes the poll tax and sets up annual registration and #8 which liberalizes residence requirements for voting. Also included will be a reprint of "Proposed Changes in Residence Requirements for Voting" (Texas Bar Journal, February 1965) by Mary K. Wall, assistant attorney-general. (Mrs. Lancaster will ask for 225 reprints.) The kit will contain, also, additional material to help local Leagues in campaigns for amendment #8 and against #7.

#### Duplicate Presidents Mailing:

At this time Mrs. Joor clarified the new policy with regard to handling duplicate presidents mailings and standing orders. Duplicate presidents mailing is sent directly to each local League president and vice-president, and to each publications chairman if the DPM is not also going out on standing order. If the duplicate presidents mailing is also going out on standing order, the publications chairman's copy of the DPM is mailed to her with the standing order at the lower postage rate used for the standing orders.

#### Election Laws, Voter Registration (continued):

In addition to the letter to Senator Creighton's committee, appearance at a public hearing, and the August 1 mailing to local Leagues, Mrs. Lancaster said that the committee recommends that about October 1 there be a press release from Mrs. Joor on the League position on the amendments. The committee thinks that an aggressive statewide campaign is unrealistic with our limited resources.

Mrs. Joor asked if the League will be doing enough on election laws. Mrs. Prashner (who was active in the effort in 1963 to repeal the poll tax) said that without enough money it is better to do a limited job, as the committee has proposed, than to try a real campaign.

Mrs. Casperson suggested that local League members be encouraged to use letters-to-the-editor columns in their local newspapers and asked if state Board members can also

do this. The answer was that they can, but they should check first with their local League in order to coordinate their letters. Board members can use the name of the League in their letters and say that they are members of the state Board. Mrs. Brown-combe pointed out that there may be an advantage to writing as an individual without mentioning League membership. For example, if the local League president writes an official letter speaking for the League, then additional letters which do not mention League membership will indicate a wider diffusion of the League viewpoint within the community than would be indicated if all letters say they are from League members.

Answering the question as to whether the state president should approve state Board members' letters to the editor, Mrs. Braunagel said that these letters are action on Program and Board members should not have to have approval by the president of them or of other actions involving League positions. She added that so long as a Board member is comfortable with the letter she writes she does not need to check it with the president.

Mrs. Joor remarked that Mrs. Lancaster could send Board members a form letter to serve as a guide for their own letters. Mrs. Martin suggested that Board members be sent a clear, concise statement of our position.

Mrs. Lancaster moved that state Board members write letters to editors in their localities supporting constitutional amendment #8 and opposing constitutional amendment #7 which will be voted on November 8, 1966. Mrs. Casperson seconded. CARRIED.

The Board agreed that the Election Laws Committee should send a special letter to each local League which has a TV program (Houston and Dallas, for example) suggesting that they do a program on election laws before the November 8th election.

#### State-Local Relations:

Mrs. Lancaster reported that the committee felt there was a need for guide lines for local League action under the present State-Local Relations consensus on state and metropolitan regional planning. The committee had particularly in mind the Houston League action (reported on page 3 of these minutes). The suggestion that the Houston League might have acted because of a local Program support position led, indirectly, to the question (not applicable to Houston's situation, however): Can a local League have a study item on a region larger than the League's county if there is no other League in the region? Mrs. Braunagel answered "yes", but added that if there are other Leagues in the region all the Leagues, if any or all of them want to do an area study, must get together and form some organization of the Leagues to do the study, and this inter-League organization would be a fourth level of League organization. Mrs. Casperson asked if there should be in the June post-Board report an announcement that there would be a set of guide lines for local Leagues after the September state Board meeting? It was suggested that local Leagues must consult the state Board before acting under a state Program item. Mrs. Braunagel commented that the discussion was covering two things at the same time--(1) action on the state Program item, including what local Leagues could do after consulting the state Board, and (2) adopting local Program for a region.

Mrs. May said that a local League does not need to have state Board permission to say that the League of Women Voters supports metropolitan regional planning, but beyond that a local League would have to rely on its own local study and take account of other Leagues in the region. She spoke of the need for more specific consensus positions if the Leagues wish to go beyond the very general statement, "support of state and metropolitan regional planning." Mrs. Casperson added that local Leagues should ask permission of the state Board for any action, under the position on planning, other than those Mrs. May had mentioned and being observers at meetings. She suggested that Mrs. Lancaster

and Mrs. May be given Board authorization to determine if any specific action can be taken. Mrs. Ramey felt that the state Board should give approval to local League action on a state Program item. Mrs. Casperson moved that in the June post-Board report the state Board inform the local Leagues that if they wish to make a statement in the area of metropolitan regional planning they must first consult with Mrs. Lancaster, Mrs. May, and Mrs. Joor, and they must include in their application the statement they propose to make. Mrs. Ramey seconded. The vote on the motion was 4 "yes", 6 "no" and 5 abstentions. The motion LOST. Mrs. Wackerbarth moved that what is to be said to the local Leagues on this subject be referred to a committee for wording during lunch (the committee to be the State-Local Relations Committee and the legislative chairman) and that the committee's report be acted upon this afternoon. Mrs. Winick seconded. The motion CARRIED unanimously.

#### Texas Constitutional Revision:

Mrs. Winick reported that the committee wished to clear up any questions there might be about the 15¢ per copy mailing and handling charge for Texas Constitutional Review. (Two local Leagues have objected to this charge.) The LWVUS Education Fund (to whom the Sears Foundation made the grant for publishing TCR) originally authorized a charge of 10¢ per copy. There was, however, a \$60 freight charge, which had not been foreseen, for shipping the books to Houston from the printer in Waco. In view of this, Mrs. Joor at the national Convention received authorization for the 15¢ handling and mailing charge from Mrs. Yabroff of the LWVUS Education Fund. The Board was reminded that the state Convention had been agreeable to the mailing, by the state office, of one of the books to each League member in Texas (about 4000) with each local League to pay the expense of sending the books to its members. At the time of the Convention it was not known what the exact charge would be.

Mrs. Winick emphasized that Texas Constitutional Review is not to be sold, either by the state League or by local Leagues, and that only the state League, not the local Leagues, is allowed to charge for mailing and handling. The state League will charge 15¢ per copy for mailing and handling whether the books are shipped in bulk or mailed as single copies. No mailing and handling charge will be made when the books are picked up at the state office, and the committee feels that the Leagues close to Houston will want to use this method of obtaining quantity orders. Mrs. Winick again emphasized that no matter in what way local Leagues obtain Texas Constitutional Review they may not charge any fee for mailing, handling or distribution of any kind. These rules are stipulated by the LWVUS Education Fund and are necessary to protect the tax exempt status of the Fund and the grants made to it. Mrs. Winick will explain the mailing and handling charge in the post-Board report and will suggest to the local Leagues that it be considered an expense of publications, public relations or action in the community.

Continuing her report, Mrs. Winick said that the committee recommends that \$50 from the mailing fund be used for distribution, by the state office, of Texas Constitutional Review to legislators in non-League areas, 100 libraries and junior colleges in non-League areas, and the list of 150 people submitted by Mrs. Maurice H. Brown. A mimeographed cover letter would be mailed with these complimentary copies telling of the availability of additional copies for the mailing and handling fee only. It was agreed that Mrs. Casperson and Mrs. Winick would work with the state office in bringing up to date the list of 150.

The committee expects to investigate the feasibility of introducing a bill in the 1967 legislature on Texas constitutional revision and will make a final report at the September state Board meeting.

The committee is also beginning work on the TCR part of the statements to be made

to meetings of the platform committees of the Democratic and Republican parties in September. This will be in conjunction with the Legislative Committee and the Election Laws and Voter Registration Committee.

At the conclusion of the report, Mrs. Ballard got the attention of the Board, walked around the table to Mrs. Winick, and, in inimitable style, made a brief speech which ended with:..."so, upon completion of Texas Constitutional Review it seems most fitting to commend you and your committee for getting the book written and printed in such a beautiful form, and to you, therefore, I hereby present the Yellow Rose of Texas!"

#### Slip Sheeting Machine for State Office:

There was discussion of the problem of doing a good job of mimeographing on both sides of paper with the present equipment. Slip sheeting by hand is a time-consuming and costly use of the office staff; without slip sheeting, pages mimeographed on both sides tend to be messy looking. Mrs. Wackerbarth recommended the use of a slip sheeting machine. Mrs. Ramey mentioned that one which would go with the office mimeograph machine would probably cost about \$70. In the discussion it was mentioned that with such a machine we could save money on mimeograph paper and on postage. Raising the price of material mimeographed in the state office was also considered. Mrs. Ziegler moved that the League buy a slip sheeting machine for state office use and increase the price of mimeographed material. Mrs. Pollard seconded. Discussion indicated that the Board would like more time in which to think about this. Mrs. Wackerbarth moved to table Mrs. Ziegler's motion until the policy discussion tomorrow. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED.

#### Announcements:

Mrs. Ziegler announced that the Publications Committee would meet during lunch. Mrs. Lancaster announced that the State-Local Relations Committee would meet with the legislative chairman at lunch.

The Board recessed for lunch at 1:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:45 p. m.

#### Legislative:

Mrs. May reported that the committee recommends delaying a decision on a League-sponsored bill for constitutional revision until the advice of key legislators has been obtained. Possibly the League will want to support a somewhat different kind of bill than we supported last session. The bill should be sponsored by legislators from areas more populous than west Texas.

The committee recommends, too, that the president, Program vice-president, and legislative chairman work out the problem of who shall testify before committees of the legislature, and, further, that the Program chairmen be present, when feasible, when bills concerned with their specialties are being discussed.

Plans for Presidents' Council were reviewed, and the committee decided that the half day allowed for the legislature was probably adequate.

The committee recommends that if we have area conferences time be allotted in them for legislative program. The legislative part of the conferences should stress how to be politically effective (using some of the ideas from the national Convention, for example). Just what local Leagues can do with their legislators under state Program guide lines should also be discussed. Specific suggestions were: Mock interviews with legislators and a brainstorming session on political effectiveness. Mrs. Casperson mentioned

that the tape of the national Convention panel on political effectiveness is available and that this could be used at the area conferences if we have them.

The committee recommends that the League subscribe to the Austin Report for Mrs. May and continue the subscription she now receives to the National Municipal Review. The committee recommends, also, that the League of Women Voters of Texas telephone answering service in Austin (which costs \$6 per month) be discontinued, subject to the approval of the Austin LWV which has its own answering service and would then receive and transfer state League calls. Mrs. May said that last year's legislative chairman had received only a few legislative calls. Mrs. Casperson moved that subject to approval of the Austin League of state League inclusion in their answering service, the state League discontinue the separate listing of our answering service in the Austin phone book and use instead the answering service of the Austin League. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED, with 14 "yes" and 1 "no". Mrs. May will talk to the Austin League and, if they agree, will discontinue the service.

#### National Program:

Mrs. Ballard reported that the committee recommends the following for inclusion in the post-Board report and/or the July TEXAS VOTER:

Development of Human Resources - a reminder in the post-Board report that housing is not included in the Program item, and that local Leagues should refer to the "Guidelines" in the May National Board Report and consult the national chairman when in doubt.

Water Resources - reference in the post-Board report to Mrs. Joor's memo on the Texas Comprehensive Water Plan hearings, with a reminder to send clippings about the plan and hearings to the state office; inclusion in the July VOTER of an article describing the Plan and listing the dates and locations of the remaining hearings.

Foreign Policy - mention in both the post-Board report and the July VOTER of National's excellent publication, Foreign Aid at the Crossroads.

The committee likes the proposal for a "swap shop" publication and suggests its use for ideas from local Leagues about national Program, including, specifically, Red China and Development of Human Resources.

The committee wishes to accept Mrs. Nolle's proposal that she prepare a summary of the Texas Comprehensive Water Plan, and it wants her to do this for consideration at the September state Board meeting, with the possibility in mind of seeking local League consensus on the Plan.

The committee requests that there be prepared for the state Board a summary and evaluation of the Seminar on Land and Water Use in Texas which was held in Austin last April under the auspices of the LWVUS Education Fund. Mrs. Joor said that Mrs. Nitchie's report on the seminar (which is confidential) can be sent to state Board members. Also, the committee suggests that unless the Seminar Committee has a use in mind for the extra copies of the material used at the seminar, they be advertised to local Leagues for their use and/or library displays, at a nominal charge. Discussion of the amount and whereabouts of extra material connected with the seminar brought out that there are three large boxes of material in the state office which belong to Mrs. Nolle, not to the seminar; that there is some seminar material, mostly speeches, at the state office; and that Mrs. Nitchie, who assisted with the seminar, has considerable material belonging to it at her home. Mrs. Joor emphasized that this material was either bought by the seminar or contributed by participants and does not belong to the state Board, that the seminar was for the participants and not for the state Board, and that we were simply

part of the planning committee of the seminar. Mrs. Ballard said that before the September Board meeting she would check through the material in connection with the seminar and talk with Mrs. Nitchie about further use of it.

#### Local Program:

Mrs. Ziegler reported that the committee suggests that in the new State Publications Catalog there be a new heading under Leadership Tools entitled Local Program, under which would be listed pertinent publications, including five prepared by last year's Local Program chairman.

The committee suggests that Mrs. Ziegler send a personal letter to the local Program chairman of each local League to further acquaintance and facilitate communication between local chairmen and the state chairman. Included with the letter would be the five mimeographed publications previously mentioned.

Mrs. Joor asked that the committee watch very carefully what the Leagues are doing in local Program. For example, although Houston is currently working on the regional library commission, the Program item, which is on local libraries, has not been correspondingly broadened.

#### Field Service:

Mrs. Pollard reported that, sparked by the visit in May of Mrs. Robert Zurbach, organizational director on the national Board, an exploratory committee, consisting of a representative from each of the ten Leagues in the Houston-Galveston area, will meet July 7th to explore the possible advantages to them of an inter-League council. The Leagues involved are Bay Area, Baytown, Dickinson, Freeport, Galveston, Houston, La Marque, Lake Jackson, Pasadena, and Texas City.

Because of Mrs. Nitchie's resignation the Leagues for which she was field service consultant have been reassigned as follows: to Mrs. Pollard - Freeport and Lake Jackson; to Mrs. Hausman - Brownsville, Edinburg, and Harlingen.

Odessa is doing very well under a new president. Mrs. Linehan will visit them this fall. She will also visit San Angelo this summer and again in the fall. El Paso is fine and will have a visit from Mrs. Linehan this fall.

Wichita Falls will have Board training this fall and will be invited to the discussion leaders' training session with Denton, Irving, and Richardson this fall.

Freeport is doing well since the field service consultant's visit, but a close watch will be kept and contact maintained. Victoria - a close watch will be kept on all reports from this League.

Right after school starts in September Mrs. Braunagel plans to give Board training to the three Valley Leagues - Brownsville, Edinburg, and Harlingen - and she hopes on this visit to do a full day of training for all three Leagues together, with individual training for each League later.

Mrs. Pollard will ask the Pasadena League to rewrite their letter requesting area League status and include a map with it. (At the January state Board meeting it was decided to ask approval by National for this League to become an area League.)

Mrs. Hausman will draft a letter to members-at-large (to be sent out by the state office) which will clarify their status.

Mrs. Pollard summarized a letter from Mrs. Lillian Chertkov, former member of the Dallas League who now resides in Grand Prairie, asking about organizing a League there. The reply to Mrs. Chertkov, with carbon copies to Mrs. Colin Macdonald, Mrs. Sam Faris (president of the Dallas League) and Mrs. J. T. Vaughan, Jr. (president of the Irving League) will suggest consultation with these women and consideration being given to working with a nearby, already-organized League.

Mrs. Pollard requested all Board members to keep track of which local Leagues send us their VOTERS and which do not and to send her the names of the latter Leagues.

A discussion of nonpartisanship dealt chiefly with problems that could arise from off-Board members of Board committees and from Board members' husbands who have a professional association with a League Program item.

#### Finance:

Mrs. Rosenzweig reported that the committee is very interested in the "swap shop" idea and will have suggestions for it. The swap shop will be done by the committees who like it and will work with it—for example, Membership, National Program, and Finance. Mrs. Ramey explained that the swap shop would be a report made periodically to local Leagues—say, once a quarter—in which the Leagues could exchange ideas which had already worked for them or were promising for the future. Mrs. Ziegler mentioned that ideas could be collected from reports of projects and local VOTERS. The Board agreed to publication of a swap sheet, and Mrs. Ramey will coordinate it. It will not compete with post-Board reports or what goes in the VOTER—in other words, the swap sheet will mention what is not mentioned in the other publications.

The committee is very anxious for finance to be worked into the proposed area conferences, since such face-to-face meetings were helpful to finance previously.

The post-Board report will give suggestions to local League finance chairmen about their finance files, for example, ways to add to their contributor lists. Also included will be a list of national firms from whom various local Leagues in Texas have received money.

The Texas City League has asked for help concerning overlapping of its finance efforts with those of neighboring La Marque. Mrs. Rosenzweig expects to meet with these two Leagues (their presidents and finance chairmen, if possible) to try to work this out, using the methods employed in the Dallas area.

Mrs. Rosenzweig said that the finance history could go out in the post-Board mailing, but to Board members only, for it will not be complete, as all of the Leagues have not yet sent in their reports. Mrs. Ziegler commented that the finance history has previously gone out before the September state Board meeting as a pre-Board report to the state Board and has been sent as a post-Board report, with the proposed budget, to the local Leagues. Mrs. Pollard said that the history has already been prepared by Mrs. Rosenzweig and even though it is incomplete it would help Field Service to have it now. The Board favored following the customary system for the finance history, as outlined by Mrs. Ziegler. The complete reports on the last finance drives of the local Leagues will be ready in September, but a partial report will be included in the June post-Board mailing in order to aid the Budget Committee. Mrs. Casperson pointed out that the budget packet, which includes the finance history, will go out before the area conferences (if we have them) and can be brought to the conferences.

#### Membership and Units:

Mrs. Hausman reported that the Membership Committee has composed a set of "Hints from Helen" for the July VOTER and another for the September VOTER.

The list of members-at-large will be sent to all state Board members. Mrs. Hausman asked who decides what publications these members receive? The Board agreed that they should be selected by the publications chairman. It was mentioned that Texas Constitutional Review has already been sent to the eight members-at-large we know of. A local League near to a member-at-large will be asked to "adopt" her and send her its local VOTER. Publications also will be sent from the state office from time to time.

The committee enthusiastically approved the idea of a swap sheet, felt the first issue could virtually write itself from items now on hand, and will be glad to submit further suggestions.

The committee felt that if there are to be area conferences some training for unit leaders should be included.

The questionnaire the Dallas League sent to its members to obtain their ideas on membership problems was gone over, and the committee will ask Dallas for a copy of the report to be made as a result of the questionnaire.

#### Special Subscription Service:

Although this service was not offered in the last publications catalog it was listed in the previous catalog and there are a few subscribers to the service. After discussion, Mrs. Ziegler moved that the special subscription service be discontinued for each individual as of her expiration date and discontinued for the future. Mrs. Casperson seconded. CARRIED, unanimously. Mrs. Casperson suggested that when a special subscription is renewed, Mrs. Ziegler send a letter to the subscriber explaining that because of little demand the service has been discontinued.

#### Pre-Board Reports:

Following discussion of the role of the vice-presidents with regard to reports sent them by their committee chairmen, Mrs. Wackerbarth moved that the present policy of each committee chairman sending a carbon of her pre-Board report to her vice-president be continued. Mrs. Ziegler seconded. CARRIED, with 10 for, 3 against, and 2 abstaining.

#### Appointments:

Mrs. Joor announced that Mrs. May would be the state Board member on the State and National Bylaws committee, replacing Mrs. Nitchie, and that Mrs. Maurice H. Brown, an off-Board member, would be asked to be chairman of the committee.

#### 1968 State Convention Site and Date:

Mrs. Brownscombe reported that the committee unanimously recommends San Antonio for the 1968 Convention city, with El Tropicana Motor Hotel as first choice for the Convention hotel and the Granada or Gunter as second choice. Mrs. Hausman answered questions as to accommodations at these hotels. Mrs. Brownscombe moved that the 1968 Convention of the LWV of Texas be held in San Antonio at El Tropicana Motor Hotel (first choice) or the Granada or Gunter (second choice). Mrs. Ballard seconded. CARRIED, unanimously. Mrs. Brownscombe moved that the Convention be held March 26, 27 and 28, 1968, or that if arrangements for that date could not be made, it be held March 19, 20 and 21. Mrs. Pollard seconded. CARRIED, unanimously. Mrs. Hausman will make the reservation with the hotel and will confirm this, at Mrs. Ballard's request, for the July VOTER.

The Board recessed for dinner at 5:00 p. m.

The Board reconvened at 7:45 p. m.

Public Relations:

Mrs. Martin, in her general report, emphasized that each Board member, whatever her portfolio, is involved with public relations because of the state Board's over-all responsibility to the local Leagues of providing help and guidance. She spoke of the tremendous value of maintaining a good relationship with the local Leagues and mentioned that many of the League problems stem from lack of understanding, which often points to lack of communication. She said that the state Board has constant need of a public relations chairman and urged that one be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Nitchie's resignation. Mrs. Martin recommended that the state Board urge each local League to hold its annual meeting and complete its finance drive before state Convention or Presidents' Council. She suggested specifically that the state Board (1) urge local Leagues to have their finance drives in February and (2) plan statewide publicity for the drives at that time. It was mentioned that five Leagues do not now have February drives.

As another bit of public relations Mrs. Martin spoke of the plan of herself and Mrs. Brownscombe to contact various League leaders of past years (if the Board approves) to see what information (including reminiscences) they might contribute which would add to our present knowledge of the history of the state League. This venture would be purely exploratory, for the purpose of finding out what information could be turned up. The Board expressed interest in the project and asked that Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Brownscombe go ahead with the plan.

Voters Service:

Mrs. Prashner reported that the voters service chairman of the Dallas League had asked permission to invite Senator John Tower and Attorney General Waggoner Carr (Republican and Democratic candidates, respectively, for U. S. senator) to speak at a candidates' fair to be held about the middle of October. The Voters Service committee recommends granting permission, provided all the rules on nonpartisanship are followed. Mrs. Prashner moved that the state Board give the Dallas LWV permission to invite all of the senatorial candidates to their candidates' fair in October. Mrs. Casperson seconded. CARRIED, unanimously. Mrs. Prashner will write the reply to the Dallas League and send it to Mrs. Joor for her signature.

Mrs. Prashner, continuing her report, said that the committee recommends raising the price of the November VOTERS GUIDE \$1 to \$18.50 per thousand, provided the November GUIDE is to be the same size (four 12"x 17½" pages) as was the May 1966 Primary Election Guide, and that the price be increased correspondingly for a larger Guide. (Mrs. Prashner noted that there was a deficit of over \$200 on the May Guide because of a misunderstanding with regard to the Dallas League's order). The committee recommends that the GUIDE be printed in San Antonio by the printer who has been doing the Guides for several years, unless there would be a very large saving by printing in Houston. A written breakdown of costs must be obtained from each printer in order to decide which of them should get the job.

Mrs. Prashner said that there will be approximately 40 candidates for the November GUIDE, plus the 16 constitutional amendments. There will be an explanation and a pro and con presentation for each amendment. The May 1966 Guide had 29 candidates on it, with a little less than one page of the four pages taken up by other information pertinent to primary elections. Forty candidates and 16 amendments cannot fit into a Guide of the size of the May Guide unless there is great curtailment of text. It was mentioned that the November 1965 Guide, covering only explanations and pros and cons for 10 constitutional amendments, was two 12" x 15" pages. Mrs. Prashner outlined several alternatives for Board consideration: (1) a Guide limited to the constitutional amendments only; (2) a Guide listing only the qualifications of candidates, not their answers to questions; (3) a Guide in which candidates' replies were limited to, say, 50 words; (4) a Guide covering some offices only; (5) publish no Guide at all but send the information to the local

Leagues for them to publish their own Guides.

In the discussion it was pointed out that there has to be a VOTERS GUIDE for the U. S. senator election, since National has prescribed questions to be asked. Mrs. Wackerbarth moved that we publish a full Guide for the top offices, but that the qualifications of each candidate be limited to 50 words, with the same limitation on answers to questions, and that for other offices only the name, political party, and 35 words of qualifications for each candidate be listed. The motion died for want of a second. Mrs. Lancaster moved (1) that the November VOTERS GUIDE include the full Guide (as printed in the Primary Election Voters Guide) for governor, lieutenant governor, senator and attorney general, with the exception that qualifications for each candidate be reduced to 50 words; and (2) that after attorney general, candidates be listed by name, address, and political party, but with no qualifications being given. Mrs. Ballard seconded. Mrs. Casperson moved to amend the motion by adding a limitation to 50 words for the answers to questions by each of the top candidates. Mrs. Ramey seconded. The amendment CARRIED, 13 in favor, 2 opposed. Mrs. Lancaster's motion as amended (that is, including the additional limitation) CARRIED, 13 to 2. The Board agreed that the November GUIDE will be done on 12" x 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ " paper. Mrs. Prashner will prepare questions to ask the Houston and San Antonio printers, for the purpose of obtaining answers that are comparable, upon which to base the decision about the printer. Mrs. Prashner raised the question of who would discuss layout with the printer if the printing were done in Houston.

Mrs. Prashner announced that order blanks for the November GUIDES would go to local Leagues in the post-Board mailing and that the GUIDES should reach the Leagues no later than October 1.

#### Publications:

Mrs. Ziegler reported that the committee recommends that 500 Blueprint for Planning be printed (second printing) for \$152.50. This cost of 31¢ per copy, even with the addition of shipping charges from Waco to Houston, will still allow Blueprint to be sold for 35¢ per copy, which is the same price as the first printing. The Board agreed to the re-printing. The committee recommended that Blueprint be sent to the members-at-large.

Another recommendation of the committee was that Who Me? Go to My Precinct Convention? be republished in September 1967 for the 1968 primary elections. The folder, Lobby by Letter, (of which approximately 300 are on hand) should be saved for Presidents' Council or any other legislative push or for area conferences and then either be sold or given away, depending upon circumstances at the time. The price of Prospecting for Gold in Texas should be reduced to 75¢, that of Texas Prospects for Education and Employment to 10¢ a copy, \$4 for 50 copies, and \$7 per 100. The price reduction for Texas Prospects should be featured in both the publications and the national Program sections of the post-Board report and should also be called attention to in a box in the July VOTER. A similar box on Prospecting for Gold should be in a later VOTER, close to the time of local League finance drives.

The committee felt that "S. O. S." (State Office Story) the president's report to the Board, is very valuable and expressed the hope that it will come out weekly and the "Letter to Local League Presidents", monthly.

Publishing of a new state publications catalog in September was recommended if the state office can finish the publications inventory in time. It was also recommended that once the inventory is complete the office keep it up to date by keeping a running inventory of publications sales and free distribution. The publishing of a sheet of price reductions on state publications also awaits completion of the inventory.

Mrs. Ziegler reported the following recommendations regarding the 1966-68 state Program flip chart: (1) that it be the same size and general format as the 1964-66 flip

chart, be green and white, and be printed on 80 lb. paper; (2) that 5000 be ordered; and (3) that the selling price be 7¢ a copy, \$6.50 for 100 copies. (Mrs. Ziegler explained that 7500 of the 1964-66 flip charts were printed, that 250 are on hand in the state office, and that sales of approximately 4600 are shown in the records.) The committee suggests that the state office reserve about 200 of the new flip chart for free distribution and distribution to new Leagues which might be formed during the biennium. Mrs. Ziegler reported that the best bid from a Dallas printer was \$264 for 5000 flip charts, and Mrs. Joor announced a tentative bid of \$210 for 5000 from a Houston printer. The Board agreed that the Houston printer should print the flip chart.

After discussion of the committee's recommended price increase for material mimeographed at the state office, Mrs. Ziegler moved that the state League charge 3¢ for a page mimeographed on one side and 5¢ for a page mimeographed on both sides. Mrs. Hausman seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Ziegler then moved that the state League purchase a slip sheeter for the mimeograph machine. Mrs. Pollard seconded. Mrs. Ramey commented that the machine would pay for itself in a year. Motion CARRIED.

#### The TEXAS VOTER:

Mrs. Ballard said that the post-Board report will give three as the number of copies of local League VOTERS to send to National plus a copy to Mrs. Arnold Frankel (with her address given), who is the national Board member designated to receive VOTERS from the local Leagues in Texas. The post-Board report will also ask the Leagues to be sure they are using the correct 1966-67 state Board, national Board, and local League presidents mailing lists when they address their VOTERS. The importance of keeping local League membership lists up to date in the state office will be pointed out--VOTERS that cannot be delivered cost 10¢ apiece.

The deadline for the July VOTER is July 1, and for the September VOTER, August 20. Each Board member who writes an article for the VOTER should send a carbon copy to Mrs. Martin as well as to her own vice-president.

The September VOTER will contain two pages of resource material on the Texas legislature; therefore 4400 copies will be ordered.

The Board approved the use of blue ink throughout the VOTER (in place of the present black ink) so that the TEXAS VOTER will not be confused with the NATIONAL VOTER.

The Board meeting adjourned at 11:00 p. m.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 1966

The Board reconvened at 9:00 a. m.

#### State-Local Relations:

Mrs. Lancaster gave the following report from the State-Local Relations committee, who had met with the legislative chairman over lunch the preceding day to formulate guide lines for local Leagues acting under the SLR item.

"The committee recommends that some guide lines be given to local Leagues on what action is possible under our present consensus on metropolitan regional planning. This will be difficult because our consensus is so general. As regional planning progresses throughout the state, local Leagues might want to make some suggestions for further study to develop more specific consensus. But under the present consensus positions these guide lines are recommended:

1. Local Leagues are encouraged to keep abreast of developments in regional planning in their areas and to keep the state Board advised.
2. Local Leagues are encouraged to attend regional planning meetings in their areas as observers, but should not make any statements other than the official state League position on regional planning, i. e., that the League supports metropolitan regional planning in Texas.

This statement will be followed by an explanation to the local Leagues describing how we reached our present consensus, mentioning that no specific criteria came out of this consensus, and pointing out that it is for this reason that no other action can be taken." The Board agreed to the statement of the committee, and it will be included in the post-Board report.

#### Policy Guide:

Mrs. Pollard opened consideration of the proposed changes in the policy guide with the suggestion that the guide be discussed and acted upon section by section.

Nonpartisanship. Remove the hyphen used in this word in the 1965 Policy Guide.

Public Relations. Mrs. Pollard moved that the second paragraph under this heading (which in the 1965 Guide read "When state Board members are invited to attend Board meetings of their local Leagues, it is recommended that they accept as often as possible.") be changed to read: "State Board members shall attend local League Board meetings only when invited by the president. At such meetings the member will abstain from offering unsolicited suggestions or opinions." Mrs. Ramey seconded. The motion LOST, with 3 "yes" and 12 "no". Mrs. Casperson moved that "they deem advisable" be substituted for "possible" in the sentence in the 1965 Guide so that it would read "When state Board members are invited to attend Board meetings of their local Leagues, it is recommended that they accept as often as they deem advisable." Mrs. Ballard seconded. CARRIED, with 13 "yes" and 2 abstentions.

Field Service. The Board agreed to substitute for the first two paragraphs in the 1965 Guide the following: "The Field Service Consultants shall be Board and non-Board members who have been given field service training. The Field Service Committee shall be composed of the field service vice-president and two Board members."; and to change "FSCC" in the second line of the third paragraph of the 1965 Guide to "Field Service Committee."

Field Service Staff Specialist. Mrs. Casperson moved that following Field Service in the Policy Guide there be a new section on Field Service Staff Specialist and that it read: "Field Service Staff Specialist authority comes from the state Board under direction of the president and the field service vice-president. The Staff Specialist does not initiate policy. She shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Field Service Committee." Mrs. Ramey seconded. CARRIED.

Local League Bylaws. The Board agreed that the only paragraph in this section should be: "Since all proposed revisions of local League Bylaws must be submitted to the state Bylaws chairman for consideration, the deadline for submitting them shall be November 15. The local Leagues shall be notified of this requirement not later than October 15. The state Bylaws chairman shall assist local Leagues according to their needs."

State Finance. The Board agreed that this should be a new section following Local League Bylaws, with subsections on TEXAS VOTER, Earmarked Funds, Budget, Reserve Fund, and Memorial Fund, with the contents of these subsections remaining the same

as they were in the 1965 Guide.

At this point, Mrs. Ziegler raised a question as to the wording of the first paragraph under the subsection, Budget. She moved that "major" be deleted from the first sentence of the paragraph and "Such" from the second sentence, so that the paragraph would read as follows: "If changes in the state budget become necessary, the president, treasurer, and finance chairman shall propose such changes and present them for adoption at the next Board meeting. Changes shall not permit the raising of the budget adopted at Convention or Council but shall only permit reallocation of funds to separate accounts." Mrs. Ballard seconded. CARRIED.

Board and Committee Expenses. Mrs. Pollard moved that the meals allowance be increased from \$4 to \$5 per day, and that the travel allowance for a member using her car be increased from 6¢ to 8¢ per mile. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED, with 11 "yes", 3 "no" and 1 abstention.

State Office Files. The Board agreed that this section should read: "The state office shall review the state League files every biennium. Material on policies, Program and statistics shall be retained. Any other material may be destroyed." There was general agreement also that the section on "filing" in the new State Board Handbook contained useful guide lines.

Board Members Files. The Board agreed to changing the first sentence of this section to read: "At the expiration of her term of office or upon resignation, each state Board member shall turn in her complete file, all material from her notebook, leadership and Program material, supplies and equipment."

Board Members Holding Local League Portfolios. Mrs. Pollard moved that this section be changed to read: "Since state Board assignments are time consuming, it is unwise for a member of the state Board to be a member of the Board of her local League or to serve on a local League committee." Much opposition to the change was expressed in the discussion. The motion died for want of a second.

Off-Board Committee Members. Members-at-Large. Parliamentarian. The Board agreed that the content of the first two of these three sections should remain as it is in the 1965 Guide, but that the section on the parliamentarian should be deleted in the 1966 Guide.

Texas Education Fund. The Board agreed that a section on the Texas Education Fund should follow the section on Members-at-Large and should read: "The state Board member serving as trustee of the Texas Education Fund shall act as liaison between the state Board and the Texas Education Fund."

#### Education Fund:

The pre-Board mailing included a report of the first meeting of the trustees of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund, with the suggestion of two ways (a loan from the Reserve Fund and a state-Board-backed appeal to local Leagues) in which the Board could help the Fund obtain the money needed to operate during the period before it can become tax exempt. Mrs. Brownscombe had some copies of the minutes of the trustees' meeting available for perusal by Board members and answered further questions about the Fund's stringent financial situation, the projects which had been considered by the Fund, and the two projects which the trustees would explore over the summer. Board members made several suggestions, including (1) to "sell" the Fund to local Leagues or business men who might be interested, make a display of what can be done through the Education Fund; and (2) see if some foundation or individual would contribute money upon which to operate during the initial project (two foundations and one individual were mentioned). Mrs. Casperson moved

that the state Board urge the trustees of the Education Fund to make every effort to obtain funds from other than League sources. Mrs. Casperson explained that it was not the intent of her motion to close the door on future requests by the Fund to the state Board for financial aid. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED, with 11 "yes", 1 "no", and Mrs. Brownscombe (Education Fund trustee) abstaining.

Mrs. Prashner moved that the state Board pay the expenses to trustees meetings incurred by the Education Fund trustee who is the representative of the state League. Mrs. Martin seconded. Mrs. Brownscombe explained that she would not accept such payment, as the trustees had agreed among themselves to, in effect, lend the Fund the amount of their expenses until operating money becomes available. She asked that the motion be withdrawn, but Mrs. Prashner and Mrs. Martin felt that if voted on it would establish a precedent for the state Board to follow in the future. Mrs. Brownscombe suggested that the precedent be established at the end of her term in March 1967. Mrs. Prashner's motion CARRIED. Mrs. Brownscombe thanked the Board for their thoughtfulness, but she said that she would not submit an expense account.

The Board recessed at 10:50 a. m. and reconvened at 11:00 a. m.

#### Presidents' Council 1967:

Mrs. Winick asked for suggestions for guest speaker at the 1967 Council. It was agreed that Mrs. Robert J. Stuart (President of the LWVUS) would be asked to speak and that if she did not accept Mrs. Robert Zurbach, national Board member, would be asked. The Board was undecided as to inviting Ben Barnes, Speaker of the House of Representatives, to address the Council if Mrs. Zurbach could not. Mrs. Winick will immediately prepare a letter to Mrs. Stuart for Mrs. Joor's signature.

Mrs. Winick's list of ten items that had been either satisfactory or unsatisfactory at the 1965 Council was discussed, and the Board agreed with Mrs. Winick's suggestions as to what procedures to follow for the 1967 Council. The Board made further suggestions as follows: do not have pre-registration; investigate the possibility of having the legislative breakfast on the mezzanine as well as in the ballroom; also investigate the possibility of having for the publications a room that can be locked, with a local League member staffing it at all times when it is open; assign the seats for the dinner meeting by chance, with a state Board member at each table; and include in the Council workbooks a list of eating places within walking distance of the Driskill Hotel.

The following changes were made in the tentative agenda for the Council: Wednesday, April 5, 1967 - 10:30-12:00 noon, have the buffet only, no brunch; 1:30-3:00 p. m., at the same time as the workshop for the presidents have conversation corners and a swap shop for the other delegates; 3:00-4:00 p. m., Program session; 4:10-5:30 p. m., little meetings. Thursday, April 6, 1967 - 7:30-9:00 a. m., legislative breakfast; 9:00-10:15 a. m., capitol scoops. Mrs. Winick said that each state Board chairman (Program, membership, publications, etc.) would present her own conversation corner, but that obtaining the rooms and making the physical arrangements would be done by the Council committee.

#### Area Conferences:

Mrs. Martin reported that the committee recommends that area conferences be held this year on the subject of membership, with the understanding that under this umbrella topic there can be meaningful discussion and exchange of ideas on the other subjects in which have been proposed as conference topics, e. g., finance, how to be politically effective, unit groups, etc.

Mrs. Martin moved that area conferences be held this year on November 10, with alternate dates of November 9 or 11 if the 10th would not be acceptable to the hostess League. Mrs. Casperson seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Martin moved that the subject of the

conferences be MEMBERSHIP. Mrs. Ballard seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Martin moved that the conferences be one-day meetings. Mrs. Ziegler seconded. CARRIED. Mrs. Martin moved that a minimum registration fee of \$2 per delegate be set for the conferences. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. Mrs. Martin explained that lunch, which would be as inexpensive as possible, would be extra. The committee felt that the fee (larger than the fee for the 1964 conferences) would be necessary in order to make the conferences as self supporting as possible (in 1964 the net cost of the conferences to the state League was \$420). Mrs. Martin's motion CARRIED.

The committee recommended the following grouping of Leagues, with the first League named serving as hostess:

Harlingen, Victoria, Edinburg, Brownsville, Corpus Christi  
Corsicana, Tyler, Longview, Denton, Richardson, Wichita Falls, Irving  
Abilene, Midland, Odessa, Amarillo, San Angelo, Lubbock, El Paso  
San Marcos, Austin, Waco, Fort Worth  
Freeport, Lake Jackson, Galveston, Pasadena, La Marque, Baytown, Dickinson  
Beaumont, Texas City, South Jefferson County, Bay Area  
Temple, Dallas, San Antonio, Houston. (Although there is no League in Temple, the city was picked because of its central location and its being the residence of Mrs. Braunagel, field service staff specialist.)

After discussion and objections to one or two of the groupings, it was agreed that groupings of Leagues may be changed by the committee.

Mrs. Joor appointed the Area Conference Committee: Mrs. Ballard, chairman, Mrs. Hausman, and Mrs. Martin. Each Board member should be prepared to help with the conferences.

#### Announcements:

Mrs. Joor announced that Mr. Terrell Blodgett has asked Mrs. May to work this summer on PACT (Planning Agencies Council of Texas).

The following deadlines were given: June 29 for the post-Board report; July 1 for the July VOTER; and August 20 for the September VOTER.

The 1966-68 Program Flip Chart and the packet of material on constitutional amendments 7 and 8 are planned for August 1 mailing; the kit on the new state Program item (the Texas Legislature) is expected to go out about September 1.

Mrs. Brownscombe suggested that each Board member bring pencil (heavy) carbon paper to the Board meeting so that committee reports could be written in duplicate and not have to be recopied for the secretary.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe,  
Secretary

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PARTIAL MINUTES

State Board Meeting  
Continental Hotel, Houston, Texas  
September 12, 13 and 14, 1967

Note: These partial minutes include all of the decisions of the Board, whether by agreement without motions or by motions.

National Bylaws:

Mrs. Casperson moved that the state Board recommend to the national Board that the single list Program structure be adopted. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Nolle moved that the state Board submit as a proposed change in national bylaws that Sec. 2, Art. XIII, of the national bylaws be deleted in its entirety. Mrs. Winick seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Casperson moved that Mrs. Joor be commended for sending the letters (of July 1967) to the presidents of the other state Leagues, urging reconsideration of national Program structure. Mrs. Duckworth seconded. CARRIED.

The Board agreed not to recommend a change in Art. X, Sec. 3 of the national bylaws.

LWV of Texas Education Fund:

Mrs. Nolle moved that the state Board agree to the request of the Education Fund to enlarge its Board to nine members. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED.

Corrections to the Minutes of the June state Board meeting:

- Page 1 - in the second paragraph under Wednesday, June 7, 1967, change Finance Committee to Budget Committee.
- Page 2 - second paragraph, insert "for Presidents' Council" after "Texas".
- Page 4 - in the first line under Units insert "before area conferences" after "will go out" and delete "in the post-Board report".
- Page 5 - in the first line of the second paragraph under Program Vice-President's Report insert after "Lively Issues", " and a timetable for an introduction to Program making".

Page 6 - in the first line of the second paragraph add "and that there be no package price" after "0.15"

Page 8 - after the third paragraph under Public Relations insert a new section heading, "Local Program".

Page 13 - after the first paragraph under Presidents' Council - date and place insert a new section heading "Texas Constitutional Revision."

Budget for 1968-69:

Mrs. Prashner moved that the state Board recommend to the state Convention adoption of the budget as recommended by the Budget Committee and amended by the Board. Seconded. CARRIED.

Area Conferences:

Mrs. Rosenzweig moved adoption of the groupings of local Leagues and the hostesses recommended by the committee. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Duckworth moved that the area conference registration fee be \$2.50. Mrs. McKinlay seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Ramey moved that state Board personnel at each area conference include the leader of the conference and the resource person, with a recorder from the state Board or from a local League or from both. Mrs. McKinlay seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Duckworth moved to rescind her previous motion setting the area conference registration fee at \$2.50. Mrs. McKinlay seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Casperson moved that the registration fee for the area conferences be \$2.75. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED.

The Board agreed that each state Board member should attend an area conference if feasible and that State would pay the expense.

Texas Legislature:

Mrs. Duckworth moved that 4000 copies be printed of each of the three remaining Facts & Issues on the Texas Legislature. Mrs. Ramey seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. May moved that we continue the policy of allowing the state Board members to have, free of charge, a few copies of state League publications for distribution as they see fit. Mrs. Casperson seconded. CARRIED.

Constitutional Revision Commission:

Mrs. Martin moved that the state Board approve the acceptance by Mrs. May of her appointment to the Commission on Constitutional Revision. Seconded. CARRIED.

The Board agreed that Mrs. McKinlay should attend as many meetings of

the Commission as possible. The first meeting will be on September 18.

Voter Registration and Election Laws:

Mrs. Ramey moved that the final decision as to filing an amicus brief in the AFL-CIO suit regarding Amendment #7 be made by Mrs. Lancaster and Mrs. Joor if the state Board does not meet in time to make the decision. Seconded. CARRIED. The decision would be made after the amount of the filing fee is known.

State-Local Relations:

Mrs. Winick moved that Mrs. Lancaster represent the LWV of Texas at the Second Annual Regional Planning and Development Workshop on September 18-19. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Ramey moved that we have 2000 copies printed of the Current Review on State-Local Relations at the lowest price which will let us sell the publication at 20¢ a copy. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED.

National Program:

Mrs. Ramey moved that we subscribe to Stuart Long's weekly Water Report, at \$50 per year, in order to provide the water item chairman with this tool which is necessary to keep her informed. Mrs. Nolle seconded. CARRIED.

Legislative:

Mrs. Nolle moved that we ask the Lubbock LWV not to invite Lieutenant Governor Smith to their proposed legislative review and forecast program, since he is an announced candidate. Seconded. CARRIED, with two dissents.

Mrs. Ramey moved that we give permission to the Victoria LWV to invite House Speaker Ben Barnes to attend their meeting on October 26, provided that he has not announced his candidacy for a specific public office by the time they issue the invitation. Mrs. Martin seconded. LOST, with 5 "yes" and 7 "no".

Public Relations:

Mrs. Rosenzweig moved that we accept the content of the Speaker's Kit now. Mrs. Winick seconded. CARRIED.

The Board approved sending the Voters Key and the Voters Guide, when it comes out, to the newspapers and the legislators in non-League areas.

The Board approved sending the Voters Key and each Facts & Issues on the legislature to no more than 15 organizations, as complimentary copies to pave the way in public relations.

The Board agreed to Mrs. Ramey's request to talk to the newspaper people here regarding the wire services carrying a series of articles on the legislature, using the Facts & Issues as material.

Publications:

The Board approved sending a complimentary copy of several of our publications, on a selective basis, to other state Leagues. A cover letter would go with them.

Presidents' Council 1969:

Mrs. Prashner moved that we see if the Commodore Perry Hotel in Austin can accommodate us for Presidents' Council March 25 and 26, 1969. Seconded. CARRIED.

Field Service:

The Board agreed that Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Taylor are to go tomorrow, September 14, to the special called Board meeting of the La Marque League.

National Program Recommendations:

Mrs. Duckworth moved that we recommend to the national Board dropping from national Program the items regarding loyalty-security, treaty making, and limitation on tax rates. Mrs. Martin seconded. CARRIED, with one dissent.

The Board approved separating the present world trade and UN item into two items, one dealing with world trade and development, the other with the UN.

Mrs. Duckworth moved that we recommend to the national Board dropping from national Program the item "Evaluation of U. S. relations with the People's Republic of China." Mrs. Martin seconded. LOST, with 4 "yes" and 11 "no".

Mrs. Nolle moved that we recommend continuation of the China item as presently worded, and that the scope of the item include trade relations, the two Chinas, multi-lateral nuclear weapons control, UN membership, and cultural exchange. Mrs. Joor seconded. CARRIED, with 2 dissents.

Mrs. May moved that we recommend retention of the foreign trade item as it is presently worded but add that we would like to study, in addition to what has been studied before, population problems, with a view to coming to consensus. Mrs. Prashner seconded. CARRIED, with one dissent.

Mrs. Prashner moved that we recommend keeping the UN item as it is. Mrs. Hausman seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. May moved that we recommended adding housing to the Development of Human Resources item as it is now. Mrs. Hausman seconded. LOST, with 5 "yes" and 10 "no".

Mrs. Nolle moved that we recommend retaining the Development of Human Resources item as it is now. Seconded. CARRIED.

Mrs. Prashner moved that we recommend keeping the water item in its present form. Mrs. Lancaster seconded. CARRIED.

State Convention 1968:

Mrs. Winick moved that Mrs. Ramey and Mrs. Joor have permission to engage the speaker for the Convention if any of those agreed to by the Board cannot come. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED.

Membership:

The Board approved awarding two prizes in the membership campaign-- the first prize to be a miniature oil derrick and the second prize to be five gallons of gasoline.

Voters Service:

The Board approved Mrs. Prashner trying to find someone to finish translating the Voters Key into Spanish and then having 1000 or more printed. Also approved was sending a copy of the Key to the El Paso League for them to do their own translation.

The Board agreed that the Voters Guide for the 1968 primary elections is to contain some precinct information from the Voters Key.

The Board agreed that our reply to the letter from the Committee for Better Voter Participation, Franklin Spears, Chairman, should decline the invitation for Mrs. Joor to become a member of the Committee, because of the difference between some of their objectives and ours.

Policy Guide for Local Leagues:

Mrs. Duckworth moved that a discussion of the new, considerably broadened nonpartisanship policy be held at the state Convention and that at the discussion the state Board define partisan activity. Seconded. LOST.

Mrs. Ramey moved that we revise the guidelines for local League policy sheets, the revision to be presented to the Leagues prior or at the state Convention, and that the guidelines include an explanation of the relaxed nonpartisanship policy. Mrs. Rosenzweig seconded. CARRIED.

Golden Anniversary of the League:

The Board agreed to the formation of a four or five member ad hoc committee for the Texas celebration of the 50th anniversary of the League of Women Voters.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. R. Brownscombe,  
Secretary