

League of Women Voters of Texas

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Minutes of State Board Meeting Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas January 19, 20, and 21, 1959

MONDAY, January 19, 1959

A meeting was held of the State Board from 7:30 PM to 10:00 PM in the Travis Room at the Driskill Hotel, Austin. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith led a discussion of local League strengths and needs in terms of Field Service, Program, and Council planning. Renewed appreciation of the importance and value of the individual League member to League success emerged from the discussion. The contribution of lively, fruitful local Program activity to all phases of League endeavor was also emphasized.

TUESDAY, January 20, 1959

A meeting was held of the State Board from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Travis Room. The Board met as a committee for President's Council planning. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ashford led the discussion.

Meetings were held from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM of the following committees: Legislation, Foreign Policy, Water, Finance, State Constitutional Revision, Jury Service, Voters Service, Local Current Agenda, Public Relations, Publications, and Field Service, with all State Board members participating in three or more committee meetings.

At 7:30 PM in the Travis Room of the Hotel Driskill in Austin, Mrs. Smith, as presiding officer, called the State Board meeting to order. The following members were present:

Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Mrs. George Boller
Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. Loren Gordon
Mrs. Eugene Hughes

Mrs. Herbert Martin
Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Irving M. Pettis
Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Mrs. M. S. Braunage
Mrs. H. B. LaBouette

Mrs. E. A. Rendall was absent from all of the meetings in Austin on account of illness.

Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, executive secretary, was present almost all of the time during the January State Board meeting.

MINUTES Mrs. Pettis moved that the minutes of the November State Board meeting be accepted as mimeographed. Seconded.

Mrs. Ashford moved that Mrs. Pettis' motion be amended to read, "omitting the words 'and Waco' on page four, paragraph four." Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Bridwell moved that the motion be further amended by deleting the last two sentences of paragraph four on page nine and substituting "The State Board authorized the appropriate legislative sub-committee to decide what bills the League would support or oppose." Seconded. Carried. *The vote on adopting the main motion as changed. Carried.*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Smith had been invited to be on the Governor's planning committee for the 1960 White House Council on Children and Youth and asked Board direction. The Board felt Mrs. Smith's participation would be of great value to the League but left the matter for her personal decision.

Mrs. Smith stated that Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Martin would bring in plans on briefing of new State Board members at Pre-Council meeting and would welcome suggestions.

She called attention to the excellent store of resource material in the "National Civic Review" published at 150 Fremont Street, Worcester 3, Mass. at \$5.00 per year. This same tip to local Leagues was suggested for inclusion in the post-Board letter.

Mrs. Smith asked each State Board member to communicate with her in writing on: time-tables for all portfolios, thinking on the State Board committee system, and thinking about her own portfolio in terms of total Board responsibility. Underlying these cogitations to be the question, "How can we lighten the load of the next president?"

TREASURER'S REPORT The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Smith in the absence of Mrs. Robert Wagner. It showed expenditures of \$14,021.25 and income of \$21,412.23 as of January 1. It was placed on file.

FINANCE Mrs. Brown announced her plan to update the Finance History, showing a five year period, for the Presidents Council Kit.

She urged that for the Council session on the "Role of the Local League President" Miss Urban be asked to stress the relationship of good local Program to successful local finance.

Mrs. Murphree moved the acceptance of the finance report. Seconded. Carried.

BUDGET Mrs. Murphree announced that she had arranged for a sub-Committee for presentation of the budget at Council.

Mrs. Bridwell moved that expenses to Council be paid for Mrs. Sam Jones of Waco, sub-Committee member. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Murphree stated we might make 31% of the increase in budget asked. Board members were critical of the plan to cut the budget where it would hurt local Leagues most. Mrs. Smith suggested Board members send their thinking on how to cut to Mrs. Murphree before pre-Council meeting. The Budget Committee, meanwhile, will consider withdrawal of reserves, requests for gifts, and the possibility of another letter to local League presidents.

Mrs. Brown moved the acceptance of the budget report. Seconded. Carried.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Murphree stated that her committee had arrived at some definitions in problem fields of Voters Service, as follows:

What we have been calling "Area" Voters Service might be divided -

1. "Extended" Voters Service: Extension to a larger area of regular Voters Service which Leagues have been doing.
2. "Localized" Voters Service: Small units within larger governmental units doing purely local service.

She stated that with the following criteria the responsibility to give permission for Voters Service of the above types could be given to local League boards. Criteria:

1. Womanpower
2. Time
3. Funds
4. A satisfying League experience?
5. Work load of total Voters Service and Program
6. Duplication of effort of other groups?
7. Can we make a real contribution?
8. Attitude of community toward this

9. Interest of community. Really needed?
10. Possible to maintain nonpartisan policy?
11. Does local Board have time for supervision?

The Voters Service committee saw a lack of understanding and confusion on procedure when local Current Agendas moved into the legislative stage. They felt that it should be made clear that at this point the primary responsibility rested on the LCA chairman, with the Voters Service chairman acting as a consultant and advisor on techniques, etc.

The Voters Service Committee wanted more time to decide how to implement these conclusions for local Leagues. They solicited suggestions from State Board members.

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

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. MacLaren discussed plans for a Publications table at Presidents Council. It was decided that responsibility for manning the "table" should remain with the local arrangements chairman from the Austin League but that Mrs. MacLaren might invite several local League publications chairmen to be on hand as scheduled to answer questions about publications if she wished.

Plans were made for a contest at Council to name the publications tote-bag (to be referred to as "Publications Item" in announcements).

Mrs. MacLaren reported that she had received a telegram from Chris Urban indicating that the National office would like to have Texas adopt the bookkeeping practices and payment plan outlined in the Treasurer's Handbook. The Board felt April 1, 1959 would be the logical effective date, with many months of adjustment anticipated. Mrs. Brown moved that the publications system procedure be changed to jibe with National's procedures on publications orders. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Murphree made a motion that the Board authorize Mrs. MacLaren to proceed with preparation of the handbook on the new publication system in time for Council. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Smith indicated she will check with National regarding possible early changes in National procedure.

Mrs. Hughes moved the adoption of the publication chairman's report. Seconded. Carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. LaTourette suggested a possible assignment of responsibilities if the State Board was increased by adding a Third Vice President in charge of public relations. She suggested that a Third Vice President might have supervision over the Voters Service, publications, VOTER, and public relations chairman's portfolios.

The Third Vice President could take some of the public appearances, and be chairman of a working off-Board committee which could include one person in Austin in charge of Capitol press releases, and one person in charge of speakers' bureau activities in the state, plus other members. She would keep the State's historical record.

The public relations chairman would retain responsibility for helping local Leagues, promoting total Board responsibility at the local level, assisting other State Board chairmen.

Mrs. Ashford moved that consideration of a By-law change adding a Third Vice President be on the agenda of the post-Council State Board meeting. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. LaTourette outlined several ways of spending public relations money and indicated she expected to explore further the possibility of buying or preparing film strips.

She indicated the VOTER was at the printer's, except for the Council story, and would come out immediately. She will do a memo for the State Board on the mechanics of writing for the VOTER.

Plans were made to compile through local Leagues lists of organizations which might join in legislative effort, particularly on Constitutional Revision. The possibility of promoting resolutions at their conventions was suggested.

Mrs. Brown moved the acceptance of the public relations report. Seconded. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM. Mmes. Ashford, Smith, Bridwell, Boller, and Hughes met as a committee on Presidents Council until 11:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY, January 21, 1959

The State Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas met at 9:00 AM in the Travis Room of the Hotel Driskill. Mrs. Smith presided. The same members were present as on Tuesday with the addition of Mrs. Robert Wagner at 9:30 AM. Although not present Tuesday evening Mrs. Wagner attended Monday and Tuesday committee meetings.

STATE I, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Mrs. Boller outlined plans for recommending to local Leagues at Presidents Council that we begin study of a unified court system as a "pilot project" in a specific phase of the large subject -- the Constitution and its shortcomings. Her committee selected this subject because of the availability of material and the close relationship to League involvement in the subjects - Jury Service, and Family Courts, among other criteria.

The committee suggested the study go on between Council and Convention with several possible outcomes, among them the adoption of an extension of constitutional Principle No. 3 "Provisions for justice with a minimum of delay". Clear and careful presentation of the plan during the afternoon Program session on first day of Council was contemplated.

Mrs. Hughes moved that the Board accept this committee recommendation on Texas Constitutional Revision plans. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Boller expects to report to local Leagues in February on the answers to the questionnaire on the Principle, "Basic policies regarding state employee selection, retention, and promotion". Voting on adoption of this Principle is planned for second day of Council, with a discussion period on the first day.

Mrs. Boller stated that TCR Leaflet No. 4 "The Amendment Business" will go to local Leagues during February with a companion piece on suggestions for use.

She reported that her committee was considering publication of a booklet to answer the question "Why does the League of Women Voters want constitutional revision?" Whether this booklet should be for LWV, for the public, or both, was among the questions her committee would consider with a view to reporting at pre-Council meeting. It was expected that this proposal might be part of the discussion at the afternoon Program session at Council.

The possibility of placing TCR leaflets on the desks of legislators, one each Monday, with Leaflet No. 5 at their plates at the Presidents Council breakfast for legislators, was being explored by the Capitol Committee.

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Mrs. Gordon moved the adoption of the TCR Committee report. Seconded. Carried.

STATE II, JURY SERVICE Mrs. Bridwell stated Part III covering Grand Jury Service, Criminal Jury Service, and Jury Service in Capital Cases had been published.

She plans to summarize reports from local Leagues and report to them in February, urging more field trips in the months ahead.

Her committee plans to get the thinking of local Leagues at Council as to whether we should produce "The Layman's Look at the Texas Jury System". The committee sees a problem in that a pattern is not evident for wide distribution.

The Board still lacks a Jury Service chairman. No recommendations have been made by the Nominating Committee. It is hoped that an appointee can be found to begin work immediately following Council.

Mrs. Hughes moved the adoption of the Jury Service report. Seconded. Carried.

LEGISLATIVE and STATE CR'S Mrs. Smith reported in the absence of Mrs. Rendall.

She stated that in the field of Legal Status of Women we had no knowledge now of any bill we would wish to support. However the Texas Federation of B. and P. W. Clubs expected to support a Constitutional Amendment calling for "equality of rights". The committee proposed that Mrs. Smith write to the local Leagues explaining the proposed legislation and making clear that the LWV has no position. Mrs. Braunagel, chairman of the Legal Status CR had nothing to add to this.

On Family Courts, Mrs. Smith stated that the Legislative Council has done no work on preparing the codification of juvenile laws bill because of the pressure of other assignments. Mrs. Smith will see whether she can get a legislator to request that the codification be done. Planned is a one-page resume to go to local Leagues with a fact sheet on proposed legislation in the field of juvenile laws. Mrs. Pettis, chairman of the Family Courts CR had nothing to add to this.

In the field of Election Laws Mrs. Smith said we had no knowledge of any specific bills on permanent exemption, marking ballots, or absentee voting. Mrs. Murphree, CR chairman on Election Laws, pointed out that the League must consider carefully what we are going to do since in the past we have had 45 positions on election laws on voting procedures! She stated that it is almost time for our 6 year review of State CRs.

The Legislative Committee recommended a legislative forecast communication to local Leagues which would concentrate in the field of Constitutional Revision. One paragraph in the letter would explain the mechanics of the legislative procedures involved in supporting an appropriation. Another would set forth simple reasons for research for constitutional revision.

Mrs. Ashford moved the acceptance of the legislative and State CRs report. Seconded. Carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA Mrs. Hughes stated that her committee recommended that there be a "Local Current Agenda Browsing Table" at Council, where local Leagues could place booklets, outlines, and plans in writing concerning their local Programs as a means of exchanging ideas and techniques.

The Board approved the plan with these limitations: the material to be limited strictly to LCA, the table to be removed from the regular publications display at Council, and the material to be capable of horizontal display on a table. Each local League is to be responsible for its own material at Council.
LWV of Texas

For the Council Kit, a summary of what LCAs local Leagues are doing was planned. Mrs. Hughes asked that the importance of good local Program be stressed in the session on the Role of the Local League President at Council.

She planned to request the answers to six questions in an annual report from LCA chairmen.

Her committee planned, probably in April, a communication to local Leagues on how to simplify city, county, or school surveys so as to finish them in a reasonable time and get on to more exciting Agendas.

Mrs. Boller moved the acceptance of the LCA report. Seconded. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM when all members except Mrs. Ashford, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Brown went to the Capitol to hear Governor Daniel's address to the new session of the Legislature. The four members named met as a committee on Presidents Council.

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM.

NATIONAL ITEM I, FOREIGN POLICY Looking toward National President Council in May, Mrs. Gordon proposed an alert in the post-Board letter on the two questions Leagues will be asked to answer. This would be followed by a questionnaire in early April on local League activities, for direction of National Council delegates. A Memo on ideas for use with Part III of the Leader's Guide is to go out soon, from and to chairmen of Foreign Policy, public relations, and publications.

Mrs. Gordon suggested a way of dramatizing lack of foreign news coverage to newspaper editors. One or more pages of the local paper might be pasted up with the foreign news contained through the entire paper. A Sunday edition might be best. The same pasting job could be done on a paper, for the same date, that customarily has better coverage, the ultimate being the Times and the Monitor, of course. Mrs. Gordon brought samples. The Board liked the device and thought it should be suggested to local Leagues.

Mrs. Gordon's committee obtained permission to send "New Perspectives" to presidents of ten state-wide organizations interested in Foreign Policy who are not likely to have it already.

Mrs. Ashford moved the acceptance of the National Program I report. Seconded. Carried.

NATIONAL PROGRAM II, WATER RESOURCES Mrs. Martin reported all Leagues are doing something on Water. Nine of them are using the River Basin approach.

She has received numerous publications from other agencies and will have free copies of "Water, Life of the Plains" from the Highlands Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 to distribute at Council.

Her committee suggests an alert in the post-Board letter to a questionnaire which could be modeled on the National Board Annual Report. The answers for the National Council delegates will be needed in April. If the questionnaire with regard to areas of agreement on coordinated administration, equitable financing, and regional or river basin planning is not returned promptly, a "Watergram" (modeled on a telegram) was suggested. Mrs. Martin stated that the January National VOTER will be devoted to helping members focus on the possible ingredients for national water policies and practices consistent with League goals.

The Board approved a proposal to invite either the Colorado or the Brazos River Authority to set up their display in the lobby or on the mezzanine floor during Presidents Council providing hotel officials gave permission.

Mrs. Martin stated that she had not compiled a new list of water agencies since all of them were named in the report "Water Developments and Potentialities of the State of Texas". Her committee will investigate planned and projected water conferences and compile a list for local Leagues.

Mrs. Hughes moved the adoption of the Water report. Seconded. Carried.

NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES It was decided that the post-Board letter would alert Leagues to new and old material, especially the booklet on "National Continuing Responsibilities". Efforts would be made to call attention to orientation materials on specific legislation before Calls for Action came.

Mrs. Hughes reported that material on Self Government for the District of Columbia contained in Mrs. Phillips' letter of November 5 was sent to local Leagues.

It was decided that National CRs would be covered in the Council Kit but probably not on the Council agenda. Chairmen would report to Mrs. Bridwell on what should be included (shortly before the February 20 Kit material deadline).

Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Hughes, National CR chairmen contributed to the report.

Mrs. Murphree moved the acceptance of the National CRs report. Seconded. Carried.

FIELD SERVICE In view of the discussion of local League strengths and needs which had been held Monday evening Mrs. Pettis limited her comments to an announcement that Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Nay Hale, and herself would meet with the Midland League February 17-18-19-20.

Tentative agenda for Miss Christine Urban's March visit to Texas to give Board training was announced as follows:

Week beginning March 3--Lubbock, Odessa and Amarillo; Fort Worth and Dallas; Tyler and Longview; Waco and Corsicana.

Week beginning March 9--Freeport and Lake Jackson; La Marque, Texas City and Dickinson; Houston and Galveston; San Antonio and Austin; Victoria and Corpus Christi.

Sunday, March 15, 7:30 PM--State Board at Austin.

Mrs. Pettis made a motion that the State Board recommend to National Board that the Provisional League of Women Voters of Irving be recognized as a local League. Seconded. Carried.

The Field Service Committee is considering two possible new Leagues: the Richardson unit, and Bryan-College Station.

The Committee recommended that Halcyon Baggett be asked to return to the State Board.

Mrs. Brown moved the acceptance of the Field Service report in all its implications. Seconded. Carried.

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL The Board agreed on the "Agenda and Personnel Assignments as of January 21, 1959" attached to these minutes.

Mrs. Ashford reported the recommendations of her committee and the following plans were made:

Mrs. Smith is to find out whether the loosely-drawn Lobby Registration Act will require the registration of all Council delegates and observers in order that legislators may be invited to breakfast. If registration is needed efforts will be made to have it at the hotel and to get publicity.

Registration fee is to be \$1.50 for delegates and observers with the same charge on second day. Kits to be 50¢ when sold separately. Austin League members serving as hostesses, wearing distinctive badges, will be encouraged to buy a kit when attending their first meeting; thereafter will be admitted free. The Board decided not to undertake prepaid registration. Mrs. Ashford reviewed a number of committee recommendations regarding registration.

Mrs. Pettis moved that registration procedure be worked out by the arrangements committee along the lines suggested. Seconded. Carried.

The subject matter and emphasis in the Presidents Report to be determined by the situation at the time of Council.

State Board members are to introduce themselves, very briefly, as their names are called.

Legislative briefing is to be supplemented with written information, both before or at Council. The legislative roster to be furnished to delegates.

Program discussions are to be tape-recorded. Only delegates to be permitted to speak during Program discussions. The Board decided to have all delegates and observers in one room for the Afternoon Program Session. It was suggested that at some point in the discussion Mrs. Bridwell stress the importance of communications.

Speeches and reports by State Board members are to be written out and carefully timed in advance.

The Board decided to ask Mrs. Joseph Mares of Dickinson to speak at the dinner meeting since Senator Johnson had notified Mrs. Smith that he would not be able to speak. Mrs. Ashford called Mrs. Mares and she accepted. The Board will pay expenses for Mrs. Mares and for Mrs. Leon Richards, National Secretary, if she can be present to introduce Mrs. Mares. Decision as to whether there should be questions from the floor was left to the committee in charge and Mrs. Mares. League husbands will be permitted to attend but the dinner will not be promoted as a public meeting.

The social hour is to be called an "informal Reception". There will be no receiving line. It is to take place in the Ballroom, on the mezzanine floor, or in both locations. The Board suggested a brief introduction of the honorees from the platform immediately preceding the social hour. Assigned to keep honor guests circulating were: Miss Urban, Braunagel; Mrs. Mares, Gordon; and Mrs. Richards, Boller.

Kit material is to be sent to state office before February 20 with assignments as follows: Cover - LaTourette; Agenda, Table of Contents, Program 1958-60, State By-laws - Ashford; Presidents Report - Smith; Proposed Budget - Murphree and Wagner; Treasurer's Statement and Pledge Support - state office; Shared Field Service Pledges - state office; Finance History - Brown; Field Service - Pettis and Braunagel; Legislation - Rendall; State TCR (stating the Program item) - Boller; Jury Service (stating the Program item) - Bridwell; State CAC Historical Report - Boller; LWV of Texas

State CRs - Braunagel, Pettis, and Murphree; National I - Gordon; National II - Martin; National CRs - Brown, Hughes, Gordon, Rendall (to Bridwell, early); Publications (statistical) - MacLaren; Public Relations - La Tourette; LCA - Hughes; By-laws - Ashford; Voters Service - Murphree; National Program 1958-60 - state office; National Officers and Directors - state office. Committee in charge of Kit Preparation and Assembly - Smith and Ashford.

It was decided to ask Mrs. Rufus Bell of San Antonio to be Parliamentarian and to offer to pay her expenses for hotel and meals.

Mrs. Smith reported that Mrs. A. A. Hill, 1415 Wathen Avenue, Austin had agreed to be Local Arrangements Chairman.

Press Relations are to be the responsibility of Mrs. LaTourette, Mrs. Smith, and the local chairman assigned to press relations. Communications with local Leagues on invitations to legislators, credentials, reservations, etc. will be scheduled and arranged by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Ashford. Additional committee assignments were made: Finance - Wagner and Smith; Publications Table - MacLaren and LaTourette; LCA Browsing Table - Hughes and Martin; Publications Item Contest - MacLaren and LaTourette; Recording - Ashford and Dwyce Cockrell.

State Board Consultants, Hostesses, and Chairmen of various sections of the Agenda are to make their space, place, and properties requirements known to the Local Arrangements Chairman through Mrs. Ashford whenever possible. They are to function only as consultants in so far as local arrangements by the Austin League are concerned.

Mrs. Bridwell moved the acceptance of the Council Committee's report. Seconded. Carried.

MARCH BOARD MEETING Pre-Council meeting was set for 7:30 PM Sunday, March 15. Post-Council meeting was set for all day and evening of Thursday, March 19, with Board members returning home on Friday.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gerald Ashford, Secretary

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Agenda and Personnel Assignments

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL

Driskill Hotel - Austin, Texas

March 17 - 18, 1959

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1959

- 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM REGISTRATION - Mezzanine Lobby
By Austin League. State Board Consultant: Hughes
- 2:00 PM OPENING SESSION - Crystal Ballroom. Presiding: Smith
State Board Consultant: Ashford
- 2:05 PM Welcome by Governor Daniel. Escorts: Boller and Rendall
Welcome by Austin President. Escort: Pettis.
- 2:15 PM President's Report: Smith
- 2:25 PM Presentation State Board Members
Presentation Mrs. Richards, Miss Urban, Mrs. Mares
- 2:40 PM Publications Item: MacLaren
- 2:45 PM Legislative Report and Briefing: Rendall
- 2:55 PM BUDGET SESSION - Crystal Ballroom. Presiding: Brown.
- 3:00 PM Presenting Budget Committee and Budget: Murphree and Committee.
- 3:15 PM Local League Pledges
- 3:35 PM Local League Pledges for Field Service
- 3:45 PM Announcements. Attendance Report - Smith.
- 3:50 PM COFFEE BREAK - Mezzanine Lobby
By Austin League. State Board Consultant - Pettis.
Traffic Directors to break up coffee break - MacLaren and Hughes.
- 4:10 PM AFTERNOON PROGRAM SESSION - Crystal Ballroom. Presiding: Smith
General Chairman: Bridwell
- 4:12 PM Texas Constitutional Revision - Boller
Assisted by TCR Committee. Recording: Ashford and Cockrell
- 4:55 PM Texas Jury System - Bridwell
Assisted by Jury Committee. Recording as above.
- 5:20 PM The Proposed Personnel Principle - Boller
Assisted by TCR Committee. Recording as above.
- 5:30 PM Adjourn.

7:30 PM DINNER MEETING - Crystal Ballroom. Presiding: Smith
Consultant Hostess for State Board: Martin

Moment of Silent Grace.

Introduction of Head Table.

Introduction of Speaker by Mrs. Leon Richards

Speaker on Foreign Policy: Mrs. Joseph R. Mares

(Consultant Committee: Gordon, Bridwell, Martin)

Announcement of Social Hour: Smith

9:30 to 10:30 PM INFORMAL RECEPTION - Crystal Ballroom and Mezzanine Lobby
Arrangements by Austin League.
Consultant Hostess for State Board: Braunagel
Assisting Hostesses: State Board

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1959

8:00 AM BREAKFAST WITH LEGISLATORS - Crystal Ballroom
General Chairman: Rendall. Assisted by Legislative Committee.
Assisting Hostesses: State Board.
Greeting during Breakfast: Smith.

9:30 AM Capitol Scoops: Rendall
Introduction of Capitol Committee.

10:15 AM Visit to Capitol (In charge: Austin League and Capitol Committee)

Lunch on your own.

1:30 PM FINAL BUSINESS SESSION - Crystal Ballroom. Presiding: Smith.
Announcements. Attendance Report.

1:35 PM Publications Item: MacLaren

1:40 PM Adoption of Budget: Murphree and Committee

2:15 PM Vote on Proposed Principle: Boller

2:30 PM Program Direction on Texas Constitutional Revision: Boller

2:40 PM Program Direction on Jury Service: Bridwell

2:50 PM Direction on State CRs: Rendall

3:00 PM Brief Report. National Item I: Gordon

3:10 PM Report on National Item II: Martin

3:20 PM THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL LEAGUE PRESIDENT - Crystal Ballroom. Presiding: Pettis
Committee: Pettis, Hughes, MacLaren, Braunagel

3:22 PM Speech by Miss Christine Urban
Question and Answer Period

3:55 PM Announcements

4:00 PM Adjourn

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January 30, 1959

TO: Local League Presidents and Board Members
FROM: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
RE: January State Board Report

CALL TO COUNCIL

Presidents Council will be held at the Driskill Hotel, Austin, beginning at 2 P.M. on March 17 and ending at 4 P.M. on March 18. Two delegates (the president and one other) may attend from each League, and the in-coming president, whether elected yet or not, is usually the "presidential" delegate. In addition, an unlimited number of observers may attend Council, if the state office is notified in advance so that physical arrangements can be made for them. Details of Council this year will reach you the first week in February.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Enclosed with this letter. Since January 1, all but three Leagues have completed paying their 1958-59 pledges for State and National Services and for Shared Field Service.

PROPOSED STATE BUDGET FOR 1959-60

While local Leagues cannot know what figure was suggested to each other League as its share of the new State budget -- yet local Leagues have every right to know that the first proposed local League budgets which have appeared in local VOTERS indicate that the proposed State budget will not be met. We urge you to discuss again the services provided by and requested of your State and National Board and officers -- and discuss again the position of your League in your community, your state, and your nation. If the amount of service given by volunteers in the League could be translated into dollars -- it would reveal budgets hundreds of times larger than the ones which we now live by. Our broad base of support in communities which we serve should reasonably be able to supply the actual dollars necessary to pay for those needs which cannot be supplied by volunteers. A plan for thoughtful discussion of the facts of League life at Annual Meetings could yet change the picture-- and provide the means for League growth commensurate with our capabilities.

FIELD SERVICE (formerly called Organization)

Brightest news from the Board: Texas Leagues will soon be joined by our 34th local League! The application for recognition as a local League submitted by IRVING Provisional League was approved by the State Board and forwarded to the National Board with our recommendation. Irving has set a high standard for future provisional Leagues to work toward -- this League has done outstanding work on Program, Voters Service, finance, and general community service.

Christine Urban will return to Texas on March 3 for three more weeks work with local Leagues and the State Field Service Committee. A plan by which some Leagues can be grouped for effective Board training will allow more Leagues to gain immediate benefits from Miss Urban's visit. Another innovation in Texas will be Board training sessions attended by present and incoming Board members, where Annual Meetings have not yet been held, so that present members not going back on the Board will be able to train their successors. Leagues not included in this Spring training (for lack of time) will get their chance for individual assistance by Miss Urban when she returns to Texas in the Fall. And a special session at Presidents Council is planned for training-and-discussion between Miss Urban and local League presidents.

Annual Reports -- These forms are enclosed with the President's copy of the State Board Report. Deadline for return of the Annual Report to the state office is March 1. As usual, you are asked to estimate a full 12-month figure; that is, figures should cover monies, members, etc. through March 31, end of our fiscal year. Please be generous with comments on Program activities, using a separate page if necessary. In addition to compiling a Texas Annual Report for National from yours, the State Field Service Committee uses your reports in innumerable ways -- do remember that your reporting furnishes valuable information directly affecting the growth of our League.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Local PR chairmen are alerted to opportunities for effective work with National Item I, TCR, and Legislative chairmen, especially, during the next few months.

The next TCR leaflet, (and the most eye-catching one yet issued), is accompanied by a "soft sell" advertising message. Do you think our little "pome" is worthy of space in your local bulletin or VOTER? Would your news editors for newspapers, TV and radio enjoy this light touch as they announce our latest leaflet?

The State Legislative Committee recommended, and plans have been worked out, for "a legislative friend" to have our new TCR leaflet placed on the desk of each member of the House early on the morning of Monday, February 2. Each Monday morning following, another of the leaflets (the 3 already issued) will greet each House member as he sits down to his desk on the floor of the House. Reports of how you are showering these leaflets in your own communities are urgently requested.....We must share our imaginative and workable ideas if we are to take full advantage of these clever and hard-hitting "tools" for citizen interest and information.

NOTE ON BY-LAWS

If you are amending your By-Laws, have you checked your proposed changes with Mrs. Gerald Ashford, State By-Laws chairman, to be sure they are not contrary to Standard By-Laws and the lessons of By-Laws experience in Texas? When you send in your By-Laws after your Annual Meeting please send three, not two, copies. This is so we may have one for state office, one for the State By-Laws chairman, and one for the Field Service chairman. Another reminder: Please date your By-Laws.

VOTERS SERVICE

Reminder to return 2 VS reports to the state office by the February 15 deadline.

PUBLICATIONS

Look for a 3-way letter soon from State chairmen of Foreign Policy, Public Relations, and Publications chairmen -- to assist local Boards in planning work in this field.

Not a League publication, but one recommended for general usefulness to the LWV, is the National Civic Review, monthly magazine of the National Municipal League. Articles on what other states and cities are doing about constitutional revision, metropolitan problems, county government, general civic participation in solving governmental problems -- these fill the little publication. You'll probably find it in your Public Library or you can subscribe for \$5 a year, 47 East 68 St., New York 21.

STATE I - TEXAS CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION

We present: TCR leaflet No. 4! - "The Amendment Business." There's a message here that will interest all citizens -- and we know you won't overlook that expenditure of \$200,000 just for printing the words of the last 2 batches of patches. The same amount of money would have paid for research!

Something new will be added to TCR at Council -- if you approve. Details of a truly exciting pilot plan will reach you by March 1 -- in plenty of time for study by your delegates and observers before coming to Council.

A progress report on work of the Citizens Advisory Committee on the Constitution will be issued following the next meeting on January 31. Watch your newspaper (better yet -- alert them!) for the report of the CAC to the Legislature.

A report of your reports on the Constitutional Principle on State Personnel Policies will reach you in February. (If you've had your meeting but neglected to send in your report -- it's still not too late. Please add the voices of your members to those of other Texas Leaguers.)

STATE II - JURY SYSTEM

Keep those good reports coming in! You may wish to make a supplemental report if you're still making field trips to the courthouse. A composite from your reports will be sent you as soon as all are in.

Council will provide an opportunity for you to give direction to the State Board on how you believe this Item should progress next year -- a report and recommendation will come to you by March 1 as preparation for your Council delegates.

STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

Factual, explanatory material on Family Courts and Election Laws is being prepared for you by State Committees.

LEGISLATION

This is the beginning of the "legislative season" -- on both State and National levels. Attached is the first page to set the stage for State legislative action by the League. You may wish to ask your newspaper editors to keep a scoreboard on bills introduced in the Legislature. A State Board committee will analyze bills introduced in the fields in which the Texas League has positions -- to determine whether or not the League can support or oppose them -- and this information will be sent to you at once. Your Capitol Committee, composed of Austin League members, will keep watch -- but legislative action on League Program takes place on the local level -- members now have the opportunity to take the final steps in "citizen participation in government".

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA

You have received the announcement of rules regarding the Lane Bryant Award. Has your League contributed an outstanding service to your community which deserves recognition? In any case -- we hope to have an opportunity for LCA recognition of League members at our Council on March 17-18.

NATIONAL I - FOREIGN POLICY

To help League members prepare to give opinions developed through discussion -- two questions will set the stage: (1) Are you ready to expand or change any of our current League positions on foreign policy issues? If so, which ones, and in what direction? (2) What areas of foreign policy are emerging as of special importance to your League, which you would like to study "in depth"? State delegates to National Council in May must answer these questions for Texas Leagues. A questionnaire will be sent you in April.

Very soon you will receive a memo on Part III of the Leaders Guide for Foreign Policy study -- a 3-way memo for chairmen of Foreign Policy, Public Relations, and Publications.

NATIONAL II - WATER RESOURCES

A list of questions to prepare members for opinions from Texas Leagues will reach you soon, in advance of a questionnaire in April to give our National Council delegates the thinking of local Leagues in Texas.

Please read and re-read the November 13 letter from the national office (on the Cleveland Water Conference) -- and use the January National VOTER on water as basic discussion material.

If you have not yet returned your progress report (dated October) please do so as soon as possible.

NATIONAL CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES

What happens when a Time for Action comes to your League? Members can be more easily be prepared for a Time for Action with use of the new publication on National CR's, announced in the November National Board Report. You'll want to order several copies -- for orientation meetings and for new members who joined after our positions were arrived at. (The similar tool for State CR's is "Let's Look at the Record" -- perfect publication for legislative action.)

On National CR I, Loyalty-Security, in particular, the November National VOTER and the new book, "Loyalty and Security", by Prof. Ralph S. Browns will be helpful to the CR I chairman in strengthening her own background knowledge in preparation for a Time for Action.....or for a Let's Talk League coffee.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS -- Bulletin or VOTER editors, please note:

State Board: Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, 1503 South 35th Street, Temple

Mrs. H. B. LaTourette, 1015 Beechwood Drive, Tyler

Local League Presidents: Mrs. Jack Sparks, Box 499, Abilene

Mrs. H. S. Goolishian, 1008 Camp Circle West, La Marque

Mrs. James S. Witt, 1705 Jonquil, Longview

Mrs. Kamilla H. Key, 803 N. Marienfeld, Midland

Mrs. James Coleman, 1903 Bon Aire, Victoria

Mrs. Leslie B. Finnell, Box 838, Holliday, Texas
(Wichita Falls League)

State Board members Braunagel, Martin, Gordon, and Wagner are not receiving all VOTERS.

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NOT GOING ON STANDING ORDER

February 26, 1959

TO: Local League President (2 copies--one for the incoming president, if you're
FROM: Cookie Smith going out of office at Annual Meeting)

All of you are receiving in this mailing copies of the Council WORKBOOK in the quantity you have indicated you will need. If you haven't yet sent in your Checklist, giving the approximate number of observers who will attend Council from your League, please do --- and additional WORKBOOKS will be mailed at once. These are free of charge....but don't let that lull you into giving them less than the importance they deserve. Decisions at Council will come from discussion, and discussion in the LWV is informed discussion. Perhaps those coming from your League can get together before leaving or -- for fun and efficiency -- can ride-and-read-and-talk Council on the way to Austin. These opportunities to meet with League members from over the state are invaluable for new as well as old members, remember, and we're planning on a large delegation.

Each of you is receiving an advance copy of the Finance History of Texas (this will be in the Council Kit)....and this is an enclosure I would like to discuss with you individually, if there were time. It's being sent now with the thought that it may contain information interesting enough and valuable enough to be included in discussions of budgets at your Annual Meeting. Comparative figures help to create pictures for me....if they are merely dull scribbles to you, perhaps someone on your Board will find this History a revealing story which ought to be shared with all our members at the time they are making firm plans for the coming year. The history of each Texas League is, actually, the history of all Texas Leagues. Copies of the new, revised and enlarged LOBBY BY LETTER will be available at Council (you can save postage by buying them there), but I thought I should alert you before coming so that you can get authorization for the number your League will need. They're still 25¢ a copy.

TWO names from your new Board are urgently requested by the state office: the TREASURER and the PUBLICATIONS chairman. These two Board members represent the life-line of business transactions and it is imperative that we have their names just as soon as they are known.

As soon as Council mimeographing is over (and this poor old machine has had a few days to recoup its failing capacities) state office will prepare and send to you the necessary enclosures for each Board member's notebook -- state and national Board lists, budgets, checklists for dates with the postman, hints on preparation for your Calendar of Work, etc., etc. Meanwhile, a Local League Handbook for each Board member will help her get ready to be that remarkable person, a well-integrated, well-informed, fully responsible MEMBER OF THE BOARD. To those of you going out of office -- my best wishes for a year ahead filled with all those exciting things you've been planning on doing "just as soon as....." Imagine the joys of a clean and well run home again and of a family that knows once more that it's the most important thing in the world. You'll be a source of comfort to the new president, especially in those first few months when she finds such a bewildering array of skills and faces and requests confronting her. And you'll derive much satisfaction from watching her "grow" in her job, just as you did, and just as others will, in this remarkable organization with its unique purpose. But how I shall miss visiting with you!

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February 1959

TO: State Board Members

FROM: Murphree

RE: State Board Committee problems

While no system is fool-proof or perfect, I believe that there are several things necessary to make the system work, be practical, provide information and training to State Board members -- and get the job done.

1. One problem is the number of carbons, and envelopes, involved in each mailing.

While Marian's plan on Program has excellent merit, it would mean that State Program chairmen would have to make 8 carbons. This is one of the evils we are trying to cure. Not practical then.

2. Blocks of time at Board meetings need to be set up so that there is no over-lapping plenty of time for committees to meet before Board meeting, and the same people on the carbon list to attend the committee meeting. We do not do this now and Dorothy's plan finds entirely different people attending the committee meeting than those who got the carbons and assisted in preliminary planning and thinking. This means that valuable time is spent orienting these people to the committee's work and plans and the decision reached by this group is sometimes different from the line of thought pursued in carbons, and then the chairman, by carbons, has got to re-orient the carbon committee as to what went on in committee meeting! True this makes for a better-oriented (I like that better than "well-rounded") and integrated Board member, but I believe we will have to sacrifice some "roundness" for some "soundness". My gosh!

3. Board members ought not to have to serve on too many committees. Granted that serving on related committees makes for better integration, it becomes burdensome and the Board member tends to concentrate only on her own since it is impossible to be a good committee member to 3 or 4 chairmen! (In Dorothy's plan, Rendall and Braunagel are on four besides their own; MacLaren, Ashford, Pettis, LaTourette, and Wagner are on three; Hughes, Brown, and Boller are on only one, and Martin isn't on any!)

4. We need to develop leadership for the State Board and LLs, and I believe limited and careful use of off-Board people on each committee will do much to build up a reservoir of new talent and abilities and at the same time make use of ex-State Board people and the many talented people we already have scattered over the state. This is really resource that we preach to the LLs so much!

I would propose to organize the Board into 3 divisions: Field Service (By-laws, Treasurer, Membership, Unit Organization), Program (State 1 & 2, National 1 & 2, LCA, and CRs), and Public Relations (Voters Service, Publications, Finance, Legislative, VOTER, and Public Relations). Each division would have a block of time at Board meeting. The committee assignments could be juggled within the divisions I think. The same people on the carbon committee would meet together at Board Committee meetings and so could utilize our precious time to the best advantage. For this purpose I assumed we had a full Board and used Baggett on FS.

The CRs on both levels do cause some problems in scheduling both from the Program point of view and the Legislative angle. But I think that some time could be managed to work this out, so that the overlap in personnel would be eased. If you will notice, no FS people are scheduled during the PR block of time which means that they could meet as a committee of three at this time to work out their own special problems and make preparations for briefing in the next block of time. Now tell me what you think of this plan.

PROGRAM

<u>State I</u>	<u>State II</u>	<u>National II</u>	<u>National I</u>
1. Boller	1. Turner	1. Martin	1. Gordon
2. Murphree--VS	2. Brown--Fin.	2. Pettis--FS	2. Wagner--Treas.
3. Rendall--Leg.	3. Braunagel--FS	3. MacLaren--Pub.	3. LaTourette--PR
4. Off-Board	4. Off-Board	4. Off-Board	4. Off-Board
5. Off-Board	5. Off-Board	5. Off-Board	5. Off-Board
smith	smith	smith	smith
bridwell	bridwell	bridwell	bridwell

LCA

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| 1. Hughes | * All PR and FS people would serve on one Program committee. |
| 2. Baggett--FS | * Example of switching would have Murphree move to LCA in exchange for either Ashford or Baggett. |
| 3. Ashford--Sec. | * Each committee chairman could have one or two off-Board committee members. |
| 4. Off-Board | * Smith and Bridwell would ex-officio all committees and could alternate their time between them at Board committee meetings. |
| 5. Off-Board | |
| smith | |
| bridwell | |

PUBLIC RELATIONS

<u>Finance</u>	<u>V/S</u>	<u>Publications</u>	<u>PR</u>	<u>Legislative</u>
1. Brown	1. Murphree	1. MacLaren	1. LaTourette	1. Rendall
2. Hughes--LCA	2. Gordon--N I	2. Martin N II	2. Turner--SII	2. Boller--S I
3. Wagner--T.	3. MacLaren--Pub.	3. LaTourette--PR	3. Murphree--VS	3. Brown--Fin.
4. Off-Board	4. Off-Board	4. Off-Board	4. Off-Board	4. State CRs
5. Off-Board	5. Off-Board	5. Off-Board	5. Off-Board	5. Capitol Com.
smith	smith	smith	smith	smith
				bridwell

VOTER

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| 1. LaTourette | * All five Program people serve on one PR committee. |
| 2. Off-Board | * All five PR people are member of one other PR committee. |
| smith | * FS people would not be members of any PR committee (see FS chart, but could attend committee meeting of choice or |
| | * All PR committees could meet in this block of time, but Legislative Committee does present a problem because of CRs. |

FIELD SERVICE -- could be divided in responsibility two ways:

1. By areas -- the present plan and
2. By portfolios -- to keep Board members abreast of LL progress in their fields.

Pettis

1. Central Area
2. Organization
 1. Ashford--By-laws
 2. Wagner--Treas.
 3. Membership
 4. Unit Org.

Braunagel

1. Gulf Coast Area
2. Public Relations
 1. Murphree--VS
 2. Brown--Fin.
 3. MacLaren--Pub.
 4. LaTourette--PR
 5. Leg.--Rendall

Baggett

1. West Texas
2. Program
 1. Boller--S I
 2. Turner--S II
 3. Gordon--N I
 4. Martin--N II
 5. Hughes--LCA

- * Consultants would be the off-Board committee for this group.
- * Each Board member would become a member of the appropriate FS committee.
- * FS committee meetings could then be held in one block of time.
- * Smith would be ex-officio of all three, and Pettis would be ex-officio of other two; Bridwell would be member of Program FS committee.
- * Carbons would be exchanged only between FS, SO, 2nd VP and portfolio affected (Present system)

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Minutes of Pre-Council State Board Meeting Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas March 15, 16, and 17, 1959

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 1959

The following committees of the State Board of the League of Women Voters of Texas met in the Driskill Hotel, Austin, from 7:00 to 10:00 PM: Texas Constitutional Revision, Jury System, Legislation, Local Current Agenda, and Field Service.

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 1959

The State Board met in the Jim Hogg Suite at 9:00 AM. The following members, who had attended Sunday night's committee meetings, were present:

Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Mrs. George Boller
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. Loren Gordon
Mrs. Eugene Hughes

Mrs. Herbert Martin
Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. E. A. Rendall
Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Following their appointments to the Board, Mrs. Hill Baggett and Mrs. E. J. Turner joined the meeting.

Mrs. Robert Wagner was absent on account of illness in her family.

Miss Christine Urban, National Field Representative, and Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, executive secretary, were guests.

Mrs. Smith presided and called the meeting to order.

MINUTES The minutes were approved as mimeographed with these changes:

Add the names of Mrs. M. S. Braunagel and Mrs. H. B. LaTourette to the list of those present at the January Board meeting.

Add this sentence to the section "Minutes" on first page: "The vote on adopting the main motion, as changed, carried."

APPOINTMENTS Mrs. Bridwell moved that Mrs. E. J. Turner be appointed to the State Board, Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Bridwell moved that Mrs. Turner be assigned the portfolio of State Item II, Jury System. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Pettis moved that the resignation of Mrs. LaTourette, in order that she might become president of the Tyler League, be accepted with regret. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Pettis moved that Mrs. Hill Baggett be appointed to the Board, assigned the Field Service portfolio. Seconded. Carried.

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL Mrs. Ashford reported that it would be necessary to register delegates as lobbyists in the absence of a clear-cut decision from state officials about the meaning of the Lobby Registration Act. Mrs. Ruth Brewster would serve as notary and State Board members were assigned as clerks. Newspaper and television publicity was being arranged by Mrs. Garth Jones, Austin PR chairman.

The Board reviewed the Council Agenda, confirmed plans, and approved a "St. Patrick's Day Poll" for entertainment at the dinner meeting.

Mrs. Ashford appointed Mrs. Baggett and Mrs. Hughes as a committee to assist her in working out final details on platform and head-table personnel.

TREASURER'S REPORT In the absence of Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Smith referred members to the Treasurer's Statement and the Treasurer's Report in the Presidents Council Kit.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Smith emphasized the need for careful planning and time-tables on all portfolios.

STATE I, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Mrs. Boller announced the forthcoming interim report of the Citizens Advisory Committee and stated that her committee recommended a copy be sent to each local League with a summary and suggestions for use.

She stated that four TCR leaflets had been distributed to House members; that the fifth would be on the breakfast table at Council. Her committee recommended additional TCR leaflets be postponed if the proposed TCR tool should be published.

She described the contents of the proposed "A Brief Case for Constitutional Revision".

She stated that Miss Mary Glade and Mrs. LaTourette were working on cost and content of slides and script on Constitutional Revision. More consideration of this project would be possible at June Board meeting.

In answer to a request for suggestions regarding a revision of the Model State Constitution, she would appoint two off-Board people to reply to the National Municipal League.

Some advance criticism of the pilot project titled: "Unified Court System", prompted Mrs. Smith to appoint the following committee to bring in an alternate wording: Mrs. Boller, Mrs. Bridwell, Mrs. Gordon, and Mrs. Brown. Later, this committee recommended the wording: "Study constitutional provisions for an effective judicial system".

With regard to the legislative strategy for obtaining the research appropriation, the Board recommended that Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Boller, and Mrs. Rendall keep in close touch with old League friends and with influential members of the House and Senate.

Mrs. Rendall moved the acceptance of the TCR report. Seconded. Carried.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 PM for lunch and reconvened at 2:30 PM.

STATE II, JURY SYSTEM Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Bridwell outlined plans to offer President Council delegates "Schools for Jurors" and learn their reactions.

Efforts will also be made to learn whether delegates want a detailed or a simple jury service booklet, and how such a booklet could be distributed.

Mrs. Baggett moved the adoption of the Jury Service report. Seconded. Carried.
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LEGISLATION Mrs. Rendall reported plans to ask Council delegates to remove the limitation on election law legislative action which was set by the 1958 Convention.

She stated that the report on National Item I on Council Agenda Wednesday would be given over to a possible Council response to the Time for Action.

Mrs. Rendall and Mrs. Gordon are planning an April memo to local Leagues on the National legislative outlook.

Mrs. Bridwell made a motion that the Board accept the Legislative report. Seconded. Carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA Mrs. Hughes stated that she was building a file of information on successful local Current Agenda items; that more time would be needed before the file could attain great usefulness.

She gave a preliminary report of her plans for the year.

She stated that Bexar County was working alone on County Home Rule Amendment HJR 45, introduced by Representative Raymond Russell of San Antonio.

Mrs. Brown moved the acceptance of the LCA report. Seconded. Carried.

FIELD SERVICE Mrs. Pettis reported that the Field Service Committee recommended reorganization status for Baytown and Snyder; that efforts would be made to arrange meetings during Council.

Mrs. Gordon moved that the Board express its confidence in whatever the Field Service Committee decided to do following conferences with representatives from Baytown and Snyder. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Pettis stated that her committee recommended that the themes of the Area Conferences in the fall be those that meet the needs and desires of the Leagues involved; that they be little meetings with opportunities for the Leagues to do the talking. She stated that her Field Service Committee desired to work as a whole for awhile, without dividing up the Leagues. A new look at the "Consultant" program was planned to consider whether the most likely person should be employed for each Field Service task -- not necessarily an assigned "Consultant".

Mrs. Bridwell moved the acceptance of the Field Service report. Seconded. Carried.

The Board adjourned at 5:30 PM for dinner and reconvened at 8:00 PM.

FINANCE Mrs. Brown reported that 21 out of 34 local Leagues had reported completing successful finance drives. She said the budget picture is better.

She suggested that the Finance Chairman be a member of the Field Service Committee.

Mrs. Baggett moved the acceptance of the Finance report. Seconded. Carried.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. MacLaren stated six Leagues had local publications services. She would continue to gather information on their operation, and on the possibility of a State Special Subscription Service.

Board members expressed a desire to have Mrs. MacLaren continue to inform them about publications from other states in the fields of their portfolios.
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Mrs. Pettis moved the adoption of the Publications report. Seconded. Carried.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Murphree stated that she would bring in a Voters Service timetable to post-Council meeting.

NATIONAL I, FOREIGN POLICY Mrs. Gordon discussed plans for taking the Time for Action on the Development Loan Fund supplemental appropriation to Council delegates on Wednesday.

Mrs. Brown moved the acceptance of the Foreign Policy report. Seconded. Carried.

NATIONAL II, WATER Mrs. Martin briefly reviewed her presentation for Council and stated that "Water, Life of the Plains" and the Sinclair "Salute to the LWV" advertisement would be distributed to delegates.

Mrs. Smith had obtained the plexiglas Brazos River Basin display for the lobby.

Mrs. Murphree moved the acceptance of the Water report. Seconded. Carried.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1959

PRESIDENTS COUNCIL. The State Board met at 10:00 AM in the Jim Hogg Suite to confirm last minute Council arrangements and to register for Council and as lobbyists. Mrs. Smith presided.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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MINUTES of SIXTH BIENNIAL PRESIDENTS COUNCIL Austin, Texas March 17, and 18, 1959

TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 1959

The Sixth Biennial Presidents Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas convened at 2:15 PM, March 17, 1959, in the Crystal Ballroom of the Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith, State president, presided.

Delegates were welcomed by Mrs. Millard Ruud, Austin president.

The Honorable Price Daniel, Governor of Texas, greeted the delegates and spoke briefly, congratulating the League on its Voters Service Program, expressing his interest in Constitutional Revision, and outlining his proposals for solving Texas' fiscal problems.

Mrs. Bridwell made a motion that the Agenda as presented in the Kit be adopted. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Smith appointed Mrs. Rufus Bell as Council parliamentarian.

The Council was attended by 33 presidents, 35 delegates, 81 observers, 16 State Board members, 4 special guests, and 4 consultants -- a total of 173 attending.

Mrs. Smith reported briefly on her activities as president, some of her thoughts about planning ahead, and on the importance of the League in training community leaders. She asked State Board members to come to the platform and introduce themselves. She introduced Mrs. Leon Richards, Mrs. Joseph Mares, and Miss Christine Urban.

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren announced a contest for naming the "Publications Item".

Mrs. E. A. Rendall announced that the Legislative News and rosters would be found at delegates' tables. She reported on legislation introduced or expected which would affect League State Continuing Responsibilities and Program.

Mrs. Maurice Brown became presiding officer at 3:17 PM for the Budget session. The proposed budget, totalling \$25,435.00, was summarized in a humorous skit with Mrs. Lewis Harris as narrator. Participants were the State Budget Committee and several local presidents.

Local League presidents announced their pledges for State and National Services and for Shared Field Service along with several special gifts. Shared Field Service pledges totalled \$1,557.00. Pledges were almost \$4,000 short of the proposed budget so the State Budget Committee asked for suggestions for cuts, and agreed to bring in a revised budget Wednesday afternoon.

Following a brief recess for coffee, the delegates reconvened at 4:25 PM with Mrs. Frank Bridwell, State Program Chairman, presiding.

Mrs. Roderick Shaw of Lubbock was recognized and read a short poem apropos of the budget, entitled, "How Texas Has Shrunk".

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Mrs. George Boller summarized work on Constitutional Revision and outlined plans for a new publication "A Brief Case for Constitutional Revision". Delegates indicated they would like the new tool as described.

Mrs. Boller discussed support of Constitutional Research appropriations, and the forthcoming report of the Citizens Advisory Committee.

She described a proposal for a pilot project on a specific phase of the Constitution to take place before Convention 1960: "The study of Constitutional provisions for an effective judicial structure:.. She outlined the reasons for the proposal and asked for direction.

Delegates who spoke were evenly divided in favor of and against the proposal.

Mrs. E. J. Turner reported on the progress of State Item II, "An Evaluation of the Role of the Citizen in the Texas Jury System".

She asked for delegate opinion on whether the State committee should make plans for "Schools for Jurors", and whether the "Layman's Look at the Texas Jury System", suggested in the original Program plan, should be published.

Discussion was inconclusive, with some interest being expressed in further study of possible jury reforms and current legislation on jury service.

Mrs. Boller outlined the proposed Constitutional Principle on personnel policies.

Following announcements, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM.

A dinner meeting began at 7:30 PM in the Crystal Ballroom with Mrs. Smith presiding.

Mrs. Smith introduced the guests at the head table. Following the dinner Mrs. Smith acted as master of ceremonies for a humorous "St. Patrick's Day Poll" which introduced new and old presidents and other guests with other "distinctions". Mrs. Boller and Mrs. Hill Baggett, costumed as leprechauns, made various "awards".

The speaker of the evening, Mrs. Joseph Mares, was introduced by Mrs. Leon Richards, National Secretary.

Mrs. Mares discussed the character of Communist leadership and the effects of this leadership on U.S. Foreign policy. She explored the consequences of more and better visual and spoken communication upon the changing world situation. She reemphasized the importance of intelligent, steady, and loyal day-to-day citizenship.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM for an informal reception honoring Mrs. Richards, Miss Urban, and Miss Mares.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1959

State legislators were entertained at breakfast in the Crystal Ballroom from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM. From 9:30 to 10:15 AM Mrs. Rendall presided while members reported on conversations with legislators regarding their positions on pending legislation. The Capitol Committee was introduced, and delegates left at 10:15 for the State Capitol to see the House and the Senate in session.

Field Service Consultants held a meeting with Miss Urban at 10:00 AM in the Jim Hogg Suite.

At noon, local presidents and State Board members were guests of Attorney General and Mrs. Will Wilson for a buffet luncheon in their home at 3207 Bowman Road, Austin.

Presidents Council reconvened in the Crystal Ballroom at 1:45 PM with Mrs. Smith presiding.

Mrs. W. P. Lehmann and Mrs. Philip Brooks were appointed tellers for the afternoon session.

Mrs. MacLaren announced that the Amarillo League had won the kit full of publications in the "publications item" contest with the name: "Public-Pak". She presented the prize.

Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr., Chairman, announced that the Budget Committee had cut the proposed budget as follows: Under "Expenditures", take out "President's Visits". Under "Committee Meetings", take out "Other". Take out "Salary Stenographer". Reduce "Social Security" from \$157 to \$115. Reduce "Program Action, Resource" from \$150 to \$100. Reduce "Texas VOTER" from \$1000 to \$895. Reduce "Consultant's Expense" from \$600 to \$300. Reduce "Consultants Training" from \$600 to \$200. This would result in a total figure for "Expenditures" of \$21,638.00. Income would consist of "Local League Support" \$21,338.00 and "Other Income" \$300.00, making a Total Income of \$21,638.00.

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

Mrs. Boller moved the adoption of the Principle "Basic policies regarding state employee selection, retention, and promotion." Seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Boller commented on the apparent enthusiasm for a new TCR publication "A Brief Case". She asked for direction with regard to the proposed pilot study. Nine Leagues expressed themselves as favorable. Six indicated their workload was somewhat heavy already. One League indicated that material had been received too late for any kind of local consensus. Two expressed interest in using the new TCR tool, the Citizens Advisory Committee report, or future Legislative Council studies as study material. An informal show of hands indicated 19 in favor of the pilot study, 9 against it.

Mrs. Bridwell led a discussion of Program direction on the Jury item. On a "School for Jurors", two Leagues spoke for it, four against it. An informal show of hands indicated seven Leagues would like it.

With regard to "Layman's Look", those who spoke favored a short, simple, flyer-type of publication designed for the juror about to serve. Further interest was expressed in study of possible jury service reforms, and in wider public education efforts during the year ahead. A show of hands indicated nine Leagues had local jury pamphlets.

Mrs. Rendall led a discussion of possible legislative action on State Continuing Responsibilities. Delegates approved removing the limitation agreed on at the 1958 Convention which centered League legislative attention on only three areas of election law reform.

Following a short recess, delegates listened to a report by Mrs. Herbert Martin, chairman, on National Item II, Water.

Mrs. Loren Gordon, National Foreign Policy Chairman, discussed the March 12 Time for Action on the supplemental appropriation for the Development Loan Fund. Delegates indicated their desire to make telegrams to Texas members of the House Appropriation Committee, and the Chairman, an expression of support for the appropriation from the assembled delegates at the 1959 Presidents Council.

Beginning at 3:30 PM, Mrs. Irving Pettis, Field Service vice president, presided during a discussion by Miss Christine Urban of "The Role of the Local League President". Mrs. MacLaren presented a Texas "Public-Pak" to Miss Urban.

Mrs. Smith introduced the members of the State Nominating Committee. She introduced the delegates from Irving, Texas' newest League. She extended thanks to Mrs. A. A. Hill, Local Arrangements chairman, to Mrs. Gerald Ashford, Council Chairman, to the Capitol Committee, to Mrs. Ruth Brewster who served as registration notary, to Miss Mary Glade for arranging the Constitution display, and to the Brazos River Authority for their lobby display.

The Council adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gerald Ashford, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Texas

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Minutes of Post-Council State Board Meeting Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas March 19, 1959

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1959

Following the Sixth Biennial Presidents Council of the League of Women Voters of Texas, the State Board met at 9:00 AM in the Jim Hogg Suite of the Driskill Hotel. Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith presided. The same members and guests were present as at the Pre-Council meeting.

Mrs. Leon K. Richards met with the group until the luncheon recess. Mrs. George Lemon, State Nominating Committee chairman, was present during most of the meeting.

At 11:30 AM the meeting moved to the Travis Room.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Rendall were not present after 3:00 PM.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Smith.

APPOINTMENTS Mrs. Ashford was tentatively appointed chairman for the 1960 State Convention to be held in Dallas.

The following portfolio changes were announced: Mrs. Brown to be VOTER chairman, Mrs. Boller to be Public Relations chairman, and Mrs. Murphree to be Texas Constitutional Revision chairman.

NATIONAL PRESIDENTS COUNCIL Mrs. Ashford moved that Mrs. Boller accompany Mrs. Smith to National Presidents Council as our delegate. Seconded. Carried.

REVIEW OF STATE PRESIDENTS COUNCIL Suggestions were: Have larger tables at the breakfast with legislators so all of members and legislators from each district can sit together.

Send Council workbooks earlier, perhaps on standing orders to local League Boards.

Devise a way of introducing delegates and presidents to assembled Council.

Might be desirable to let observers participate in discussion, especially those who are chairmen of subject of discussion.

Try to get delegates to talk more. Consider: Little meetings first, or a luncheon first, or program session before budget -- to get acquainted and stimulate talk.

Try to begin at noon instead of two o'clock and have short evening speech because delegates who have come long distances get sleepy.

Place State Board tables at sides of room so members can see delegates.

Other, later suggestions are to be mailed to Mrs. Ashford.

PROGRAM PLANNING Mrs. Bridwell, Program Vice President is to do a job analysis of the Program department which she will send to the Program Committee for responses. Everybody with a Program portfolio, including the Legislative chairman, is a member of the Program Planning Committee.

All planning and reporting during the Pre-Council and Post-Council Board meetings were incorporated in a preliminary State Board timetable for the year ahead.

Mrs. Bridwell was appointed "Associate Editor" of the September VOTER which is to be devoted entirely to every-member State Program material.

NATIONAL ITEM I, FOREIGN POLICY A questionnaire will be sent to local Leagues immediately on the two questions to be considered at National Presidents Council. Deadline for return will be April 15.

Mrs. Gordon will send Mrs. Rendall information on what is expected in the field of foreign policy legislation, and a list of interested organizations to be contacted by local Leagues. This is to be the subject of an April memo to local Leagues from Mrs. Rendall.

Mrs. Gordon plans a memo to local Leagues in June, following National Board Report, on outlook for work, keyed to different approaches for Leagues in three categories: the enthusiastic ones, the not resistant, and the resistant ones.

NATIONAL ITEM II, WATER Mrs. Martin plans to mail a "Watergram" April 12 to Leagues which have not met the April 10 deadline on return of the Water Questionnaire for National Presidents Council consideration.

Plans will be presented to the June Board meeting for a memorandum to local Leagues in August on Water developments and prospects, to be based on National Presidents Council decisions and a preliminary report from Chris Urban.

Plans will also be presented for some kind of a meeting of Leagues in the Trinity River Basin, with possible advance exchange of materials.

STATE I, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION A copy of the interim report of the Citizens Advisory Council on Constitutional Revision will be sent to each League, with a covering letter from Mrs. Boller, about April 1.

Mrs. Boller will be prepared to report on the new tool "A Brief Case for Constitutional Revision" (which was approved by Council delegates) at the June Board meeting. This is planned for local Leagues November 1.

Mrs. Smith requested that Mrs. Boller and her committee secure printing cost estimates in the Gulf Coast area.

In the Post Board letter, Leagues will be requested to write Constitutional Principle number 10, adopted by Council, "Basic policies regarding state employee selection, retention, and promotion", on their mimeographed list of the other nine principles.

Board members tried to analyze Council direction on the proposed pilot project on an effective judicial system. In the absence of clear-cut direction Mrs. Smith suggested planning for at least one discussion meeting and supplying necessary material.

Mrs. Brown made a motion that we prepare material for a specific study of the constitutional provisions for an effective judicial system. Seconded. Mrs. Pettis proposed that the motion be amended to define the scope of the study as follows:
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(a) that it be a pilot project providing one year of experience in how to do a study of a specific area, and (b) that it provide for arriving at consensus through a report form. Seconded. Carried. A vote on the main motion carried.

Tentative plans were made to have the bulk of this material ready July 15 for publication in the September VOTER.

STATE II, JURY SERVICE Mrs. Turner, chairman, and State Board members agreed that Council delegates indicated they did not want publication of the "Layman's Look at the Texas Jury System" proposed in the original Program plan.

In line with some requests for a short, simple, flyer-type publication, Mrs. Turner's committee recommended that about September 1 a mimeographed sheet of jury do's and don'ts designed for the juror who is going to serve, be sent to local Leagues. This "sample" will be planned as a basis for a local publication, if Leagues wish; or it might conceivably stimulate a firm demand for a state-wide flyer-type publication. The State Board approved.

Mrs. Turner's committee, with the help of Mrs. Rendall, will prepare jury news - reports of agreement, points of special interest, legislative developments, reform suggestions of other groups, etc. - to go to local Leagues in May. This will be in answer to Council requests for assistance in moving toward suggesting changes and reforms in the jury system.

Mrs. Smith and others pointed out that the use of this material might lead to conferences and exchange of ideas with other individuals and groups, making for good public relations at state and local levels.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA Mrs. Hughes outlined the following timetable for local League communications:

April - a helpful letter to new local Current Agenda chairmen.

May - a memo on how to simplify city and county surveys.

November - suggestions for choosing new LCA item and hints on the procedure of Program selection.

February - request report on progress.

Mrs. Smith suggested that a page or two intended especially for big city Leagues might be prepared for insertion in "On the Home Front".

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Rendall stated that Legislative News will be continued in response to request of delegates at Council. It will be issued as needed, with a final News in June after time for the Governor's veto of bills is passed.

Legislative letters will be written as there are developments, especially on the general appropriation bill, election laws, and the juvenile code bills, with appropriate alerts for action.

Mrs. Rendall will write a letter to local presidents suggesting ways to furnish a legislative chairman to the Board if one has not been appointed.

Mrs. Rendall reported that the Dallas League had been unhappy with 100 copies of "Lobby by Letter", ordered by them, because they had expected there would be more to it.

The Board suggested a one-page insert which Mrs. Rendall will prepare containing suggestions for use of "Lobby by Letter". This insert will be furnished to buyers of copies already sold, as well as to future buyers.

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STATE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES State chairmen, Mrs. Braunagel, Mrs. Murphree, and Mrs. Pettis will continue to review the State Continuing Responsibilities and will join the other State Program chairmen in preparing material by July 15 for inclusion in the September VOTER.

FINANCE Mrs. Brown stated that part of the June Board meeting business will be to plan for another "Your Stake in the Budget" letter from all chairmen to their local counterparts. Material will be needed in August to go out in September.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. Murphree described an inclusive Voters Service folder which her committee recommended for printing to be ready October 1. It would be similar to the widely used "Who Me?".

Mrs. Pettis moved that we prepare this inclusive Voters Service folder for use this year. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Murphree presented the following Voters Service timetable for the year:

- March - Send out new Voters Service policy definitions with March Board Report.
(to be kept in Local League Handbook)
Field Service people begin verbal implementation of new Voters Service policies.
- June - Begin research on Pros and Cons of Constitutional Amendments.
Present sample of new Voters Service folder to State Board meeting.
- October - New Voters Service folder with accompanying memo.
- December 1 - Voters Service report forms (annual). February 1 deadline.
- January 1 - Request candidate questions from local Leagues. March 1 deadline.
- February 1 - Local League reports due.
- February 20 - Material for Convention Kit.
- March - Choose candidate questions at Post-Convention Board meeting.

THE VOTER Tentative plans for three issues of the VOTER were made, with provision that Mrs. Brown might make additional assignments on the first one, through letter, if necessary.

A post-Council VOTER is to be published about May 15 with copy to Mrs. Brown due April 1. Mrs. Smith was assigned a President's letter of President's page on which to summarize Council and write about the Budget. Mrs. Boller will write on "Implementation of Council direction - What's ahead". Other possible features would be: list of Nominating Committee, new Board, notice of 1960 Convention, plug for September VOTER, some of the same material as in March Board Report.

A September VOTER would be devoted entirely to State Program (including resource material). It might consider finance as a tool, too.

A VOTER after the first of the year would contain the proposed Program, plans for Convention, and probably the budget proposal.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. MacLaren asked that news of the new Publications Handbook be included in the March Board Report. It was decided to furnish free copies of the Handbook to each League for the president, treasurer, and publications chairman.

BY-LAWS Mrs. Ashford proposed to send a letter to local Leagues about September 15 calling attention to deadlines for amending National, State, and local By-laws, and suggesting the formation of By-laws committees.

The State Board told the chairman of the Nominating Committee that they expected to take action at the June Board meeting to propose that the State By-laws be amended to provide for a Third Vice President. They suggested that the Nominating Committee be prepared to submit the name of a candidate.

FIELD SERVICE Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Baggett, and Mrs. Braunagel reported that they are in good contact with all Leagues in trouble.

They announced that Baytown will accept reorganization status, that Mrs. Ashby will be their president, and that they are helping with plans for Baytown's annual meeting.

They state that Miss Urban will return after September 28, and that all Board members should be planning toward the best use of her services.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM for lunch.
The meeting reconvened at 3:00 PM.

SESSION WITH MISS URBAN Miss Urban made several suggestions for State Board work in general.

She suggested the use of more off-Board committees to save work, improve local relations; get better, widespread representation; and develop future State leadership.

With regard to using committees she advised: Have something for them to do. A committee might start with only one other person. Committees need several different kinds of people. Get them to understand the political purpose of what they do. Plan work. Have a specific project rather than a long plan.

On Field Service work she suggested: Try a small committee that knows all about the Leagues. List the most important problems for the coming year. Find suitable people to do Field Service tasks (Could be anyone available and suitable). Get some things over in conferences and workshops. Sometimes Leagues meeting as a group, themselves, accomplish a great deal.

She suggested efforts be made to accomplish better knowledge of the local interests of each League in the Trinity Basin through distributing information and bringing the Leagues together.

She suggested it would be desirable to add a new League each year, either a relatively easy League (like Richardson) or a difficult League if time, money, and people were provided before the organization of the new League was undertaken.

On the problem of getting publications to the right local People, she suggested that a single, monthly mailing, which Leagues would expect, might be helpful.

She described the National C.C. Summaries. While a weekly Texas mailing to State Board members might be desirable, she stated that our communications were good now.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gerald Ashford, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Texas

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March 30, 1959

TO: Local League Presidents and Board Members
FROM: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
RE: March State Board Report

First item of business at the post-Council meeting of your State Board was a brief analysis of Council, its good points and its lacks, with discussions for improvements at future State meetings. Your ideas on this subject would be welcomed, for these meetings are planned for the purpose of good communications between League members as we conduct our necessary business and help prepare ourselves to become better members. Final registration figures from our capable chairman, Mrs. A. A. Hill of Austin: 33 presidents, 35 delegates, 81 observers, 16 State Board members, 4 special guests, and 4 consultants --- much the biggest Council ever held in Texas. I can report that State Board members had a thoroughly enjoyable time, greeting old friends and making new ones, and putting faces to names they'd come to know well through letters and Voters and minutes. Saddest note is the too-short time for seeing everyone we'd like to say hello to.

PLANS for the coming year were formulated to assist local Boards in preparing their Calendars of Work. The following portfolio plans will be supplemented during the year in both general and individual ways, depending on requests for advice from you, the local Boards.

You, in turn, are asked to send into the State office the information request on the attached Checklist. At the end of this Report you will find listed the materials being sent your Board (and the quantity), for many of them are designed for inclusion in your local Board Member's notebook.

FIELD SERVICE -- Mrs. Pettis, Mrs. Braunagel, Mrs. Baggett.

Those Leagues fortunate enough to have had a consultant found for them are urged to take every advantage of this "personalized" assistance. Other Leagues should correspond with the Area Field Service chairman assigned to them or with the State office when questions arise which are not answered by the Local League Handbook, By-Laws, etc.

Christine Urban will return to Texas in mid-Fall -- the exact date to be determined not later than the June Board meeting. Leagues not already visited and follow-up visits will be planned by the Board for this third in-service training scheduled with Miss Urban. State Board training, on an official and an unofficial basis, revealed many new ideas for greater efficiency and greater vision.....we feel we gained much from our sessions with Chris and we're looking forward to more assistance at our October Board meeting.

TREASURER -- Mrs. Robert P. Wagner.

Two new procedures are in order for local treasurers.

(1) You will receive two monthly statements for publications ordered -- one from State for State publications and one from National for National publications. Please pay with separate checks -- one to State office and one to National office.

(NOTE: March purchases will be billed as usual on one statement from State office --- April purchases will be billed on two statements, as described above.)

(2) You should now send forms for new members, change-of-address, and dropped members to both State and National -- two separate copies, in addition to a copy to your own bulletin editor and a copy kept in your own file.

If you have any questions about this new procedure please write to State office.

NATIONAL PROGRAM. Our immediate job is to be sure that Texas' delegates are informed of the state of preparedness of your League. It is quite as important to report the lack of work or emerging consensus as to report a successful conclusion in sight. Specific planning on National Program must wait for the National Board Report after Council -- about June 1.

I. Foreign Policy -- Mrs. Loren Gordon.

Enclosed is the questionnaire which is to be returned to Mrs. Gordon not later than April 15.

See planning under Legislation

One of the League's most important support positions in the field of foreign policy is that of economic assistance to underdeveloped countries.....a subject so much in the news these days that no member can be disinterested through lack of information. Every time you turn on your television or radio or open a news magazine you are confronted with a factual story or personal commentary on the subject, as Congress debates the issue. Such day-to-day involvement is one of the best means for stimulating discussion and preparing for legislative action as Congress works toward the day of appropriating the funds which bring our economic assistance program into reality.

II. Water Policies -- Mrs. Herbert Martin.

Questionnaire was mailed to you on February 5 (copy available at State office if yours has been "lost") which is to be returned to Mrs. Martin not later than April 10.

Presently-known-of water conferences which you may be able to attend:

(1) May 22-23, Water Conference on Uniform Water Laws and Water Planning, University of Texas, Austin; (2) May 25-27, National Watershed Congress for 1959, Washington, D. C.; (3) September 9, 10, 11 (tentative dates), Water for Texas for Texas Conference, Memorial Student Center, A. & M. College, College Station. For additional information, write to Mrs. Martin.

The salute to the LWV (with its particularly-Texas flavor) by the Sinclair Oil Company, which will appear in the magazines listed on the bottom of the tear sheet you received at Council, should be used to impress both members and our communities that the work of the League in this field is considered useful. Plans for statewide publicity of the salute are being made.

"SINCLAIR SALUTES THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS for advocating the highest principles of political responsibility, and for its concerted effort to establish a comprehensive water conservation policy -- specifically to safeguard, control and wisely use the water resources of the whole nation."

STATE PROGRAM. The September Texas VOTER will be devoted entirely to every-member State Program material on our two Current Agenda and three Continuing Responsibilities items....review material for your Program making discussion meetings and for Program decisions and adoption at Convention, as well as for member preparation on the subjects which they adopted for study and support.

Direction of Council delegates on State Program included strong opinions pro and con on study in both fields of State Current Agenda. The State Board is making plans for a minimum of one meeting on each subject and will provide materials for resource committees ample for development of experts in each League. While a lack of time in local Leagues this year was surely anticipated by us all, it was felt that the

majority of local Leagues wished to be able to practice some of that "hard application of our minds" which we discussed in Area Conferences, and to be able to arrive at consensus on positions the League can support in the fields of constitutional revision and the jury system.

I. Texas Constitutional Revision -- Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.

Please note: a new State TCR chairman, replacing Mrs. Boller who now has the portfolio of State Public Relations.

You will receive, early in April, one copy of the Report to the Legislature and the People of Texas from the Citizens Advisory Committee on Constitutional Revision (CAC), to be released at the time that the LWV, CAC and others make a concerted legislative effort to obtain the necessary funds for the Legislative Council to carry out constitutional research.

Resource material will reach you by September 1 for the pilot project on how we may study and arrive at conclusions for constitutional changes. This project is titled "Study of constitutional provisions for an effective judicial structure", and was explained to you at Council. Every-member preparation for this pilot project will appear in the September Texas VOTER.

The new printed TCR publication, "A Brief-Case for Revision" will be in your hands for distribution by November 1.

The 10th Constitutional Principle was adopted by Council delegates. To save time, money and mailing --- will you write in this Principle on the list sent you following Convention last year: "Basic policies regarding state employee selection, retention and promotion."

II. Texas Jury System -- Mrs. E. J. Turner

In May you will receive new jury materials --- points of current specific interest in the Texas jury system, suggested by local Leagues, State Bar and other citizen groups, and including jury legislation introduced in this 56th Legislature. This material will help local Leagues to pinpoint changes and reforms -- a goal proposed by many Leagues.

About September 1 you will receive a "sample" jury publication, designed for local League publication if desired, which will give do's and don'ts for the juror who is going to serve.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA -- Mrs. Eugene Hughes.

In addition to other aids from your State LCA chairman, you will receive in May a one-page tool for those committees working on a Survey item --- suggestions for satisfactorily completing the item in one year.

LEGISLATION -- Mrs. E. A. Rendall

The report of your interviews and/or correspondence with your legislators, as well as your list of local resources for legislative assistance, are still urgently needed by your State chairman and Capitol Committee (copies in State office if your report forms are "lost").

Legislative News, introduced at Council with the list of bills before this Legislature which are of interest to our State Program, will be continued as requested by Council delegates. Issues of Legislative News will be issued periodically hereafter on specific League legislation. Final News will be issued after the legislative session is over.

Council delegates approved removing restrictions on Texas Election Law legislative action, and giving permission for possible action on any of the 44 Election Law positions of the LWV of Texas. If bills are yet introduced which fall within League positions on Election Law improvements, briefing material will accompany a Time for Action call.

A one-page insert for Lobby by Letter is being prepared, with suggestions for use of this legislative tool. You will receive these inserts in the quantity of your previous order for L. by L. -- all future Lobby by Letter folders received will contain this insert.

The end of April you will receive a memo on prospects for National Legislation on which the League must be prepared to take action when Time for Action calls are received.

VOTERS SERVICE -- Mrs. Duncan MacLaren.

Please note: a new State Voters Service chairman, replacing Mrs. Murphree.

Two new Voters Service policy statements have been approved by the State Board and are attached to this Board Report. One concerns expanded Voters Service policies in two different dimensions.....beyond the governmental limit of the League area and within a small governmental limit inside the League area. The second is a reiteration or clarification of our nonpartisanship policy as it affects Program action. Both policies may be helpful for Board discussion before planning your Calendar of Work.

In October you will receive an exciting and useful new Texas VS tool, with ideas for the big 1960 year ahead of us.

PUBLICATIONS -- Mrs. Duncan MacLaren.

The new Public-Pak, introduced at Council as a useful and attractive means of better distribution of our publications, is available from State office for \$1.00 in the do-it-yourself kit form.

The new Publications Handbook is a handy reference for all questions relating to publications. A free copy is enclosed with the president's copy of this Report for her use and to give to the treasurer and publications chairman.

PRESIDENT and STATE OFFICE -- Mrs. Horton Smith and Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell

A few administrative details, in addition to the several mentioned elsewhere in this Report, should be called to your attention, and questions that inevitably arise should be directed to me or to Mrs. Cockrell.

State Standing Orders. In the future, beginning with this Report, the local president's mailing will include only one copy. Your Standing Order will be increased by one copy. Will you notify the person who receives and distributes the State Standing Order material that immediate distribution to all members of your Board is now required, since the president is receiving just one copy? An understanding of the value of using the Standing Order material as an aid to full Board participation by everyone will have to be encouraged by the president, for the new Board member is not apt to understand her total responsibility for all Board decisions without such encouragement. Nothing is sent on Standing Order which will not be useful to the Board member who really reads it.....this is considered an important element in developing leadership.

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State office mailings which do not go on Standing Order will be sent to the president with a copy for the chairman involved.....and will be so marked. The president, in this one instance, will be responsible for getting the chairman's copy of the mailing to her.

Will you let the State office know the date of your monthly Board meeting? We are trying to work out a plan for only one mailing per month, and it will be necessary to have this date from all local Leagues so that State material can reach you at a convenient and useful time.

COMMUNICATIONS are the best key to success in this volunteer organization!

Texas VOTER -- Mrs. Maurice Brown.

A new editor for the VOTER, an additional portfolio for our State Finance chairman.

The next VOTER will reach members after May 15, and will contain as much planning information as possible for the year's work before us.

ENCLOSURES

For Board Members' Notebooks:

State Budget for 1959-1960 (LL Support Pledges)	on Standing Order
Treasurer's Report -- 4/1/58 to 3/1/59	on Standing Order
State Board List	on Standing Order
State Program -- 1958-1960	on Standing Order
Checklist for Board Members	on Standing Order
Voters Service policy statements	on Standing Order
State Publications Catalog	on Standing Order
State Publications Handbook (for president, treasurer and publications chairman only)	
Foreign Policy Questionnaire (for president and Foreign Policy chairman only)	
Insert for Lobby by Letter (for president only -- see Legislation, this report)	
Local League Presidents' List (for president and bulletin editor only)	

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AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

NOT GOING ON STANDING ORDER

April 16, 1959

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Cookie Smith

That dream of only one mailing a month is still a dream -- we hope to be able to make it come true before Fall! Just now there are several things on my desk that I want to share with you (and I hope you're as interested in a LWV envelope post-marked Austin as I am when a letter from you turns up in the morning's mail).

We have two new State Board members-- Mrs. Wilson Nolle is now State treasurer (address still 1007 West 24, Austin) and Mrs. Warren Tallman is the new publications chairman (6308 Kenwick Avenue, Fort Worth 16). Please notify the the three Board members most interested in these changes of names and addresses: your treasurer, publications chairman, and VOTER editor. (The May Texas VOTER will have an up-to-date list of State Board members and their addresses.)

You will remember that the Texas Committee to plan for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth held its organization meeting last month. Out of that meeting of more than 100 people from throughout Texas have come preliminary plans for our state's participation in the White House Conference. One important part of the planning involves as much citizen participation as possible (where have we heard that before?). The LWV of Texas, in recognition of its long interest and work in the field of juvenile law, has been requested to do this:

Ask local Leagues to list 10 questions or statements having to do with the greatest problems of Texas children and youth. (If you have recently had a LCA in this field -- it should be easy for that chairman or a member of her committee to compile such a list. Otherwise, someone in your League might wish to discuss this with people in your community who are presently concerned. If there is an opportunity, your members might wish to give this list some attention -- e.g., problems in juvenile delinquency, education, health, welfare, and youth participation. This is an extra -- though important -- but if your League can participate, please return your list to the state office before May 15.)

And I must speak very personally to each of you about our legislative work, for I believe the president's judgment and discretion will dictate what kind of action can be taken in your community -- or, indeed, whether action can now be taken at all. The House passed an appropriation bill containing \$62,500 for constitutional research -- less than $\frac{1}{2}$ the amount requested by the LWV, the CAC and others. The Senate Finance Committee recommendation contained not one cent for this research. The Senate is today debating the General Appropriation Bill, their version will not conform to the one passed by the House and so must go back for House approval, the House will not approve the Senate version....and a Conference Committee of 5 members from both the House and Senate will be appointed to bring the two versions into harmony. If you'll remember the first Legislative Outlook from the State chairman outlined this expected procedure and cautioned that we must use new and different techniques for our legislative work in the field of appropriations. In other words, we have been cautioned repeatedly by friendly legislators not to try our usual procedures of requesting amendment of the bill on the floor of either house, but to try to influence those 10 members of the Conference Committee of the value of constitutional research and its small money needs--\$150,000. The time is now here when we in the League must call on leaders in our communities, men of some political stature, to speak to the Lt. Governor, and Speaker of the House, and to those who will be

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appointed to the Conference Committee. These must be men who understand the need to begin now on constitutional revision preparation, and men who understand that good research is necessary and costly. The names of those appointed to the Conference Committee have not been announced, but we believe only two will be from League towns (one of those is not ardent about revision), and their names will surely be printed in your newspaper when they are appointed (probably next week). This is the time for "quiet conversations" between those effective leaders in your communities and the legislators responsible for appropriating funds to the Legislative Council for constitutional research. Now do you see why I said this is a time for discretion... or it may be a time for no action at all by your League. You may wish to ask your legislator to speak to his friends on the Conference Committee -- or ask for his best political advice. Only you will know whether or not you or other members of your League have the community contacts necessary for further legislative action. And I implore you to let me know what you are able to do....just as I will report to you when and as there are developments in this legislative picture.

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AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

March 23, 1959

PRELIMINARY STATE BOARD TIMETABLE -- 1959-60.

MARCH

State Board Report

- Nat'l. I -- Questionnaire to SO by March 26, return from LL by Apr. 15.
Prospects for legislation and local organizations to Rendall.
State I -- CAC Report to LL (Boller)
Legis. -- Update Legislative News by March 26.
Insert for Lobby by Letter to SO by March 26.
VS -- New local policy to go with Board Report (Murphree)
SO -- Annual Report to National (local reports to State chm.)

APRIL

- May VOTER copy due Brown and SO by April 1.
Nat'l. I -- Questionnaire replies to SO by April 25.
Nat'l. II-- " " " " " " " "
LCA -- Memo to LL (date?)
Legis. -- Memo to LL on Nat'l. legislation to SO by April 25.
Progress reports (Legislative News) on State bills as needed.
Personal letters to pres. where no legis. chm. appointed.

MAY

- Smith and Boller to National Council approx. May 3 thru May 16.
VOTER -- reaches LL's about May 15.
Jury -- Memo to LL's on current interest points to SO by May 15.
LCA -- Memo (to all LL'S??) on Survey simplification to SO by 15.
Legis. -- Progress reports on State legislation.

JUNE

- Legis. -- Final Legislative News.
State Board meeting -- preliminary Convention planning--June 17-19.

JULY

- September VOTER copy (polished) to Brown and SO by July 15.

AUGUST

- VOTER -- reaches LL's about September 1.
Jury -- polished copy of "sample" publication in SO by August 15.
Nat'l. II-- Memo to LL's in SO by August 31.

SEPTEMBER

- Program -- Memo on coordinated Program-planning (date??) (Bridwell)
State I -- Court system resource material in SO by Sept. 10.
Budget -- "Your Stake, etc."-type letter in SO by Sept. 10 (all S.B.)
By-Laws -- Memo to LL's in SO by Sept. 10.

OCTOBER

- State Board Meeting -- Convention plans completed.
VS -- Memo and tool to SO by Oct. 10.
State I -- Polished copy for new TCR tool in SO by Oct. 10 (if printed).
LCA -- Memo to LL's in SO by October 25.

(Timetable to be completed at June Board meeting.)

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Minutes of State Board Meeting Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas June 24, 25, and 26, 1959

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 1959

The following committees of the State Board met in the Driskill Hotel, Austin, during the period from noon to 11:00 PM: All Program Committees, Regional Workshops Committee, Field Service, Public Relations, Legislative, Publications, Finance, and Voters Service.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1959

The State Board met in the Provincial Suite at 9:00 AM. The following members, who had also attended the committee meetings the previous day, were present:

Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Mrs. Hill Baggett
Mrs. George Boller
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. Loren Gordon

Mrs. Herbert Martin
Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. Warren Tallman
Mrs. E. J. Turner
Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Mrs. Eugene Hughes was absent by reason of vacation traveling. Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, executive secretary, was present almost continuously throughout the State Board meeting.

Mrs. Smith presided and called the meeting to order.

MINUTES The minutes of the March Pre-Council, Council, and Post-Council meetings were approved as mimeographed, with these corrections:

Pre-Council minutes, page two, tenth paragraph: Change to read, "In answer to a request for suggestions regarding a revision of the Model State Constitution, several off-Board people who worked on Know Your State Survey will be asked to send in comments to be used in preparing suggestions to be sent to the National Municipal League".

Minutes of Sixth Biennial Presidents Council, page three, fourth paragraph: Change spelling from "Public-Pak" to "Publi-Pak".

APPOINTMENTS Mrs. Bridwell moved that Mrs. Warren Tallman be appointed to the State Board. Seconded. Carried. Mrs. Bridwell moved that Mrs. Tallman be appointed to the portfolio of Publications. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Pettis moved that the resignation of Mrs. Robert Wagner be accepted with regret. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Smith explained that Mrs. Wilson Nolle, treasurer of the Austin League, would be available for appointment to the State Board, and that Mrs. Wagner would accept appointment as Austin treasurer. The arrangement would be convenient to both.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that Mrs. Wilson Nolle be appointed as State Treasurer. Seconded. Carried. (Mrs. Nolle was unable to attend the Board meeting because she was traveling on vacation.)

Mrs. Boller moved that the resignation of Mrs. E. A. Rendall, due to pressures of her job, be accepted with regret. Seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Smith stated that the treasurer's records for 1958-59 were at the auditor's office. There was no treasurer's report for the period since Council; a two-month report to local Leagues is planned.

BY-LAWS Mrs. Ashford moved that the State Board should recommend that Article VI, Section 1, of the Texas By-laws be amended by adding "a third vice-president" to the list of officers. That in Section 3 "the three vice-presidents" be substituted for "the two vice-presidents" and the words "In the event that no vice-president" be substituted for "In the event that neither vice-president". Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Brown moved that the State Board recommend that Article IX, Section 2 of the Texas By-laws be amended to read: "Suggestions for Nominations. The chairman of the Nominating Committee shall request, through the president of each local League, suggestions for nominations for offices to be filled. Any member may send suggestions to the chairman of the Nominating Committee at least three months before the Convention." Seconded. Carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Smith stated she had no report requiring Board attention.

WORKSHOP PLANNING Mrs. Braunagel outlined plans for nine regional workshops on Program-making to be held as follows: September 21--Beaumont, September 22--Snyder, September 22--Harlingen, September 22--Victoria, September 22--Tyler, September 23--Odessa, September 23--Dickinson, September 23--Waco and Austin in Temple, September 23--Fort Worth.

She stated that the Committee had endeavored to provide a plan which would give a satisfying practice session in Program-making to meet local needs for better understanding of the process. At the workshops delegates would choose three from a list of ten "lively issues" in state government and five "how-to" questions from a list of twenty. The issues would be discussed in buzz sessions to determine wording, scope, outlook for work, and possible action, with reports back to the assembly. The afternoon session would be general discussion of the five "how-to" questions relating to proposing, adopting, and/or carrying out Program. An evaluation sheet would be filled out by delegates at the end of the workshop.

Workshop material is to be sent out in late July or early August. It was suggested that local Leagues be provided with exact wordings of local Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities of all local Leagues in Texas, to be distributed at the workshops.

CONVENTION PLANNING Mrs. Ashford, chairman, asked for suggestions and the following were made:

Mrs. Boller said that her Public Relations Committee suggested a Public Relations theme which would bring out the triangular state-local-national relationship, improve understanding of the State Board job, and would emphasize in-League relationships. This might also include having a professional public relations person as a speaker, and allowing little-meeting time for discussion of public relations techniques.

Board members wanted good planning for Program discussion, plenty of time allowed, and utmost opportunity for local delegates to come up with the Program they wanted. Mrs. Martin suggested that help on parliamentary law be provided, through preliminary Convention material, by speech, or in a little meeting.

It was suggested that Texas Constitutional Revision be the subject of one major meeting; that an attempt be made to make revision "controversial" in order to create more interest. The slogan "Revision in this decade" was suggested.

The Board reviewed the agendas of the last three Conventions commenting on features which seemed best and poorest. Mrs. Ashford's committee was to meet and report on Friday.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:45 PM and reconvened at 1:50 PM.

PROGRAM Mrs. Bridwell outlined steps which were being taken to insure a good Program-making experience this year. She said that attention was now being given to the mechanics of State Board handling of proposed Program.

LEGISLATION Mrs. Smith reported that Mrs. Rendall and Mrs. Gordon had prepared a joint memo for local Leagues on how to handle Calls for Action on National Item I during the summer.

The Committee recommended a legislative report after the Legislature adjourned.

Mrs. Rendall will continue as Election Laws chairman. Her legislative files were enroute to Austin.

Mrs. Bridwell recommended that in future Board organization, State Continuing Responsibilities be assigned to the Legislative chairman.

It was decided to proceed slowly in finding a replacement for Mrs. Rendall in view of the special qualifications needed. Hopefully someone might be appointed at the October Board meeting.

Mrs. Brown moved the acceptance of the Legislative report. Seconded. Carried.

NATIONAL ITEM I, FOREIGN POLICY Mrs. Gordon stated that she planned an immediate memo to local chairmen on the new focus on economic and technical assistance. This would stress the use of the National Board Report in considering the outlook for work and timetable for study, and 1960 Program-making.

She has secured pamphlets from the State Department which she will mail to local chairmen with accompanying suggestions.

The memo also will include some "Foreign Policy Personals" reporting various League activities.

Mrs. Boller moved the acceptance of Mrs. Gordon's report. Seconded. Carried.

NATIONAL ITEM II, WATER Mrs. Martin stated that she had had an inquiry from Mrs. Rees, Water chairman for Arkansas, regarding possible Texas cooperation in a regional study involving the Arkansas, White, and Red Rivers. The Wichita Falls League would be involved, also a new Red River Authority set up in June 1959. The Board gave Mrs. Martin permission to explore the matter further to determine what is proposed and what is proposed and what would be expected of the LWV of Texas.

Mrs. Martin stated that she would send out with the June Board report a condensed chart of League Water Reports. She also wished to call attention to appropriate sections of the National Board Report and alert Leagues to an October questionnaire on emerging consensus.

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Plans were made to send out on Standing Order the Summary Statement of Emerging Consensus on page 22 of the May 1959 National Board Report. The State office will also mimeograph and send the discussion of "Consensus" supplied by Chris Urban from the February 25, 1959, Current Correspondence Summary.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM. The evening was devoted to committee meetings.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26, 1959

The State Board met in the Provincial Suite at 8:45 AM. The same members attended. Mrs. Smith presided.

NATIONAL ITEM II, WATER Mrs. Martin stated that her committee, meeting with the Field Service Committee, recommended a Trinity River Basin Water Conference during Chris Urban's visit in October. Leagues involved would be Fort Worth, Dallas, Irving, Corsicana, Houston, and possibly Pasadena and Baytown.

She stated that the conference is needed because the Leagues involved have not done a League job of getting and understanding all of the points of view involved and there is possibility of future conflict.

Goals to be achieved would be: to study a common problem at the fact-finding level with the possibility of member and public education; to set a pattern of how Leagues could work together; and to arrive at new ways of organization in League work. It would be hoped that the study could be tied to National Water goals with participating Leagues being able to reach consensus on principles they could apply to the Trinity River Basin. Leagues would be asked to "help other Leagues" by their study and planning.

Mrs. Martin is to write Miss Urban to send her preliminary plans and to solicit her suggestions. Meanwhile the Water Committee and the Field Service Committee will make the necessary arrangements.

Mrs. Murphree moved the acceptance of the Water Report. Seconded. Carried.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA In the absence of Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Smith reported that a supplementary page on Metropolitan area problems had been prepared for "On The Home Front". It would be circulated among the LCA Committee and other Board members for further comment.

Mrs. Murphree moved the Board accept the LCA Report. Seconded. Carried.

STATE ITEM I, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Mrs. Murphree stated that as far as she knew \$62,500 for constitutional research was still in the appropriation bill before the special legislative session. In event that no money would be appropriated her committee recommended that Mrs. Smith write to the Citizens Advisory Committee pledging League help in getting funds from foundations.

Her committee recommends that Tool Kit #3 on "Study of constitutional provisions for an effective judicial structure" be leadership material only. It will contain suggestions for planning various kinds of meetings, a comparative chart of kinds of judicial articles, a new "mile-by-mile", and a report form. Parts of an article by Mr. Charles T. McCormick, Professor of Law at the University of Texas, will be mimeographed and made available to leaders and members. The September VOTER is to contain member resource material. Tool Kit #3 will be sent out before September 1.

NWV of Texas

Mrs. Murphree outlined the format of the new pamphlet "Brief Case for Revision". She estimated that the art work would cost \$30 and the pamphlet might sell for 2¢ each. While the Committee planned to send the pamphlet to the printer about October 1, they recommended that the printing be delayed until the special legislative sessions ended with adoption of an appropriation bill so accurate information could be included on what the citizen could do about revision.

Mrs. Murphree stated that the Dickinson League had announced its intention to give \$100 to the Texas League for production of a film strip on Constitutional Revision, and that in view of the forthcoming gift Miss Mary Glade and Mrs. H. B. LaTourette had continued their work on slides and script. A preliminary script had been studied by several Board members.

Mrs. Murphree estimated total cost of four sets containing 35 to 45 slides each at approximately \$90. Mimeographing of the script would be in addition to this.

The Committee felt the film strip could be used to build understanding of Texas history and Constitutions among school, community, and League groups. The strip would probably be ready to try on a high school or college class following the October Board meeting, and be ready for local Leagues at the 1960 Convention.

Following a discussion of the pros and cons of accepting earmarked funds, Mrs. Brown moved we undertake the film project as outlined by the Committee. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Ashford brought a request from the San Antonio League for permission to invite Attorney General Will Wilson to speak to a general membership meeting in September on the judicial section of the Constitution. Mrs. Murphree moved that the State Board approve San Antonio's request. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Baggett moved the Board adopt the TCR Report. Seconded. Carried.

STATE ITEM II, JURY SYSTEM Mrs. Turner reported that Program material for the September VOTER and the sample leaflet for Leagues wishing to publish a guide for jurors were being worked on by her committee.

Information on jury bills introduced or passed will be sent out later, either separately or in the Legislative Report.

Mrs. Brown moved the acceptance of the Jury Report. Seconded. Carried.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. Tallman reported all but three Leagues now have State Standing Orders: Corsicana, Texas City, and La Marque.

She will send a questionnaire to local Leagues in September to get information she needs as a new chairman about the use of publications.

She suggested that memos from State Board members be sent to the chairman and the local president; that each month all other local Board members read a digest of the memo in a monthly digest from State office, instead of receiving the memo on Standing Orders.

Mrs. MacLaren moved that the suggested plan be put into operation. Seconded.

Following discussion which indicated that the Publications Committee and the Board wanted an opportunity to study the operation of the State Standing Order system further, Mrs. MacLaren requested the privilege of withdrawing the motion. The seconder agreed. (The motion had not been stated by the chair.)

Mrs. Smith announced that the State office had planned to send the June Board Report individually to each local Board member, with the understanding that the present office staff could not be asked to repeat this extensive job for future Standing Order mailings.

Mrs. Martin moved the acceptance of the Publications Report. Seconded. Carried.

FINANCE Mrs. Brown added to her written report, information that the La Marque report had been received.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Boller reiterated her committee's recommendation of a Public Relations theme for 1960 Convention.

She outlined a proposed "Round-Up" of local League activities in the field of Public Relations to be gleaned from bulletins and sent out about four times a year.

She proposed that there be advance promotion for the new "Brief Case" pamphlet in the form of letters to firms, Chambers of Commerce, and other groups, describing the pamphlet, soliciting orders, and offering a sample. A return postcard would be enclosed.

Her committee plans to build a file of prospective buyers and users of League publications.

She asked for further suggestions on wider distribution of the TCR leaflets.

Mrs. Murphree moved that the Board accept the Public Relations Report. Seconded. Carried.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 PM for lunch and reconvened at 2:00 PM.

ORIENTATION Mrs. Martin moved the adoption of the sheet "Tips for New State Board Members". Seconded. Carried.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. MacLaren described the new "Voter's Key to 1960" to be ready in October. Board members suggested the contents be described in the June Post-Board letter as an aid to local League planning.

Research is starting on the four Constitutional amendments for 1960 vote. A letter to local Leagues in September will ask for questions for the Candidates' Questionnaire, with a deadline of November 29 for suggestions.

The Board decided that the Voters Service chairman, the public relations chairman, and the publications chairman should determine the quantity of "Voter's Key" to be printed.

Mrs. Boller moved the Board accept the Voters Service Report. Seconded. Carried.

FIELD SERVICE Mrs. Pettis reported the possibility of a League at El Paso. A September visit is being considered by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Baggett.

Mrs. Bridwell moved that the Board approve the recommendation of the Field Service Committee that preliminary exploration begin on formation of a League in El Paso. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Braunagel reviewed the timetable and possible participants for the Program-making Workshops in September. She stated that her committee recommended a one dollar registration fee. Letters to hostess Leagues would go out immediately.

A tentative schedule for Miss Urban's visit was outlined as follows: October 12--Midland, Odessa; October 13--San Angelo, Snyder; October 14--Edinburg, Harlingen, Brownsville; October 15--Wichita Falls; October 16--Fort Worth and Irving. Also Houston, Port Arthur, Nederland, Baytown, Pasadena, Austin and San Antonio, and the Trinity River Conference would be worked in. Generally she would visit Leagues not visited before, would emphasize Annual Meeting planning, would give special attention to local Current Agenda, and would try to use her time on particular problems. She would also spend time with the Consultants and with the State Board.

Mrs. Pettis reported that Field Service chairmen had held three conferences at Waco, and that for the present field service responsibility for all the Leagues in the state was divided between Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Baggett.

Mrs. Pettis stated that Mrs. Ashford will work with the Field Service Committee on a short memorandum of helpful hints for secretaries, to be sent out in September.

Mrs. Boller moved the Board accept the Field Service Report. Seconded. Carried.

STATE BUDGET COMMITTEE Mrs. Murphree made a motion that the following members of the State Budget Committee be appointed: MacLaren, chairman, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Nolle, Mrs. Geoffrey Warren of Dallas, and Mrs. James Brock of Odessa. Seconded. Carried.

CONVENTION PLANNING Following a Committee report, these specific recommendations were made by the Board:

That Mrs. Phillips be invited to Texas to be the dinner speaker Tuesday, March 29, and to participate as much as possible in the remainder of the Convention.

That the Convention open with a brunch or buffet luncheon, probably from 11 AM to 12:30 PM, where people can eat as they arrive and get acquainted while eating.

That a long, free lunch hour be planned for Wednesday.

That the Committee consider setting up another dinner meeting Wednesday night. Tentatively suggested for program: Texas Constitutional Revision, with Dean Storey and one or two others being honored but not being asked to make a major address.

That the Committee try to find a time when State Board members could be "at home" to local chairmen as "consultants".

That there be some kind of a hospitality room which might also house an information desk and some of the exhibits where delegates who come alone might find conversation and company.

Try to work in some emphasis on nonpartisanship in this important election year.

That everything possible be done in preliminary planning to insure good Program discussion.

That there be a general or little meeting with emphasis on local procedures and successes, something like the 1958 "How to Put MMMP in Your League".

Mrs. Boller and Mrs. Gordon were appointed to Mrs. Ashford's Committee.

Mrs. Boller brought an invitation to hold the 1962 Convention at Galveston.

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Mrs. Smith appointed Mrs. Ashford to organize a "1962 Convention Site Exploration Committee". The Committee is to report, particularly, on physical requirements for the 1962 State Convention.

THE TEXAS VOTER There was no report since the September VOTER had been planned in March.

OCTOBER STATE BOARD MEETING The Board will meet at the Driskill Hotel in Austin, October 20, 21, and 22.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gerald Ashford, Secretary

League of Women Voters of Texas

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TP: Local League Board Members
FROM: Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith
RE: JUNE 1959 STATE BOARD REPORT

Introduction (midsummer madness variety):

A do-it-yourself fanatic in our neighborhood met his match in the intricacies of his latest venture.....he simply could not make the detailed instructions fit the many pieces which were to be assembled into the marvelous gadget he had ordered. After literally hours of concentration, with no success, he called to his handyman to look at the "thing", hoping he might find a clue to its construction. Just then the gadgeteer was called to the phone. When he came back to his project, ten minutes later, it was assembled and running merrily. "How in the world did you do it?" he asked the handyman. "You didn't even have time to read the instructions!" "Shucks, I don't know how to read," said the old gentleman, "And when you can't read --- you have to think!"

To save yourself the trouble of thinking, I hope you all will read carefully and note frequently the several important ingredients of this Report. In it are the details for planning and carrying out our joint effort to provide a satisfying political experience for our members.

This Report is being mailed individually to every Board member in Texas --- all 501 of you! This is a summer extra -- fulfilling a dream of your State Board that personal communications between us all may be improved. But I hasten to add that this is the only such mailing you will receive, for the technical and clerical difficulties are far beyond the scope of your present State office staff (that staff of one). If you can see possibilities for improved performance from future use of personal mailings, rather than the bulk mailing now used, you may provide for such a service in your next budget appropriation for State and National services.

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

Nine one-day Workshops on Program-making are ahead of us for Fall. Details for your preparation for a rewarding League experience will be in the mail to local presidents within the next two weeks. All Program people -- chairmen and their committees -- will find invaluable assistance and clarification of their jobs at the Workshops. New members should be encouraged to attend for the sound orientation they will receive in the democratic process which lies at the heart of League action and effectiveness.

Pending approval from the hostess Leagues, the following is the tentative schedule of these Regional Workshops: (first named Leagues are hostesses)

- September 21 -- Beaumont, Baytown, Nederland, Pasadena, Port Arthur
Discussion Leader: Lois Braunagel
- 22 -- Snyder, Abilene, Amarillo, San Angelo
Discussion Leader: Cookie Smith
- 22 -- Harlingen, Edinburg, Brownsville
Discussion Leader: to be announced
- 22 -- Victoria, Corpus Christi, Freeport, Lake Jackson, San Antonio
Discussion Leader: Betty Pettis

- September 22 -- Tyler, Longview, Corsicana
Discussion Leader: Dorothy Brown
- 23 -- Odessa, Midland Lubbock
Discussion Leader: Anno Bridwell
- 23 -- Dickinson, La Marque, Texas City, Houston, Galveston
Discussion Leader: Betty Pettis
- 23 -- Waco and Austin in Temple
Discussion Leader: Lois Braunagel
- 23 -- Fort Worth, Dallas, Irving, Wichita Falls
Discussion Leader: Gwen Murphree

1960 STATE CONVENTION

Do you remember your last Convention experience? The State Board and Convention Committee would appreciate your suggestions, criticisms, etc., to help guide them in planning the Convention you want. The travel equalization plan we adopted in 1958 will apply to the 1960 Convention -- you'll want to make plans for a large delegation to represent your League in Dallas on March 29-30-31.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

Two new appointments to the State Board were confirmed -- please change your Board lists and notify your local VOTER mailing chairman:

Mrs. Wilson Nolle, 1007 West 24th Street, Austin 5.....Treasurer
Mrs. Warren Tallman, 6308 Kenwick Avenue, Fort Worth 16.....Publications

One resignation was accepted with deepest regret: Mrs. E. A. Rendall, state Legislative chairman. Only the too-great demands of her career could have forced Margaret's resignation or persuaded the Board to accept it. Her many years of devoted service on the State Board have left a multitude of friends and a renewed dedication in us all to strive mightily to reach her goals of perfection. But she's agreed to help in many off-Board jobs, so her talents will still be with us.

While you're changing your VOTER listings -- let's welcome a new local League president: Mrs. W. R. Tucker, 720 14th Street, Beaumont.

State Budget Committee appointed:

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren, chairman, Mrs. Nolle and Mrs. Maurice Brown from the Board, Mrs. Geoffrey Warren, Dallas, and one other off-Board member whose acceptance has not been received. This Committee will meet prior to the October Board meeting, and the proposed budget will be in your hands shortly after that meeting -- not later than November 5.

BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

The State Board will present two proposals for amending State By-Laws at the 1960 Convention:

- (1) To add a third vice president, so that all State chairmen will be able to work under a supervisory vice president. At present there are only Program and Field Service vice presidents, with the remaining chairmen working directly with the president.
- (2) To amend Article IX, Section 2, to conform with National By-Laws in prescribing methods of communicating with the Nominating Committee.

TEXAS VOTER -- Mrs. Maurice Brown.

Six pages of State Program information, on both Current Agenda and Continuing Responsibilities, will reach members early in September. In addition, this VOTER will contain the every-member resource material necessary for discussion and decision on the study of constitutional provisions for our State court system.

VOTERS SERVICE -- Mrs. Duncan MacLaren.

"Voter's Key to 1960" -- that's the title of the new pamphlet being prepared by the VS Committee, to reach you before November. We hope it will be red, white and blue and sell for less than 2¢ each --- we know you'll be excited at the many possibilities for it when you read the contents: all about qualifications for voting, how to mark a ballot, how to cast an absentee vote, what happens at party precinct conventions in 1960, a Political Calendar (stressing the new primary dates in May), and what a citizen may do to be politically effective in this extra-important year. For poll tax booths, for finance drives, for.....well, you name it. This VS tool will win friends and influence people everywhere. Do place your approximate order as early as possible (a large initial printing will bring the price down, you know).

PUBLICATIONS -- Mrs. Warren Tallman.

On hand: the Publi-Pak -- best device yet discovered for getting publications to your meetings and for displaying them attractively. Do discuss the advantages in having one Public-Pak for each unit and one to carry to general meetings or to accompany a speaker. \$1.00 each.

On hand: TCR leaflets -- for carrying to your community the ideas they proposed for renovating our patched-up basic law. Constitutional revision will be more and more interesting to more and more citizens, and these leaflets are timeless -- until the Constitution is revised. 1¢ each.

You have received (or will shortly) the offer from the Missouri State League to furnish League Appointment Calendars for 1960. Remember that last year several Leagues sent in their orders too late to be filled.

FIELD SERVICE -- Mrs. Irving Pettis, Mrs. M. S. Braunagel, Mrs. Hill Baggett.

We're off on one of the most exciting (and most expensive) projects the State Board has ever involved you in! The Field Service Committee was directed to start exploration into all possibilities for the organization of a League in EL PASO! It's shameful and humiliating that the fifth largest city in Texas has no local League of Women Voters and, with your help, we're going to try to do something about it.

We feel sure that the 3500 present League members in Texas can provide enough names of friends and relatives and business associates of husbands, etc., etc., to make this preliminary work of the FS Committee pretty rewarding. A group of 15 El Paso women have requested that a League be organized there, but there's no great groundswell of interest such as will have to be generated before a provisional League becomes a reality.

There's no League in El Paso today because of the extraordinary expense involved in organizing it and seeing it through its first two years or so of existence. The State Board felt that you would approve and assist this start toward a League for LWV of Texas.

the estimated 250,000 citizens in this far-West community. We'll keep you informed of developments.....will you get those prospective members' names into the State office?

NATIONAL PROGRAM. The May National Board Report is essential to the work of each local League National Program chairman. If you do not have a copy of the complete Report, then get your section from the president's copy.

I. Foreign Policy -- Mrs. Loren Gordon.

Enclosed with this mailing is a memo for the FP chairman which pinpoints details of this year's work. In another personalized mailing from the State chairman will be pamphlets secured from the State Department for local chairmen to use, especially until the new National pamphlet appears in the Fall.

A time for action alert is also enclosed for FP and Legislative chairmen.

II. Water Policies -- Mrs. Herbert Martin.

Enclosed with this mailing to the local Water chairman is a memo from the State chairman, including a compilation of reports in April from local Leagues. A condensed version of this report looks like this:

- 14 Leagues have worked on a river basin study.
- 5 have given some attention to a study of policy.
- 3 have touched some other aspect of the water problem.
- 18 Leagues reported no emerging consensus on our 3 broad goals.
- 9 reported some consensus.
- 2 Leagues reported no Water meetings held last year.
- 6 Leagues made no reports at all.

Your attention is called especially to pages 15-23 of the May National Board Report. Your State chairman will send you another questionnaire on October 1, for the official report of consensus from your League on the problems posed by the National Water item.

Two copies of a fascinating report on Texas water are in the State office, available for borrowing by local Leagues. Titled "Texas Water Resources Planning at the End of the Year 1958", this is a progress report to the 56th Legislature by the Texas Board of Water Engineers.

STATE PROGRAM. You may wish to use your local VOTER to call attention to the September Texas VOTER, for this is one issue to save and use. You'll develop your own ways to use this valuable Program issue, but maybe you haven't thought about giving it to prospective and new members at your September membership coffee, about discussing it with your favorite editors as background on current State issues, about giving it to selected contributors who would like to know more about what the League has done and intends to do..... If you'd like a limited number of extra copies of the September Texas VOTER, let the editor know at once: Mrs. Maurice Brown, 1416 Royal Oaks Drive, Waco. The VOTER goes to press about the first of August.

I. Texas Constitutional Revision -- Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.

Coming -- before September 1st -- TOOL KIT #3! This will contain everything the TCR and her committee will need to plan and carry out the necessary meetings for consensus on the new TCR study -- "Study of constitutional provisions for an effective

judicial structure". Because this is a pilot project to determine whether or not we can arrive at conclusions for a specific reform in one year, TOOL KIT #3 will provide all the tips needed to get going on that one- or two-meeting study. Suggestions for a unit, a general meeting, and a workshop will be included in the KIT, along with the report forms to record opinions of members making the study. Every-member resource material will be found in the September VOTER.

"A Brief-Case for Revision" -- that pamphlet for everybody in Texas -- still has a November publication date. If it is necessary, however, the pamphlet will be delayed until we are assured of funds for research, for Brief-Case will include a "what you can do" page for citizen action.

II. Texas Jury System -- Mrs. Jack Turner.

The sample leaflet for Leagues not already publishing a guide for jurors is being polished by the Jury Committee. The State Publications chairman will be glad to advise with any League wishing publishing tips on the leaflet.

Legislation

When the State Legislature finally agrees on a revenue bill to match its appropriation bill, and adjourns for the last time, a report on measures passed in which the League has an interest will be sent to you.

LOCAL CURRENT AGENDA -- Mrs. Eugene Hughes.

Two supplements to "On the Home Front" are being prepared --- one a listing of all LCA and CR items on which Leagues are now working, and the second a page for big city Leagues and those in metropolitan areas of Texas. Ready for you by September.

PUBLIC RELATIONS -- Mrs. George Boller. ®

Planned: -- a Public Relations Round-Up, a sharing of local League activities which are building sound League and community relationships.

Will presidents planning to be away from their mailboxes during the summer please notify State office? We need to know the name and address of the Board member who's in charge while you're gone.....in case of Calls for Action, etc.

Next big mailing from State office will go out about September 1, and we will revert to the regular bulk mailing procedure for State Standing Orders.

League of Women Voters of Texas

1007 WEST 24TH STREET

• AUSTIN 5, TEXAS

NOT GOING ON STANDING ORDER

September 1, 1959

TO: Local League Presidents

FROM: Cookie Smith

RE: September 1st mailing, and other beginning-of-the-year matters

Final Legislative Report - 56th Legislature

(on Standing Order)

The loss of our good Legislative Chairman, plus the complications stemming from a regular plus three special sessions (which meant that bills might have been introduced not once but as many as four times, with committee or floor amendments anywhere along the way --- and final official reports of legislative action not nearly complete even at this date!), inevitably means that this Legislative Report may not be as complete or as accurate as we could have hoped. For instance, the appropriations bill ended with restrictions on the number of copies of the constitutional research report.....I was told "50 copies" over the phone, but when I finally saw the actual bill it read "25 copies". I believe the Legislative Report is reasonably accurate, however, and should be of interest to members. (Additional copies: 3¢ each)

Public Relations Round-Up No. 1

(on Standing Order)

First of a continuing series, this PR Round-Up has valuable thought-provokers for every member of your Board. That the fascinating subject of our public relations really begins inside the League may be a new idea to many. You can assist Glen Boller and other Leagues by sharing your PR experiences -- in future PR Round-Ups.

Questions for State VOTER'S GUIDES

(on Standing Order)

One League writes, "We'd like to see more and more specific questions asked of our state candidates." Another pleads, "Keep the State VOTER'S GUIDE small, so we can afford to have more copies printed with our local GUIDE." This questionnaire gives you all the chance to express your opinions, before the State Board makes final decisions at our October Board meeting. The State GUIDE Questionnaire must be ready for mailing to candidates on February 1, 1960 -- deadline for candidates to file.

Publications Questionnaire

(2 copies enclosed for Publications Chm.)

While this isn't going on Standing Order, questions asked may need to be answered by several of your Board members, for the subject of Publications and their use is part of every member's job. If you'd like more copies, as idea-stimulators for your Board, send us your order.

Suggestions for Local League Secretaries

(1 copy enclosed for Secretary)

In answer to requests from many of you, as well as from local secretaries, Carol Ashford has prepared an excellent supplement to suggestions of the Local League Handbook.

Form for Reporting Consensus on Water

(2 copies enclosed for Water Chm.)

This is that all-important final report on water resources agreements in all Texas Leagues. Remember that it is as necessary to report "No opinion" or "No study" as it is to report firm member consensus-after-adequate-study. Please observe that Friday the 13th deadline!

Since we're hoping to have only one general mailing to you from the State office each month, there are a few comments which should be made on September activities. Please turn the page.....

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September Workshops on Program-Making. A remark made the other day by a League member that another meeting on Program seemed pretty repetitious prompts me to remind you that we get almost daily reminders in the state office that members are not yet perfectly informed on many aspects of Program in the LWV! While the Workshops will concentrate on assistance with that important start of the Program process -- the afternoon session, "what to do with it after you've got it", should shed a helpful gleam on specifics of carrying out Program, which every member will find profitable.

The Workshop Kit may well turn out to be a year-round tool for many aspects of Program planning (one League has already ordered 80 copies). Please send in your orders for extra copies immediately so that the mimeograph machine, stencils, and Dwyce Cockrell can cope with this extra production.

Your enthusiasm in explaining the Workshop to your members will have much to do with increased enthusiasm and participation during the entire League year ahead of us.

Voters Service in 1960. Each mail coming into the state office brings requests from servicemen around the world, who have been notified by the Dept. of Defense that the LWV will furnish them voting information. Some of these also request local voting information, and these requests will be forwarded to you.

State office is sending VOTER'S KEY TO 1960 (ready by 1 October) in response to each request, with word that State election information will be sent them next year. Your job will be to furnish information on local elections and on local candidates in state races (e.g., legislators). Wouldn't you like to ask a new member to take over the job of replying now to any letters you get? And do remember that an overseas address needs an airmail stamp.

Statewide promotion on VOTER'S KEY is taking on enormous dimensions, for this is a publication made to order for the most tremendous distribution we've ever attempted. Just 4 Leagues have sent in advance estimates of your VOTER'S KEY order, leaving us only our crystal ball for guidance in placing our printing order. We'll get a League-promotion letter out to you soon.....but surely we can find imaginative VS, PR, and Publications chairmen who can pre-plan valuable uses for VOTER'S KEY, even in Sept. 1959.

NOT punishment. An old fashioned gremlin crept into the type of the September VOTER -- page 3, Family Courts, numbered paragraph 2: "A philosophy of treatment and not punishment....." characterizes a Family Court. Probably too obvious to mention.....

Christine Urban Returns! Back to Texas for her third visit comes our welcome Shared Field Service. She'll be in Texas from October 12 through 30, for visits with those Leagues not previously "serviced" and for extensive State Board training sessions. The schedule of the Field Service Committee will be sent you within the next few days --- another extra for your Board and well worth it, say those who've discussed their League life with Christine!

Wish I could make this paragraph sound as personal as I mean it, for I feel such a bond between us --- who else can understand the meaning of "final responsibility" in exactly the terms we do? I can only hope that we share between us this year more of the joys and vexations that are a part of our job. Shall we communicate?

LWV of Texas
9/1/59

League of Women Voters of Texas

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October 1, 1959
Not going on
Standing Order

TO: Local League Presidents
FROM: Cookie Smith
RE: October 1st mailing to local Leagues

It's a small mailing this month (do I hear your sigh of relief?) so I feel I can take more time here to mention a few League matters on my mind and my desk.

First, our VOTER'S KEY TO 1960 is presently stealing the spotlight. This all-inclusive tool for all citizens of Texas should have a busy life between now and next May -- providing the kind of service for which the League is most appreciated. Here, it seems to me, is a perfect example for carrying out League purpose..... members do the careful research, struggle through the printing procedures, and provide such publications to the community at our actual cost: then others in the community can assume their citizenship responsibility when they purchase and distribute widely such aids to democracy as VOTER'S KEY. Wouldn't banks, retail stores, service companies like the opportunity to do this in your town? Too often, we hug to our bosoms the League's many tools for a more effective citizenship -- let's let others in our towns have a chance to buy and give away the KEY TO 1960! Please share your ideas for use of this publication with other Leagues, via State office. VOTER'S KEY and promotion letter going on Standing Order.

Second, enclosed are the two new supplements to our Local Current Agenda Handbook, ON THE HOMEFRONT: one copy of the 1959-60 LCA items in Texas (these were passed out at the Workshops last month) and two copies of a special section "Local Current Agenda in Metropolitan Areas". Careful there! Don't file this away without readingyou'll probably find that your League is in a metropolitan area, or, if not now, it most probably will be after the 1960 census. New problems of government stemming from new patterns of population mean new opportunities for the LWV. This supplement only opens the door to the subject -- your State Board is eager to help you find individual solutions to your League's unique problems in this area.

Now -- back to another comment on Voters Service. If letters from servicemen from your town have been received in State office, copies of your letters are enclosed in this mailing -- and we will continue to send these to you as long as requests come in. Do remember that the State office has sent a VOTER'S KEY TO 1960 and card telling of 1960 VOTER'S GUIDES to come. Your job is to send these servicemen information on local election issues and candidates next year.

A letter on my desk from Senator Murray of Montana re-proves the fact that the LWV does play an important part in helping citizens to understand how they may be effective on the large and complex national scene. Sen. Murray enclosed copies of S. 2549 (briefly explained in your September National VOTER, "Congressional Roundup") with a plea for League consideration of his proposal that there must be a continuing and permanent body charged with the overall survey of our natural resources. Sens. Johnson and Yarborough both are co-sponsors of the bill and you may want to write one of them for copies. Surely the LWV is charged with the responsibility to speak on this subject as we arrive at member consensus this fall. (I do not have the list of co-sponsors of the companion bill, H.R. 8661; you may wish to discuss this with your own House member.)

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And speaking of Program leads to my echoing your enthusiastic comments about our Workshops on Program-making. While not all reports have yet filtered across my desk, those I have seen reveal an exciting learning experience --- which many have decided to use as the basis for "all day" workshops on state and national Program-making in their own Leagues. I must confess to some disappointment at some of the subjects selected in the practice sessions on state government, for they seem to me to reaveal a limited knowledge of what is -- a lack of information on the current status of various aspects of state government (e.g., why should we select a study of the administration of one state department when that particular department is generally recognized as being one of the most efficiently administered in Texas?) You'll probably want in your Program-making file a copy of the AP story last week on the need for a statewide plan for water.....I'm trying to get a copy of the speech made at the League of Texas Municipalities convention in Dallas by John McKee, secretary of the Texas State Tax Study Commission, in which he analysed the fiscal problems of the state from the study made for the Commission by the Texas Research League.....these are typical of the resource materials we can accumulate to make ourselves more knowledgeable about the governmental and political facts of life..... as we consider the best recommendations for new State and National and local Program. In addition, we'll want to have private conversations with our elected officials, with our news editors, with many people in our communities, before we take the time and trouble to seriously propose new Program. This kind of pre-planning pays off handsomely as we try to interest members and citizens generally to join in our campaign for better citizenship.

The fortunate Leagues which will discuss LWV with Chris Urban this month are: Midland and Odessa, the 12th; San Angelo, the 13th; Wichita Falls, the 14th; Dallas, the 15th; Fort Worth and Irving, the 16th; San Antonio, the 19th; Victoria, the 23rd; Edinburg and Harlingen, the 26th; Beaumont, the 27th; Port Arthur and Nederland, the 28th; Pasadena and Baytown, the 29th; Houston, the 30th. She'll meet with the State Board during our regular meeting, October 20-21-22, and will give concentrated training during one 4-hour session. Chris' special job in Texas is to give leadership training --- you'll profit by inviting any of your members who have that "gleam" in their eyes to sit in on discussions with our Shared Field Staff member from the National office.

Glen Boller, State PR chairman, is hoping that PR Round-up No. 1 has given you a new look at ways to build better understanding of the League (public relations). To make these Round-ups a real sharing of your PR achievements she need more than your VOTERS. She especially would like to have clippings of stories, pictures, cartoons, editorials (dated, please) and reports of TV and radio programs, speakers' assignments, cooperation with or from other groups; displays, distribution (giving or selling) of publications, communications and/or meetings with legislators, etc., etc.

Thanks to many of your members for their interest in the possibilities for EL PASObut we need many more names suggested before our first official visit, tentatively set for the first of November. The stronger the initial membership, the less it will cost to adequately service this new League through its year or two of provisional training.

LWV of Texas

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Minutes of State Board Meeting Driskill Hotel, Austin, Texas October 20, 21, and 22, 1959

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

The following committees of the State Board met at the Driskill Hotel in Austin: The State Budget Committee began meeting at 1:00 PM Monday, October 19. The Field Service Committee met with Miss Urban Tuesday morning, October 20. The Program Committee met with Miss Urban Tuesday afternoon. Foreign Policy, Water, Constitutional Revision, Jury, and Public Relations Committees met late Tuesday afternoon. All Board members attended committee meetings. Mrs. Pettis left the Program Committee meeting before it ended to return to Waco for an evening engagement.

The State Board met in the Provincial Suite at 8:00 PM as a Committee on Convention planning.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

The State Board met in the Provincial Suite at 9:00 AM. The following members were present:

Mrs. Gerald Ashford
Mrs. Hill Baggett
Mrs. George Boller
Mrs. M. S. Braunagel
Mrs. Frank Bridwell
Mrs. Maurice Brown
Mrs. Loren Gordon

Mrs. Duncan MacLaren
Mrs. Harold Murphree, Jr.
Mrs. Wilson Nolle
Mrs. Irving Pettis
Mrs. Warren Tallman
Mrs. E. J. Turner
Mrs. Horton Wayne Smith

Mrs. Herbert Martin was absent due to a recent operation. Mrs. Dwyce Cockrell, executive secretary, was present almost continuously through the State Board meeting, as was Miss Christine Urban, National Field Representative. Mrs. James Brock of Odessa, member of the State Budget Committee was a visitor.

Mrs. Smith presided and called the meeting to order.

MINUTES The minutes of the June State Board meeting were approved as mimeographed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mrs. Smith stated that Mrs. Eugene Hughes, LCA chairman, had moved to 117 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto, California.

She discussed the handling of servicemen's inquiries, indicated the number is increasing, and stated that local Leagues will be kept informed of inquiries from servicemen from their localities.

She brought a proposal from the LWV of Victoria that exploration be started to determine whether a permanent State Office might be established in Austin.

Mrs. Smith had attended a state meeting of the Texas State Committee on Education and is a member of the Governor's Committee for the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth.

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TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs. Nolle presented the report showing net expenditures of \$9,384.17 and net income of \$16,863.13 for the period of April 1, 1959 to September 30, 1959. Bank balance as of September 30 was \$8,645.37. Reserve Fund stood at \$1,796.78; Memorial fund at \$195.90. The report was accepted as mimeographed and filed for audit.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT Mrs. MacLaren reported for her committee. They were: Mrs. James Brock, Odessa; Mrs. Geoffrey Warren, Dallas, and Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Nolle of the State Board.

They proposed a budget calling for expenditures of \$23,790.00 as compared to \$21,638.00 for 1959-60. This would be met by Local League Support in the amount of \$23,040.00 and withdrawal from the Reserve Fund of \$750.00.

Plans were made for final budget consideration Thursday, October 22.

Mrs. MacLaren brought a recommendation from Mrs. Warren, committee member, that State Board chairmen furnish more complete information on expected needs and past expenditures to Budget Committees of the future.

Mrs. MacLaren recommended a study of possible use of the Memorial Fund and a study of the nature and purposes of the Reserve Fund. She suggested it might be well to explain the Reserve Fund at Convention.

Mrs. Braunagel moved that the Budget Committee be commended for their long hours of excellent work. Seconded. Carried.

FIELD SERVICE Mrs. Baggett reported that preliminary work toward a League in El Paso is proceeding slowly, with a possibility of some help from New Mexico.

Mrs. Braunagel is planning toward organization of a League in Temple, but will move slowly.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Kongable visited with a group at Hitchcock in September. Those present concluded the group was not ready to become a local League but would function as a unit of the La Marque League.

There had been an inquiry from Henderson which would be considered further by Mrs. LaTourette and Mrs. Teigler of Tyler.

A phone call from Mrs. Coleman of Victoria suggesting Port Lavaca organization prompted plans for a conference with Chris Urban and Mrs. Turner at Victoria.

A State Board member will visit Snyder soon. Their Board had voted to disband.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12 noon and reconvened at 1:30 PM.

ROLE OF THE STATE BOARD Miss Urban stressed that the State Board's responsibility to help members become more informed and effective citizens through their Leagues. This calls for seeing and appreciating different kinds of Leagues, an experience which should not be available only to Field Service people. She suggested evaluating the degree of development of a League and proceeding from there. Services will not be the same for all Leagues. The responsibility to help is that of the State Board person on the scene at the time. Experience will teach the difference between assistance and interference.

She recommended off-Board members for State committees; more cooperative projects for local Leagues; emphasizing the role of the Nominating Committee; individualized help for small Leagues.

She stressed the importance of making the work of Program committees lively, satisfying, and year-round.

PROGRAM MAKING WORKSHOPS Mrs. Braunagel and Mrs. Pettis reported that Program making workshops had been held September 22, 23, and 24 at San Angelo, Victoria, Tyler, Temple, Harlingen, Odessa, Fort Worth, Beaumont, and Dickinson with a total attendance of 256. Leaders Smith, Pettis, Brown, Braunagel, Bridwell, and Murphree reported on their experiences.

Board members rated the workshops as successful in clarifying the Program-making process, providing for a profitable exchange of ideas, and inspiring more attention to Program making. Leaders liked the kind of leadership material used -- an outline of sources which required each leader to brief herself.

It was reported that many local Leagues planned to use similar outlines for their Program making meetings.

NATIONAL ITEM II, WATER In the absence of Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Bridwell suggested that the Post Board Letter refer members to the September National Board Report for developments, and that Leagues be reminded of the November 13 deadline for return of Water questionnaires.

NATIONAL ITEM I, FOREIGN POLICY Mrs. Gordon discussed plans to enlarge her committee with more off-Board members.

The Board decided that information about League positions on foreign policy, plans for the new "World Economic Development" pamphlet, and the request for information on areas of agreement, should be emphasized by referring members to the May and September National Board Reports in the Post Board Letter.

NATIONAL PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS Mrs. Bridwell moved that the Texas State Board recommend to the National Board as a proposed Program, the following: "Inter-relationship between United States foreign policy and the domestic economy, including the effect of expanded trade and foreign aid programs." Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Ashford moved that the following be placed under Continuing Responsibilities: "U.S. support of the United Nations and its specialized agencies, including adequate financial contributions, increased use, and improved procedures." And "U.S. support of measures designed to keep the peace through the United Nations and regional defense arrangements." Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Bridwell moved that National CA Item II be placed on Continuing Responsibilities in its present wording and that points of agreement reached in the current year's study be reflected in additional wording. Seconded. Carried.

LEGISLATIVE Mrs. Bridwell reported that a memorandum for local Leagues on legislative techniques and principles is being worked on.

A letter, procedures and report forms had been received from Mrs. Phillips regarding interviews with Congressmen while they were at home. Mrs. Bridwell worked out the assignments of interviews to local Leagues (in cooperation with the Field Service Committee). Where there were two or more Leagues in a district, one was designated to make the official interview accompanied by representatives of the other Leagues.

Interviews with the two Senators will be handled by Mrs. Smith and National Program chairmen.

Mrs. Bridwell stated she would compile a chart on committee membership of Congressmen to send to local Leagues.

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Materials for Congressional interviews are to be sent to local Leagues as soon as they are ready.

The Board adjourned for dinner at 7:00 PM and reconvened at 8:30 PM.

STATE ITEM I, CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION Mrs. Murphree brought a colored proof of "A Briefcase for Revision" to show the Board. It will retail for 2¢ each.

Tentative date for public launching was set for Feb. 1. Plans were made to ask local Leagues to furnish names of citizens with community service records so that the State office might supply free copies of "Briefcase" which local Leagues would distribute. It was planned that 2000 free copies would be allotted to local Leagues for this project.

Additional plans included sending complimentary copies to the State office mailing list, to members of state boards and agencies, to heads of companies which have showed public interest, to those who ordered the Key, to TMA, and to candidates for state offices.

On the Model State Constitution Evaluation, it was decided that Mrs. Murphree would write a summary of her committee's recommendations for the National Municipal League. Copies would be sent to local Leagues.

Mrs. Murphree will make further studies and report to the Board in January on whether it seems that the Texas Constitutional Review booklet should be updated.

Mrs. Murphree reported that the film strip on Constitutional Revision had reached the stage where final editorial work was all that remained to be done. Pictures have been taken except those of some charts and a cartoon. Script has been cut and coordinated with pictures.

A discussion on the future of Constitutional Revision as a Program item brought out expressions to the effect that total revision should continue to be our goal in spite of temporary compromises we might make with Constitutional amendments necessary to obtain needed improvements. A flexible item seemed to be the wish of the Board members. It was felt that local Leagues were anxious to pinpoint areas of State Government; that they wanted more action. The Board's responsibility to lead was emphasized.

STATE ITEM II, JURY SYSTEM Mrs. Turner reported that her committee expected to have a Post-Board meeting and the the jury service booklet should be ready for the December 1st mailing.

PROGRAM PLANNING Mrs. Bridwell stated that the Program Committee had considered a tentative schedule for handling of local recommendations for State Program and the planning of State Board recommendations. She would change the outline in her written report by adding that the analyses of Program suggestions would go to the whole Board. There would be no VOTER "plug", no November VOTER. She suggested that some Program money might need to be used for a Program Committee meeting in January.

Mrs. Bridwell made the point that budgeting for Program is extremely difficult due to the lack of ability to predict Program choices and Program needs. She suggested that perhaps a Program drawing account or revolving fund might answer the need.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

LWV of Texas

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

The State Board met in the Provincial Suite at 9:00 AM. The same members were present. Mrs. Smith presided.

VOTERS SERVICE Mrs. MacLaren stated that research on the four proposed Constitutional amendments had been assigned to Mrs. Nolle, Mrs. Murphree, Mrs. Tallman, and herself. Mrs. Turner agreed to take Mrs. Murphree's place on this committee; Mrs. Murphree will assist in final preparation of the Pros and Cons.

It was planned that questions for candidates for the legislature would be sent to local Leagues Dec. 1st. These questions would be used in making local guides which would need to be ready earlier this year because of changes in election laws.

Following a report on questions suggested by local Leagues, Mrs. Gordon moved "That we leave to the Voters Service Committee the final draft of questions in three areas: 1. Constitutional revision as a basic need. 2. Changes they would make in the tax structure with regard to sources, distribution, and administration. 3. How can the legislature be made as effective as possible?" Seconded. Carried?

Mrs. Murphree moved that all candidates for other state offices be asked a question related to the office they seek. Seconded. Carried.

Mrs. Ashford moved that the Board authorize the Voters Service Committee to act for us in making the final version of these questions. Seconded. Carried.

The mailing of letters to candidates for state offices by the State Board will be completed about Feb. 2, right after the filing deadline. It was planned that order forms for Voters Guides would go to local Leagues in the Feb. 1st mailing, with delivery scheduled for April 1.

The Voters Service Committee planned to prepare a brief explanation of how citizens may take part in Republican (or any other party except Democratic) activities in May, since the Republican Executive Committee decided not to hold primaries but to nominate candidates by Convention (after the "Key" had gone to press). It will be sent to local Leagues and a few will be enclosed in each mailing of the "Key".

New instruction sheets for poll tax collectors will be sent out in the Dec. 1st mailing together with report forms to be returned by Feb. 15.

The Voters Service Committee will report to the State Board in January on whether they think a Voters Service Kit should be prepared for local chairmen.

The Voters Service Committee and the Publications Committee are to explore the advisability of having the Texas LWV prepare a Voters Handbook similar to the one available from the Institute of Public Affairs.

Governor Daniel will be asked to proclaim "Pay Your Poll Tax" Week for January 24 through 30th.

It was decided that a reminder of the importance of nonpartisanship, especially in an important election year like 1960, would go out in the Post-Board letter; that a copy of Margaret Rendall's letter of two years ago on nonpartisanship be sent to each League with an invitation to order more if they wished.

Following a discussion of nonpartisanship as it affects State Board members, Mrs. Tallman moved that Mrs. Smith appoint a committee to explore all recommendations on State Board nonpartisanship policy and report in writing when ready. Seconded; carried.

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Demand for "Voters Key to 1960" has been great and reception uniformly favorable. A second printing was ordered after two weeks of distribution.

PUBLICATIONS Mrs. Tallman said publications questionnaires had not all been returned by local Leagues. She would ask for them again in post-Board letter.

Her committee would like to aim for direct mailing eventually, and also for a more condensed mailing. State chairmen should indicate who is to get their communications.

It was agreed that the Publications Committee might plan to have a trial run on a mailing where condensed versions of communications went to all but those directly involved.

The Publications Committee agreed to take over responsibility for planning for publications and exhibits for the 1960 Convention.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 11:45 AM and reconvened at 1:00 PM.

PUBLIC RELATIONS Mrs. Boller reported that Public Relations Round-up No. 2 would be ready for post-Board mailing.

She stated that sales of "Voter's Key" had been so good it was likely we would distribute 2 or 300,000. Local Leagues will be notified of orders from their towns so they may continue to serve interested citizens.

She reported a new program in Houston on the Educational TV station where League Program subjects will be discussed.

PROPOSED STATE BUDGET Further discussion of the proposed State Budget raised several questions. One was whether the proposed expenditures should be partly balanced by withdrawal from Reserves during a time of prosperity. Another was a questioning of categories in the budget from the standpoint of whether they expressed adequately the nature of League plans and whether they would facilitate "selling" the budget to local Leagues. There were questions about the amounts allotted, particularly for National Services, questioning whether they were large enough. The lack of information about exact needs in such areas as Public Relations, Voters Service, and Program Action was pointed out. Some felt that local League pledges should show at least a token increase in every case.

Following considerable inconclusive discussion, Mrs. Smith suggested an exchange of correspondence followed by a one day meeting December 1st for final budget approval so that the Proposed Budget could be sent to local Leagues in the December mailing. There was general acceptance of this proposal.

1960 CONVENTION PLANNING Mrs. Ashford and her committee solicited the thinking of the Board, meeting as a committee on Convention Tuesday evening. The Convention Committee then held meetings on Wednesday and Thursday noon and reported to the Board.

It was decided that the Convention theme would be "Spotlight on the Sixties!" A telegram was sent to Mrs. John G. Lee inviting her to be the Convention speaker Tuesday night, March 29. Mrs. Lee wired that she would be unable to come to Texas because of a previous commitment.

It was decided to ask Mrs. John Briscoe of the National Board.

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The Convention Committee suggested that little meeting time on Tuesday afternoon be made available for a "Caucus Hour" when delegates might caucus on Program items, visit with State chairmen carrying similar portfolios, or consult the parliamentarian. The eight rooms reserved for little meetings would be used, plus as much additional space as needed.

Planned meetings on proposed Program would be held from 10 to 11:30 AM Wednesday, followed by free time for lunch "on your own".

Tentative plans were made to show the Constitution Revision film strip following this lunch period. Local League success stories would be featured on Wednesday afternoon, preceding another general business session.

Another dinner was planned for Wednesday night with the program featuring a small panel on the future of Texas. The Convention Committee asked for help from the Board on subject matter and selection of speakers.

Mrs. Braunagel consented to be chairman of a Convention Rules Committee assisted by Mrs. Colin Macdonald of Dallas and Mrs. Rufus Bell of San Antonio. Mrs. Bell will be asked to serve as parliamentarian.

Mrs. Martin will be asked to appoint her own committee to plan for putting into operation the Travel Equalization plan adopted at the 1958 Convention.

Mrs. Ashford will provide a tentative agenda for Board members immediately following the Board meeting.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING The January Board meeting will be held in the Provincial Suite, Driskill Hotel, Austin, on January 18, 19, and 20.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Gerald Ashford, Secretary