

League of Women Voters of Texas

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Minutes of State Board Meeting Granada Hotel, San Antonio, Texas January 17 and 18, 1961

Tuesday, January 17, 1961

Following various committee meetings on the previous afternoon and evening, the State Board met at 8:45 A.M. in Parlor A of the Granada Hotel, San Antonio. The following members were present:

Mrs. Robert Abbott	Mrs. Colin J. Macdonald
Mrs. Albert Barstis	Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. George Boller	Mrs. Herbert Martin
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel	Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. James Brock	Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Maurice Brown	Mrs. Warren Tallman
Mrs. Loren Gordon	Mrs. Karl E. Teigler
Mrs. J. W. Kongable	Mrs. E. Jack Turner

Mrs. Irving Pettis of Waco, now serving as off-Board area chairman of Field Service, was present at all sessions of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Boller.

Local League Program - Mrs. Murphree asked that the Board come to an immediate decision on the following request from the Corpus Christi League. In a letter to Mrs. Teigler from Mrs. Webb, president, the League asked permission of the State Board to adopt "A Study of Submerged and Adjoining Lands" as a local item and to work actively on County Home Rule. The item would require legislation on the state level. Eight reasons for the League's wishing to adopt this item were listed, the first one of which was: Nueces County Senator Reagan is to introduce before the 57th Legislature a bill creating a board to regulate the many problems connected with submerged lands. Board discussion pointed up the fact that adoption of the item at this time would actually be starting legislative action without doing a study and also that all the area coastal cities would have to be involved, not just Corpus Christi. Mrs. Turner read to the Board an unofficial answer in which she questioned that the item fulfilled certain of the League criteria for a good local program and in which she suggested possible alternate items. Final Board decision was to send an official Board letter from the SO, written by Mrs. Turner and edited and signed by Mrs. Boller, denying their request. Mrs. Murphree moved that Mrs. Turner telephone the Corpus Christi League to explain that the Board had acted upon their request for permission to work on County Home Rule and to study and act on their suggested item and that a letter explaining Board position would follow immediately after Mrs. Boller's return to SO. Seconded. Carried.

Minutes - Corrections to the minutes of the October Board meeting were as follows:
p. 2, line 38, change "take the Membership and Units Portfolio" to "return to the Board."

p. 6, line 37, change "four" to "three."

p. 9, line 22, change "state" to "start."

Mrs. Turner moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Kongable asked members to refer to the yellow mimeographed sheets received with their Board Reports. This statement showed a balance

on hand as of December 31, 1960, of \$2,051.13. This balance does not include Shared Field Service, Surplus, Reserve, or Memorial Funds. A Balance Sheet, a "Statement of Income and Expenditures For the Nine Months Period Ended December 31, 1960," Bank Balances, and a list of State and National Support were included in Mrs. Kongable's mimeographed report. Mrs. Kongable updated to January 15th the Operating Account, delegates' expenses to national meetings and interest earned on bank balances.

Mrs. Kongable moved that this report be accepted as her official report. Seconded. Carried. Filed for audit.

Mrs. Nolle said that the unexpectedly large amount of money needed for Legislative News Service this year may be paid half from this year's budget and half from next year's budget. Mrs. Boller reminded the Board that she had not yet had to use the additional \$300.00 the Board had authorized for the president and three vice-presidents to take from Surplus Funds in case of emergency. Permission was asked and granted for Mrs. Nolle to order and pay for the News Service now.

Mrs. Kongable suggested that any balance in the In-Service training be transferred to Field Service.

Mrs. Brown suggested that someone living closer to the Henderson League take over the adviser's job there as it is so expensive for her to visit this provisional League each month.

Board members were advised to tighten their belts for future meetings.

Mrs. Kongable described visits of the auditor in setting up the new bookkeeping system. The system is explained in a booklet for succeeding treasurers' use. It is uniform, businesslike and time-saving. The Board feels it has a better understanding of the State Budget and State Expenses picture as a result of introducing this system.

Mrs. Murphree suggested an efficiency expert might do a similar examination of SO operation and advise us how to get maximum work production from minimum woman power and money. This service could filter down to local League offices too.

President's Correspondence - Mrs. Boller read a letter from the Dallas League, asking permission to act in the 1961 session of the Texas Legislature on a local bill to create a Transit Authority, if the city deems this necessary. The Dallas League has studied Transportation as part of Local Item Two and is ready to act. Mrs. Brown moved that the Board give Dallas authority to act on this bill. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Boller read a letter from former Congressman Martin Dies asking the Texas League to urge candidates in the special U. S. Senate race in Texas to abide by a federal law that limits campaign expenditures to \$25,000. At the same time letter was received in SO, an item appeared in an Austin newspaper's local column stating that Mr. Dies had sent this request to the League. Such action would be out of the province of our organization and we have not studied this as an item. Mrs. Boller will answer the letter as she sees fit.

At this time Board members joined the San Antonio League in the Walnut Room for a General Meeting and Brunch as guests of the local League.

The Board reconvened at two o'clock with the same people present and Mrs. Boller presiding.

Victoria Proposal - this special committee will have its report ready for the pre-Council Board meeting.

President's Announcements - The Board still needs a member to take over the Publications portfolio.

The Board hopes that Mrs. Pettis will be able to return to the Board by Presidents Council time.

National has asked Texas for a pledge of \$9,000. However, the proposed budget pledge is \$8,600, an increase of \$200 over our last year's pledge.

State Item I, TCR - Mrs. Murphree described additional tabulation of the TCR Survey questionnaires as suggested by three men from the Texas Research League. She presented recommendations of the TCR Committee as follows:

1. That the Board present a report of the Survey to the CAC which will meet in February, this to be a general, objective report, giving results in a factual manner. Such a report might help the CAC evaluate the report of the TLC study committee.
2. That the Board present a report of the Survey to Texas Legislators, this to be broken down into Senatorial districts. Jefferson county and Waco districts were not included in the survey.
3. That the Board present a report of the Survey to local Leagues, this to be more detailed than the December report.

Local Leagues will be granted permission to release their own survey in their community, but as evaluated by the TCR Committee, so that a uniformity of viewpoint exists throughout the state.

The Committee will return to the local Leagues all their quotable answers. These may be used in newspaper articles, possibly in a series of articles. Thermofax copies will be made of any quotes the State Office may wish to use. Mrs. Martin read two or three of these statements and also showed a list (prepared by Mrs. Barstis) of answers to the TCR question on the Candidates Questionnaire.

29 The Committee plans a pamphlet like the Trade Survey and will present more information on this at the March Board meeting.

*National
T.S.
Report*

The Committee does not recommend holding the proposed Constitutional Conference in March. There is not time enough to prepare for this now. Area workshops in the fall may follow CC lines.

Mrs. Bridwell has done preliminary research on updating the TC Review. Twenty-three amendments have been added since the Review was published in 1955. Complete revision of the Review would be an extremely difficult job, so the Committee suggests publishing a simple supplement, merely a digest of the twenty-three amendments, using page numbers to refer to the original article in the Review. This supplement would be mimeographed and stapled into each Review. There are 8000 Reviews left. Orders for them are still being received in SO.

Pamphlets We also have three to four thousand "Briefcases" and four to five thousand of each of the other pamphlets left. These might be used in public libraries (not in Mrs. Brock's pilot project towns). Two copies of TC Review, a supply of the pamphlets, an order blank and a Publications Catalogue will be sent free to selected libraries (SO has the list) before March 2, the first day of Governor-proclaimed "Texas Week." Librarians will be asked to display the League publications in conjunction with Texas Week. *The same material will be sent to h.h.*

SO has received requests for copies of Texas Constitution. Mrs. Barstis obtained

sample prices from the printer of Voters Guide. A 48 page 6 by 9 inch publication printed on regular book paper in regular newspaper type could be done, 1000 copies for \$540 or 3000 copies for \$663. The latter could be sold for 25 or 30 cents. Mrs. Gordon suggested we move fast on this project to get it out while the Legislature is in session and interest is high. The Committee will investigate other printing prices and follow through on printing and promotion. This is to be an in and out item, budgetwise.

SO has received three very gracious answers to the Public Relations letter sent to the 57 new Legislators.

State-Local Relations - Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Boller found the National Municipal League Conference in Phoenix most valuable and interesting. Copies of some of the speeches given there have been received and will provide excellent reference material, particularly on transportation.

Since the Texas Legislative Council report is not due until March 1st, it is hard to make suggestions to LL for next year's program. The City and County section may be usable - possibilities include Annexation, Transportation, Overlapping services of Police, Fire, Air Port, etc.

Amarillo is one of six cities in the nation chosen to set up a citizens study of City Development Problems. The U. S. Chamber of Commerce will evaluate results of all studies.

Legislation on TCR - The Committee needs advice. Discussion followed on the AP news "leak" - The TLC report indicates the study committee will recommend that nothing be done about revision of the Constitution at this time. Mrs. Smith will be asked to talk with Legislators Herring and Latimer (who helped with HCR 13 in '57) to get their opinion of the TLC report. Shall the Committee ask for more study and research or set up an education program? - or find Foundation money to further research by a group not directly connected with the Legislature? (The Committee discussed, but does not recommend putting a referendum to the people in 1962 - results might put an end to possible TCR.) The League needs a stand on sections other than the Judiciary.

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Smith (Mrs. Murphree as alternate) will go to Chicago Feb. 8-10 to the National League's conference on Constitutional Revision. 18 states have been invited to attend and exchange ideas.

Planned P.B. mailing items were announced.

Mrs. Brown moved that the TCR report be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Macdonald asked what Mrs. Ruggles (Dallas) should do with some boxes of historical files on Texas LWV she has stored in her home. She will be asked to ship them to SO.

State CRs - Mrs. Nolle stated that no action has occurred. Mrs. Boller dispensed with this report.

Local Program - Mrs. Teigler commented on good results of Mrs. Boller's sheet on Local Program-making in the Corpus Christi letter. She will ask again in the Post Board mailing for materials on successful Local Program Items. She pointed out that other state Voters spotlight local League items.

Mrs. Martin moved that the Board accept the Local Program report. Seconded. Carried.

National Program - Mrs. Gordon felt her trip to the CCCMF sponsored Conference on United Nations and World Economic Development was very worthwhile. Cost to the State League was \$60.00. Highlight of the first day's activities was a speech by Dr. Max Milliken, Director of Center for International Studies at MIT. He said U. S. must help underdeveloped countries care for their basic needs. Russia is capitalizing on our mistakes (i.e. Aswan Dam). A copy of his speech is being sent to each delegate, to be used for reference and publicity.

An educational film on World Economic Development, made at the suggestion of the CCCMF, was shown. It was not a good film and cannot be used as planned.

National Board members gave speeches the second day. They recommend more action - Leagues are not doing enough of this. If Leagues can't reach their legislators, they should work through his assistant and staff. If a legislator is in disagreement with League position, don't bother him - see other powers in the community.

Mrs. Gordon will summarize National's advice and send to local Leagues so that her interpretation will be available to all.

Abilene, Brownsville, Harlingen, Pasadena and LaMarque did not send delegates to the Conference. Beaumont planned to send its delegate to the similar conference in San Francisco the following week.

The National Program Committee recommends sending a copy of "Hard Choices," National's new publication on World Economic Development, with a cover letter from SO and a National Publications Catalog, to Texas Senatorial candidates. Try to get to these men before they become too busy to pay attention to the League.

Mrs. Nolle suggested sending National CRs pamphlet to the man who is elected Senator.

on the P. B. Mailing and February Voter will include this notice: NBC-TV will present a program called the Nation's Future on March 11th, 8:30 C.S.T. on which the publication "Hard Choices" ~~will be discussed~~. *around discussion*

National sent a memo to four local Leagues in Texas in whose towns Fulbright Scholars are attending school with the suggestion that the Leagues seek out and become acquainted with Women Fulbright Scholars and wives of Fulbright Scholars with the purpose of introducing them to self-government, USA, and exchanging ideas in government. Mrs. Gordon will write to these Leagues asking what they plan to do about their visitors. Mrs. Nolle suggested that Austin might invite its Scholars to attend sessions of President's Council.

There will probably be introduced in this session of the Legislature a Resolution toward giving the ballot to District of Columbia residents. The Capitol Committee will watch for introduction of this Resolution and notify Mrs. Murphree immediately to send out a Time for Action to the local Leagues. *in national elections*

Mrs. Gordon has on hand a great deal of Foreign Policy material (from National and other organizations) that anyone interested may borrow.

Since the League's original stand against the Connally Amendment was taken in

1946 and members have had no information on it since that time, we wonder if this position is still valid in 1961. (Some local Leagues may now have a different viewpoint.) Mrs. Ashford of San Antonio has written to National asking advice on this.

Item for P.B. Mailing: National specifically requested in the November National Board Report that State and local Leagues express in letters to National their consensus on the issues discussed in "Hard Choices." (These are the first three of the six economic problems chosen for emphasis at National Convention.)

Mrs. Gordon will find out what Texas companies are doing about import of foreign materials. Attention should be called to the hearings on the shrimp industry - in Houston, the shrimp industry is proposing a tariff on foreign shrimpers, upsetting the Mexican shrimpers.

Mrs. Martin moved that the National Program report be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

Legislative Report - Mrs. Murphree summarized the legislative picture - TCR: as suggested in Mrs. Martin's report, Mrs. Smith will talk with Legislators Herring and Latimer.

Voter Registration - No legislation in connection with the consensus is anticipated but we will support or oppose (as called for) any that may come up.

CRs - We will reaffirm our support for codification of the Juvenile Laws. There may be action on Election Laws - 1. Marking the ballot, 2. Exemption Certificate. The League's stand on the latter is that everyone eligible should have an exemption, not just those residing in cities over 10,000.

A bill to set up an Election Law Study Commission may be introduced - we could act on this.

We will watch for the Resolution on D.C. voting privileges. Capitol Committee will try to watch for any bill on National Program.

Three local Leagues are working in the Legislature on Home Rule for their areas - Dallas, Houston and San Antonio.

Interviews - We were unable to catch Senator (then) Johnson in Austin. Mrs. Nolle reported on the interview she and Mrs. Braunagel had with Senator Yarborough. The Senator did most of the talking, commenting on Water Pollution and Education. He is on the Foreign Trade Commission, so Mrs. Braunagel gave him a copy of Hard Choices, which he leafed through and said he liked. There was no opportunity to mention Home Rule for D.C. Although he was not too familiar with the League, Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Nolle felt he would remember it and the interview since they had not asked for anything (instead, had given him something) and he had done the talking.

It is the responsibility of the Texas League to send ~~their~~ legislators League publications - better to send them pertinent pamphlets than all that are published. National Program chairman should send material to the new Senator when elected.

Correspondence - The Council of Methodist Women sent a letter to Mrs. Brown indicating ~~their~~ positive stand on the abolishment of the Poll Tax as a prerequisite to voter registration. *for voting.*

A communication from San Antonio concerning the probable introduction in State Legislature of a bill on the San Antonio River Authority asked if San Antonio League might act on this. That League did a study of the river basin on National Current Agenda. Permission to act must come from National. They will be so notified.

Mrs. Martin moved that the Board accept the Legislative Report. Seconded. Carried.

The meeting adjourned for dinner. The Board met again at 8:35 with the same people present and Mrs. Boller presiding.

Capitol Committee - Legislative News Service will be ordered. Mrs. Nolle will send committee meeting reports to SO and Mrs. Murphree. News letters will be sent to the local Leagues when there is something to report, one or two to cover bills we are interested in, a Time for Action when needed.

Saturday Evening Post article on Rights for Texas Women - The League does not have a stand on information given in this article. Board members were urged to be discreet.

Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board accept the report of the Capitol Committee. Seconded. Carried.

42 Voters Service - Mrs. Barstis' committee will prepare a Voters Guide for the special election for Senator. This will have larger print than the last VG and may take a double or a larger sheet. Charge of \$8.50 per 1000 will allow a \$2.21 margin. VG's will be shipped by motor freight unless it becomes necessary, because of the last minute printing, to use the faster, more expensive Greyhound service. March 6 is the ^{deadline for} ~~date of complete~~ filing, so March 15 is the earliest date the Guide can be ready for shipping.

The Board decided the cover letter sent with the Candidates Questionnaires should explain more fully the type answer desired so that maximum information will be given in minimum space.

The question of Copyrighting each issue of VG was discussed. Some members felt the use of a Copyright number (costing anywhere from 50¢ to \$4.00 an issue) would afford more protection than the present statement against reproduction, in whole or part, of any material contained in the VG. The Board decided to let the committee investigate the cost and process of Copyrighting, as well as National's policy on it. For the special election Guide, a positive statement concerning reproduction of material will be used.

Mrs. Barstis will remind local Leagues, via Post Board Mailing, to check their VG shipping slips and let her know immediately of any mistakes so that she can correct them in time.

February 15 is deadline for Poll Tax Campaign reports.

The new Voters Key will be discussed at a later date.

Mrs. Gordon moved that the Voters Service report be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

Publications - Mrs. Brock announced that there would be a slight rearrangement

of the title, map and League name on the cover of the new Publications catalog. The reproduction statement on the back will not be used at all, since it refers to material in the publications themselves, not the list of these publications.

Two new form letters will be prepared to send out with orders for publications, one to go with first orders, another to go with repeat orders.

Local Leagues will be informed of the TCR library packets - they may want to use them in their libraries. Chairmen Brown, Brock and Martin will assist SO in preparation of the library project. Mrs. Nolle will check with the Governor's office on the proclamation of Texas Week and will let Mrs. Brown know.

Mrs. Tallman moved that the Publications report be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

Public Relations - Mrs. Brock asked for comment on the first several articles of her weekly newspaper series for selected non-League areas. She explained that these needed polishing and rewriting and that this would be done with the help of a Journalism expert. More timely articles may be substituted for any one of these already written. Board members were urged to send in their latest material at any time for possible use in the series. Her suggested deadline for mailing to the weeklies was Friday. The State Board member who is expert in a selected field will check given articles for facts. The first in the series will be ready to go out the middle of February. Her committee asked Board authority to go ahead with this project. Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board grant permission to Mrs. Brock to start these articles in selected non-League area weekly newspapers. Seconded. Carried. Final plans will be given in the Post Board Mailing. A sample article will be included in the Council Kit so that local Leagues may know of the project, but the series will not be used in League area papers.

Mrs. Turner moved that the Board accept the ^{Public Relations} Publications report. Seconded. Carried.

Finance - Mrs. MacLaren made only one change in her mimeographed report. Odessa was \$140 short of their \$1150 goal.

Mrs. Brown moved that the Finance report be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

President's Desk - Mrs. Boller showed the Board forms that SO is sending to local Leagues for their annual reports.

She announced National's new State Board supplement to its Special Subscription Service, to cost \$2.50 a year, starting after April 1st.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that SO subscribe to this supplement for all Board members. Seconded. Carried.

Voter - Mrs. Brown said space in the February Voter will be allotted as follows:

- Page one, Story of Presidents Council
- Picture and biographical sketch of Mrs. Phillips
- President's Desk - 57 lines
- Page two, Legislative outlook - whole page - 180 lines
- Page three, TCR Survey - one article on the survey and one on TCR in general - each to be 56 lines
- VR - whole column giving consensus and possible program direction for Council
- CCCCF - report on L.A. Conference

Page four, Field Service - 16 lines
Special election VG story - 16 lines
Condensed budget
Board may have 16 lines for instruction to
delegates regarding program direction at
Council
Remaining 16 lines may be used for numbers of
bills we are interested in or for Local
Program's Spotlighted Leagues.

Deadline for final drafts is January 27th.

Mrs. Turner moved that the Board accept the Voter report. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Brown moved that the meeting be adjourned until eight-thirty the next morning. Seconded. Carried.

Wednesday, January 18th

8:40 A.M.

Voter Registration - Mrs. Tallman's committee had prepared the following wording for State consensus:

The League of Women Voters of Texas believes that the present form of Voter registration is inadequate and should be replaced by a permanent registration system. We recommend these criteria for the system:

- Statewide uniformity
- Total election coverage
- Economical administration
- Adequate safeguards against frauds
- Personal registration
- No tax as a prerequisite for registration
- Current registration lists
- Voter convenience
- Signature identification at the polls
- Clearly defined administrative responsibility
- Qualified registration staff
- Adequate record facilities

An explanation of this consensus will be in the Post Board mailing, also a brief account in the Voter, with possible direction for Council. Time for Action procedure will be explained to local Leagues.

A press release will be sent by Special Delivery mail to local Leagues and wire services in a special mailing, Friday, January 20th. A special memo will be included in the local League mailing.

A brief explanation of the procedure in initiating legislation will be included in the Council workbook so that local Leagues may have an idea of the workload and time schedule involved.

Talking Points will not be prepared until after the Post Council Board meeting - the Board is expected to determine the type of publication it will be.

Pending Council direction.
Mrs. Turner moved that the Board accept the Voter Registration report. Seconded. Carried.

Field Service - Mrs. Turner handed members an additional sheet of visit reports to add to her mimeographed report. She reviewed the Port Arthur situation briefly, then recommended that a letter be sent to Mrs. McCollum, president, and one

other member, reiterating the standards set up for local Leagues. Included will be a request for the Port Arthur League to show concrete progress toward meeting these requirements by the time of Presidents Council in order to be allowed to continue as a League. Mrs. Brock moved that the Board accept the recommendation on the Port Arthur League. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Turner mentioned the possibility of a South Jefferson County League and said Port Arthur had asked about this, but it is not feasible at this time.

She reported that Beaumont would like State Board to cut down on its volume of mail and that Brownsville felt they needed leaders but not members. After her visit to the valley leagues she will send a report to Board members.

During her telephone conversation with Corpus Christi, this League said ^{it} they realized that a study of Submerged Lands might not be quite the thing to do. They will send their material on Home Rule to the Board.

Mrs. Macdonald explained that The Southwest Clubwoman, a magazine in which a local League president had allowed her picture to be printed, is not a legitimately operated magazine and Leagues should ignore any solicitation in connection with it. Mrs. Boller will alert local Leagues in the Post Board letter.

Mrs. Macdonald will visit Waco in February and Henderson in March.

Mrs. Braunagel made the following changes in League assignments:

Macdonald - remove Corsicana and Pasadena

Pettis - remove Baytown, Galveston, LaMarque, Texas City
add Corsicana, Pasadena, Beaumont and any prospective leagues

Turner - remove Beaumont
add Baytown, Galveston, LaMarque, Texas City

She proposed that the full list of League assignments be put in the Council Kit. Mrs. Kongable asked that Field Service home addresses be added to their names on this list.

Prospects - A letter from Richardson, signed by the two unit leaders, asked that they be permitted to become a provisional league. State Board has sent requirements for provisional league status to both unit leaders. Field Service ^{pro-recommends} poses that ^{Richardson} be given authority to organize a league. Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Pettis will help them at first, ~~there will be a transfer of authority later for economy's sake.~~

Mrs. Kongable moved that ^{this authority} Richardson be given authority to organize a league. Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Macdonald will notify Richardson by phone upon her return to Dallas, adding that an official letter will follow shortly after Board meeting.

Mrs. Braunagel announced that Mrs. Samuel Ziegler of Dallas had become an off-Board member of the Field Service Committee and will work with prospective leagues near Dallas. Her immediate assignment will be Denton.

Mrs. Schwind of Irving and Mrs. Warren of Dallas attended a preliminary organizational meeting at Denton's request. Mrs. Macdonald and Mrs. Ziegler visited Denton on January 12th and explained fully provisional league requirements. Denton seemed eager to proceed. The Committee requests that Mrs. Ziegler be allowed to explore this potential and grant them provisional status before

Presidents Council if it seems advisable. Field Service will send an interim report to Board members if Denton, or any other prospect, requests provisional status. The Board felt that the Field Service Committee should be free to take further steps towards carrying out organization of a Denton League when feasible.

A member of the Austin League who lives in San Marcus, twenty-one miles from Austin, has asked about the possibility of forming a league there. The situation will be investigated.

Mrs. Braunagel will prepare and send to SO material for Post Board Mailing and the Council Workbook.

She asked Board members writing to local Leagues to send carbons to Field Service.

Mrs. Murphree moved that the Board accept the Field Service report. Seconded. Carried.

Presidents Council - Mrs. Abbott announced a new local arrangements chairman, Mrs. Robert Connelly, 2805 Rae Dell, Austin. Mrs. Ruud of Austin had reserved Little Meeting rooms at the Driskill and a Workshop room. Mrs. Teigler agreed to do covers for the Workbook, Council Kit and Presidents Kit.

Deadline for Workbook material is February 15th. Assignments are:

Call to Council - Mrs. Boller

Program direction and outlook for work - Mrs. Murphree, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Tallman

Travel Equalization plan and zone map - Mrs. Kongable

Lobby Registration - Mrs. Brock

Council highlights (meeting rooms, etc.) - Austin through Mrs. Abbott

Tentative agenda - Mrs. Abbott

Deadline for Council Kit material is March 1st. Assignments are:

Agenda, Table of Contents, Program '60-'62 - Mrs. Abbott

President's Report - Mrs. Boller

Proposed Budget - Mrs. Tallman

Treasurer's Statement and Pledge Support - Mrs. Kongable

Finance History - Mrs. MacLaren

Field Service - Mrs. Braunagel, Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Macdonald

Legislation - Mrs. Murphree

TCR - Mrs. Martin

VR - Mrs. Tallman

CAC - Mrs. Boller

National Program and CRs - Mrs. Gordon

State CRs - Mrs. Nolle

Publications - Mrs. Brock

Public Relations - Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Brock

Local Program - Mrs. Teigler

Voter Service - Mrs. Barstis

National Officers and Directors - S.O.

Kit preparation and assembly - Mrs. Boller, Mrs. Kongable, Mrs. Murphree

No deadline set for Presidents Kit - Mrs. Braunagel, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Pettis and Mrs. Macdonald will do this.

Fee for Council will be \$1.50 including Kit. Extra Kits will be 50¢.

Council Committee and extra remaining Board members will meet Wednesday evening in Mrs. Boller's suite.

Mrs. Martin moved that the Board accept the Presidents Council report. Seconded. Carried.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:30 and reconvened at 1:45.

Special Committee on Publishing Procedures - Mrs. Brown presented an outline that Board members might use when a new publication is in the offing. The first part included basic criteria for deciding when and what to publish:

- Is a publication necessary?
- What do we hope to accomplish with this publication?
- Can the information it will contain be secured from any other source?
- Will professional help be necessary?
- Who will use the publication?
- Is it for wide or limited distribution?
- Is this the best time for the publication?

The second part covered personnel assignments:

- Who is the most logical person to work on this?
- Content? Format? Cover design and art work? Final polish and authority?
- Whose responsibility is it to tend to the actual publishing details?
- Mimeographed member publications - State Office
- Printed member publications - Publishing Chairman
- Printed publications for public use - Publishing chairman

Mrs. Brown emphasized that this was just a first report - a final report will be presented at the Post Council Board meeting. Responsibility for pricing and promoting publications will be considered also.

Mrs. Martin moved that the Board accept Mrs. Brown's report. Seconded. Carried.

Special Committee to establish policy for Reserve and Memorial Funds - Mrs. Tallman handed Board members copies of a Policy Sheet she and her committee had formulated: Reserve Fund -

Since the League of Women Voters of Texas is responsible for any indebtedness incurred by it, it is deemed advisable that sufficient funds be placed in reserve which would, in case of emergency, permit the LWV of Texas to meet fixed operating expenses for a six month period.

The Fund shall be built to and maintained at a minimum of \$5000.00.

The President and the three Vice-Presidents shall have the authority to appropriate money from this fund, not to exceed \$300 in a fiscal year, to take care of unanticipated expenses.

Until the minimum of \$5000 is reached, the Board shall make every effort to refrain from appropriating money from this fund.

A planned withdrawal from the Reserve Fund shall be so stated in the Budget under source of income.

Surplus funds, from the previous year's operating account, shall be transferred

to the Reserve Fund account by the end of the 6th week of the new fiscal year.

The money shall be kept in a separate, interest-bearing account.

Memorial Fund -

Bequests to the LWV of Texas shall be placed in a Memorial Fund. This Fund may be used, at the discretion of the State Board, to finance special or educational projects unless the purpose is specified by the terms of the gift.

Such money shall be deposited in a separate, interest-bearing account.

After brief discussion, Mrs. Brown moved that the Board accept Mrs. Tallman's report for action at the next Board meeting. Seconded. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Mrs. Braunagel directed in-service training for Board members during the remainder of the afternoon.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Mrs. Robert L. Abbott, Secy.

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Minutes of Pre-Council State Board Meeting Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas March 21-22, 1961

Tuesday, March 21st

Following committee meetings on Monday afternoon and evening and Tuesday morning, the State Board met at 11:00 A.M. in the Provincial Suite of the Driskill Hotel, Austin. The following members were present:

Mrs. Robert Abbott	Mrs. Colin J. Macdonald
Mrs. Albert Barstis	Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel	Mrs. Herbert Martin
Mrs. James Brock	Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Maurice Brown	Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Loren Gordon	Mrs. Warren Tallman
Mrs. J. W. Kongable	Mrs. E. Jack Turner

Mrs. Irving Pettis of Waco and Mrs. Lu Gause of SO were present. Mrs. Geo. Boller was attending a meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Murphree.

Minutes - Corrections to the minutes of the January Board meeting were as follows:

- p. 3, line 29, change "Trade Survey" to "National Trade Survey Report"
- " " line 42, change "pamphlets" to "leaflets"
- " " line 47, add this sentence: "The same material will be sent to local Leagues."
- p. 5, line 27, after the colon in line 27, delete the rest of the sentence and substitute: "NBC-TV will present, on the program called The Nation's Future on March 11, 8:30 P.M., C.S.T., a panel discussion on the publication "Hard Choices."
- " " line 38, delete "toward" - add "in National elections" after "residents"
- p. 6, line 39, delete "their"
- " " line 44, change "their" to "its"
- " " line 45, change "to voter registration" to "for voting"
- p. 7, line 24, change "March 6th" to "March 4th" and "date of complete" to "deadline for"
- p. 8, line 25, change "Publications" to "Public Relations"
- p. 9, line 42, add "pending Council direction" after "expected"
- p. 10, line 11, change "they" to "it"
- " " line 13, add "County" after "on"
- " " lines 30 - 33, delete the last two sentences. Substitute "Field Service recommends that it be given authority to organize a provisional League in Richardson. Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Pettis will help them at first."
- p. 10, line 34, change "Richardson" to "this authority" and delete "authority to organize a League."

Mrs. Tallman moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded. Carried.

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Kongable reported cash on hand as of March 15, 1961, \$1,022.41. Her mimeographed report for State Board members was placed on file.

Mrs. Murphree said the Austin League had requested permission to work on a bill creating a Juvenile Board for Travis County and designating members of the Board. Mrs. Nolle gave a brief clarification of the request. Mrs. Brown moved that the Austin League be granted permission to work on such a bill. Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Murphree will notify the League of this decision immediately, then later follow with an official letter.

Board Vacancies - Mrs. Braunagel moved that Mrs. Pettis be appointed to the State Board. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Murphree read a letter from Mrs. Carl Schwind of Irving, deferring for a few days her answer to our invitation to come on the State Board. It was decided to table this until later.

Mrs. Abbott read a letter from Mrs. Karl Teigler of Tyler, resigning from the State Board because she had taken a full-time position. Mrs. Tallman moved that the Board accept Mrs. Teigler's resignation with regret. Seconded. Carried. A letter will be written to Mrs. Teigler from State Office. The Board was asked to suggest people to fill these two vacancies at the Post-Council meeting.

National Board Nominations - Mrs. Murphree asked for suggestions for qualified people to be nominated for vacancies on the National Board. She asked that no "courtesy" suggestions be made.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith of Austin be ^{suggested} nominated by the State Board for a position on the National Nominating Committee. Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Murphree will make sure Mrs. Smith would be willing to serve if elected.

Mrs. Murphree reminded chairmen to send their annual reports for National to State Office by March 29th.

Reserve Fund - Mrs. Brown moved that the Board accept Mrs. Tallman's Policy Sheets for Reserve and Memorial Funds which had been presented at the January Board meeting. (These Policy Sheets are printed in the January Board minutes.) Motion seconded. There followed discussion on the use of the Memorial Fund. Mrs. Tallman moved that the words "special or" be struck from the second sentence in the first paragraph of the Memorial Fund Sheet. Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Brown called for the question and the motion carried, as changed.

Victoria Proposal - Mrs. Brown stated that the findings of this special committee will be presented at the final business session of Council. The committee will meet with Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Boller before this session. No recommendations will be made. The State Board will study the report and make a recommendation at State Convention, 1962. Delegates will vote on the proposal at that time.

Proposed Budget - Facing the possibility of a cut in the proposed budget, Mrs. Tallman pointed out the following necessary or possible changes:

- Legislative action must be raised
- TCR film can be cut
- Resource material allotment questioned
- Postage for Voter will be increased - printing costs have increased
- Board meetings might be cut to three a year

The meeting recessed for lunch at one o'clock and reconvened at 2:15 with Mrs. Boller presiding.

Because the non-League area Representatives had not been invited, the Legislators Breakfast could be held in the Ballroom instead of on the Mezzanine. The Board decided this arrangement would be better.

Mrs. Boller will attend the National Presidents Council in Washington in April. She suggested Mrs. Murphree be the second delegate. There was brief discussion about the possibility of sending three delegates on the allotment budgeted for two.

Mrs. Martin moved that Mrs. Murphree be appointed second delegate to the Council. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that Mrs. Brown be appointed Alternate. Seconded. Carried.

Area Conference - It has been suggested that subject matter for the Conference this year be in the Program area. This will be considered at the Post-Council Board meeting, along with any suggestions made in the Presidents Workshop.

1962 State Convention - Mrs. Turner announced that the Convention would be held March 27-29 at the Echo Hotel, Edinburg. Mrs. Pledger Cate of Edinburg is chairman of local arrangements. State Board committee assignments will be made at the June Board meeting.

Since distance is so great from many League towns to Edinburg, cooperative travel arrangements will be considered in time for Leagues to use in their planning. A Travel Committee to investigate such arrangements will be appointed at the Post-Council Board meeting; the General Convention Committee will be appointed then too. Board members were asked to be ready at the June meeting with ideas for the principle speaker, the program and the theme of Convention. (International theme, since so near the border?)

Mrs. Braunagel became presiding officer at 2:45 when Mrs. Boller and Mrs. Murphree left the meeting to interview Speaker of the House James Turman at the Capitol.

Mrs. Tallman moved that the June Board meeting be held in Houston and the arrangements chairman choose the place, with Mrs. Turner to act as consultant. Seconded. Carried.

Field Service - Mrs. Macdonald had nothing to add to her mimeographed report.

Mrs. Turner elaborated on her Port Arthur notes. Her letter to the new president brought a very warm reply, giving plans as far ahead as February. This League has grown to 33 members and expects to add more. Mrs. Turner plans to visit Port Arthur in May.

Mrs. Braunagel asked Board permission to go ahead with the organization of a provisional League in Denton. Mrs. Brown so moved. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Zeigler of Dallas is directing the preliminary steps of organization in Denton.

Mrs. Pettis is working with the Richardson pre-provisional League and will continue to do so until a consultant closer to Richardson can take over.

Mrs. Brown reported that Henderson needs very firm Board direction in keeping the lines of communication open between local and State Boards. Mrs. Macdonald will emphasize this in her Board training trip after May 1st.

~~Mrs. Turner announced that a League is being organized in the town of Alice.~~ In a telephone call from Mrs. Austin Webb of Corpus Christi, Mrs. Turner learned that a group of women in Alice had set up a meeting and named committees with the intention of forming a local League. Mrs. Webb spoke to the group, outlining some of the preliminary requirements. In a letter to Mrs. Turner, the temporary chairman asked for help with the next step. Mrs. Turner and Mrs. MacLaren will visit Alice to investigate the situation.

Mrs. Macdonald asked about Board advice to local Leagues on the "LWV OBSERVER" badge suggested by National at the Los Angeles Conference for use at partisan activities. Board members agreed this badge must be used with the utmost discretion. Field Service will continue our strict attitude toward non-partisanship and the Texas League reputation for bending over backward on this policy.

Mrs. Brown moved that the Field Service report be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

Public Relations - Mrs. Brock announced that the backdrop for the Publications display table on the mezzanine would be hung this afternoon. She will give her full report at the Post-Council Board meeting.

Finance - Mrs. MacLaren had no report at this time, but plans to devote a ~~lengthy~~ part of the June Board meeting to a discussion on ~~how next year's budget can be met.~~ *finances* Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board accept this as the Finance report. Seconded. Carried.

Voters Service - Mrs. Barstis said many telephone calls were made before the decision was reached not to print a Voters Guide for the Senatorial election. These calls and the printer's fee for type already set up caused an unanticipated expense. Local Leagues had ordered 130,600 Guides. Before calling halt to the project, 50 Candidate's questionnaires had been sent out and 35 replies received. Mrs. Turner moved that the Board accept the Voters Service report. Seconded. Carried.

Voter - Mrs. Brown postponed her report until the Post-Council Board meeting and adoption of the state budget.

Committee Assignments - Mrs. Brown explained that Board members were switched to new committees each year to broaden their experience and allow interchange of ideas between Program and Public Relations people. Members discussed possible changes in assignments to be made at the Post-Council meeting. Mrs. Teigler's portfolio was turned over to Mrs. Abbott.

Voter Registration - Mrs. Tallman reported successful use of the news release on State Consensus in the few cases where the release was personally delivered. She described the present legislative picture concerning Voter Registration and will prepare another report before the opening of Council. Mrs. Martin moved acceptance of the report. Seconded. Carried.

State CR's - Mrs. Nolle explained bills now before the House or Senate relative to our State CR's and stated League position on each.

The meeting recessed at 5:30 for dinner and reconvened at 8:00 o'clock, with Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith present and Mrs. Tallman absent.

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National Program - Mrs. Gordon described what happened recently in a ~~local~~ League when one member used the roster to circulate a criticism of League material and a substitution of "true facts" of her own choosing. Mrs. Gordon wrote a letter refuting this criticism and will speak before this League at a General meeting to explain the policy National follows in publishing its Pamphlets. Mrs. Macdonald opined that answering such critics only leads to more questions. This League has now adopted a policy about the use of its membership list.

Special emphasis will be placed on our support of the Resolution before the House (Austin) concerning D.C. electoral college representation and our opposition to a bill prohibiting use of import materials in certain Texas construction. Mrs. Gordon had presented a statement of League position to the chairman of the subcommittee to which the import restriction bill had recently been sent. Since he agreed whole heartedly with League stand, he advised Mrs. Gordon to have letters and telegrams sent from League members and other individuals to every member of the subcommittee, urging opposition of this bill. Mrs. Gordon will present background material and information on the impact of World Trade on Texas in a Time for Action to Local Leagues.

Mrs. Kongable moved that the Board accept the report of the National Program chairman. Seconded. Carried.

TCR - Mrs. Martin announced the following:

- No results as yet on the Library project
- Report of Chicago Conference on Constitutional Revision now available in Council Kit (Copies were passed to Board members)
- Opinion Survey results were published in seven towns. More releases are planned, possibly at close of Council.

TLC Report - The League is concerned about the Texas Legislative Council report and the effect of its recommendations. Although we are disappointed in this result of HCR 13, we have had good experience working for it. The TCR Committee does not feel it wise to ask the Legislature for more funds for further legislative research. There is a possibility of obtaining research funds from a Foundation.

It is suggested that, at some point during the breakfast, Leaguers ask their Legislators what they think of the TLC Report and what the League's next political action on TCR should be.

State-Local Relations - Council delegates will be referred to material in the Council Workbook for direction. The State Voter will contain the only additional material to be provided; this will include the Arnold Foundation material.

Legislation - The League will support two companion bills calling for research on the Executive Department.

Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith read the report she will present to the Council on the work of the CAC in its study of the TLC Reports. Since the CAC's Report will not be published for five days, Mrs. Smith could not be specific, but she mentioned two inclusions which will be of exceptional interest to League delegates - the report will recommend the next step to be taken by the Legislature - and - the report will also recommend something for

immediate action which will require an understanding of the whole area of methods of revising a constitution.

There followed discussion on how to let the local Leagues know what direction to take without disclosing information that is not to be made public for five days - perhaps mention that methods of constitutional revision should be studied? Mrs. Martin will word this part of her report discreetly.

Mrs. Brock moved that the Board accept the report of the TCR Chairman.
Seconded. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

Wednesday, March 23rd

Board members met briefly at 9:30 A.M. to confirm last minute Council arrangements and to register as lobbyists. We discussed the fact that Legal Status of Women is no longer on our program and delegates could so answer Legislators if the subject came up. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Abbott, Secy.

League of Women Voters of Texas

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GALVESTON, TEXAS

Minutes of Seventh Biennial Presidents Council Austin, Texas March 23 and 24, 1961

The Seventh Biennial Presidents Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas convened at 12:30 P.M., March 23rd, 1961, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas. Mrs. George Boller, State President, presided.

Delegates were welcomed by Mrs. James Lancaster, Austin President.

The Honorable Price Daniel, Governor of Texas, greeted the delegates in a telegram read by Mrs. Boller.

Mrs. Boller appointed Mrs. M. S. Braunagel Council Parliamentarian.

Mrs. E. Jack Turner moved that the Agenda in the Council Kit, as corrected by Mrs. Abbott, be adopted. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Robert Abbott announced that the minutes of the 1959 Presidents Council had been approved by the State Board at its June 1959 meeting.

Mrs. John Kongable referred delegates to the Treasurer's Report in the Council Kit and stated that the report would be filed for audit, with delegates' approval.

Mrs. Boller spoke briefly of her first year in office. Her report included suggestions for improving the administrative and portfolio transition from one Board to the next and for developing the potential leadership necessary to the life of the League. She then presented State Board members and after a roll call of local Leagues by Mrs. Abbott, she introduced our special guests, Mrs. Robert Phillips, National President, Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, member of the CAC and Mrs. Leon Richards, Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Other members of the Nominating Committee were introduced and delegates were invited to ^{suggest} give them names of potential directors. Other members of the Nominating Committee were: Mrs. Karl Kamrath, Mrs. James H. Brock, ~~Mrs. Maurice H. Brown~~ Mrs. E. Jack Turner and Mrs. E. A. Rendall is also a member of this committee.

Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr. became presiding officer at 1:30 for the Program session.

Mrs. Loren Gordon, State Chairman of National Program, asked delegates to urge their legislators at breakfast to support the Resolution concerning D.C. Electoral College amendment ratification. She described her trip to the Capitol Monday evening where she talked with the chairman of the sub-committee which had just been given the bill restricting use of imports in certain Texas construction. She read to delegates the statement she had prepared urging opposition of this bill, in keeping with League stand on Foreign Trade.

Mrs. Smith summarized very briefly the work of the ^{Citizens Advisory Committee} CAC in its study of the TLC Study Committee reports. Although she could not be specific because the CAC final report would not be published for five days, she did indicate that it would recommend the next step to be taken by the Legislature and that it would also recommend something ~~for~~ which would require an understanding of the whole area of methods of revising the Constitution.

^{Texas Legislative Council}

Texas Constitutional Revision Committee

Mrs. Herbert Martin, ~~TCR~~ Chairman, reviewed the work and accomplishments of the TCR Committee for the year, including reports from the Phoenix and Chicago Conferences. She gave a candid appraisal of our exact location on revision highway and a careful evaluation of revision needs, and she asked for specific direction for the coming year.

Mrs. Warren Tallman described the present legislative picture in Voter Registration, including two bills providing for the repeal of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting, both of which we will support. She spoke of the outlook for work in the next year, mentioning study, initiation of legislation and community action, along with preparation of a publication later in the year.

Mrs. Wilson Nolle brought delegates up to date on State CR's and Legislation. She explained procedure the League follows in exerting influence on legislation.

Mrs. Murphree gave a recap of bills to discuss with Legislators at the breakfast tomorrow morning and suggested delegates and observers get together tonight to refresh themselves on each bill.

Mrs. Maurice Brown became presiding officer for the Budget session at 2:30 P.M. Members of the Budget Committee were introduced by Mrs. Tallman, Chairman, who then presented the proposed budget, totaling \$25,610.00.

Local League presidents announced their pledges for State and National services and one League added a special gift. The total was almost \$2,000 short of the hoped-for amount, so the Budget Committee asked for suggestions and agreed to bring in a revised budget Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Brown gave the Council attendance report: 62 delegates, 58 observers, 21 State Board members and guests and 12 workers, totaling 153. She then introduced Mrs. Robert Connelly, in charge of local arrangements, and members of her committee.

After announcements at 3:00 o'clock, Council dispersed to Little Meeting rooms where coffee was served before discussion began on State Program Items I and II and State CR's.

A social hour on the Mezzanine was given prior to the dinner meeting at 7:30 in the Crystal Ballroom. Mrs. Gordon presided at the meeting and introduced guests at the head table. AFTER DINNER, SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE Austin League gave a "style show" of the many "hats" Leaguers are called upon to wear during their League life.

The speaker of the evening, Mrs. Robert Phillips, National LWV President, was introduced by Mrs. Leon Richards. Mrs. Phillips spoke of the ways in which an individual League member can make her voice heard in Washington today, through local community organizations, through her own Congressman and through the National Board. She emphasized the pace-maker role played by our resource people who keep up with new ideas for us and the influences that tend to make us "world-minded," recognizing the need to work out problems together. In answering questions from the floor, later, she clarified League position on the Connally Reservation, tracing our stand back to its early stages in the League.

The meeting ended at 10:00 o'clock.

Thursday, March 24th

State legislators breakfasted with League members in the Crystal Ballroom from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. From 9:30 to 10:30 Mrs. Murphree presided while members reported on conversations with legislators regarding their positions in pending legislation. The Capitol Committee was introduced and half of the delegates left at 10:30 for the State Capitol to see the House and Senate in session. League presidents attended a special workshop in the Colonial Room headed by Field Service chairmen and Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Boller.

A "lunch on your own" period was observed from 12:00 to 1:30 P.M.

Presidents Council reconvened in the Crystal Ballroom at 1:30 P.M. with Mrs. Boller presiding. Mrs. Daniel Hading and Mrs. Leon Lebowitz were appointed Tellers for the afternoon session.

Mrs. Tallman announced that the Budget Committee had cut the proposed budget as follows: under Board of Directors, change Quarterly meetings from \$3,028.00 to \$2,740.00 and take out Travel of Vice President to State Office; under Committees, change Budget from \$175.00 to \$150.00 and Nominating from \$325.00 to \$300.00. Change Delegates to National Presidents Council from \$500.00 to \$470.00. Under Maintenance, change \$1,812.00 to \$1,717.00. Take out Capital expenditures, In-service Training and Area Workshops. Under Program Service, change Resource from \$175.00 to \$120.00, Community Action from \$300.00 to \$200.00 and Legislative Action from \$110.00 to \$210.00. Change Public Relations from \$200.00 to \$168.00. Change Texas Voter - Six Issues, \$1,200.00 to Texas Voter - Three Issues, \$720.00. Change Support for National Services from \$8,600.00 to \$8,400.00. These changes resulted in a total figure for expenditures of \$23,780.00. Income will consist of Local League Support, \$22,755.00, Other Income \$1,025.00.

Mrs. Tallman moved the adoption of the revised budget. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Boller turned the meeting over to Mrs. Murphree to lead the program discussion and direction session. Local Leagues took part in spirited discussion on the direction State should take in the TCR Item. Several Leagues referred to specific mention of State-Local Relations given at Convention in 1960 and felt State was committed to further study on this. Some Leagues suggested limiting the study to Structure of County Government in relation to State Government, as County Home Rule is on several Local Agendas this year. Some Leagues preferred a broader study in order to get the overall picture.

A few Leagues asked State Board to consider the forthcoming report of the CAC with the possibility of doing further study in this area (to which we are also committed by Convention) and suggested that Council delegates give the Board flexibility to use its own judgment. Mrs. Murphree pointed out that we will need to inform ourselves in this area, according to Section B of Item I and that copies of the CAC report will be sent to local Leagues as soon as available.

Regarding Voter Registration - in the course of a lengthy interview with Representative Dan Struve this morning, Mrs. Tallman was asked to invite the League to write a substitute bill to replace his HB 1015 introduced as enabling legislation for HJR 75, Constitutional amendment eliminating poll tax as a prerequisite for voting.

Mrs. Tallman feels it will be possible to reach agreement with Mr. Struve on many of our criteria for qualifications necessary for registering voters since his approach coincides with that of the League.

In taking Voter Registration to the community, the Leagues want a leaflet-type tool similar to Briefcase. Some Leagues want further information and knowledge in order to answer specific questions that are already being asked.

Mrs. Murphree asked delegates: "Do you have any direction for the Board or need any help on State CR's? No one spoke.

Six Leagues offered comments on National Program and CR's ranging from one "Well pleased with National material" to one query about how effectively we can keep up to date on so many CR's. Mrs. Gordon reminded presidents to send letters to National when their Leagues had reached consensus on "Hard Choices." Mrs. Murphree assured delegates that State Board will weigh their direction as best it can in view of the situation as it presently is, the State budget, and available woman power.

Mrs. Brown reminded delegates of the proposal made eighteen months ago that State Board consider the feasibility and advisability of a permanent State office. Other members of the committee appointed to study this proposal are: Mrs. Leon Richards of Waco, Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith of Austin, Mrs. E. A. Rendall of Brownsville and Mrs. James Coleman of Victoria. This committee has done preliminary investigation and will present a report at the 1962 State Convention.

Mrs. Boller asked Leagues to consider the State By-Laws - any changes to be made must be put before members at least three months before Convention in March, 1962.

Concerning area workshops, *a show of hands indicated some delegates interest in* ~~a vote by hand showed the majority of Leagues~~ in favor of holding them this fall, emphasis to be placed on Public Relations, Program, techniques and fresh view points in presentation of resource material, or just plain League Brainstorming. One League offered to help finance a work shop; another League suggested combining Board training with a workshop, to save money.

Mrs. Boller extended thanks to Mrs. Connelly and the Austin League for their fine local arrangements, to Mrs. Richards and Mrs. Smith, past State Presidents for their help, and to Mrs. Phillips, National President, for her most gracious presence.

Council adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Abbott, Secy.

League of Women Voters of Texas

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Minutes of Post-Council State Board Meeting Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas March 24-25, 1961

Thursday, March 24, 1961

Following the Seventh Biennial Presidents Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas, the State Board met at 8:00 P.M. in the Provincial Suite of the Driskill Hotel. Mrs. George Boller presided. The same members were present as at the Pre-Council meeting (full Board). There were no guests.

Committee meetings for Thursday night and Friday morning were announced and changes in Committee assignments were made; these final committee assignments will be in the April Board mailing, as will Special Committee appointments.

Review of Presidents Council - Comments included: Excellent participation by delegates in Little Meetings and Presidents Workshop; presentations of chairmen were excellent; exciting experiences for Local League members at the breakfast, resulting in good discussion and participation; budget disappointing.

Suggestions were:

Separate legislative day from Council; delegates didn't want to leave the legislative activity - add an extra half day?

Time in Little Meetings was too short for all we tried to do - could we allow as much time for Council as for Convention?

Could we find a better way of assigning people to Little Meetings? - too many new Leaguers in one room.

There should be more exchange of ideas by delegates, themselves, in Little Meetings, not so many formal speeches by leaders.

Take more time for summary (in Little Meetings) so delegates' thinking will be crystalized. Team idea moving from room to room is good, delegates glad they experienced three Little Meetings instead of one.

League people should get to the breakfast earlier! Legislators were there and had to wait for their hostesses. Find an efficient way of recognizing unknown Legislators. Dismiss Legislators from breakfast earlier. Could their hostesses escort them out?

Could president greet Legislators and have them stand for applause?

Round tables at breakfast so all could hear conversation?

Provide last minute mimeographed Round-up for delegates to clarify bills?

Include non-League area Representatives at breakfast next time, as well as non-League Senators.

Be sure there is an operator for the tape recorder - non Board member.

Council Kits sent out ahead of time?

Delegates' direction - The question was asked: "Are we obligated to carry out direction from delegates?" Mrs. Brown said the State Board evaluates and has the final word on the feasibility of what we can do ~~we are not obligated to follow delegates' direction.~~

The meeting adjourned at 9: 30 P.M.

Friday, March 25, 1961

The Board met at 10:30 A.M. in the Provincial Suite. The same members were present as on Thursday night with the exception of Mrs. Pettis who had left for Waco. Mrs. Boller presided.

Voters Service - Mrs. Barstis said her committee recommends sending local Leagues three copies of a mimeographed Voters Guide on the Senatorial Runoff to use as they see fit. This will be explained in the April 15th mailing to Leagues and the Guide will be sent in the May mailing.

Nine proposed amendments may necessitate a Voters Guide later. The proposed format for the Voters Key will be presented at the June Board meeting, for publication on October 1st when the poll tax campaign opens.

Nothing will be done about Texas Swap Shop until fall.

No action has been taken yet on copyrighting Voters Guide material. A report on this will be given at the June Board meeting.

Mrs. Barstis moved acceptance of the Voters Service report. Seconded. Carried.

Special Publishing Committee - Mrs. Brown said, with the new decreased budget, we are unable to fill a Board portfolio to head such a committee. She recommends tabling the idea at this time and adding the Policy Sheet formulated in January to the present Board Policy Sheet.

Mrs. Brown moved acceptance of this report. Seconded. Carried.

Publications and Public Relations - Mrs. Brock will contact the twenty non-League area newspapers to see if they are using her series of articles and if this is the type article they want.

Board members felt the library project in non-League areas should be checked in the same way.

Mrs. Brock moved acceptance of this report. Seconded. Carried.

Committee Appointments (Special) - Mrs. Boller announced the following appointments:

Convention Committee, General - Mrs. Turner, Chm., Mrs. MacLaren,
Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Macdonald

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Convention Travel Arrangements: Mrs. Barstis, Chm., Mrs. Brown, Mrs. MacLaren

Smaller

Budget Committee - Mrs. Tallman, Chm., Mrs. MacLaren, Mrs. Kongable, two off-Board members to be named, one from a large League ~~like Dallas~~, one from a small ~~League like Austin~~
State By-Laws - Mrs. Braunagel, Chm., Mrs. Boller, Mrs. Abbott

Mrs. Brown moved approval of these appointments. Seconded. Carried.

Area Workshops - Board members discussed the apparent reluctance of delegates to vote in favor of holding area workshops. One of the main reasons against having them is the already too-full calendar of this program-making year. Those in favor of them reminded members that local Leagues need training. Mrs. Tallman moved that we do not have area conferences this year. Seconded. Carried. An explanatory comment will be made in the post-Board letter, suggesting the possibility of area workshops in a non-program-making year.

Letters - After Mrs. Macdonald has informed Mrs. Schwind by telephone of the regretted necessity of withdrawing the Board's invitation to ~~come on it~~ ^{serve the Board} because of budget cuts, Mrs. Boller will follow up with an official letter from State Office.

Mrs. Boller will write to Mrs. Teigler, accepting her resignation with regret. A notice of this resignation and of Mrs. Pettis' appointment will be in the Post-Board mailing.

Letters of thanks from State Office will be sent to Mrs. Connelly, the Austin League, the Governor, Mrs. Phillips, the Hotel, the Printing Company and any others Mrs. Connelly names. Mrs. Connelly will take care of any tips necessary in the Hotel.

Mrs. Boller will send material on the Fort Worth problem and its solution to National.

TCR - Mrs. Martin reported the following plans for her committee:
More material from the results of the survey will be used as occasions arise.
The supplement to TCReview has been edited and will be mimeographed as soon as State Office has time.
Page 3 of Briefcase is obsolete; it will be replaced by material from the CAC recommendations.
A Houston Civics class has prepared a section by section revision of the Constitution which Mrs. Martin will try to find time to read.
The TCR Committee is retrenching on its huge work load. Members will explore CAC recommendations and the new process of amending the Constitution. It is possible that legislation concerning this new ~~method~~ ^{P.B. 1963} might be introduced in this session of the Legislature and passed. The League would support such legislation.

Local Leagues should have advance preparation in order to be ready for further developments - should perhaps study methods of revision. Word advising this will go out in "Lively Issues" at program-making time.

State Office will reproduce the CAC recommendations for mailing to local Leagues. Mrs. Martin will do a one page summary of the CAC report as soon as possible.

The TCR Committee feels that the Leagues will have plenty to keep them busy with all the above-mentioned materials to study.

A Board member asked if the Committee felt it was ~~not~~ necessary to do anything on State-Local relations in consideration of delegates' direction at Council. Other members commented on this. Opinions were divided, but the majority agreed that the committee recommendation was most feasible as it would be physically impossible to go into depth in State-Local relations. A letter of explanation will be sent to local Leagues and additional, more substantial material will be included in "Lively Issues" - i.e. Dr. Davis' report and the ^{at New Mexico capital} New Mexico League material. Mrs. Boller later added that the Program Vice President would correlate the Program work load by summing up in the Post-Board letter and this would help clear up the TCR decision.

The Committee emphasized the immediacy of work on the CAC report, as action may come in the next session of the Legislature, whereas State-Local relations can be done anytime.

Mrs. Martin had moved earlier that the Board accept the TCR report and the motion had been seconded. The Board now voted and the motion carried.

Voter Registration - Mrs. Tallman thought delegates were not clear in their own minds on this item, or they would have given better direction.

A Time for Action will urge that letters in support of League-approved bills ~~will~~ be sent to sponsors of the bills and committee members. Time for Action will include an explanation that the League has no responsibility to tell how to collect the poll tax, should it be repealed as a prerequisite to voting.

The Post-Board letter will indicate the outlook for work: study of the bill ^{with emphasis on} areas not yet ^{considered, attempt at} studied and conclusions we may come to, suggestions for action in the community. The V.R. tool will be ready in January in the format of Briefcase - needed professional advice and cartoon capabilities are available to us.

All-member material will ~~not~~ ^{not} be ^{included in} ready for the September Voter.

Mrs. Tallman moved acceptance of this report. Seconded. Carried.

State CR's - Delegates did not indicate any need for current material on CR's. A complete history will be given in the fall. Following brief discussion on the CR's, Mrs. Nolle moved acceptance of her report. Seconded. Carried.

National Program - Since HJR 7 is coming up for a vote in the House on Tuesday, this committee is preparing a short statement on D.C. suffrage to place on the desk of every Legislator on Monday, pointing out that the Amendment concerns representation only in National elections for President and Vice President.

Mrs. Gordon will include a copy of the Wall Street Journal editorial on import- exports in her letters to the State Affairs Committee now considering Cory's bill restricting use of imports in certain Texas construction. The National Program Committee recommends that State Office send telegrams to Roland Roberts, Chairman of the sub-committee which has the bill now, and to Bill Hollowell, Chairman of the State Affairs Committee, urging their opposition to this bill.

A copy of the statement Mrs. Gordon took to the Legislature Monday evening, regarding Cory's bill, will be sent to local Leagues and to selected Chambers of Commerce.

Mrs. Gordon's Committee asks Board permission to explore the following possibility:

that Mrs. Gordon make a series of swing trips in selected areas to talk informally with Leagues that are having trouble combating the problems which arise when a society such as the John Birch Society enters a community. The Committee has growing concern about the survival of certain local Leagues and feels Mrs. Gordon could give them a sense of security and "Know-How" in answering questions these societies bring up. The trips ^{could} ~~would~~ be tied in with Field Service for Budget purposes. Mrs. Gordon will report her findings at the June Board meeting.

Mrs. Tallman moved that the Board accept the report of the National Program Chairman. Seconded. Carried.

Voter - Mrs. Brown's Committee recommends printing each issue of the Voter in the coming year on a different paper. Local Leagues may then choose which paper they prefer, taking cost into consideration.

Post-Council Issue - Newsprint

September Issue mailed in late August ("Lively Issues") - mimeographed

Pre-Convention Issue - present glossy paper

Mrs. Brown moved acceptance of this report. Seconded. Carried.

Content of the Legislative Round-up Issue (Post-Council Issue delayed to include last minute legislative news):

Legislative Round-up - Murphree

Program-making deadline - Brown

Suggestions to Nominating Committee - Richards

Reminder of Convention Dates - Brown

Outlook for Work - Murphree

CAC Report on Revision Highway - Martin

Story on Impact on Texas (National Program Item) - Gordon

Local League Highlight - Abbott

Highway Highlights - Braunagel, ~~Martin~~

Mrs. Brown will send deadlines and space limits to Board members as soon as they are available.

Mrs. Brown asked members who acted as hostesses to non-League area Senators please to write notes to them and also let State Office know what materials to send them, if any.

Mrs. Kongable announced that this Board meeting falls within this fiscal year, so the \$4.00 a day meal allowance is still in effect. The Policy Sheet changes will be considered by mail/

Mrs. Brown moved that the Board rescind the action to hold the June Board meeting in Houston. Seconded. Carried. She then moved that the meeting be held in Austin. Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Boller said dates for this meeting would be June 20 (10:00 A.M.) to June 22 (noon). (Confirmation of Hotel reservations later changed these dates to June 21 to 23.)

Field Service meeting 10:00 A.M. the first day

Program meeting 2:00 P.M. " " "

Public Relations meeting 8:00 P.M. " " "

Full Board meeting - morning of the second day to noon of the third day.

The fall Board meeting will be in September because the Nominating and Budget Com-

mittees should meet that early.

Winter meeting will be in January. Pre-Convention meeting in March.

Mrs. Boller announced that fewer mailings from State Office would emphasize the cut in the budget. The Office will also be more relaxed about mailings, sending them later in the month instead of the first week - Board members may send their Post-Board reports in the second week instead of the first week they arrive home. The Office will be flexible as far as the number of mailings, sending perhaps six or eight a year instead of one every month. Times for Action and special mailings are not included in this new arrangement.

The last week in April Mrs. Boller and Mrs. Murphree will go to Washington as delegates to National Presidents Council. Mrs. Boller would like to add the \$150.00 now in the President's Account to the money allotted for delegates' expense and take Mrs. Brown to Washington, too. Mrs. Brown will check her plans and correspond with Mrs. Boller about this.

The Do-It-Yourself Calendar will go out in the April 15th mailing, to be prepared by Mrs. Abbott.

Mrs. Turner has some Loyalty-Security material which she will sort out for storage in State Office or disposal.

Deadlines were given in a rather casual fashion and are as follows:

Do-It-Yourself	April Mailing
CAC Report	As soon as can available
Voters Guide explanation	April Mailing
Voters Guide ready	May 1st
2 - 4 alerts on bills	as ready
Membership Resource material on	
Voter Registration (rough draft)	August
By-Laws changes	September
Voters Key	October
Voters Guide on Amendments	October 1

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Abbott, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Texas

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GALVESTON, TEXAS

Minutes of State Board Meeting

Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas

June 21, 22, and 23, 1961

WEDNESDAY, June 21, 1961

After committee meetings during the day, the State Board met in the Provincial Suite at 4:45 P.M. in a specially called session. The following members were present:

Mrs. Robert Abbott
Mrs. Albert Barstis
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. James Brock
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. Loren Gordon
Mrs. J. W. Kongable
Mrs. Colin Macdonald

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. Herbert Martin
Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. Warren Tallman
Mrs. E. Jack Turner

Mrs. George Boller was not present because of Mr. Boller's illness. Mrs. Murphree presided.

After giving news of Mrs. Boller and an encouraging report of Mrs. Boller's recovery, Mrs. Murphree turned the meeting over to Mrs. Braunagel, Field Service Vice-President.

Mrs. Braunagel, calling attention to the mimeographed report on the Edinburg League, said her committee recommended that she and Mrs. Turner arrange a meeting by letter with the Edinburg Board as soon as possible after State Board meeting, to discuss the League's non-partisanship policy in relation to three members of the local Board whose husbands are elected government officials. Mrs. Braunagel asked Board permission, in the event the Edinburg Board chose not to comply with the policy, to move the State Convention site from Edinburg.

Mrs. Turner moved that these recommendations be accepted. Seconded.

Mrs. Braunagel stated an alternate site had been offered and advice from our National Board consultant indicated firmness in holding to the non-partisanship policy. Nearness of State Convention date necessitates an immediate resolution of the situation. If the Convention is moved, an explanation to the local Leagues will be in order.

Mrs. Tallman moved the previous question. Mrs. Murphree called for the vote. The motion carried.

By-laws - Mrs. Braunagel asked Board members to read the suggested By-laws revisions and be ready with comments tomorrow. Copies must be sent to the local Leagues soon so that they can make suggestions for both State and Local By-laws revisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 for refreshments, dinner and additional committee meetings.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1961

The State Board met in the Provincial Suite at 9.00 A.M. with the same members present. Mrs. Murphree called the meeting to order.

Minutes - Correstions to the Pre--Council minutes were as follows:

- p. 2, line 21, insert "the name of" after "that" and change "nominated" to "suggested"
- p. 4, line 1, delete the first sentence.
 - " line 17, delete "lengthy".
 - " lines 18-19, change "how next year's budget can be met" to "Finance".
- p. 5, line 1, change "a local" to "the Ft. Worth"

Mrs. Tallman moved the Board approve the Pre-Council minutes as corrected.
Seconded. Carried.

Corrections to the Presidents Council Minutes were as follows:

- p. 1, line 21, change "give them" to "suggest".
- p. 1, line 21-22, delete "of potential directors".
 - " line 23, change "L." to "H." and "Mrs. Maurice Brown" to "Mrs. E. Jack Turner".
Add "Mrs. E. A. Rendall is also a member of this committee".
 - " line 32, change "CAC" to "Citizens Advisory Committee" and "TLC" to "Texas Legislative Council".
 - " line 36, delete "for".
- p. 2, line 1, change "TCR" to "Texas Constitutional Revision Committee".
- p. 4, line 23, change "a vote by hand showed the majority of Leagues" to "a show of hands indicated some delegates' interest".

Mrs. Brown moved the Board approve the Council minutes as corrected. Seconded.
Carried.

Corrections to the Post-Council Minutes were as follows:

- p. 2, line 5-6, delete the remainder of the sentence after the words "we can do".
 - " last line, add "Convention Travel Arrangements Committee - Mrs. Barstis, Chrm., Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Martin".
- p. 3, line 2-3, delete "like Dallas", change "small" to "smaller", delete "like Austin".
 - " line 14, delete "Board's", change "come" to "Serve" and "it" to "the Board".
 - " line 34, change "method" to "process".
- p. 4, line 1, delete "not".
 - " line 7, change "New Mexico" to "National Municipal"
 - " line 21, delete the comma after the word "bill" and add "with emphasis on".
 - " line 22, change "studied" to "considered" and "and" to "aiming at" and the and the comma after "to" to "and".
 - " line 25, change "ready for" to "included in".
- p. 5, line 6, change "would" to "could".
 - " line 27, delete "Martin".
- p. 6, line 21, change "can" to "available".

Mrs. Martin moved that the Post-Council minutes be approved as corrected. Seconded.
Carried.

The Board decided that State Office should type a copy of the corrected minutes for the historical files.

Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Kongable referred to her mimeographed statement showing a May 31st cash balance of \$8,084.38. She answered questions about items on the statement and the report was filed for audit.

Appointments Mrs. Murphree pointed out that the State By-laws state we may have a Board of eighteen, not that we have to. Although it would be desirable to increase the present sixteen-member Board by at least one person to carry a Publications and Publishing portfolio, since financing the extra member would be difficult at this time, it is not advisable. The Budget Committee Chairman stated that there is no money available for additional Board members.

Mrs. Macdonald moved the Board not expand membership to its full size because of financial limitations. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Murphree asked the Board to suggest names of people who might serve on the Budget Committee. Experience on this committee helps bring a local League closer to State Board problems and also serves as a training spot for potential State Board members. Several names were offered, representing Leagues in Beaumont, Midland, San Antonio, Houston and Pasadena. Mrs. Boller will make appointments from this list, provided these people are available.

Future Board meetings The Board will meet at the Driskill Hotel in Austin September 18-21, with committee meetings starting at 11:00 o'clock Monday morning.

The Board will meet at the Driskill Hotel in Austin January 9-12, 1962, with the Program Committee meeting on January 9th. (Convention Workbook leaves State Office January 27th).

The Lubbock League wrote State Office, inviting the Board to hold its fall meeting there during United Nations Week. Mrs. John Lee will be guest of the local League at that time. The State Board will regretfully decline the invitation as it must meet in September this year for Nominating and Budget Committee purposes.

Field Service Mrs. Macdonald visited Amarillo last week. This League will be on a reorganization basis until 1962. Emphasis will be placed on Finance, Membership and local Program. Mrs. Martin, State Board member, will help with its administration. Other members of the reorganization committee will be Mrs. Sam Johnson and Mrs. Eugene Fennimore of the local League. They will receive State Office mailings.

Mrs. Turner will make one more trip to Dickinson before fall - her report will be sent to State Board members.

Mrs. Pettis passed copies of her report on Beaumont to Board members and commented briefly.

Mrs. Braunagel stated her committee recommendations as follows:

Field Service has approved Henderson's application for local League status and requests the State Board to recommend to the National Board that they be recognized as a local League as soon as a correction in arithmetic or typing has been made on the budget. Letter to go to them from State Office including a mention of the importance of reporting. The Field Service Committee will continue sustained attention to this League for awhile, as the new President is also a comparatively new Leaguer.

The Board decided to postpone its decision on this recommendation until Friday morning when all members will have had time to familiarize themselves with the Henderson application.

Field Service recommends approval of recognition of Richardson as a Provisional League of Women Voters contingent on their by-laws being brought into conformity

with Standard Bylaws.

Mrs. Pettis, State Board member who supervised organization of this League, said she knew Richardson would change its bylaws before those parts in question became operable next year and she hoped recognition of this enthusiastic group would not be withheld at this time.

Board decision on this recommendation was postponed until Friday morning so that members could read the Richardson bylaws.

The Field Service Committee recommends that the token pledge to State from a Provisional League be raised to \$50.00

The Field Service Committee recommends that State continue to furnish ample leadership and Program material to a pre-provisional League in order that they may have all the proper tools for organization on a sound basis. When they become a Provisional League, they will assume the responsibility for ordering their own publications.

Ensuing discussion led to Mrs. Braunagel's suggesting that Field Service compose a list of the above-mentioned materials for for use of State Office and Field Service. Such provision of material conforms with National policy that Leagues be established on a firm basis.

A letter from State Office over the President's signature is to go to the group in Alice commending their interest in the League, explaining our lack of womenpower and money at the present time and assuring them we will consider their application for organization at a future date.

The Committee wondered if we could keep in touch with Alice by sending them the non-League and newspaper articles, State Voters, Voters Guides and other publications. They could also be invited to State Conventions.

Port Arthur also needs sustained attention.

A training meeting is planned for Mrs. Zeigler, Mrs. LaTourette, and Mrs. Gordon, who will act as consultants for new Leagues.

The Committee requests State Office and members of the State Board to answer correspondence from local Leagues promptly.

Mrs. Braunagel asked for a brief evaluation of the present method of Field Service reporting. Board members agreed the reports are excellent and should be continued, but that it is not necessary to include the letter Field Service sends to local League presidents after a visit. Board members were asked to discard reports after reading them.

Mrs. Turner moved that the Board accept the Field Service report with the exception of recognition of Henderson as a local League and Richardson as a Provisional League. Seconded. Carried.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 1:00 P.M.

Board members reconvened at 2:15 P.M. Mrs. Braunagel presided so that Mrs. Murphree could take notes on the Program reports for Mrs. Boller.

TCR In evaluating the legislative action the League took in the recent session of the Legislature, Mrs. Martin's committee was of the opinion that we did too much in view of the fact that local Leagues were not well-enough informed on all pieces of Texas Constitutional Revision legislation. It is hoped that Leagues will involve more Senators and Representatives in legislation in 1963. Field Service was asked to remind local Leagues to send State Office copies of all letters to their legislators.

For some reason, although Voters Guides indicate that candidates favor Texas Constitutional revision, elected legislators do not vote for it. The League would like to discover where the breakdown occurs. We need outside help in furthering interest in Texas Constitutional Revision. Would a State Citizens Committee be of value? Prestige would be necessary in this. We also need the help of more local Leagues in our legislative efforts.

The committee recommends that we do not make legislative efforts in the extra session; that we invite all non-League area Legislators to the Presidents Council breakfast next time, padding the delegates' breakfast to cover the expense; that a card file on legislators (history and voting record) be set up; that Texas Constitutional Revision be one of the Lively Issues in the September Voter.

19 The committee thinks Foundation money might be found for further research but does not know enough about Foundations to decide which one should be approached. *The committee thinks now is not the time to ask for such funds.*
This committee's suggestions for Convention speaker include Dr. Claunch of SMU, Dr. Hester of Georgetown, Dr. Davis of Texas Tech. and Mr. Samuel Witwer, Chairman of Illinois Committee for Constitutional Revision.

Outlining 24 the introduction to the subject
Methods of Revision are being put in pamphlet form by Mrs. Horton Smith - a rough draft of about 20 pages is now ready, *Pamphlet to have about 20 pages probably divided into four parts:* in four parts: Constitutional Convention, Constitutional Commission, Legislature and its direct role, what has happened in other states. Methods study material will be ready by October. Later Board discussion indicated that State Board would not have time to prepare a study of methods and local Leagues would not have time to study them.

Mrs. Pettis moved that material being prepared on methods be mimeographed for every member with the possibility that it may later be put into printed form for wider use. Seconded. Carried, with one negative vote.

36 Mrs. Martin said the outlook for State-local Relations is fully in accord with Council floor direction. The majority of local Leagues want to do an overall study, but indicated in Little Meetings that decision on feasibility of doing it this year rested with the Board. The Board decided it was to the best interests of all the Leagues in Texas not to do a general study this year. An addition to the State-local Relations Bibliography will go out to local Leagues in August. This will include speeches from the Phoenix Conference and a report of the Conference as well as new monographs, books, the Texas Constitution, and Texas Almanac. *and most material included in the May 1960 Bibliography*

39 The TC Review supplement will be mimeographed as soon as State Office can do it, listing dates, amendments passed, resumes of amendments and articles they amended.

Briefcase
Revised Brief Case will be ready in late summer with minor changes in the first two pages and a major revision of page three. Information on the final reports of the Citizens Advisory Committee and Texas Legislative Council are not included in the present leaflet. It is thought that five or six thousand leaflets are left. Some members voiced doubt about the necessity of going on with revision at this time.

After discussion, Mrs. Brown moved that we go ahead with updating of Brief Case, leaving to the discretion of the committee the number to be printed, depending on cost. Seconded. Vote - four in favor, six opposed. Motion rejected.

The May 1961 Civic News Letter on Metropolitan Government will be sent to local League Presidents soon by Mr. John Wilmott, Executive Vice-President of the Research and Planning Council of San Antonio.

A dialogue in which an old Texan describes the Texas Constitution to a new Texan, written by the Dallas Texas Constitutional Revision Committee, will be edited by State Office and sent to local Leagues in late summer.

The film project has been turned over to Mrs. Brock, who will investigate the cost of professional help in pepping it up with cartoons and fresh script. An estimate will be ready by September.

In the Post Board letter, local Leagues will be asked to return any Opinion Survey Questionnaires still out. They will also be asked how they responded to Times for Action and what their legislators did.

They will be assured that although we will not introduce TCR legislation in the special session, we will support any that comes up in accord with our stand.

Included will be alerts on Methods study, Dallas dialogue and State-local Relations Bibliography.

Mrs. Brown moved acceptance of the TCR committee report. Seconded. Carried.

Voter Registration Mrs. Tallman said Representative Dan Struve indicated interest in continuing work on Voter Registration along League lines. Much effort will be needed to educate the public before legislative action can be successful. Mrs. Murphree will explore possibilities for future action.

Substitute Bill No. 1015 on Voter Registration.
Resource material will be sent to local Leagues by August 1st and will include a copy of Struve's League-written bill (on poll tax repeal) that has been checked by a lawyer. Also included will be September, 1960, State Voters if an inventory in State Office shows there are enough left. Local Leagues will be asked to devote one unit meeting to a review of Voter Registration Manual No. I.

A brief format for the delegate-requested brochure has been developed: p. 1 - Why Voter Registration; p. 2 - What Voter Registration Is; p. 3 - Poll Tax as a Pre-requisite for Voting; p. 4 - Cartoon - Stairway to Correction. Time for printing the brochure was not decided.

Mrs. Pettis moved the Voter Registration report be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

National Program Mrs. Gordon stated National's new pamphlet on Trade is due in the fall.

The Foreign Policy committee suggests a speaker from Mexico for one dinner meeting during Convention, one who is in agreement with League stand in support of world economic development.

familiar with U.S. economic development programs in Mexico.
The Board decided to ignore a recent Izzard column in an Amarillo newspaper which wrongly interpreted past League action on the Bricker amendment.

Four Galveston County Leagues (Texas City, La Marque, Galveston, Dickinson) have asked Mrs. Gordon to conduct a workshop-type meeting on How to Present Interesting Foreign Policy Meetings, National Publications, and How Do We Get National Program? on September 27th. These Leagues will pay Mrs. Gordon's expenses. Selected chairmen from these Leagues and also from Baytown and Pasadena will be asked to participate in the meeting. Among additional topics for discussion will be The Need to Study National Program to Keep up with the Rest of the Country and Techniques in Taking Foreign Policy to the Community.

The Iowa City League wrote some time ago asking for names and addresses of Texas local League Foreign Policy Chairmen, hoping to interest other Leagues in voting for a Disarmament item at National Convention in 1962.

In order to bring local Leagues up to date on National CR on Water, the committee recommends that off-Board member Mrs. Brownscombe be asked to talk with the U. S. Study Commission and write a memo on its plans and activities. She will also be asked to alert local Leagues to activity on the State-proposed Constitutional Amendment (HJR 46), authorizing the State Water Development Board to purchase storage space in locally or Federally-owned reservoirs. Mrs. Gordon's committee will explore the tie-in of this proposed amendment with our National position on water. Mrs. Brownscombe and Mrs. Loomis will prepare a Pros and Cons on the water bill to be sent to National and local Leagues.

Mrs. Tallman moved acceptance of the National Program report. Seconded. Carried.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM for dinner and was opened again at 8:20, with Mrs. Murphree presiding.

Finance In discussing her mimeographed Board report, Mrs. MacLaren emphasized the advantages of simultaneous Finance Drives for local Leagues, to take place preferably in February, since most Leagues have theirs in late winter or early spring anyway. Of particular help to local Leagues would be the cooperation of the State Public Relations Chairman with the local Public Relations Chairman in making arrangements for both statewide and local publicity. There is some thought of preparing a proclamation for Governor Daniel to sign. Plans for simultaneous campaigns will be evaluated at State Convention.

Mrs. MacLaren also showed Board members a sample postcard finance-report form for local Leagues, simplified from the mimeographed form in use now.

The Finance Committee recommends that a Finance Kit go by direct mailing to local League Finance Chairmen on August 1st. The Kit will contain a sample letter to contributors, advice on advisory committees, two National Finance publications, etc.

another pertinent information

There will be an alert to local Leagues on the simultaneous drives in the post-Board letter.

Mrs. Pettis moved acceptance of this report. Seconded. Carried.

Budget Mrs. Tallman estimated total cost of Board members' expenses for Austin Board meetings as follows: two day - \$731.04. three day - \$875.04.
Total for four Austin meetings - \$3065.00

The Budget Committee recommends: that Board allowances remain as they are now stated in the Policy sheet; that the budget shall be adjusted as follows: \$500.00 shall be taken from the salary item, making it \$5100.00 and added to Quarterly meetings, making

this figure \$3240.00; that necessary travel to State Office, especially by the Vice-President during emergency, may be considered as office expense.

Mrs. Tallman asked for Board comment on the suggestion that, since Texas geography is unique and more money is needed for travel in this state, we do not raise our pledge to National as requested.

Mrs. Tallman moved that the Board approve her committee's first two recommendations (Board allowance and budget adjustment). Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Tallman moved that necessary travel expenses to State Office for the Program Vice-President be paid. Seconded. Carried.

Board members were asked to write to the Budget Committee immediately after returning home from the Board meeting with 1. suggestions for any changes in format of the budget, 2. any expenses foreseen in their portfolios, 3. comments on treating Publications differently.

Mrs. Martin moved acceptance of this report. Seconded. Carried.

Local Program Mrs. Abbott announced that hereafter the local League to be spotlighted in the Voter would be chosen by the Field Service Committee.

Mrs. Nolle will advise local Leagues regarding legislative activity in their local items at appropriate times.

The committee hopes to start the local Program inventory of selected subjects late in the summer after Mrs. Abbott has had a chance to go over the Program files.

Mrs. Macdonald moved that the local Program report be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

State CRs Activity on CRs is to be found in Legislative Round-up No. 4. There will be nothing new before State Convention.

Mrs. Nolle pointed out that keeping up with CRs still left her time enough to expand her portfolio to include teaching local Leagues how to take legislative action at state level on any Program item; resource material and techniques are needed.

Another project she plans to renew is the file of state legislators (by card or folder) giving a resume of their thinking and action on League items.

Mrs. Turner moved acceptance of this report. Seconded. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 1961

The Board reconvened at 9:00 A.M. with the same members present and Mrs. Murphree presiding. Mrs. Tallman was absent briefly.

Legislative Aspect Mrs. Murphree commented on the unusual amount of League activity in the Legislature this year and gave committee recommendations for streamlining such work in 1963, i.e. Capitol Committee Chairman should be an off-Board member; State CR Chairman implements legislative activity and could take on the job of preparing resource material for the local Leagues to inform them about legislative activity
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in their local items.

State-Program Making Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Murphree led Board members in discussion of subjects to stimulate local League thinking for "Lively Issues" in September. Brief, objective articles on selected items will be written by Board and off-Board members.

The September Voter will contain the following:

- p. 1 - President's Desk combined with mechanics of Program-making - Boller
Convention story - Turner
- p. 2 & 3 - "Lively Issues" - coordinator - Murphree
Taxation, Education, State-local Relations, Jury System, Water, Reorganization of State Government (including Executive, Judicial, Legislative, Health, Welfare)
- p. 4 - National Program - Gordon
Finance Story - MacLaren
Alert to proposed bylaws changes - Braunagel
Open - Brown

The Board felt it was important to let the local Leagues know of proposed changes in State Bylaws before they suggest changes for their local Bylaws.

Deadline for Voter articles will be July 25, first draft; August 10, final draft, with two clean copies, final draft, August 10. Mrs. Brown plans to take it to the printer on August 15th.

Mrs. Pettis and Mrs. Brock will serve on the Proposed Program Committee, in addition to Mrs. Murphree, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Tallman, Mrs. Nolle and Mrs. Abbott, to consider first round Program suggestions. Deadline is November 27th.

Mrs. Turner moved the Board accept Mrs. Murphree's and Mrs. Brown's report.
Seconded. Carried.

Public Relations Mrs. Brock received fifteen replies to the series of articles sent to non-League area weekly newspapers, seven of which used the articles. Her committee recommends that Article 20 be the last one in the series and that it be accompanied by a letter expressing appreciation to the publishers. The question was raised of publishing these articles in League towns. Richardson is already using them, with the permission of the consultant. Some of the articles need to be rewritten if the series is to be used again, as timeliness of content is involved.

Mrs. Gordon moved that the Public Relations Committee work out details for notifying local Leagues that these articles will be available. Seconded. Carried. There will be an alert in the Post-Board letter.

No thought has been given to a second series, although someone has suggested a topic, Election Laws. The Committee plans to keep in touch with these non-League area towns by sending them other material such as the ~~Voter~~, Voters Guide, Voters Key, etc., at appropriate times.

Response to the Library Project was also good - of thirty-one replies received, twenty-one indicated use of the packets. Communications will be kept open with these twenty-one towns also.

Midland has asked permission to sell Observer buttons on a money-making basis like the Missouri League Calendar project. The Committee recommends that this be discouraged and with Board agreement, will write the League to that effect.

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Resource material for the guide for new Public Relations Chairmen will be in a rough draft by September.

Mrs. Turner moved acceptance of this report. Seconded. Carried.

Voters Service Mrs. Barstis announced that the Voters Key to 1962 will be published in the same format, color and cover as the old Key, thus standardizing it as a biennial Voters tool. The size may be changed so that the Key will fit a standard business envelope. Added material in it will include information on the dual primary, League statement of purpose and non-partisan policy. A price of \$975.00 for 100,000 has been quoted. Selling price will be determined by cost of printing, mailing and promotion. A sample of the Key and a return order card will be sent with a covering letter to Texas Manufacturers Association and other companies, as well as to local Leagues. It is hoped that Texas Manufacturers Assn. will promote the Key among its members as it did last year. The Key should be ready by October 1st.

The committee suggests that a running account be set up for Voters Guide, to cover loss or profit including hidden costs such as telephone, questionnaires, promotion, etc. A formula for pricing publications is the job of the Publications Committee.

After investigating the details of copyrighting the Voters Guide, the committee recommends the idea be forgotten as being cumbersome and of no great value. National has no policy on the idea and no other League does it.

The September State Board report to local Leagues will include questions for the May primaries Voters Guide questionnaires.

The Poll Tax instruction sheet will be sent out October 1st.

The Post-Board mailing will include a form asking how local Leagues used the mimeographed Senatorial run-off election material, information of value to future Board planning, since this was the first time Voters Guide material was presented in this way.

Mrs. Macdonald moved acceptance of this report. Seconded. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 and reconvened at 12:30 P.M. with the same members present.

Recognition Mrs. Braunagel moved the Board recommend to National that Henderson be recognized as a local League of Women Voters as soon as a correction in arithmetic or typing has been made in its budget. Seconded. Carried. A letter will be sent to Henderson immediately after Board meeting.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that Richardson be recognized as a Provisional League of Women Voters contingent on its bylaws being brought into conformity with Standard Bylaws. Seconded. Carried against two dissenting votes. Mrs. Pettis will telephone the Richardson President to tell her of this decision.

Mrs. Martin moved that the Board reconsider the request from Alice to organize a League there. Seconded. Vote in favor 7, Against 5. Motion carried.

Members discussed using money from the Reserve or Memorial Funds for organization. It was pointed out that the Memorial Fund is earmarked for educational purposes only.

Womanpower to service an Alice League is available. Community interest has been built up. Might the use of the Memorial Fund be reconsidered?

Mrs. Martin moved that Field Service be given permission to organize a League in Alice. Seconded. Vote in favor 7, Against 5. Motion carried.

Brief Case In a telephone call from State Office, it was learned there are only 50 Brief Cases left. The printer will give a good price on redoing this leaflet since the type is still set up. Mrs. Martin moved that we rescind the action on updating Brief Case. Seconded. Carried against one dissenting vote.

Bylaws Mrs. Braunagel presented and explained suggestions for changes in certain sections. She wants Board comment on these changes before August 4th. Decisions must be made in September.

Mrs. Tallman moved acceptance of this report. Seconded. Carried.

Correspondence A letter from Mrs. John G. Lee was read, asking for names of capable women who might be interested in a job as full-time consultant for the Carrie Chapman Catt Memorial Fund in Latin-America for six months. No action taken.

Convention Mrs. Turner explained the operation of the general committee - each member will be in charge of a given area of responsibility.

The committee recommends:

Do not have pre-registration

Set registration fee at \$7.00 to \$10.00

Start Convention at 10:30 Tuesday morning, end at 4:00 P.M. Thursday.

Open Registration desk Monday evening for early arrivals.

Provide a hospitality room for early and single arrivals.

Prepare workshops on Public Relations, tying in Finance, non-partisanship and Voters Service.

24 Entitle the Convention "State Convention of 1962"

Put Workbook out January 27th, Kit, March 1st

26 Do not have local League exhibits - have instead State Board exhibits on National and State Items. *State Program one on National Program.*

Display sample publications only and provide order blanks.

Mrs. Tallman moved the Board accept these recommendations. Seconded. Carried.

A tentative agenda will be ready for the September Board meeting.

The committee recommends that two dinner meetings be scheduled, speakers to be in the National Program field and the State Program field.

Mrs. Pettis moved the Board accept this recommendation. Seconded. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Abbott, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Texas

2114 SEALY AVENUE

GALVESTON, TEXAS

Minutes of State Board Meeting
Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas
September 20, 21, 22, 1961

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 1961

Following committee meetings the previous evening and that morning, State Board members met in the Provincial Suite at noon in a specially called session. These members were present:

Mrs. Robert Abbott	Mrs. Colin Macdonald
Mrs. Albert Barstis	Mrs. Herbert Martin
Mrs. George Boller	Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel	Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. James Brock	Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. Maurice Brown	Mrs. Warren Tallman
Mrs. Loren Gordon	Mrs. E. Jack Turner

Mrs. J. W. Kongable and Mrs. Duncan MacLaren were absent because of hurricane damage to their towns. After greeting Board members, Mrs. Boller turned the meeting over to Mrs. Turner, Convention Chairman, for discussion of Convention plans.

CONVENTION

The Convention will be held in Edinburg, as originally planned. Group transportation from selected areas is being considered. Information on chartering buses and planes will be sent to local Leagues. An attempt will be made to get an educated guess from the Leagues as to the number of delegates who plan to attend. A smaller delegation (than the 168 who went to Dallas two years ago, out of 250 allowable) is expected.

A "big name" speaker on the National item is not available with the present world situation, so Mrs. Turner will investigate the possibility of others who have been highly recommended, including geographically closer college professors.

With regard to speakers on State Items, Board members decided that a panel of selected newspaper men telling the League how to be effective and how to get what we want from our legislators, would be more to Convention liking than a speaker on content. League moderators will "interview" a panel of two or three newsmen. Mrs. Brown will check with Dave Cheavens who has recently moved to Waco to be on the staff at Baylor.

The executive Vice-President of the Valley Chamber of Commerce will welcome the Convention.

Midland will be asked to direct a *production* performance of its *game* membership League-o-rama, on the recommendation of Mrs. Macdonald who saw this during a recent Field Service trip there. If well received, it will be mimeographed at State Office and made available to local Leagues who wish to use it.

Mrs. Macdonald presented a tentative agenda; members suggested a few changes in timing and placing of events, in an effort to streamline Convention. The following paragraph on voting procedure (on State Program) will be inserted in delegates' agendas, immediately after the words "Adoption of Program and direction to State Board":

The proposed Program will be voted on in the following order:

1. The Board recommended item (s)
2. The not-recommended items in the order of presentation to the delegate body.

I move the proposal made by
the \$B in Sept. in regard to
Art. XVIII Sec. eliminating the date
1948 ^{from the bylaws.} be rescinded in view
of the proposals by the SLS
in regard ^{and} to ~~change~~ ^{the} in con
this decision was made
in Sept.

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Convention Workbooks will contain the major portion of Convention material and will go out on Standing Order. Delegates will be reminded to take these to Convention. Not more than 25 or 30 extra Workbooks will be provided at Convention.

Convention Kits will be available at the registration desk instead of being sent out in advance.

Delegates who remain in Edinburg after the close of Convention (four o'clock Thursday) will arrange their own activities.

The meeting was adjourned at three P.M.

THURSDAY, September 21, 1961

After Committee meetings Wednesday evening, the Board met in regular session in the Provincial Suite at nine A.M. The same members were present as on Wednesday. Mrs. Turner left immediately after her Convention report. Mrs. Boller presided.

A letter from Mrs. Phillips, National president, extended sympathy to all League members who suffered losses in the hurricane.

CONVENTION

Mrs. Turner's committee recommends:

- Registration fee be raised to \$8.00, in an effort to be more realistic about expenses.
- Hotel reservation cards be sent to local Leagues March 1st (from State Office).
- Hotel packets be sent out February 1st (from the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce).
- Mrs. Boller to ask the Valley Chamber of Commerce to welcome the delegation.
- Edinburg League to furnish (lend or rent) a tape recorder and someone expert to operate it; these tapes to be labeled.

Mrs. Pettis moved that these recommendations be accepted. Seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Corrections to the minutes of the June Board meeting were as follows:

- p. 1 Bylaws - line 3, delete "both" and "and local"
- p. 3 Field Service - line 2, add "local" after "and"
- " " - line 3, add "Item II" after "Program"
- p. 5 TCR - line 19, add "The Committee thinks now is not the time to ask for such funds"
- " " - line 24, substitute "outlining the introduction to the subject" for "of about twenty pages" and "pamphlet to have about twenty pages, probably divided into four parts" for "in four parts"
- " " - line 36, substitute "expanded" for "addition to the"
- " " - line 39, put a comma after "Constitution" - delete "and" - add "and most material included in the May, 1960 Bibliography" after "Almanac"
- " " - line 45, add "Brief Case" after "present"
- " " - line 46, add "Brief Case" after "revision"
- p. 6 " - lines 13 through 19 should be typed as one paragraph
- p. 6 Voter Registration - line 26, substitute "Substitute Bill No. 1015 on Voter Registration" for "Struve's League-written bill (on poll tax repeal)"
- " " - line 28, delete "devote one unit meeting to a"
- " " - line 29, add "parts" after "review"

- p. 6 National Program - line 38, substitute "familiar with U. S. Economic development programs in Mexico" for "in agreement with League stand in support of World Economic Development"
- p. 7 Finance - line 36, substitute "and other pertinent information" for "two National Finance publications, etc."
- p. 9 Public Relations - line 39, delete "the Voter"
- p. 10 Voters Service - line 6, add "Service" after "Voters"
- p. 11 Convention - line 24, delete entire line
- " " - line 26, substitute "Have only two exhibits, one on State Program, one on National Program" for lines 26 and 27

Mrs. Martin moved the minutes be accepted as corrected. Seconded. Carried.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Following brief discussion of prices in Dallas hotels and motels as compared to those at the Houston Towers Hotel, Mrs. Gordon moved that the January meeting be held in Houston. Seconded. Carried.

TREASURER

In Mrs. Kongable's absence, and lacking the official Treasurer's report, Mrs. Boller reported a balance of \$5,400.04 in the bank on August 31, 1961, and gave a few other current figures to bring the Board up to date on pledges, etc.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting of the Budget Committee has been postponed until Mrs. Kongable and Mrs. MacLaren are able to be present, probably the middle of October, in Galveston.

Purchase of a Graphotype machine (to cut plates for the addressing machine) is still pending.

Hereafter it will not be necessary to move that Board reports be accepted. Motions will be made to accept committee recommendations given in the report either at the time they are given or at the end of the report. ®

BUDGET REPORT

Mrs. Tallman gave a tentative report, pending the committee meeting next month. She included suggested local League pledges for 1962-1963 and the Board went over these one by one.

There was brief discussion on cutting the State pledge to National because of effects of the hurricane on Gulf Coast League pledges to State.

A complete budget report will be sent to Board members for approval immediately after the Budget Committee meeting. The proposed budget will go to the local Leagues in the December first mailing; a later decision indicated copies be sent for the president, treasurer, finance chairman and budget chairman.

BYLAWS

Mrs. Braunagel's committee is recommending a revision of the State Bylaws which will bring them into conformity with the Standard Bylaws for State Leagues.

In line with this recommendation, Mrs. Pettis moved that the standard wording be used in Article IV, Section 2. Seconded. Carried.

Also recommended are:

Article V, Section 5 - "There shall be at least three regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually." Remainder same as Standard.

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Article V, Section 8 - Delete

Article VIII, Section 1 - Mrs. Gordon moved that the State Board recommend the State Convention be held biennially beginning with the year 1965. Seconded.

After discussion, Mrs. Brown moved to amend the motion to read, "The State Board recommend the State Convention be held biennially, "striking out the phrase, "beginning with the year 1965." Seconded.

Member by member opinion was given on the suggested change of convention year. Mentioned was the possibility of sending a Pros and Cons on this change to local Leagues after their recommendations for Bylaws changes had come in, so they could come to Convention well prepared to vote on it. General feeling was against doing this.

Vote on Mrs. Brown's amendment was called for. Motion carried, eight for, three against.

After lunch recess, the vote on Mrs. Gordon's amended motion was called for. The motion carried, ten for, two against.

It was decided that Mrs. Pettis should write to Christine Urban to ask how other State Leagues resolve the problem of changing location of State office in the midst of a legislative year.

Article VIII, Section 7 - Delete

Article IX, Section 1- A major change here, in that the current Nominating Committee shall make nominations for the two members who are not members of the Board.

Mrs. Brown moved that the change in Article IX, Section 1, be accepted. Seconded. Carried, seven for, four against.

Article X, Section 3 - A change "three months prior to Convention" to "four months prior to Convention".

Article XI, Section 3 - Leave present wording.

Article XIV, Section 1 - Change "three months prior to Convention" to "four months prior to Convention"

Mrs. Pettis moved the Board accept proposed Bylaws revision not previously voted. Seconded. Carried.

Over and above these specific changes, the Bylaws Committee recommended the following statements of policy:

Article III, Section 2 - Voters Service and selected State Program material will be sent to these members.

Article V, Section 3 - Absence from two successive Board meetings without acceptable excuse shall be considered a disqualification for Board membership.

Article V, Section 5 - Due to the increased size of the Texas League and increased work load it is carrying, there be a Board member besides the treasurer within commuting distance of the president. In addition, there shall continue to be, by mail or in person, close communication between the president and three vice-presidents in order to coordinate activities. This shall not constitute an executive committee.

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Article VI, Section 5 - Audit of books shall be made at the end of the fiscal year.

Article VII, Section 2 - If possible, the proposed state budget should be sent to the local Leagues three or four months before Convention or Council.

Article VIII, Section 7 - A Parliamentarian shall be appointed to assist the Convention.

Mrs. Braunagel plans to put the proposed Bylaws changes in the same form as National used in the 1960 Convention Kit for mailing to the local Leagues as soon as possible, all local League proposals to be added to this section of the Convention Workbook.

TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

Mrs. Martin announced that the third volume of the Texas Legislative Council Study Committee report is now out; Mrs. Boller will try to obtain a copy.

Suggestions for use of the new manual, "How to Revise the Texas Constitution" will be sent to local Leagues and State Office will send the manual to selected legislators and other TCR friends.

"Brief Case for Revision of the Texas Constitution" is now at the printers; it may be in the October mailing. Four copies and an order blank for more will be sent to local League presidents, accompanied by a memo pointing out the changes and suggesting methods of distribution. Copies will be sent from State Office to every legislator.

Convention report - the main TCR report will be in the Workbook; a supplementary report on consensus on "Methods" will be in the Kit.

The committee will prepare questions on TCR for the newspaperman panel at Convention and will submit one question on revision for the Voters Guide.

Local Leagues will be asked to talk with their candidates before primaries and before the general election regarding their views on TCR.

The library exhibits on TCR, to be used the week of March 2nd (Texas Independence Day) will be sent to a different list of libraries next year. Local Leagues will be asked to participate in this project in their towns.

Methods, Brief Case and TC Review supplement will be sent to the 22 libraries who used the packets this year.

VOTER REGISTRATION

A check with Field Service indicates that probably five or six local Leagues do not have VR Chairmen on their Boards.

The consensus on VR will be considered at the January Board meeting and sent to local Leagues immediately after the meeting.

The committee will compose its section of the statement to be sent to the Election Law Commission on election law changes. Since committee members believe the Commission will take no action in this area, they plan to lay the groundwork for introduction of an amendment and bill and also to explore possible legislative cooperation.

Three copies of the VR Resolution will be sent to each local League with a covering letter explaining how to use in Party Precinct Conventions in May.

The VR brochure, to be ready by Convention, will contain a cartoon depicting road blocks

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in this area. Carol Ashford and Cookie Smith will be asked to help with this publication.

A kit will be prepared for presentation at Convention, to contain the new brochure, the resolution and "how-to" sheet and a plan for taking this item to the community.

A question on VR will be submitted to the Voters Service Committee for the Voters Guide.

Local Leagues will be asked to talk with their candidates with a view to their making VR an issue in their campaigns. Background information with emphasis on the main points to cover in the interview, plus a how-to sheet, will be sent to local Leagues February 1st.

Suggestions to be passed on to the next VR Committee will include; non-league area articles, enlisting the aid of party officials, plans for distribution of the brochure, plans for community support.

STATE CRs

This committee will begin a job description for State CRs, Capitol Committee and Legislative, with reference to resource, publications, techniques and other pertinent information.

Since the 57th Legislature enacted nothing important on State CRs, no supplementary review will be sent to the local Leagues. They will be so notified in the Post-Board letter.

The committee recommends a combined Voter Registration (see above report) and CR #2 statement from State Office to Election Law Study Commission members, VR committee to be responsible for the statement of long-range and general aims, State CR committee to supply the specific EL CR#2 positions. A covering letter would request opportunity to appear before the Commission.

Interest shown by the Texas Bar (Family Court Section) suggests this item (CR #1) may be of increased concern to the League. The promised publication on this topic has been left dangling, but the committee will commence work on a resource supplement for the new CR Chairman; the work will not be carried beyond the need to get some order into the stacks of CR #1 material, preparatory to making such a publication available by early fall, 1962.

The committee would like to suggest that the folder on CRs for every member and public use be prepared after the 1962-64 Program is adopted, ~~but the~~ publication to cover all State Program, rather than just CRs.

The committee suggests one exhibit at State Convention to cover all State Program, with emphasis on the individual citizen, underlining the idea that ~~the~~ League takes action toward and via the citizen (rather than a lobby in Austin).

Concerning the Legislative File, material needed and material available will be listed and evaluated in order to reduce the volume and to provide some organization for possible use of the next Board.

No recommendations on CR #3 at this time.

If a special session is called, a sheet may be considered for information for the local Leagues.

NATIONAL PROGRAM

500 flyers from National (furthering interest in world trade and promoting sale of the new National publication, "Politics of Trade") will be ordered by wire and sent with a mimeographed reprint of the June Voter article, "Texas' Stake in World Trade," into non-League area towns; to libraries, newspapers, industries, farm and cotton associations and others who should be interested. Local Leagues will be asked to do a similar promotion in their own towns.

"Politics of Trade" will be sent to Senators Yarborough and Tower and Representatives Dowdy, Rayburn and Patman; local Leagues will be asked to present a copy to their Congressmen in person.

National will send a Trade Kit to each Board member, consisting of materials valuable as resource background.

Board members are invited to hear Mrs. John G. Lee in Dallas in October.

Several local Leagues have asked for the State copy of the Overseas Educational Fund (formerly CCCMF) film strip, "The Opportunity Before Us" - this will be circulated as dates are scheduled.

The Galveston County Foreign Policy Workshop has been postponed because of hurricane damage on the coast in that area.

The result of the U. S. Study Commission, which has been studying Texas Water Resources, may be made available to us. Louise Loomis will be asked to set up a "water information" table at Convention.

LOCAL PROGRAM

The list of local League publications for loan use is ready and will be sent to local Leagues with Post-Board report.

"On the Homefront" will be revised to include pitfalls to avoid.

The long-planned Inventory will be made on Charter Revision, patterned after National's Inventory on State Constitutional Revision.

LEGISLATIVE & CAPITOL COMMITTEE

This committee will welcome clippings and other pertinent information on legislators and friends of the League for the Legislative file.

STATE PROGRAM-MAKING

Proposed Program suggestions from the local Leagues must be ^{postmarked} in State Office by midnight, November 27th. Mrs. Murphree will see that these get to committee members by Dec. 4th. Committee members will do research and analyses and report to the whole committee by December 18th. Comments from all committee members to each other must be sent by December 31st. Mrs. Murphree will report these to Board members before the January Board meeting. The committee will recommend a proposed Program to the Board at the January meeting for consideration. The Board's proposal and explanation will be sent to the local Leagues in the Convention Workbook.

At Convention there will be five Little Meetings on Program, chaired by members of the Program Committee who will have received briefing material by March 21st. A qualified local Leaguer suggested by Field Service will act as recorder in each Little Meeting.

The Board recessed for dinner at 6:15 PM and reconvened at 9:15 PM. Mrs. Brock left just before dinner.

FIELD SERVICE

Detailed information on local League visits may be found in the Field Service files. The following brief reports concern Leagues on which Board action has been taken recently:

Alice - is no longer interested in organizing a League

Edinburg - three Board members whose husbands are government officials resigned. Convention committees have been appointed and are functioning.

Henderson - Mrs. LaTourette is helping this League through a difficult time incurred by the resignation of two Board members and the lack of League experience on the part of some others.

The committee plans to prepare a standard policy sheet for local Leagues which they may use at their discretion.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

FRIDAY, September 22, 1961

The board met at 9 AM in the Provincial Suite. Mrs. Boller presided.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Five local Leagues have ordered nine sets of the series of articles written for non-League area papers. Mrs. Brock will write a covering letter to go with the articles explaining that some are outdated. The Leagues will decide which articles not to use or to rewrite.

The committee is formulating plans for the statewide Finance Drives in February, as well as Convention plans.

VOTER

The pre-Convention VOTER will include:

Page 1 - President's column, Convention story, picture of Convention speaker or speakers if room.

Pages 2 and 3 - Proposed Program plus explanation or listing of not-recommended items; proposed Bylaws Changes.

Page 4 - Condensed form of proposed budget, report of Nominating Committee, maybe the VR consensus.

This VOTER will not be put in the Convention Kit; only 4000 will be printed. The Jan. Board meeting will be the deadline for all articles except the proposed Program and the VR consensus. Final deadline will be January 25.

VOTERS SERVICE

100,000 Voters Key to 1962 are being printed, at a cost of \$975.00, to be sold for 2¢ each. 5,000 return order cards will be printed.

The fourteen Constitutional Amendments were divided among Board members, who are to prepare Pros and Cons on them. Mrs. Barstis will send members a letter of instruction on how to do research. Reports are to be given to Mrs. Barstis at the pre-Convention Board meeting.

Poll tax Instruction Sheet will be sent to local Leagues in the October mailing.

A memo will be sent to local Leagues, calling their attention to the "Government in Action" project, a training Program for participation in government.

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Two copies of the Texas Election Laws will be ordered, one for the VS Chairman and one for State Office.

Twenty-two local Leagues reported on their use of the run-off election material. Newspapers in thirteen of these towns used it.

Members discussed questions for Voters Guide. Besides qualifications, questions will be asked on TCR, VR and Fiscal and will be worded in final form at the January Board meeting.

SALES TAX

Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Barstis checked on the problem of sales tax on League publications. The Texas League will probably have to charge it. State Office will check further into this and will advise the local Leagues.

CONVENTION DECISIONS

The first call to Convention will go to local Leagues in October; will include a return form requesting their estimated number of delegates who plan to attend (to be sent to Mrs. Turner by November 15th) and the information on charter arrangements for travel.

The Workbooks will go out on Standing Order on January 27th. Deadlines for Workbook articles are as follows:

Final call to Convention, details, fees, etc.	Turner	January 19th
Tentative Agenda	Macdonald	January 19th
Proposed Convention Rules - same as in 1960	State Office	December 1st
Letter from Parliamentarian- same as in 1960	State Office	December 1st
Reports on 1st-round Program-making	Murphree	Jan. Board meeting
Proposed State Program	Murphree	January 19th
Explanation " "	Murphree	January 19th
Outlook for Work	Murphree	January 19th
Not recommended Items	Murphree	January 19th
Reports on State Program Items		
TCR	Martin	December 1st
VR (to include consensus)	Tallman	January 19th
CRs	Nolle	December 1st
National Program Report	Gordon	December 1st
Local Program Report	Abbott	December 1st
Field Service Report	Braunagel	December 1st
Voters Service Report	Barstis	December 1st
State Program 1960-1962	State Office	December 1st
Proposed Bylaws Changes	Braunagel	Jan. Board meeting
Proposed Budget and Explanation	Tallman	December 1st
Pledge worksheet	State Office	December 1st
Report of Nominating Committee	Richards	January 19th
Travel Equalization explanation and form	Kongable	December 1st
PR Workshops	Brown	December 1st

The Kits will be ready the first part of March. They will be given out at the registration desk; they will not be sent out on Standing Order. Deadline for all material is February 15th. The kit will contain:

Final Convention Agenda	Macdonald
State Officers and Directors 1960-1962	State Office
Local League Presidents 1960-62	State Office
Letter from State President	Boller
Report of Treasurer	Kongable
Report of Pledges 196 62	Kongable

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Finance Report
Publications Report
Consensus on Methods

MacLaren
Brock
Martin

As written in the VOTER report, it was decided not to include the February VOTER in the Kit, nor will the National Program and Principles be included, this for the sake of economy.

EARLY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Preceding the January Board meeting, the Program Committee will meet at one o'clock on Monday, January 8th. Other committees will meet at noon, Tuesday, January 9th. The Board meeting, regular session, will be called the morning of Wednesday, January 10th and will last thru Thursday noon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Robert Abbott, Secretary